



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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September 2016

2016-2017 Officers & Board Members:

President-Colleen Lazar; V.Pres-Greg Denecker; V.Pres-Omar Khokhar; V.Pres-Gene Long; Secretary-Barbara Plaugher; Treasurer-Lowell Hostetler; Lion Tamer-Mitch Kingsley/Doug Luginbill; Tail Twister-Greg Aversch; Board Members: 1 yr-Judy Augsburger; 1 yr-Gary Graham; 2 yr-Elaine Harris; 2 yr-Christina Walton; Immediate Past President-Stephanie Larcom; Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer; Editor-Barbara Plaugher.

October Birthday:

Gary Graham 10/7
Judy Augsburger 10/28

Laura Voth

10/21

Bill Watkins

10/27

October Anniversary:

Jerry Lewis 10/3
Kyle Leatherman 10/18

Dennis Morrison 10/7

Neil Reichenbach

10/16

Arliss/Barbara Plaugher 10/26

Judy Augsburger

10/26

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 21-29: Sure Sight screening of children begins and runs through the end of the month. If you are interested in participating, contact Lion Barbara Plaugher.

October 3rd: Zone meeting at the First Methodist Church Pandora Sorting Center 7 PM. This is a work session for our zone. Contact Lion Colleen Lazar to sign up.

October 4th: Noon club meeting with speaker Pete Suter talking about Shirley's Popcorn and the Shannon Theatre.

October 6th: Community meal with Bluffton Lions serving. Contact Lion Elaine Harris if interested in helping.

October 8th: State committees to meet at Columbus School for the Blind @ 9 AM.

October 18th: Noon club meeting with Mayor Lion Judy Augsburger as the speaker with "State of the Village".

November 2nd: Dare to Dream wine auction @ Sycamore Lake Winery 6 PM. See Lion Colleen Lazar for tickets.

Board Meeting held September 13th :

The boards did not meet in July or August due to the absence of a quorum. We also found that there was not a quorum present for the club in September. If you are a board member, please attempt to attend these meetings, as this is where decisions are made to determine our services and projects.

The community meal will be served on October 6th, Dare to Dream Auction on November 2nd and Blaze of Lights chicken BBQ will be on November 26th.

Tree planting committee for spring of 2017 will consist of Lions Gene Long, Dennis Morrison, John Rich, Judy Augsburger and Jesse Blackburn.

Discussion with the Senior Citizen group regarding the March pancake breakfast will be held by Lion Greg Denecker.

Clubs in the district are being asked to donate \$50 to the Ohio State School for the Blind band, as this band will be marching in the 2017 International Convention Parade in Chicago.

Discussion followed on items in the district newsletter. The membership committee will be looking at suggestions found in the newsletter.

Leadership education for the district will be held in Bluffton in spring 2017.

Highway clean-up will be set for October with chairman Andy Armstrong.

Recognition for 100% attendance was discussed. These members will be recognized at a later date.

Bluffton Festival of Wheels will be celebrating 50 year anniversary in 2017 with special events planned.

Ride to Remember Bike Ride brought in \$3,160 goes toward the bike path. Next year date is July 8th.

Semiannual trail count is going on. Results go towards development of bike paths.

Pathway key events and dates document shared with board members. Bluffton Lions match for ODOT was reduced to \$24,770 due to the construction bid being lower than expected for the Augsburger project.

Lions Way Bentley Kibler path discussed. The appointed task force met with Johnny Appleseed board representatives. The Village Council entered into an agreement with Choice One Engineering to conduct a trail study. Information will be shared as this develops.

September 6th Meeting:



Kevin Haver, Director of Johnny Appleseed Parks, addressed the club. Over a dozen parks that cover 1,200 acres are involved with this system. Parks offer fishing, boating, swimming, camping, playgrounds, nature programs, concerts, living history, apple/maple syrup festivals, music groups and more. The Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District was created in June 1972. The park corporation is a non-profit organization and accepts planned giving programs.

September 20th Meeting:



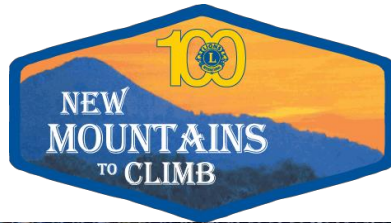
Speaker for the day was Lion Chris Keller, executive officer at the Bluffton Hospital. Her Lion sponsor is President Lion Colleen Lazar. Lion Barbara Plaugher inducted Chris into the club, prior to her speaking about the new project...the Bluffton Hospital Women's Center. The opening in the fall of 2017 will introduce Pelvic Pain Clinic services available to the community. Lion Chris spoke on the new Robotic equipment that will be available at this hospital site also. Many questions from the group were discussed.



On Sunday, September 11th, the Bluffton Lions & Hancock Handle Bars Bike Club jointly hosted the Bluffton 75 mile rest stop for bikers riding in the 100 horizontal bike tour. Hundreds of bikers visited Bluffton by way of the rest stop in the alley off of Main Street next to the Presbyterian Church. This was an excellent way for Bluffton Lions to help showcase the village of Bluffton.

USA/CANADA Forum Sept 15 thru 17:

PDG Barbara and Lion Arliss attended the USA/Canada forum in Omaha, Nebraska. They had the opportunity to sit at the International President Chancellor Bob Corlew's table at the closing dinner. President Corlew's pin is shown below. His theme for the year is New Mountains to Climb.



November is "Lions Diabetes Awareness" Month:

Common Symptoms of Diabetes... Feeling very thirsty, urinating often; extreme fatigue; feeling hungry even if eating; weight loss; blurry vision; wounds that don't heal; numbness/tingling in hands/feet. More than 1 in 3 American adults has prediabetes. This condition comes before diabetes. It means your blood glucose levels are higher than normal and it means you might get type 2 diabetes down the road. To delay or prevent diabetes with physical activity, like walking; weight loss if needed; taking medication if your doctor prescribes it. Make healthy choices..cut back on regular soft drinks and juice; choose lower-calorie snacks; eat salad with low-fat dressing; choose fruit instead of desert. Diabetes is a serious disease – if you delay or prevent it, you'll enjoy better health in the long run. If you are at increased risk for diabetes, ask your doctor about getting tested at your next visit.