



# Newsletter

## Bluffton Lions Club

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September 2017

2017-2018 Officers & Board Members:

President-Colleen Lazar; V.Pres-Greg Denecker; V.Pres-Patty Navin; V.Pres-Gene Long; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; 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 Plaughter.

### October Birthday:

Gary Graham	10/7	Laura Voth	10/21	Bill Watkins	10/27
Judy Augsburger	10/28				

### October Anniversary:

Jerry Lewis	10/3	Dennis Morrison	10/7	Neil Reichenbach	10/16
Kyle Leatherman	10/18	Judy Augsburger	10/26	Arliss & Barbara Plaughter	10/26
Dick & Corrine Boehr	10/28				

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 21-23: USA/Canada Forum to be held in Portland, OR.

October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Club meeting at Town Hall @ noon. Zone E Coordinator Lion Dean Carruthers attending. Speaker Toby Buckell, author.

October 7<sup>th</sup>: State committees meeting at Pilot Dogs in Columbus.

October 10<sup>th</sup>: Lions Board meeting at Maple Crest 6:30 PM.

October 17<sup>th</sup>: Club meeting Town Hall noon. Speaker Matt Treglia, sheriff.

October 19<sup>th</sup>: Community meal at Senior Citizens. Contact Lion Elaine Harris.

November 1<sup>st</sup>: Dare to Dream Wine Tasting Auction at Sycamore Lake Winery.

Tickets are now available. See Lion Colleen Lazar.

## BOARD REPORTS:

The Bluffton Pathway Bike and pedestrian use count is taking place Set. 11 thru 17. The booklet of the Bluffton Pathway Program will be emailed to the Lions Boards by Lion Dick Ramseyer. The Lions Way Bentley Path is in the process of raising funds with construction to begin mid summer 2018.

Blaze of Lights Chicken Dinner Nov 25<sup>th</sup> tickets ordered. Asking each member to sell 10 tickets.

## SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:



The program for the Bluffton Lions consisted of the Kruses, owners of Town & Country Flowers, discussing the pros and cons of managing a business. Town & Country Flowers have 5 locations: Lima, Bluffton, Columbus Grove, Ottawa and Ottoville. Lion Fred Rodabaugh was the winner of the flower arrangement.

## **LIONS WAY PARKVIEW PATH:**



The ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for the Lions Way Parkview Path was held on September 5th. The pathway vision is to connect the Lions Way Augsburger Path with Lions Way Bentley Path and Lions Way Parkview Path on the west side of Bluffton to the Lions Way Trail Head Park & State Route 103 business district on the east side of Bluffton.

## **HANDLEBAR BIKE CLUB EVENT:**



The Bluffton Lions Club helped serve lunch for the Handlebar Bike Club as they traveled their route through Bluffton on Sunday, September 10th. Lion Greg Denecker, along with school associates, prepared the lunch for over 500 bikers at the Bluffton Middle School. Lions helping with the event were...Greg Denecker, Dan Diller, Elaine Harris, Mike Minnig, Arliss Plaucher, Barbara Plaucher, Dick Ramseyer and John Rich.



## **SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:**



Dr. Bill Kose from Blanchard Valley Health System was present at the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to talk about Issue 2 coming up on the ballot in November. He discussed the cost of health care and medications. Dr. Kose explained that many of the professional medical associations do not agree with this issue.