



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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2020-2021 Officers & Board Members:

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

February Birthday:

Dennis Morrison 2/10
Clair Winebar 2/24

Bob Stahl 2/10

Rodney McDaniel 2/18

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 2nd Club Meeting by zoom 12 noon. Short video on Sint Maarten VOSH mission.

February 9th Board Meeting 6 PM by zoom.

February 16th Club Meeting by zoom 12 noon.

February 18th Northwest Eyecare Foundation meeting 7 PM by zoom.

RAFFLE DRAWING: January 50/50 charity drawing

\$100 ticket Allye Averagesch sold by Lion Greg Averagesch

\$50 ticket Sylvia Morman sold by Lion Clair Winebar

\$30 ticket Dick McGarrity sold by Lion Dick McGarrity

\$20 ticket Chuck Sullivan sold by Lion Gene Long

BOARD MEETING:

We continue to collect dues and 50/50 charity raffle ticket money. Those in arrears will be contacted by their sponsor. Lion Christina Walton-Keller has ask for a transfer to the Ada Lions club. Illnesses in the club are as follows: Lions Jo Croft, Rodney McDaniel and Elaine Harris. Cards were mailed to those individuals. Donations for the year was approved as follows: LCIF \$1,000; Pilot Dogs \$500; Ohio Sight/Hearing \$200; Ohio Lions Foundation \$400; Ohio Diabetes Fund \$250; Ohio Lions Eye Research \$100; NW Ohio Eyecare \$250; Lions International Relations \$100; Bluffton Public Library \$500; Blanchard Valley Health Foundation (last payment of pledge) \$3,000; Mennonite Memorial Home \$500. Checks will be cut for these donations. Total funds value donated to the Food Bank in December were approximately \$1,500 including can goods.

CONDOLENCES:

Lion Jo Croft died January 13th after an extended illness. She had been a Bluffton Lion since 2008 along with her husband Lion Bill and had participated with the activities of the club prior to her illness. Thoughts and prayers are sent to Lion Bill and family.

MEETINGS BY ZOOM:

Notes from zoom meetings: Lion Ron Headings is the chair for Ride to Remember. He is looking for 2 members who would like to help with this project to be held on July 10th. Plans are for an actual ride, if not, a virtual ride will be held.

Lion Dick Ramseyer will be working on publicity for a capital campaign to support the future bike paths, from now until September. The campaign will then begin in September.

The website is being renovated and information of changes will be forthcoming from Lion Ryan Lowry, webmaster.

Nominating committee looking for members, please contact Lion Patty Navin.

Lion Christina Walton-Keller's mother died. Ex-lion Corrinne Boehr has been hospitalized, wife of Lion Dick Boehr. Cards would be appreciated.

I have attached an article written by the Bluffton Area Ministerial Association on the following page. This was submitted by Lion Dick Ramseyer.





Bluffton News Devotional for December 17, 2020

Wanda Stopher, First Mennonite Church

This year has been full of challenges. That is only stating the obvious! But the pandemic has also created space and time to think. The solitude has created the need to find ways to be active. I learned to love walking when I was child, walking several blocks to school each day, and frequently walking home for lunch and back to school for the afternoon. So it's not surprising that these days I've often found myself on the Lions Way Path.

Many times I've reflected as I walk along, on things for which I'm particularly grateful. And I've reflected on how deeply grateful I am for the path itself. Safe paths for pedestrian and bike traffic are a matter of justice in Bluffton and in every community. As a pastor and representative of people of faith who are concerned with justice, I appreciate the pathway for all the ways it supports justice in our community. The pathway creates a way for safe transport as an

and biking, a small step toward physical health and wholeness. The pathway creates a safe path for engaging and enjoying the beauty and wonder of the natural world, a small step toward spiritual health. In all this, the pathway offers accessibility and a place for connections regardless of economic status, a small step toward justice by way of shared space and widely shared resources.

In walking the Lions Way Path nearly every day I have experienced all the goodness I've described above. I'm especially grateful that the pathway is free and also available to others who live in and all around Bluffton. Pathways are avenues of connection to one's inner self, between neighbors, to the beauty of the earth, and to the Creator and Giver of every good gift. The path is a gift we share and that's often the best kind of gift there is.

