



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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October 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.

November Birthday:

Colleen Lazar	11/5	Tom Langhals	11/28	Fred Rodabaugh	11/21
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November Anniversary:

Praveen Vohra	11/17	Jesse Blackburn	11/18	Chris Keller	11/19
Omar Khokhar	11/28				

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 1st: Dare to Dream Wine Tasting Auction at Sycamore Lake Winery. Tickets are available. See Lion Colleen Lazar.

November 12th: Cabinet meeting at Henrys in Ottawa 3 PM.

November 21st: Club meeting Town Hall noon. Peace poster winners. New member induction. Speaker TBA.

November 25th: Blaze of Lights Chicken Bar-B-Q club project at Presbyterian Church. Sign up to help through Lion Greg Denecker. Tickets available.

December 5th: Board meeting. Location to be announced later. (note change)

December 12th: Christmas party to be held in the Town Hall 6 PM. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!**

BOARD REPORTS:

Tickets for the Blaze of Lights Chicken Bar-B-Q will be mailed to each member. Phone calls will be made to follow-up on sales to decided amount of chickens to order for the event.

New member application of Ryan Lowry accepted by the Board.

Dare to Dream Wine Tasting Auction accepting donations for the event.

Festival of Wheels committee has announced the chairman to be filled by Lion Dan Diller for the June project.

COMMUNITY MEAL:

Fourteen Lion members served or provided the needed food to serve 77 meals at the Senior Citizen building on October 5th. Those participating were Lions Dennis Morrison, Christina Walton, Ron Lora, John Rich, Elaine Harris, Stephanie Larcom, Gene Long, Patty Navin, Greg Avererish, Barbara Plaughter, Don Hostetler, Mitch Kingsley, Shirley Wagner and Dick Boehr.

ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP:

The fall roadside clean-up was held on October 14th starting at 8:30 am with 5 members and one guest participating. Those helping were Lions Arliss Plaughter, Patty Navin, Ron Lora, Gene Long and John Rich with wife.

WE SERVE:



Bluffton Lions jumped into helping pack glasses for a St. Maarten VOSH mission sponsored by the St. Maarten's Lions Club. This has been rescheduled for the spring, due to hurricane damage. Pictured are Lions Jim Bemiller, Ted Cunningham, Bob Stahl, Don Hostetler, Dennis Morrison, Colleen Lazar with husband, Arliss Plaughter and friend Dave Herr.

EYE SCREENING FOR KIDS:



Bluffton Lions Ed Yeager (pictured), Tom Edwards, Elaine Harris, Arliss Plaughter and Barbara Plaughter along with Don Hostetler's wife, Joyce, helped to examine children at Bluffton Elementary, Allen East Elementary, Hilty Home Day Care, Bluffton Pre-School and the County Line Day Care facility in Bluffton. A total of 230 children were screened with 17 children failing the screening test. Failed screens are referred to parents for follow-up with their local eye doctor.

Lions—HAVE YOU PLANTED ANY TREES THIS FALL?? LET ME KNOW AND WE WILL SEND THE AMOUNT INTO LCI. THIS COUNTS TOWARDS OUR SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT.

The Editor



OCTOBER 3RD MEETING:



The Bluffton Lions October 3rd meeting was attended by the First Vice-District Governor and Zone E Coordinator, Dean Carruthers. He informed the club on upcoming events both in district and state wide. Our speaker for the day, as pictured, was Tobias Buckell. He has written many books on Science Fiction and comes from a background of growing up in the Caribbean and living on an island and also on a boat. He now is a native of Bluffton.

USA/CANADA FORUM:



The annual USA/Canada forum was held in Portland, Oregon this September 20 through 23. Pictured are Lions Arliss and Barbara Plaughter registering participants for the next forum that will be held in Columbus, OH in September 2018. This is an excellent, educational forum and so close to home, why not consider attending!

NOVEMBER 14TH WORLD DIABETES DAY:

Raising Diabetes Awareness, Preserving Sight

The World Health Organization estimates that over 422 million people worldwide have diabetes, a growing world epidemic that is expected to affect over 642 million by 2040.

Diabetes and Vision Loss

People with diabetes are at risk of losing sight due to diabetes eye disease. It is the leading cause of new-onset blindness in many countries. All people with diabetes – both Type 1 and Type 2 – are at risk. That's why everyone with diabetes should get a comprehensive dilated eye exam at least once a year. Diabetes can lead to other possible complications, including heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, leg amputation, and nerve damage. In pregnancy, poorly controlled diabetes increases the risk of fetal death and other complications.

Lions and Diabetes Awareness

With these statistics and concerns in mind, Lions have taken action through the Diabetes program. Our work supports diabetes awareness, education, prevention, detection, control, and research.

Joining Forces to Fight Diabetes

Lions work with local community partners and national diabetes associations to promote diabetes education and awareness throughout the year. We also commemorate World Diabetes Day, an annual campaign led by the International Diabetes Federation on November 14.

OCTOBER 17TH MEETING:



Sheriff Matt Treglia was the speaker for the noon meeting of the Bluffton Lions Club. Treglia has been with the force for eleven years working his way up the ranks to his present position as sheriff. An interesting presentation regarding the problems he deals with within Allen County.

