



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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August 2018

2018-2019 Officers & Board Members:

President-Christina Walton; V.Pres-Colleen Lazar; V.Pres-Patty Navin; V.Pres-Gene Long; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Sawyer Goldsberry; Lion Tamer-Elaine Harris; Tail Twister-Greg Averagesch; Board Members: 1 yr-Dan Diller; 1 yr-Robert Stahl; 2 yr-Tracy Steele; 2 yr-Corwin Croy; Immediate Past President-Colleen Lazar; Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer
Editor-Barbara Plaughter.

September Birthday:

Gary Bishop	9/2	Jerry Szabo	9/4	Dan Diller	9/5
John Harris	9/8	Brendon Matthews	9/22	Greg Averagesch	9/28
Ed Yeager	9/28	Jeff Joseph	9/29		

September Anniversary:

Bob Amstutz	9/2	Dan Diller	9/5	Alan Yoder	9/17
Mark Alliman	9/23	John Harris	9/29		

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER 4TH: Club meeting Town Hall @ noon. Speaker will be Amanda Wischmeyer talking about Organic Farming.

SEPTEMBER 9TH: Hancock Bicycle Tour lunch @Bluffton Middle School. To volunteer see Lion Greg Denecker.

SEPTEMBER 10TH thru 19TH: Eye screening of kindergarten and day care children. To volunteer see Lion Barbara Plaughter.

SEPTEMBER 10TH thru 16TH: Bluffton Pathway Count. Will need 24 volunteers. Contact Lion Dick Ramseyer for dates/times to volunteer.

SEPTEMBER 11TH: Board meeting at Maple Crest 6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 15TH: Roadside cleanup with rain date being Sept. 29th. Contact Lion Gene Long to volunteer.

SEPTEMBER 18TH: Club meeting Town Hall @ noon. Speaker will be Abby Levitt, Professor @ University of Findlay speaking on DNA.

SEPTEMBER 20TH thru 22ND: USA/Canada Forum in Columbus, OH.

OCTOBER 4TH: Community Meal at the Senior Citizens 6 PM. Contact Lion Christina Walton to volunteer.

OCTOBER 6TH: District OH-1 Steps 5k Walk/Run for Pediatric Cancer Research @ Village of McComb Community Park 10 am. \$25/participant.

CONDOLENCES EXTENDED: To the family and friends of long time Lion member, Gordon Diller. Diller was a member of the Bluffton Lions Club for 31 years and served on various committees throughout his tenure.

NEW MEMBER BIO: Barbara (Barb) Lockard is the Director of Marketing for Mennonite Home Communities. She has worked previously for Blanchard Valley Health System and the University of Findlay. She has her Bachelor's from Tiffin University; Master's from Univ of Findlay; and currently is a Doctoral Candidate at the Univ of Findlay. She has served on the Findlay School Board and ran for Findlay City Council. Barb and her husband, Jerry, have two children and reside in Findlay.

NEW MEMBER BIO: Sawyer Goldsberry is our new treasurer. He lives in Bluffton, graduated from Bluffton in 2007, attended OSU Lima campus, graduated from Univ of Findlay and currently working towards his Master's in Business Administration. He has worked at Marathon in Findlay for the past 5 years. He and wife, Kelsey, are expecting their first child in December.

NEW MEMBER BIO: Daniel Tinch is the new executive director of Bluffton Family Recreation since February. He graduated from Bluffton University 2010. He and wife, Mallory, live in Findlay with their two daughters. Tinch worked previously with the YMCA in Darke County for 6 years as sports and operations director. He also served as membership director of the Findlay YMCA.

BOARD REPORT: This meeting entailed looking over the proposed budget and suggesting increasing/decreasing donations for this coming Lions year. The quarterly financial pages were emailed to all Lions members. Lion Mitch Kingsley has volunteered to ride the high wheeler in the Thanksgiving parade to represent the Bluffton Lions.

AUGUST 7TH MEETING: A business meeting was held for this first meeting in August. Reports from the Festival of Wheels show a net income of \$3,900 and the Ride to Remember net was \$5,179. Induction of three new members as listed above. A presentation of attendance pins followed to :



L to R - Lions Elaine Harris, Don Hostetler, Gene Long, Barbara Plaughter, Arliss Plaughter & Dick Ramseyer. Those being recognized and not in attendance were: Dennis Morrison and John Rich. The President's goals for the upcoming year: More opportunities for service, increase membership, promote Lions. Projects were discussed. Committees are being developed.

AUGUST 21ST MEETING:

Christine Denecker from the Hancock County Homestead was the speaker for the Bluffton Lions August 21st meeting. She gave the club a good review of farm life including slides from seven farms locally around the Findlay area. There were recorded interviews from members of these farms speaking about generational farms, dairy farms, part-time farmers, farms specializing in specific produce etc. The use of technology was discussed as equipment gets bigger and bigger. Since many people now are not farm based, the public needs to be educated on what a farmer does for society.

Two members were recognized by the president with Centennial Awards from LCI. Pictured from L to R: Lions Dennis Morrison, president Christina Walton and Arliss Plaugher.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

NOVEMBER 7TH: Dare to Dream Wine Tasting Fundraiser 6 PM at Sycamore Lake Winery. Invitations will be coming to all lions to attend and participate in this project.

FEBRUARY 19TH: 85TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY of the Bluffton Lions Club. A celebration is being planned for this evening. This should be a fun evening and the committee is planning for a full house!

CAMPAIGN 100: Lions Clubs International Foundation fund drive started at the international convention, July 2018. With a goal to raise \$300 million to provide services around the world to those in need for the visually impaired; the environment; measles inoculation; our youth; diabetes research; assist the hungry; eliminate cancer...How will we respond? Information will be coming.

