



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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October 2025

2025-2026 Officers & Board Members:

President-Jackie Bourassa; V. Pres-Greg Denecker; V. Pres- Dwain Hall; V. Pres-Ed Yeager;
Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Scott Hoff; Lion Tamer-Mark Bourassa; Tail Twister-Dennis Morrison; Board Members: 1 yr.-Mark Bourassa; 1 yr.- Jerry Szabo; 2 yr.- Brigitte Hoff; 2 yr.- Andrew Anderson. Editor-Barbara Plaughter

November Birthday:

Fred Rodabaugh 11/21

November Anniversary:

Praveen Vohra 11/17 Jesse Blackburn 11/18

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 4th: Club meeting 6:30 PM Town Hall. Board to meet at 6:00 PM. The LEO club will be presenting this evening.

November 8th: Cabinet meeting Town Hall 9:30 AM.

November 18th: Club meeting noon Town Hall. 50/50 Charity Raffle. Speaker from the Sight Center of Northwest Ohio will be presenting. Winners from the Peace Poster contest recognized.

November 29th: Blaze of Lights Parade and all-inclusive playground project.

October 50/50 CHARITY RAFFLE:

\$100 Luke Denecker ticket sold by Lion Greg Denecker
\$50 Greg Averagesch, Jr. ticket sold by Lion Greg Averagesch
\$30 Micah Minnig ticket sold by Lion Mike Minnig
\$20 Kendall Navin ticket sold by Lion Patty Navin

BOARD MEETING: The fall craft show proceeds were \$728. Eye screens of 249 children with 18 failing the exams. Roadside clean-up scheduled for coming Saturday. Programs include Mennonite Home Communities in October; Sight Center of Northwest Ohio and Peace Poster winners in November; December social; January induction of new members. Recycling of cell phones will be stopping, due to lack of place to rid of these. Ink cartridges, hearing aides and glasses will continue to be recycled.

OCTOBER 7TH CLUB MEETING: This was a membership meeting conducted by President Lion Jackie Bourassa. The theme for this year is Spreading Joy through Service. We continue to work towards the global causes of Pediatric Cancer, Diabetes, Disaster, Environment, Hunger, Vision, Youth and Humanitarian Efforts. Mental Health and well being is also supported by the global causes. A review of the All-Inclusive Playground in Legacy Park including the Park and Play structures viewed. Sponsorship opportunities were reviewed. Pledges over \$236,000 have been received.

FALL FESTIVAL:



ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP:



Roadside clean-up was held on Sat. October 11th. Lion Andrew Rager coordinated this activity. Lions Rager, Mike Minnig, Ron Lora, Brigette Hoff, Jackie Bourassa, Mark Bourassa and Kiley Rutzler & son

September 27th Fall Festival and craft fair was held in the Bluffton High and Middle Schools. The Bluffton Lions manned a concession stand and held a raffle, with proceeds going to the All-Inclusive Play-ground. L to R above: Lions Patty Navin, Jackie & Mark Bourassa.

PATHWAY COUNT: Lion Dick McGarrity coordinated the Pathway Count for the month of September. Those donating two hours each were: Lions Ron Lora, Clair Winebar, Mitch Kingsley, Jesse Blackburn, Patty Navin, Don Hostetler, Andrew Armstrong, Denny Morrison, Mark Bourassa, Jackie Bourassa, Jan Emmert, Laura Dagani, Dick McGarrity.

OCTOBER 21ST CLUB MEETING:



Speaker for the day was John Warner, CEO of the Mennonite Home & the Brethren Retirement Community, Greenville, affiliation 2024. He explained the sequence from consulting, full management to affiliation.

EYE SCREENING:

The lions began eye screening Sept 22 – Oct 3rd. 249 children were screened with 18 fails. Lions Laura Dagani, Ed Yeager, Scott Hoff, Don Burris, Eugene McCall, Dick McGarrity, Jan Emmert, Dennis Morrison & Barbara Plaughter were the screeners.