



January 2011

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 Averesch

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:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

at Maple Crest 11:50 AM

February Birthdays:

Vanessa Greer 2/4

Elaine Brubaker 2/15

February Anniversaries:

Daryl & Sue Shields 2/8

Mustaq Ahmed 2/9

Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 1st – Jay Gray will be presenting a program on Pilot Dogs.

February 15th – Charter Anniversary Speaker will be 1VDG Barbara Plaughter talking on women in the Lions Club.

February 17th – NorthWest Ohio Lions Eye Care meeting at Napoleon Lions Clubhouse at 6:30 pm.

March 5th – Pancake and Sausage Breakfast at Senior Citizens.

January Board Meeting:

Treasurer reports operating balance of \$3,248 and project balance of \$12,194.

We paid the final SightFirst II payment of \$1,701.

Other donations paid were LCIF - \$200, VOSH-Ohio - \$300, Pilot Dogs - \$500, Ohio Sight & Hearing - \$200, Ohio Lions Foundation - \$400, Ohio Diabetes Foundation - \$250, NW Ohio EyeCare - \$250, Lions Int'l Relations - \$200.

Zone 7 Chair Marv Crawford to attend the Charter Meeting on Feb 5th.

Chicken B-B-Q profit is \$647. Quilt raffle profit was \$645 donated to the Hospital building Campaign.

Tracy Steel submitted resignation as vice-president of Membership.

New member application approved of Willis Sommer. Induction will be Feb 15th.

Club approved sponsoring a youth for the Ohio Lions All State Band for \$150.

Foundation Board Meeting:

Festival of Wheels to be held June 24th with parking & registration on Main St. and end with the cruise.

Corvette Raffle car has been selected and can be seen on the web site. Kick off date is Mar. 1st with drawing at the Fall Festival.

P&B Pathway estimate being developed for the Augsburg Road section. The Foundation approved to commit \$15,000 to the project.

New Member Bio:

Mark Alliman was born in Iowa, attended Bluffton College, worked in the environmental safety and health profession with several companies. He now works with brother-in-law Ron Michel at Edward Jones. Wife Brenda is employed at Univ of Findlay Equine Services.

New Member Bio:

Willis Sommer grew up in Illinois, graduated from Bluffton Univ and Ohio Univ. Served in Vietnam & Indoesia. Taught at Bluffton Univ. Retired from BU administration. Met wife, Betty, in Kenya. She is retired from BU also. Two children and one grandchild.

January 4th Meeting:

District Governor John Davis visited the Bluffton noon meeting and talked about his experience as District Governor of Lions District 13-A during fiscal year 2010-11. He shared the joys and challenges he has faced in this his second time as Governor.



January 18th Meeting:

Guest Speaker, local attorney Sam Diller, shared with the Lions members his long history of practicing law in Bluffton. His stories and humor was enjoyed by all.



Pedestrian & Bike Pathway:

An ambitious goal: Encircle Bluffton with a Pedestrian and bike pathway.

In the fall of 2009, the Lions pledged \$4,500 to fund a pathway study. A plan was designed and accepted. The first phase connects Maple Crest and Riverbend areas to Bentley Road. Phase II hopes to connect the County Line road area to the I-75 restaurant area. Additional phases will follow.

The fundraising effort of the Charity Corvette Raffle program was developed in 2010 to help charities needing additional sources of revenue for programs. This fundraising program will assist in generating revenue for the pathway. This year the raffle has expanded to include 501 (c) (4) organizations.

Bluffton Lions have a long history of supporting Bluffton community projects. Chartered in 1934, the club will celebrate their 77th year at the February 15th charter anniversary meeting.

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