



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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September 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 Aversch; 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.

October Birthday:

Gary Graham	10/7	Laura Jones	10/18	Laura Voth	10/21
Bill Watkins	10/27	Tanya Best	10/30		

October Anniversary:

Jerry Lewis	10/3	Ryan Lowry	10/5	Dennis Morrison	10/7
Neil Reichenbach	10/16	Kyle Leatherman	10/18	Arliss & Barbara Plaughter	10/26
Dick & Corrine Boehr	10/28				

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER 20th thru 22nd : USA/Canada Forum in Columbus, OH.

OCTOBER 2nd: Club Meeting noon at Town Hall. Speaker Grace Paquin and Nova will present “Leader Dog Training”. Boys and girls state scholarships winners will attend.

OCTOBER 4th: Community Meal at the Senior Citizens 6 PM. Contact Lion Gene Long or Stephanie Larcom to volunteer.

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

OCTOBER 9th: Board Meeting at Maple Crest 6:30 PM

OCTOBER 16th: Club Meeting noon at Town Hall. Speaker Benji Berstrand from Lima Restore will be presenting the program.

NOVEMBER 7TH: Dare to Dream Wine Tasting Fundraiser 6 PM at Sycamore Lake Winery. Tickets \$25 in advance from club members.

NOVEMBER 8TH: Zones D&E combined meeting at Lima Sight Center 6:30 PM. More information will be coming next month.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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: 245 persons die each day from measles; there is a 15% rise in natural disasters each year; 800 million people go to bed hungry; 400 million people live with diabetes; every two minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer; 253 million people are blind or visually impaired. How can we serve?

CHILDREN'S BOOKS DONATED: 100 books have been donated by Lion President Christina Walton for The Ohio Lions Action Project at the USA/Canada Forum. These will be distributed to six Children's Hospitals around Ohio after the Forum which ends on September 22nd.

HANCOCK BIKE TOUR LUNCH: The Bluffton Lions Club provided lunch at the Bluffton Middle School for those bicyclists traveling through town on Sunday, September 9th. This project was coordinated by Lion Greg Denecker. Lions participating were: Dan Diller, Barb Lockard, Gary Graham, Dick Ramseyer, Patty Navin, Elaine Harris, Denny Morrison and John Rich. This was the ninth year the Bluffton club has offered a respite stop for the annual 100 mile ride and the second year for providing lunch.



BLUFFTON PATHWAY COUNT: For the week of September 10 through 16, Lions were counting the usage of the paths around town. This was coordinated through Lion Dick Ramseyer. Those Lions assisting with the count at 2 hour increments were: Joe Sehlhorst, Corwin Croy, Don Hostetler, Bill Croft, Sawyer Goldsberry, Ed Yeager, Dick McGarrity, Jesse Blackburn, Bob Stahl, Daniel Tinch, Ted Cunningham, Lowell Hostetler, Gary Bishop, Andrew Rager, Dan Diller, Greg Denecker, Jan Emmert, Mitch Kingsley, Patty Navin, Fred Rodabaugh, Gary Graham and Arliss Plaughter.

SEPTEMBER 4TH CLUB MEETING:

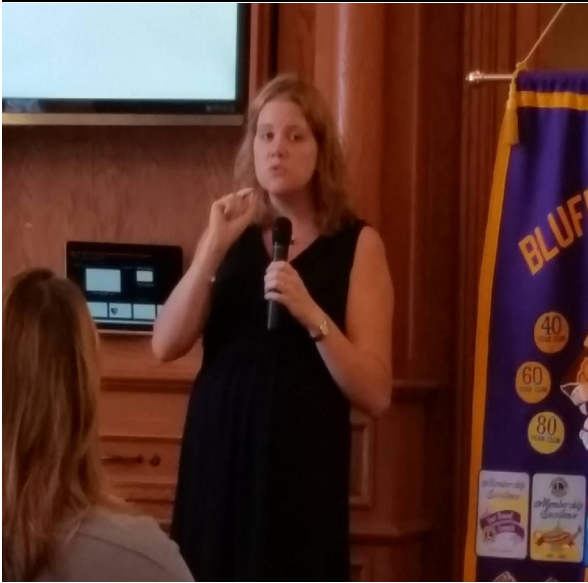
The club held its first meeting in September at the Town Hall with Speaker Amanda Wischmeyer talking about "Organic Farming". The club discussed many projects coming up as: Committee Structure; Hancock Handlebars lunch; Eye screening for children; Campaign 100; Roadside Cleanup; Bluffton Pathway Count; Community Meal; Dare to Dream project. Busy month.

BOARD REPORT:

The board met on Sept 11th and reviewed the annual audit. The board voted to discontinue the Chicken BBQ event in November and select another fund raising event which will be approved in October after more research. An invitation to attend the Lions Way Bentley Path dedication and ribbon cutting on Tuesday, October 2nd will be distributed to all members. See attached. A membership application for Laura Jones, director of human resources at SRK-OH, was approved by the board.



SEPTEMBER 18TH CLUB MEETING:



Speaker for this meeting was Abby Levitt, Asst. Prof Biology at the University of Findlay. She briefly explained the Personal Genomics and “Who Do You Think You Are? All your DNA is into each cell. So by using a spit tube, information can be taken from this to identify your ancestors. Various places that can provide this information are: Ancestry DNA; 23 and Me; Family Tree DNA; and My Heritage DNA. Levitt talked about reports that can be received...ancestry composition; traits reports; wellness reports etc. She also mentioned the risk of finding something you don't want to know about. Interesting presentation with many questions asked.

**ANYONE PLANTING TREES THIS FALL
CONTACT Lion Barbara Plaughter for the LCI report**

ROADSIDE CLEANUP:

Saturday, September 15th five hardy Lions participated in the semi-annual roadside cleanup project. Those involved in this project were Lions Dick Boehr, Ted Cunningham, Jan Emmert, Patty Navin and Gene Long. Aluminum cans picked up will go into our collection bin to be recycled and funds raised go into the club's account. Hopefully next spring we can have more helpers with this project.

CHILDREN'S EYE SCREENING:

The annual eye screening project was held with an orientation on Sunday, September 9th to refresh Lions on the procedure and process we would be doing with the screening of the children. Sights provided for the screening were Allen East kindergarten on Sept 10th; Bluffton kindergarten on Sept 11th; Bluffton preschool Sept 12 & 13; Hilty Day Care Sept 17th; and County Line Child Care Sept 19th. Lions volunteering were: Barbara Plaughter, Tom Edwards, Tanya Best, Arliss Plaughter, Ed Yeager, Jan Emmert, Christina Walton, Dennis Morrison, Patty Navin & Barb Lockard. Total children screened were 314 with 26 being referred to their local optometrist. L to R Lions--Barb Lockard & Jan Emmert.

