



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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September 2014

2014-2015 Officers & Board Members:

President-Stephanie Larcom; V. Pres-Mitch Kingsley; V. Pres-Jerry Szabo; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Lowell Hostetler; Lion Tamer-Arliss Plaughter; Tail Twister-Greg Aversch; Board Members: 1 yr-Mark Alliman; 2 yr-Jim Bemiller; Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer; Editor-Barbara Plaughter

October Birthday:

Matthew Jordan 10/4
Laura Voth 10/21
Steve Yoder 10/29

Gary Graham 10/7
Bill Watkins 10/27

Phil Weisenbarger 10/8
Judy Augsburger 10/28

October Anniversary:

Jerry Lewis 10/3
Kyle Leatherman 10/18

Dennis Morrison 10/7
Judy Augsburger 10/26
Chad Grieser 10/31

Neil Reichenbach 10/16

Arliss & Barbara Plaughter 10/26



UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 4th: State Committee Meetings at School for the Blind @ 9 am.

October 7th: Mayor Lion Judy Augsburger reports on the state of Bluffton Village affairs at the noon meeting.

October 21st: Everett Collier speaking on his bike trip to the west coast and back at the noon meeting.

November 4th: Join with the United Methodist Church Election Supper and afterwards attend our Lions meeting starting @ 6:30 PM in the church sanctuary.

November 5th: - MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the Sycamore Lake Wine fund raiser with auction, entertainment, food and drinks. Get your tickets for this event from a Lion.

BOARD REPORT:

Three applicants were approved to join the Bluffton Lions...Judy Augsburger, Jesse Blackburn and Colleen Lazar. Their induction into the club will be held on October 21st.

A resignation from Lion Phil Zimmerly was accepted by the board.

Quarterly treasurer's reports will be presented to the club members. New budget was approved.

Sycamore Lake Winery Event will be held on November 5th with committee members obtaining auction items. 150 tickets will be sold and committee members have these tickets to sell. Information about the event on the foundation website.

Lion Mitch Kingsley is working on an orientation program.



SEPTEMBER 2nd MEETING:

The guest speaker at the September 2, 2014 Bluffton Lions Club meeting was Bluffton University's new head football coach, Denny Dorrel. Coach Dorrel's home town is Brookville a small town in southeastern Indiana...He is a 2001 graduate of Hanover College, married to Sarah and they have twins. Prior to coming to Bluffton Dorrel was an assistant coach at both Marietta College & Thomas More College. In his

years as a coach, he has led teams and individual players to grow successes in the classroom and on the field. Dorrel shared about his life growing up, his coaching career & philosophy...keeping focus on the student-athletes being students first, completing their education and winning in both life and on the field.

SEPTEMBER 16TH MEETING:



The program at the September 16, 2014 Bluffton Lions Club meeting was a presentation by Cheryl Parson, Lima Better Business Bureau chapter president. She spoke about current and past scams and schemes that we should all be aware of. Parson has been with the Lima Better Business Bureau for over 18 years. She stated that more work can result into more scams...a recent workplace survey revealed that, in today's bustling business world, 9 out of 10 employees responsible for paying company bills have other major responsibilities in addition to handling accounts payable. Therefore, it's understandable how busy employees can be easy prey for business schemes if they aren't careful. This type of environment is a common place for business scheme crooks and shysters to operate. During her presentation she sighted many firsthand examples of scams, conducted in Allen County, against individuals & businesses.

COMMUNITY MEAL – SEPTEMBER 18TH:

Bluffton Lions Club supports the community meal, held at the Senior Citizens Center, twice during the year. These meals have been coordinated by Lion Elaine Harris and 102 people were served during the September 18th meal. Those who either assisted or donated were as follows...Lions John Rich, Ron Lora, Ed Yeager, Dennis Morrison, Gene Long, Mark Alliman, Don Hostetler, Morris Groman, Jerry Szabo, Dick Boehr, Sue Shields, Tim Closson, Fred Rodabaugh, Steve Yoder, John Harris, Greg Aversch, Stephanie Larcom, Barbara Plaughter, Arliss Plaughter, Jim Bemiller, Laura Voth, Mitch Kingsley, Dick Ramseyer. Donations close to \$190 will be given to the local food bank.

BICYCLES EVERYWHERE:

The Hancock Handlebars Bike Club's 44 annual Horizontal Hundred ride stopped in Bluffton Sunday, September 7, 2014 from 10AM to 4PM. This is the 4th year the Bluffton Lions have co-hosted the 75 mile rest stop with the Handlebars Bike club in the alley next to the Presbyterian Church. This year around 500 bicyclists made a pit stop in Bluffton. The event had rides of 20, 32, 62 and 100 miles...with Bluffton on the 100 mile leg of the event. Dick Ramseyer, President of the Bluffton Lions Foundation,

said in talking with bikers, that many stated, Bluffton is their favorite place to stop on the ride. With the developing Bluffton Bike & Pedestrian pathway system, events, like Horizontal Hundred bike ride, allow bicyclists to view our very progressive & beautiful community from a variety of scenic locations.



NOTE: If you have planted any trees this fall, please let me know to add to our activities report to Lions Clubs International. The Editor.

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING ALUMINUM CANS. THE RED TRUCK WILL BE PARKED OUTSIDE THE TOWN HALL BEGINNING AGAIN ON OCTOBER 21ST.

REPORT FROM USA/CANADA FORUM:

The 2014 USA/Canada Forum was held this year in San Juan, Puerto Rico with approximately 1,500 Lions from all States and others from around the world attending. Puerto Rico, known as the Isle of Enchantment, provided a wonderful atmosphere to the visiting Lions. Lions Arliss and Barbara Plaughter represented the Bluffton Club for this forum. “How You Live and How You Give” is how to be rich. Use your vision to create change. What can you stop doing that would create more richness in your community/international community. Take risks! Thought producing statements!! The forum offered 92 seminars that one could choose from. Motivating speakers were present at each lunch and evening meal setting. International President, Joe Preston, has as his motto “Strengthen the Pride”. You just have to ASK ONE to increase membership. North American membership has been decreasing, we need to avoid any more losses. Keep your existing members being satisfied. This comes from keeping the member involved, about their interest, which is the most forum will be held Rapids, MI and in 2018 received the bid for the worthwhile forums to of our Bluffton Lions MI next year?

Photo of Lions Arliss International President Night “Noche presented by Puerto



communication, check and hands on service important. Next year’s close-by in Grand Columbus, OH has forum. These are attend. Perhaps some would like to join us in

and Barbara with Joe Preston at the Host Puertorriquena” Rico Clubs de Leones.