



# Newsletter

## Bluffton Lions Club

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December 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 Aversch; 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.

### January Birthday:

Diane Almanon	1/5	Tracy Steele	1/8	Barbara Plaugher	1/11
Greg Denecker	1/14	Don Hostetler	1/14	Ron Headings	1/15
Arliss Plaugher	1/15	Alan Yoder	1/22	Dick McGarrity	1/29

### January Anniversary:

None

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 1<sup>st</sup>: HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 2<sup>nd</sup>: Club meeting noon at Town Hall. This will be a business meeting with induction of 2 new members.

January 12-14: Winter Retreat at Cambridge – Salt Fork State Park.

January 16<sup>th</sup>: Club meeting noon at Town Hall. Speaker TBA.

## BOARD REPORTS:

Sponsorships for the Wine Tasting Auction will be pursued for the 2018 project.

The Blaze of Lights Chicken Dinner netted approximately \$917.

Pancake and Sausage breakfast is set for March 10, 2018. Tickets out for sale February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Two applications for membership were presented to the board. Corwin Croy with sponsor Lion Dick Ramseyer and Tanya Best (transfer application) with sponsor Lion Dick McGarrity were accepted.

The board received the resignation from Lion Gordon Diller. He will be added as an emeriti member.

The Hancock Bicycle Tour will be Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> with lunch served by the Bluffton Lions.

An update on software is being reviewed by Lion Ryan Lowry.

## NEW MEMBER BIO:

Ryan Lowry is a lifelong Bluffton resident; graduate of Bluffton High School; attended Ohio Northern University; works at McDonald's franchise office in marketing and IT; owns his own tech business.

Board member of Bluffton Center for Entrepreneurs. Ryan and wife ,Gayle, like biking and camping.

## **BLAZE OF LIGHTS:**



Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> 14 Lions along with family members gathered at the Presbyterian Church basement to help serve the annual Chicken Bar-B-Q for approximately 300 hungry persons. Most meals were served as carry-outs manned by Lion Dick Ramseyer. Lion Greg Denecker coordinated the development of this event. Net proceeds amounted to \$917 to date. Pictured at left are Lions Tracy Steele, Gene Long, Arliss Plaugher and Bill Watkins.

Other helpers not pictured are Lions Don Hostetler, Lowell Hostetler, Mitch Kingsley, Colleen Lazar, Dick McGarrity, Barbara Plaugher, Bob Stahl and Ed Yeager.

## **DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS PARTY:**



The Bluffton Lions Christmas party was held the evening of December 12<sup>th</sup> at the town hall. 39 Lions, spouses and friends were in attendance. Entertainment was provided by the Jerry Szabo Trio with Dean Alstaetter on keyboard; Lion Jerry Szabo on drums and oboe; and David Sycks on horn. Vocalist was Julia Szabo. Committee for the party consisted of Lions Gene Long, John Rich and Jerry Szabo. A Melvin Jones Fellowship was presented to Lion Dennis Morrison by PDG Barbara Plaugher.

