



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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November 2015

2015-2016 Officers & Board Members:

President-Stephanie Larcom; V. Pres-Ron Lora; V. Pres-Colleen Lazar; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Lowell Hostetler; Lion Tamer-Mitch Kingsley/Doug Luginbill; Tail Twister-Greg Aversch; Board Members: 1 yr-Jim Bemiller; 1 yr-Ron Headings; 2 yr-Omar Khokhar; 2 yr-Judy Augsburger; Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer; Editor-Barbara Plaughter.

December Birthday:

Christina Walton	12/1	Jerry Lewis	12/1	Gordon Diller	12/6
Doug Luginbill	12/6	Sue Shields	12/12	Gene Long	12/22
Bob Amstutz	12/25				

December Anniversary:

Gordon Diller	12/21	Lowell Hostetler	12/21	Ed Yeager	12/27
Brendon Matthews	12/29				

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 26th: Blaze of Lights. Chicken BBQ at the Presbyterian Church. Lions float in the parade. To volunteer for BBQ or parade see Lion Colleen Lazar.

December 1st: The Christmas Social meeting 6 PM at the Town Hall. Meal served by Henrys and entertainment provided by the Millstream Ringers \$16.00. Contact Lion John Rich for reservations.

December 2 thru 5: Allen County Museum Christmas Tree Festival. See Lion Dennis Morrison to assist with security.

December 3rd: Zones 3 & 6 meeting in Perrysburg 6:30 PM. Car pool available, see Lion Stephanie Larcom.

December 25th: Merry Christmas to all

January 15-17: Lions Winter Retreat at Maumee State Park. Registration form available in the District Newsletter.



NOVEMBER BOARD REPORTS:

Club dues statements will be sent out the middle of November. Dues are for year 2016. The Dare to Dream report indicated a net income of \$19,542.09 with 20% going to the scholarship fund and other donations by the club. This will leave \$15,633.66 for the pathway projects.

Blaze of Lights activities of chicken bar-b-q meal and float for the parade was discussed. Each member has a packet of 10 tickets to sell. Location change this year to the Presbyterian Church and pick-up orders available in the village parking lot at rear of church.

The board approved two new member applications, Joseph Beagle and Christina Walton. Induction of new members will be at the first club meeting in January.

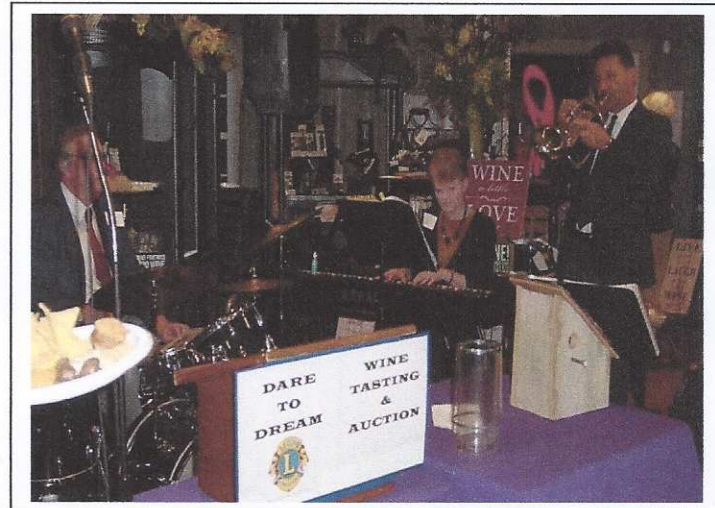
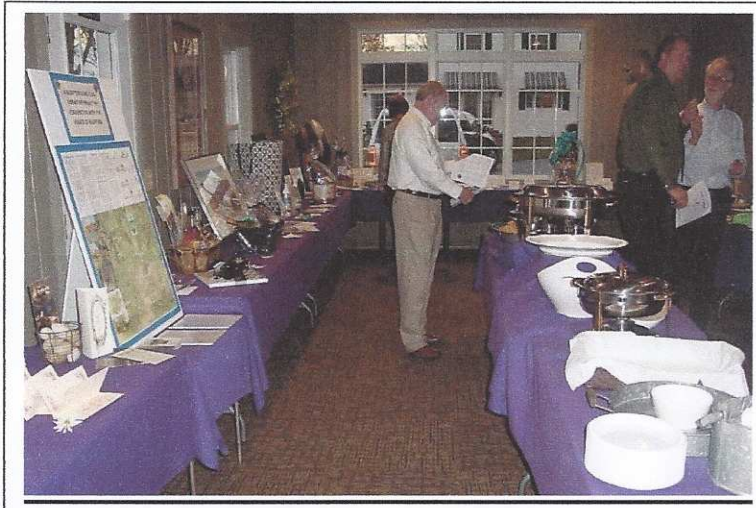
The website is still to be worked upon; however, up to date information remains to be entered into our current site.

LION STANLEY NAYLOR:

Lion Stan passed away this month with funeral services held on November 14th. He had been an active Lion since May 1968. Stan held offices and served on many committees in the club during the years. He was a Melvin Jones Fellow, the highest honor a Lion can achieve. Our condolences are extended to the family. Lion Stan will be deeply missed.

DARE TO DREAM NOVEMBER 4TH:

The main fund-raising project of the Bluffton Lions Foundation occurred on November 4th. The wine-tasting auction was held at the Sycamore Lake Winery. Over 140 participants enjoyed an evening of music, food, fellowship, and activities. The auction netted \$19,542.09 to be used for club donations and pathway projects. The event committee consisted of Lions Mark Alliman, Scott Basinger, Greg Denecker, Omar Khokhar, Stephanie Larcom, Colleen Lazar, Brendon Matthews, Dick McGarrity, Dennis Morrison, Andrew Rager, Dick Ramseyer, Tracy Steele, Jeremy Szabo and Ed Yeager. Many other Lions participated in the evening's entertainment and the auction.



NOVEMBER 17TH MEETING:

Jessica Hermiller, Librarian at the Bluffton Public Library, gave a power point presentation, titled, "What is the future of Public Libraries". Hermiller has worked and/or volunteered in libraries in Ohio, Georgia & Pennsylvania. She gave an overview of the broad range of services and resources provided by the Bluffton Library including databases, e-materials available and items in the library. She also shared information about funding issues the Bluffton Library, as well as other libraries, across the country are facing...local financial support for the Bluffton Library is very important.

Zone Chair Deb Crawford, on left, presented chevrons to those Lions for years of service in Lions. They are from L to R.. Jim Bemiller 25 years of service; Morris Groman 25 years of service; and Dick Boehr 55 years of service. Those not present were Pat Rodabaugh 15 years of service and Alan Yoder 50 years of service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LISA DUNLAP, BLUFFTON PEACE POSTER WINNER, NOW NAMED DISTRICT WINNER & ONTO STATE COMPETITION.



**Congratulations for
your years of service
with the Lions!**



PREPARING THE BLAZE OF LIGHTS FLOAT:



**Those helping to
construct the Lions
float on Saturday,
November 21st for the
upcoming Blaze of
Lights parade are
Lions Morris Groman,
Dick Ramseyer, Ed
Yeager, Omar
Khokhar & daughter,
Colleen Lazar, Dennis
Morrison, Arliss
Plaughter, Barbara
Plaughter, Daryl Shields
and Sue Shields. See
the finished trailer at
the parade.**