



# Newsletter

## Bluffton Lions Club

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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.

**February Birthday:**

Dennis Morrison 2/10

Bob Stahl 2/10

Rodney McDaniel 2/18

**February Anniversary:**

Bob Stahl 2/15

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**February 7<sup>th</sup>:** Bluffton Lions Club noon meeting with guest speaker from “Our Daily Bread” to speak on feeding the underserved in Lima.

**February 11<sup>th</sup>:** State committee meetings 9 am at Ohio State School for the Blind

**February 21<sup>st</sup>:** Bluffton Lions Club noon meeting with guest speaker Del Gratz talking on his mountclimbing experiences. Induction of new members.

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Northwest Eyecare Foundation meeting at Napoleon Lions Club starting at 6:30 PM

**February 26<sup>th</sup>:** District Cabinet meeting at Schnipkes in Ottawa 3:00 PM

### **BOARD REPORT:**

The Bluffton Lions Club Board met on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Treasurers report were given for both November and December. The financial analysis quarterly report will be emailed to all members. Dues in arrears were discussed. A second notice will be mailed and then sponsors will be contacted to discuss dues payment with delinquent members.

The net profit from the Dare to Dream Auction was \$20,409. The net proceeds from the Blaze of Lights Chicken BBQ was \$970. Pancake and Sausage Breakfast with the Senior Citizens will be the first Saturday in May during the Arts & Crafts Festival.

If you are interest in joining with the Tree Planting committee, see Lion Colleen Lazar.

The next community meal will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Scholarship applications have been given to area schools with plans to continue our scholarship program. Two new member applications were approved for Ben Stahl and Bob Stahl. Induction of new members will be planned at convenience for the new members.

The peace poster packet will be ordered for next year’s project with the Bluffton School.

Donations for the year was approved by the club to be sent to the board as follows: LCIF \$500; VOSH-Ohio \$300; Pilot Dogs \$250; Ohio Sight/Hearing \$200; Ohio Lions Foundation \$400; Ohio Diabetes Fund

\$250; Ohio Lions Eye Research \$300; Northwest Ohio Eyecare \$250; Lions International Relations \$200; and Girls/Boys State \$300. Total of \$2,750 for donations.

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



On Dec 8<sup>th</sup> the Lima/Allen Co Bicycle/Pedestrian committee met and recognized the Bluffton Lions for their volunteer work with the pathway projects. Those were presented with special Certificates of Appreciation at the Lions club meeting on January 3rd. They are as follows: Lions Dick Ramseyer, Ted Cunningham, Greg Denecker, Gene Long, Ron Lora & Willis Sommer. Not available for photo were: Lions Gary Bishop, Jesse Blackburn, Tom Edwards, Jan Emmert, Gary Graham, Don Hostetler, Dick McGarrity, Fred Rodabaugh & Ed Yeager.

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



At the January 17<sup>th</sup> club meeting speaker for the day was Lawrence Matthews, advancement officer at Bluffton University & Mennonite Disaster Service Coordinator. He spoke on the relief effort to rehab homes of the many victims of the flooding in Detroit and also shared information about the vacated properties and the challenges with this issue.



## **PASSING OF LONG TIME LIONS MEMBER MORRIS GROMAN:**

Lion Morris Groman a 25 year Bluffton Lions Club member and Melvin Jones Fellow recently died on January 20<sup>th</sup> in the Bluffton Hospital Hospice unit. He will be remembered by his life-long service to those in need. He has been the major recycler team member for the Bluffton Club. His service and fellowship will be greatly missed.

**CONTINUE WITH THE RECYCLING EFFORTS OF THE CLUB:** Continue to bring your cell phones, batteries, eye glasses and hearing aids into the bins located in the Town Hall. Also remember that the aluminum cans are still be collected. The covered red truck will be parked in front of the Town Hall at most each club meeting for your convenience. These are a few small things that we as Lions do to protect the environment.

