



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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June 2017

2016-2017 Officers & Board Members:

President-Colleen Lazar; V.Pres-Greg Denecker; V.Pres-Omar Khokhar; V.Pres-Gene Long; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Lowell Hostetler; Lion Tamer-Mitch Kingsley/Doug Luginbill; Tail Twister-Greg Aversch; Board Members: 1 yr-Judy Augsburger; 1 yr-Gary Graham; 2 yr-Elaine Harris; 2 yr-Christina Walton; Immediate Past President-Stephanie Larcom; Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer; Editor-Barbara Plaughter.

July Birthday:

David Rodabaugh	7/1	Patty Navin	7/3	Ted Cunningham	7/5
Elaine Harris	7/6	Scott Basinger	7/8	Chris Keller	7/9
Jo Croft	7/10	Ryan Brauen	7/19	John Rich	7/29

July Anniversary:

Gary Graham	7/3	Tom Langhals	7/5	Rodney McDaniel	7/9
John Rich	7/9	Jan Emmert	7/14	Gary Bishop	7/16
Fred/Pat Rodabaugh	7/17	Greg Denecker	7/25	Laura Voth	7/27

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 30 thru July 4th: International Convention in Chicago. The International parade will be held on July 1st. A sight to see!!

July 8th: Ride to Remember Bike Ride to be held at Bluffton. If you are interested in helping with this project see Lion Dick Ramseyer.

July 11th: Bluffton Lion's Family Summer Picnic at Twin Lakes KOA Campground, 3506 Twp Rd 34, Bluffton @ 6 PM. Catered by City Barbecue, Findlay. Hosted by the Bluffton Lion president and vice-presidents.

BOARD REPORTS:

A second notice will be mailed to those not paying 1/2 year dues. \$250 was donated to the Bluffton Library as budgeted previously.

Festival of Wheels to be held June 16th. Tree planting event was held May 20th. A watering schedule is being coordinated by Lion Gene Long. If you can assist with the watering contact lion Gene.

New international Lions global service programs for the coming year are: Youth-Pediatric Cancer, Environment, Vision, Hunger and Diabetes.

The June 20th meeting will be at the Pandora Methodist Church to process eye glasses for third-world missions. Annual picnic to be held July 11th. See above.

Looking for someone to coordinate the Festival of Wheels next year.

Dare to Dream Wine Tasting Auction will be held at the Sycamore Lake Winery location again this fall.

Ride to Remember Bike Ride to be held on July 8th.

The Story of Bike and Pedestrian Pathways can be found at the...Bluffton Icon Website...Historical Bluffton.

Lions Way-Kibler Path dedication and ribbon cutting will be announced later.

Handle Bars Bikes in town September 10th. If you are interested in helping with serving food for this group at the school, see Lion Greg Denecker.

NEW MEMBER BIO:

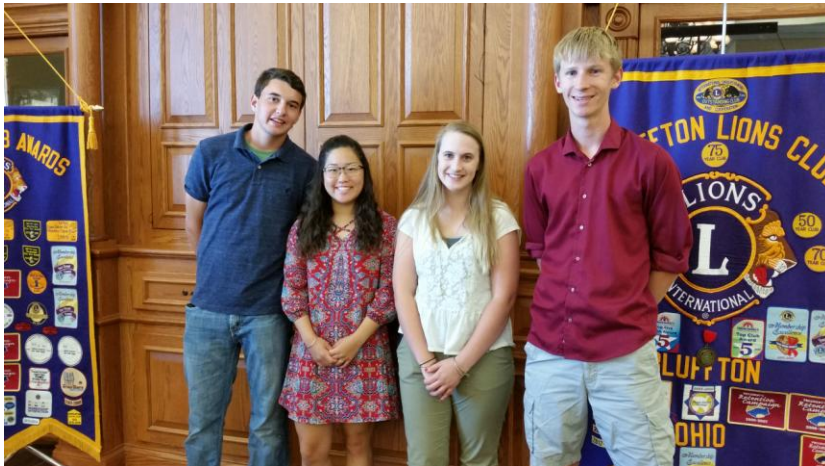
Shirley Wager is the funeral director at the Bluffton Chiles-Laman Funeral Home. She and husband, Adam, along with 3 children live on Main St. Bluffton. Shirley graduated from Bryan High School and Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. She attends Lima Community Church and enjoys singing, art and writing.

JUNE 6TH MEETING:



The June 6th meeting was held at noon in the Town Hall. Installation of officers for 2016-2017 was held.

Induction of two new members was also held, as seen on the left: Ben Stahl with sponsor Lion Arliss Plaughter and Shirley Wagner with sponsor Lion Dennis Morrison.



Four of the six Bluffton Lions scholarship winners were present at the noon meeting and gave a short talk on their plans for the future. Left to right: Zane Myers from Bluffton, Caroline Schutz from Cory/Rawson, Jordan Guthrie from Pandora/Gilboa and Isaac Andreas from Bluffton.

Grace Hill from Bluffton and Presley Hovest from Pandora/Gilboa were both working and unable to attend.



Pictured from left to right are the four new members for this year:

Lions Patty Navin, Ben Stahl, Shirley Wagner and Bob Stahl.

ROADSIDE CLEANUP:

The biannual roadside cleanup was held on June 3rd. Those assisting with this project were: Lions Gene Long coordinator, Dan Diller, Lowell Hostetler, Mitch Kingsley, Neil Reichenbach, John Rich, Tracy Steele and Jerry Szabo.

TREE PLANTING:

Three large trees and three bushes were added to the grounds of the Lions Way Trail Head Park. Those helping with the planting were: Lions Colleen Lazar, Arliss Plaughter, Gene Long, Dick Ramseyer and Christina Walton. Now the work of watering follows to keep these trees flourishing. Members of the Bluffton Lions will sign up for each week to water the plantings until the fall rains begin.

DISTRICT OFFICER'S TRAINING:



The Bluffton Lions Club hosted the training session for the club officers of the district on June 10th at St. John's UCC. The photo shows one class of officers. Training was provided for presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and membership chairs. All Lions were invited.

FESTIVAL OF WHEELS:



Friday, June 16th was the date of the 50 year Festival of Wheels in Bluffton sponsored by the Bluffton Lions and coordinated by Lion Dennis Morrison. 188 vehicles were registered for this celebration. Proceeds go to the Bluffton Lions Scholarship project, Sure-Sight eye screening, Boys/Girls State, VOSH-Ohio, Pilot Dogs, Ohio Sight/Hearing and other charities.

JUNE 20TH MEETING:



The Bluffton Club held their annual VOSH project of assisting with preparation of eye glasses for third world missions at the Methodist Church in Pandora. Twenty participants enjoyed the evening along with the meal from Henry's. Scholarship winners left to right- Grace Hill from Bluffton and Presley Hovest from Pandora/Gilboa told of their plans for the future and also helped with glasses preparation. Evening was enjoyed by all.