

# Newsletter

# Bluffton Lions Club

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# July 2017

2017-2018 Officers & Board Members:

President-Colleen Lazar; V.Pres-Greg Denecker; V.Pres-Patty Navin; V.Pres-Gene Long; Secretary-Barbara Plaugher; Treasurer-Lowell Hostetler; Lion Tamer-Elaine Harris; Tail Twister-Greg Averesch; Board Members: 1 yr-Christina Walton; 1 yr-Mitch Kingsley; 2 yr-Dan Diller; 2 yr-Robert Stahl; Immediate Past President-Stephanie Larcom; Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer Editor-Barbara Plaugher.

<b>August Birthday:</b>					
Stephanie Larcom	8/4	<b>Lowell Hostetler</b>	8/7	Ron Lora	8/10
Dick Boehr	8/12	<b>Tom Edwards</b>	8/12	Jan Emmert	8/12
Dimale Snyder	8/19	Praveen Vohra	8/21	Joseph Sehlhorst	8/25
Mike Minnig	8/29				
August Anniversary:					
Bill/Jo Croft	8/4	<b>Ron Headings</b>	8/8	Gene Long	8/13
Scott Basinger	8/15	<b>Bill Watkins</b>	8/17	Mitch Kingsley	8/30
Dick Ramseyer	8/30				

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

August 1st: Club meeting at noon Town Hall. This will be a business meeting. 100% attendance awards will be presented.

August 8<sup>th</sup>: Board meeting at Maple Crest 6:30 PM.

August 9<sup>th</sup>: North West Eye Care Foundation meets 6:30 PM at Findlay American Legion.

August 15th: Club meeting at noon Town Hall. District Governor Bill Niejadlik will be visiting our club.

August 27th: District Cabinet meeting to be held 3 PM at Henry's in Ottawa.

#### **BOARD REPORTS:**

No meeting held in July.

CONDOLENCES to the Lion Willis Sommer family. Lion Willis passed away on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. He had been a Bluffton Lion club member since 2011. He served on the board of trustees, a regular attendee at club meetings and worked on various projects for the club.

## RIDE TO REMEMBER JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>:

Two-hundred fifteen riders participated in the Ride To Remember event, thus meeting the 200 rider goal that had been set. Twenty-three riders completed the 112 mile Triplett Challenge ride. All proceeds go to the Lions Way Pathway Projects Twenty-two Lion members volunteered to help with the event.



**LIONS FAMILY PICNIC JULY 11**<sup>TH</sup>:



The annual Bluffton Lions family picnic was held on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Twin Lakes KOA campground. Twenty-five lions along with spouse, friends and guests were in attendance. Food was provided by City BBQ from Findlay.

### LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION JUNE 30-JULY 4TH:



Lions celebrate 100 years of Serving Humanity. This year's historic Lions International Convention was held in Chicago, in the city where it all began, with over 43,000 lions registered to attend the 5 day event. The International Parade, held on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> brought over 20,000 lions out to walk the 5 hour mile long parade route with over 10,000 lions and others standing by to observe. Ohio Lions sponsored the Ohio State Blind School Band, a float with Helen Keller followed by Pilot Dogs and representatives from VOSH, QUEST and Eye Screening. The seven District Governors led the following Ohio delegation to complete Ohio's contribution to the parade. Lions Arliss and PDG Barbara Plaugher from Bluffton, as seen in the photo, and Lions PDG John and Joanne Moats from Bryan represented VOSH. Programs offered were service projects, plenary sessions, exhibits, seminars and international shows.