



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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January 2018

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.

February Birthday:

Dennis Morrison 2/10

Bob Stahl 2/10

Rodney McDaniel 2/18

February Anniversary:

None

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY 31ST: Northwest Eye Care Foundation to meet 6:30 PM at Dick's Steakhouse in Kalida.



FEBRUARY 6TH: Club meeting at Town Hall noon. Speaker, Dr. Randy Olshefski, from Nationwide Childrens Hospital will be talking about pediatric cancer research. If you plan to bring a guest contact Lion Barbara Plaugher for meal arrangements.

FEBRUARY 10TH: State committee meetings in Columbus. Location TBD.

FEBRUARY 15TH: Community Meal at the Senior Citizens building 6 PM. Contact Lion Elaine Harris to volunteer for this project.

FEBRUARY 18TH: District Cabinet meeting 3 PM at Henrys in Ottawa.

FEBRUARY 20TH: Club meeting Town Hall noon. Speaker TBA.

BOARD REPORTS:

No board meeting held in January.

NEW MEMBER BIO:

Tanya Best, originally from Dayton, received a Bachelors in music from BGSU, a Masters in education from UD. Retired from Columbus Grove school as guidance counselor. Best was active in local and state Lions and was the LEO advisor. Husband Lou is an attorney, they have lived in Richland Twp since '92.

NEW MEMBER BIO:

Corwin Croy graduated from Ottawa High, Bluffton College and Ohio Univ in Education. He and wife, Rita Dietrich, are both retired teachers and serve Bluffton Univ as supervisors of student teachers. Corwin previously was with the Fort Shawnee Lions. Their son lives in Portland, OR.

READING INITIATIVE PROGRAM:

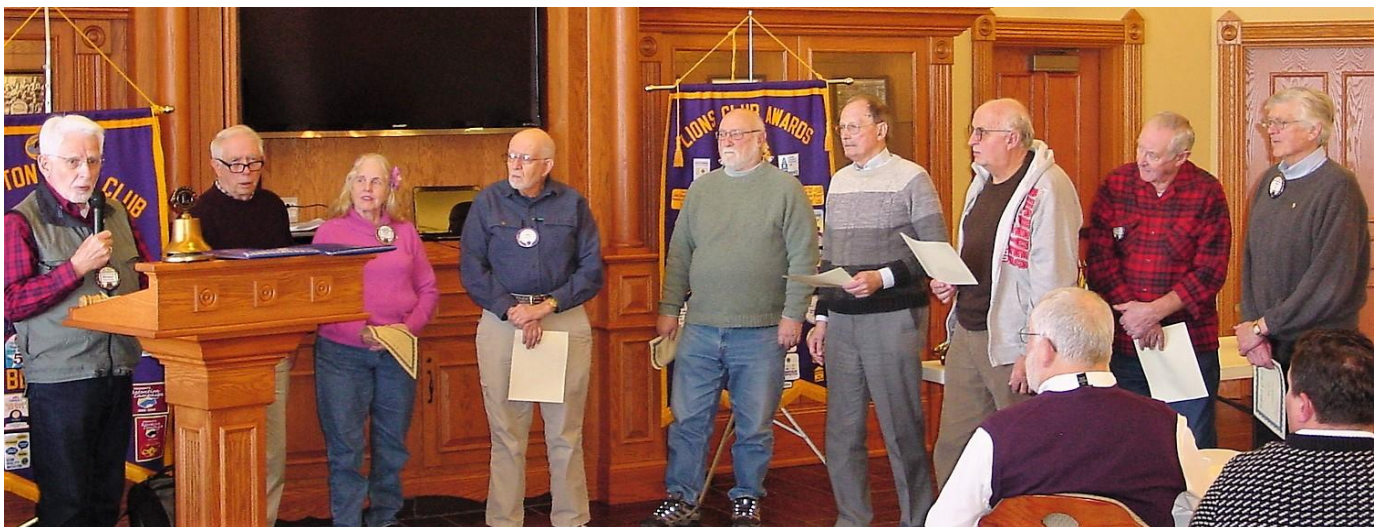


Lion Christina Walton is the chairman of the Reading Initiative Program for the Bluffton Lions. She took on the project of donating over 1,000 children's books to local community agencies to promote community literacy. Organizations receiving these books are The Guiding Light for Homeless, Hilty Home and Childcare Center, Bluffton Pediatrics, the YMCA, the office of the Allen County Board of Developmental Disabilities, the West Ohio Community Action Program for Early Head Start programs, Grace Fellowship Church and the Celebration of Health's Free Clinic. These books come from donations made to Book Reviews, where Walton is the store manager.

JANUARY 2ND MEETING:



PDG Barbara Plaughter inducted two new members in the Bluffton Lions club. L to R: Sponsor Lion Dick McGarrity with new member Tanya Best; new member Corwin Croy with sponsor Lion Dick Ramseyer. Both new members had previously been involved with Lions in other clubs.



Many were recognized for service projects. Above you see Lion Dick Ramseyer recognizing those assisting with the bike path survey. L to R: Lions Dick McGarrity, Elaine Harris, Don Hostetler, John Rich, Ted Cunningham, Gary Graham, Gene Long & Ron Lora (Greg Denecker absent). Others recognized for service were: Lion Elaine Harris coordinating the community meals twice/year; Lion Gene Long chairing the road side clean-up twice/year; book donations by Lion Christina Walton; the Scholarship Committee for the six scholarships provided to high school seniors; the Peace Poster project coordinated by Lion Jan Emmert; Vision Screening committee for their service to the kids in the community; Lion Mark Alliman for doing the recycling; Lion Arliss Plaughter for aluminum can pick-up. Those committees recognized for fund raising were: Dare to Dream committee chaired by Lions Greg Denecker and Colleen Lazar; Ride to Remember and the Hancock Handle Bars Bike Ride with Lion Dick Ramseyer; Blaze of Lights Chicken BBQ and Pancake Breakfast with Lion Greg Denecker & committee. Three new members were inducted into the Bluffton Lions Club, thanks to their sponsors. A Melvin Jones Fellowship award was presented to Lion Dennis Morrison.

JANUARY 16TH MEETING:



Speaker for the January 16th meeting was Allen County Treasurer, Rachael Gilroy. She and members of the Allen County Land Reutilization Corporation spoke on the land bank in the county.



BEHIND THE SCENES:

Bluffton Lions continue to recycle daily. Help with our recycling by placing your used batteries, cell phones, glasses, hearing aids and ink cartridges in the bins at the Bluffton Town Hall stairwell first floor. These are picked up on a monthly basis and taken to recycle centers. Lion Mark Alliman sells much of the material and funds go into the Lions treasure.

The red truck is always parked in front of the Town Hall during club meetings for you to place your aluminum cans in the back bed. Lion Arliss Plaughter is getting ready to sell these also to provide extra funds for the treasure.

The nominating committee may be contacting you soon to ask for your assistance in filling the positions on the Lions board for the coming Lions year. Please say "yes" when you are asked. We all need to participate in volunteering for our organization.

The Board will be designating our humanitarian donations at the next meeting. When these have been approved I will provide information where these donations will be used. We support many areas for eye care and research, diabetes, disaster and humanitarian issues on a local, district and international level. The Editor.

