



# Newsletter

## Bluffton Lions Club

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### April 2010

2010-2011 Officers &

Board Members:

President-Vanessa Greer

V. Pres-Tracy Steele

V. Pres-Elaine Harris

V. Pres-Daryl Shields

Secretary-Gary Bishop

Treasurer-Lowell Hostetler

Lion Tamer-Arliss Plaughter

Tail Twister-Greg Aversch

Past Pres-Dick Ramseyer

Board Members:

2 yr – Jo Croft

2 yr-Philip Zimmerly

1 yr-Gregory Denecker

1 yr-Dr. Matthew Jordan

Editor: Barbara Plaughter

Normal meeting times:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays

at Maple Crest 11:50 AM

May Birthdays:

Stan Clemens 5/11

Tim Closson 5/12

Andy Rager 5/18

Dick Ramseyer 5/18

Earl Lehman 5/22

Ron Michel 5/22

Stan Naylor 5/29

Bill Croft 5/31

May Anniversaries:

Tyson Veidt 5/1

Howard Shelly 5/8

Dick Cookson 5/9

Luke Young 5/13

Greg Aversch 5/17

Willis Sommer 5/22

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 3 – Northwest Physical Therapy speaker for noon meeting.

May 12 – Northwest Eye Care Foundation meets at Mohres in Bryan 6:30 PM

May 14 – Highway cleanup meet at Diller Medical at 9:00 A.M.

May 17 – Auction 6 PM at Maple Crest

May 20 to 22 – State Convention at Dublin  
Registration forms on line.

### April Board Meeting:

Treasurer reported an operating balance of \$3,500 and project balance of \$16,403.

The pancake and sausage breakfast netted \$1,687.55 to be split with the Senior Citizens.

New member application, Luke Young, was approved by the board.

Board approved a donation to the Bluffton Library for \$150.

Nominating committee has most all positions filled.

### Foundation Board Meeting:

Festival of Wheels update – fliers mailed to 150 possible sponsors. Ads to be aired at the theater.

Corvette Raffle participation by other public charities and Lions Clubs increasing.



## Jerry and Lori Lewis honored as Citizens of the year by Lions Club



Jerry and Lori Lewis, of Jerry Lewis McDonald's Restaurant, were named Bluffton Lions Club citizens of the year for 2010 on March 29. The couple joins a long list of Bluffton residents recognized over the years by the Bluffton Lions Club. This was the 30th year for the award to be presented. Jerry and Lori Lewis have assisted countless programs in the Bluffton community. These include athletics, the arts, churches, education and individual families. They have contributed to these by giving of their time, talents, support, food and financial aid. The couple owns 15 McDonald's restaurants in a five-county area.

Last spring Jerry Lewis was honored by McDonald's Corp. with the Golden Arch Award at the 2010 McDonald's Worldwide Convention in Orlando, Florida.

The McDonald's Golden Arch Award is the most prestigious award given to McDonald's owners and honors the "best of the best" in the McDonald's owner/operator community. Less than one percent of franchise owners earn this honor of a lifetime.

This award recognizes the recipient's focus on customer service, outstanding quality, service, cleanliness and value, significant community involvement, exceptional achievements in all areas of McDonald's Plan to Win, and contributions to the success of the McDonald's brand. Upon receiving this award, Lewis said, "I am honored and humbled by the award but it truly goes to my employees who are so committed to serving the customers each day. My people are the reason for this award."

After serving four years in the military, Lewis started his McDonald's career more than 30 years ago making McDonald's world famous French fries. He realized that through McDonald's he could do two of the things he loved the most, serve customers and give back to the community in which he lived and did business.

After moving through the management program Lewis built his first McDonald's Restaurant in Bluffton in 1987. Today, Lewis is the owner of 17 McDonald's Restaurants in Lima, Delphos, Van Wert, Beaverdam, Bluffton, Ada, Ottawa, Hicksville, Carey and Upper Sandusky. He employs more than 850 people in a seven-country area.

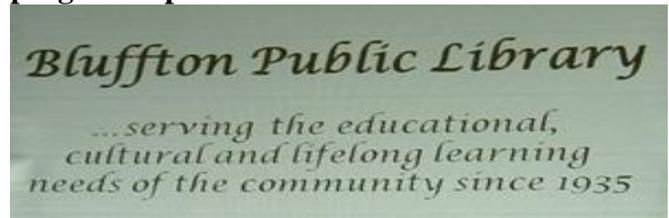
## April 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting:



Jennifer Vastano, Community Relations Director, SpeedyArches LTD, headquarters in Bluffton at the airport gave a very interesting presentation about the business operations of McDonald's and the 17 owned Jerry Lewis's restaurants.

## April 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

The Bluffton Lions Club meeting, Tuesday Noon, featured two important happenings, the induction Luke Young as a club member and a very good power point presentation about the Bluffton Public Library by Cindi Chasse, Director...the program topic was:





Tammy Whitlow and her sponsor Lion Dick Ramseyer. During the April 5, 2011 Bluffton Lions club meeting Tammy Whitlow was inducted into the Bluffton Lions club...the induction ceremony was conducted by DGE Barbara Plaughter.



April 19<sup>th</sup> -newly inducted Lions member Luke Young and sponsor Lion Philip Zimmerly. The induction ceremony was conducted by Lion DGE Barbara Plaughter.

**Slate of Officers for 2011-2012:**

**SLATE OF CANDIDATES**

**Vanessa Greer, President**

**Tom Edwards, VP Club Growth & Other Services**

**Don Hostetler, VP Programs & Other Services**

**Elaine Harris, VP Financial Resource development & Special Projects**

**Gary Bishop, Secretary**

**Lowell Hostetler, Treasurer & Safety Officer**

**\_\_\_\_\_ , Lion Tamer**

**Greg Aversch, Tail Twister**

**Barbara Plaughter, Jungle News Editor (Ex-Officio)\***

**Dick Ramseyer, Immediate Past President\***

**Jo Croft, Board member (1 yr. Term)**

**Philip Zimmerly, Board member (1 yr. Term)**

**Elaine Brubaker, Board Member (2 yr. Term)**

**John Harris, Board Member (2 yr. Term)**

**Non-voting members \***

To be voted upon at the May club meeting.

**OHIO LIONS MD-13 92<sup>ND</sup> STATE CONVENTION MAY 20-22, 2011**

welcomes First Vice President Wing-Kun Tam at the Embassy Suites in Dubin, Ohio. Wing-Kun Tam, of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR), People's Republic of China, was elected first vice president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 93<sup>rd</sup> International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28-July 2, 2010.

In recognition of his service to the association, Vice President Tam has received numerous awards, including the 100% District Governor Award, 21 International President's Awards, the Campaign SightFirst National/Multi-National Coordinator Award, the International Lion of the Year Award (2003) and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association gives to its members. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and Campaign SightFirst Lead Gift Donor.

More reasons to attend your state convention in the center of Ohio.....

Meet and greet Ohio's International Director, ID Jerry Smith and PDG Judy.

Learn more about Lionism at the Leadership seminars.

Enjoy the fellowship of Ohio Lions.

Win awesome door prizes.

\*Note from the Editor: District 13-A will be hosting the state convention in 2012.

