



# Newsletter

## Bluffton Lions Club

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April 2020

### 2019-2020 Officers & Board Members:

President-Patty Navin; V.Pres-Stephanie Larcom; V.Pres-Gene Long; V. Pres-Corwin Croy; Secretary-Barbara Plaughner; Treasurer-Clair Winebar; Lion Tamer-Elaine Harris; Tail Twister-Greg Aversch; Board Members: 2 yr-Dan Diller; 2 yr-Robert Stahl; 1 yr-Tracy Steele; 1 yr-Jim Bemiller; Immediate Past President-Christina Walton; Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer  
Editor-Barbara Plaughner

#### May Birthday:

Tim Closson	5/12	Andrew Rager	5/18	Dick Ramseyer	5/18
Bill Croft	5/31				

#### May Anniversary:

Stephanie Larcom	5/10	Greg Aversch	5/17	Corwin Croy	5/28
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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Due to the coronavirus restrictions, all Lions events have been cancelled. Upon lifting these restrictions, the scheduling of EVENTS WILL BE SENT TO YOU BY E-MAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

### BOARD MEETING:

The April 14th board meeting met on zoom. Discussion followed on budgeted donations and upcoming projects. The board approved four scholarships for this coming year. The committee currently has applications to approve.

The Festival of Wheels project is on hold, waiting to see what will be open in the community for June. Boys and Girls State has been cancelled. The contribution already processed will go towards next year's donation.

The Ride to Remember project will be discussed at a later date.

The Dare to Dream project will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Current budgeted donations to Mennonite Memorial Home \$250 and the Bluffton Library \$500 were to have checks cut.

Nominating committee report...President-Patty Navin; V.Pres-Stephanie Larcom; V.Pres-Gene Long; V.Pres-Corwin Croy; Secretary-Barbara Plaughner; Treasurer-Clair Winebar; Lion Tamer-Elaine Harris; Tail Twister-Greg Aversch; Board Members: 1 yr-Dan Diller; 1 yr-Robert Stahl; 2 yr-Jan Emmert; 2 yr-Jim Bemiller; Immediate Past Pres-Christina Walton. This slate will be e-mailed to the club members with voting by e-mail after 14 days according rules in the constitution.

Lion Corwin Croy presented a sign with Lions support to go into the Bluffton News as a ½ page advertisement regarding support of masks and distancing. He also presented a COVID-19 Scams and Illicit Problems paper which will also go into the Bluffton News, sponsored by the lions club.

### **INFORMATION ON LCIF:**

I would like to thank all the Bluffton Lions Club members who have donated to our foundation, LCIF, and give you an update on the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

LCIF has awarded a total of US\$925,000 for 14 Emergency grants to Districts and Multiple Districts across the globe. As of March 30, 2020, \$895,000 has been received from three areas available for grants. In New York, Lions plan to aid food banks, pantries, and movement of purchased medications by providing labor to gather from sources, load/unload, sort and stage for delivery of all contributed food and medication. We expect this to be the trend moving forward. (Reprint from COVID-19 Updates, LCIF)

Our Bluffton club members donations has placed the Bluffton Lions Club number one with the amount of donations received in our district for 2019-2020. **THANK YOU BLUFFTON LIONS.** PDG Barbara LCIF District Coordinator

### **NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

I just wanted to reach out to each of you and hope you are doing well as we maintain this physical distance, but still try to maintain social connections. Please feel free to reach out to anyone of us on the Board to chat or if you have any ideas as we continue in this new normal. I know personally that this spring will bring different types of celebrations as our children or grandchildren or great-grandchildren graduate from Kindergarten, High School or College. Our pets are enjoying more of our time at home now, but surely will have a hard time when we get back to regular schedules. We will continue to follow the guidelines issued by the state on group meetings, as they begin to roll out gradual reopening after May 1<sup>st</sup>. Hope to see you soon, but until then, stay safe. President Patty



Red truck loaded with aluminum cans ready for recycling. Bluffton Lions continue to collect your aluminum cans, along with batteries, worn flags, cell phones, ink cartridges, hearing aids and glasses. Our collection site for all items, except the cans, is open at the Town Hall. Thanks for recycling.