



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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April 2026

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 Armstrong. Editor-Barbara Plaughter

May Birthday:

Andrew Rager	5/18	Dick Ramseyer	5/18	Bill Croft	5/31
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May Anniversary:

Larry Hoffman	5/14	Greg Aversch	5/17	Corwin Croy	5/28
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 5th: Club meeting 6:30 PM Town Hall. Charity Raffle for the April drawing. Board to meet at 5:45 PM. Speaker to be Dan Groman talking on the Bluffton Historical Society.

May 14th: Northwest Eye Care Foundation meeting at the Bluffton Town Hall 6:30 PM.

May 15-16: Lions State Convention at Wilmington, Ohio.

May 16th: Pancake breakfast at the Middle School 8AM to 11AM. See Lion Greg Denecker to help with this project.

May 19th: Club meeting noon at the Town Hall. 50/50 Charity Raffle. Lunch by Lion Greg Aversch \$7. Speaker will be Amy Byers speaking on the Bluffton YMCA.

Board Minutes for April:

Treasurer reported \$196,327.11 playground account currently on hand. Roadside cleanup on April 11th. Lewis Family McDonald's Fundraiser on April 15th. Citizen of the Year on April 21st. Pancake Breakfast on May 16th. Playground Fundraising Committee has sent letters to those Lions not yet donating to the project. District convention April 17 and 18. Memorializing our deceased members, Lions John Harris and Ted Cunningham. Peace poster winner to be recognized at the convention. The board donated \$200 to the America 250 Sponsorship. A slate of officers will be voted upon at the next meeting.

April 7th Meeting: Katy Erford, resident of Bluffton, was our speaker for this meeting. She is the Executive Director of the Miracle League of Findlay. The goal of the league is to have every person to be able to play baseball. The league is for challenged individuals and has celebrated 10 years of success.

Roadside cleanup:



Roadside cleanup was held on Saturday, April 11th by the following lions... Jackie Bourassa, Scot Hoff, Brigette Hoff and Larry Hoffman. Photo taken by Eli Bourassa.



District Convention April 17-18:



Lydia Gratz, Bluffton district peace poster winner, pictured with her family at the district convention. Left are lions Jan Emmert and Darlene Roll. On the right are District Governor Faith Cataldo-Gauger and International Director Liz Crooke. Other awards presented to the Bluffton Lions Club were...Governor's Award, Service Award and the Humanitarian Award. Lions attending were Jackie Bourassa, Mark Bourassa, Brigette Hoff, Gene Long, Jan Emmert and Barbara Plaughter.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027: President-Don Burris; VP of Projects-Greg Denecker; VP of Membership-Ed Yeager; VP of Programs-Dwain Hall; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Scott Hoff; Lion Tamer-Mark Bourassa; Tail Twister-Dennis Morrison; Board Members 1 yr-Brigette Hoff; 1 yr-Jackie Bourassa; 2 yr-Zac Kohli; 2 yr-Kiley Rutzler.



Citizen of the Year: On April 21st the Bluffton Lions Club celebrated with Citizens of the Year, Steve and Susie Stratton. A banquet was held at the Town Hall with speakers honoring these citizens. Family, friends and lions were in attendance. A great night of sharing, friendship and food was enjoyed by all. Committee was chairman Brigette Hoff, Gene Long, Ron Lora, Ed Yeager, John Rich, Jerry Szabo and Don Hostetler.



Steve and Susie Stratton



Citizen of the Year Banquet

Pancake Breakfast May 16th:



STACKS & CRAFTS



SATURDAY, MAY 16TH, 2026

CRAFT SHOW

Free Admission
9:00am - 3:00pm

Bluffton Middle School
116 S Jackson St.
Bluffton, OH 45817

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Endless Pancakes: \$10
8:00am - 11:00am

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Proceeds Benefit: 