



# Newsletter

## Bluffton Lions Club

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October 2016

### 2016-2017 Officers & Board Members:

President-Colleen Lazar; V.Pres-Greg Denecker; V.Pres-Omar Khokhar; V.Pres-Gene Long; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; 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 Plaughter.

### November Birthday:

Colleen Lazar 11/5  
Tom Langhals 11/28

Morris Groman 11/7

Fred Rodabaugh 11/21

### November Anniversary:

Dick/Corrine Boehr 65 yrs of marriage 10/28/51 Congratulations!

Praveen Vohra 11/17

Jesse Blackburn 11/18

Kris Keller 11/19

Omar Khokhar 11/28

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 28<sup>th</sup>: Road clean-up. See Lion Gene Long to help with this project.

October 31<sup>st</sup>: Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Celebration 4 PM for the Augsburger Road Pathway. Across from Bluffton University Athletic Stadium.

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

November 15<sup>th</sup>: Club meeting at noon Town Hall with Brion Rhodes, Allen County Engineer, as the speaker. Peace Poster winners to present their posters.

November 16<sup>th</sup>: North West Eye Care Foundation meeting at Westgate Lanes in Lima 6:30 PM. Tour of the new Lima Vision Center.

November 20<sup>th</sup>: Cabinet meeting at Schnipke's Restaurant Ottawa 3 PM.

November 26<sup>th</sup>: Blaze of Lights Chicken BBQ at Presbyterian Church. See Lion Greg Denecker to volunteer for this project.

### Board Meeting held October 11<sup>th</sup>:

Audit committee presented their report with two suggestion that have been implemented.

Dare to Dream auction on November 2<sup>nd</sup> 80% of proceeds go to the bike path with 20% going to other donations. Membership will be stressed at this event.

Chicken BBQ at the Blaze of Lights to order 500 chickens through Ted's Market. Cost of meal \$8.50 Pancake/sausage breakfast in the spring may be moved to later date to coordinate with the craft show.

Membership drive in the spring will be planned by Lion Omar Khokhar.

Community meal served 82 persons on October 6<sup>th</sup> with 16 Lions volunteering.

New membership application reviewed from Patty Navin with her being welcomed by the board.

Bluffton Hospital Capital Campaign was discussed. The board approved a pledge of \$15,000 over a five year time period with the Education Room to be named in honor of the Bluffton Lions Club. Also the Lions membership will be encouraged to provide a matching gift of \$15,000 for this project. The Augsburger pathway is under construction with the Lions share of \$24,770 as 20% of the project. Ribbon cutting and dedication will be held October 31<sup>st</sup>. Preliminary construction cost estimate to develop the Bentley-Kibler-Parkview Pathway is \$374,000 plus a \$78,000 projection for contingency and inflation.

## October 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting:



Pete Suter from Shirley's Popcorn and Shannon Theatre was the guest speaker at the noon meeting of the Bluffton Lions Club. Photo at the right are Lions with 100% attendance: Colleen Lazar, Barbara Plaughter, Morris Groman, Dick Boehr, Arliss Plaughter, Dick Ramseyer and John Rich. Those not present for the photo are...Stephanie Larcom and Gene Long.

## October 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting:



Mayor Lion Judy Augsburger was the speaker for the noon meeting of the Bluffton Lions Club on October 18<sup>th</sup>, talking on the State of the Village. First Vice District Governor Bill Niejadlik, from the Toledo area, visited the club to update the members on district and state Lions information.

The Sure Sight team examined 268 kids this year and identified 30 children that would need to be seen by their local optometrist. Here you see Lion Jan Emmert with some children. Others on the team were Lions Mark Alliman, Ed Yeager, Tom Edwards, Elaine Harris and Barbara Plaughter.





## **LIONS WAY AUGSBURGER PATH CONSTRUCTION**



**In 2008-2009 the Master Plan funded jointly by Village of Bluffton and Bluffton Lions Club began this development of the Bluffton Pathway System.**

**In June 2009 the Bluffton Lions Foundation was approved as a 501(c) 3 public charity.**

**The Charity Corvette Car Raffle fundraiser was created to fund the plan in 2009 and this continued through 2013.**

**In 2012 the 103 pathway right-a-way was agreed upon between the Norfolk Southern, Springfield Fire Works and Village of Bluffton.**

**In 2014 the first annual Dare to Dream Wine Tasting and Auction event replaced the Charity Corvette Raffle and this continues today.**

**In 2014 a matching grant was approved by the Findlay Hancock County Community Foundation for the Lions Way 103 pathway project.**

**October 2014 Lions Way 103 Pathway dedication and ribbon cutting celebration.**

**In September 2015 the dedication and ribbon cutting celebration for the Trail Head Park.**

**October 2016 the Lions Way Augsburg Path will be opened with dedication and ribbon celebration on the 31<sup>st</sup>.**

