



# Newsletter

## Bluffton Lions Club

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September 2013

2012-2013 Officers & Board Members:

President-Mitch Kingsley; V. Pres-Chad Grieser; V. Pres-Stephanie Larcom; V. Pres-Rachel Webster; Secretary-Elaine Brubaker; Treasurer-Lowell Hostetler; Lion Tamer-Arliss Plaugher; Tail Twister-Greg Aversch; Board Members: 2 yr-Mark Alliman & Phil Zimmerly; 1 yr-Ron Lora & Katie Keifer; Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer; Editor-Barbara Plaugher

### October Birthdays:

Matthew Jordan 10/4

Laura Voth 10/21

Gary Graham

Bill Watkins

10/7

10/27

Phil Weisenbarger 10/8

Steve Yoder 10/29

### October Anniversaries:

Jerry Lewis 10/3

Kyle Leatherman 10/18

Chad Grieser 10/31

Dennis Morrison

Phil Zimmerly

10/7

10/22

Neil Reichenbach 10/16

Arliss & Barbara Plaugher 10/26

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 1<sup>st</sup> – 6:00 PM the club will meet at Don & Jodi Brauen's home for supper and a presentation about the "Brauen Gourds". 7140 Tom Fett Road.

October 5<sup>th</sup> – Drawing of the Charity Corvette Raffle at the Farmer's Market downtown at noon.

October 5<sup>th</sup> – State Committee meetings in Columbus

October 15<sup>th</sup> – The Bluffton Lions club will begin meeting at the third floor of the Town Hall building at noon. Joyce Barga will speak on the "Guiding Light" home for pregnant teens.

## Board Report:

Budget not approved until refined by a finance committee.

The board approved the move of the club meeting place to the third floor of the Town Hall beginning in October.

The board approved the resignation of Stan Clemens. The board also approved that Burton Yost become an Emeritus status. Richard Bucher was approved as a new member to the club.

## NEW MEMBER BIO:

Omar Khokhar received a MBA and has been in the retail business, working at the Quality Inn and Holiday Inn Express. His family is in the Hospitality Business for the last 20 years. He and wife, Tobinda, have 3 children and currently live in Findlay. He loves the outdoors, to travel and to hunt.

## NEW MEMBER BIO:

Richard Bucher grew up near Bluffton. He graduated from Bluffton College & the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. He pastored three congregations in Indiana, Canada & Illinois. He and wife, Gloria, now live in Bluffton and attend the First Mennonite Church.

## **NEW MEMBER BIO:**

Kyle Leatherman earned undergraduate and graduate degrees at Heidelberg & administration license from Univ of Findlay. He now is the Bluffton Middle School Principal and Director of Transportation at the school. He previously taught and coached in Gibsonburg. He and wife, Jill, have 2 children.

## **NEW MEMBER BIO:**

Mike Minnig graduated from Delphos Jefferson, Bluffton College and received a master's degree from University of Dayton. He taught and was the principal at Perry High School. He currently is the Bluffton High School principal for the past 7 years. He has two children, Micah and Mara.

## **SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING:**

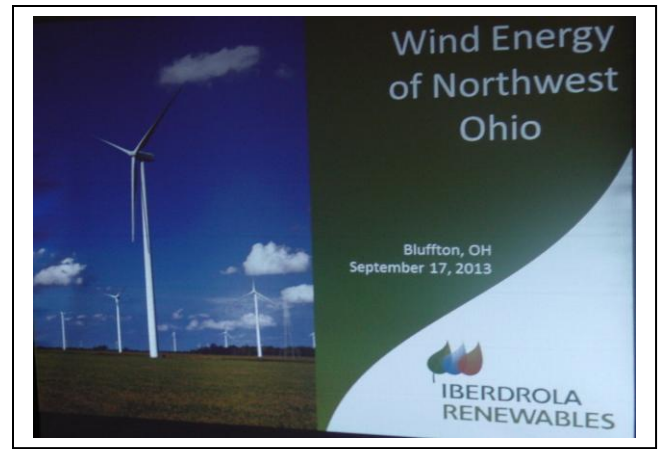


During the Sept. 3, 2013 , Bluffton Lions club meeting three new members were inducted into the club by PDG Barbara Plaughter. Lion Dick Ramseyer sponsored Omar Khokhar and Lion Greg Denecker sponsored both Kyle Leatherman & Mike Minning.

The guest speaker was Andy Chaffee, a 2012 graduate of Bluffton University, who gave a power point presentation about competing in his first Ironman triathlon at Lake placid, NY. He shared about the preparation for such a race as well as how much a year of experience can mean for an athlete as well as one doing something new. At Lake Placid his finishing time was 32 hours & 51 minutes. Just the cost for a bike needed for the event can cost between \$2,000 to \$15,000. The intake of salt, calories and monitoring weight are critical elements in the training and completing in an event. His most recent challenge was competing in the Little Smoky Half Ironman. From that experience he determined the need to change and improve his training techniques.

## **SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:**

The program at the Bluffton Lions Club meeting was provided by Dan Litchfield, Business Developer, Iberdrola Renewables LLC. The title of his power point presentation was 'Wind Energy of Northwest Ohio'. Renewables is the world's largest operator of renewable energy generation facilities. His job is to manage the planning of renewable facilities, mainly wind farms in Ohio. This includes site identification, initiation of wind speed measurements, land leasing, preliminary engineering, local government relations, local community relations, and permitting. New member Rich Bucher, sponsored by Lion Dick Ramseyer, was inducted into the club. See photo on next page.



Ninety dictionaries were presented to the third-grade students at Bluffton Elementary School by the Lions Club on September 23<sup>rd</sup> . Those helping with this project were Lions Mark Alliman, Omar Khokhar, Katie Kiefer, Dale Metzger, Andrew Rager, Diane Almanon, Joe Sehlhorst & Barbara Plaughter. This project coordinates with the Lions International reading initiative program.



**Bluffton Lions provided eye screening for 3 to 6 year old children in the Bluffton and surrounding area schools, daycares, and pre-school facilities.**



**229 children were screened during a two-week period in September with 25 children being referred to their optometrist or ophthalmologist for evaluation. Those participating in the screening were Lions Ed Yeager, Tom Edwards, Mark Alliman, Howard Shelly, Elaine Harris, Arliss Plaughter and Barbara Plaughter. This project is in coordination with the Multiple District of Ohio to screen all 3 to 6 year old children in the state of Ohio and alert their parents of potential problems their child may have. This is the second year the Bluffton club has conducted these screenings.**