



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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July 2026

2026-2027 Officers & Board Members:

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

August Birthday:

Lowell Hostetler	8/7	Eugene McCall	8/9	Ron Lora	8/10
Dick Boehr	8/12	Mark Bourassa	8/12	Tom Edwards	8/12
Jan Emmert	8/12	Larry Hoffman	8/14	Praveen Vohra	8/21
Joe Sehlhorst	8/25	Mike Minnig	8/29		

August Anniversary:

Gene Long	8/13	Scott Basinger	8/15	Mitch Kingsley	8/30
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 4th: Club meeting 6:30 PM Town Hall. Special meeting for vote on president position. Speaker is Roman Youngpeter of Legacy Hospice.

August 13th: Northwest Eyecare Foundation meets at Bluffton Town Hall 6:30 PM

August 18th: Club meeting noon Town Hall. 50/50 charity raffle. Lunch by Lion Greg \$7. Speaker TBA.

September 3rd thru 5th: USA/Canada Forum Memphis, TN

Board Minutes for July: Playground account currently at \$482,894. Process of incorporation of the club by Lion Mitch Kingsley. Resignation letter for Club President by Lion Don Burris accepted by the board. Special meeting to elect president announced for vote on August 4th. Festival of Wheels showed income of \$5,381.90 with 220 cars registered. Ride to Remember had 179 riders with a profit of \$9,500 pledged to the Bike Path fund.

FESTIVAL OF WHEELS: 23 Bluffton Club members helped in various roles for the Festival of Wheels. Those helping with registration as shown below are Lions Jerry Szabo, Jackie Bourassa, Cindy Lee, Brigitte Hoff and Kiley Rutzler. Chairman Lion Jackie Bourassa worked with Dan Groman to coordinate this project. Projected income is \$5,381.90 from the Festival. Other lions helping were: Lion Andy Armstrong, Natalie Armstrong, Mark Bourassa, Don Burris, Corwin Croy, Laura Dagani, Greg Denecker, Jan Emmert, Dwain Hall, Dennis Morrison, Scott Hoff, Lowell Hostetler, Mitch Kingsley, Gene Long, Eugene McCall, Barbara Plaughter, Tracy Steele and Ed Yeager.



June 19th 220 cars registered for the Festival of Wheels sponsored by the Bluffton Lions Club. The Bluffton High School Leo Club, as seen here staffed by Leo members, sold cupcakes to raise money for their projects.



Lions Jackie Bourassa and Don Burris congratulating Larry Reichenbach for receiving the 2026 Lions Club Best of Show Award.



ANNUAL PICNIC:



July 7th was the annual picnic at Buckeye park. President Don Burris and VP Dwain Hall provided brats and drinks for the members. A covered dish to share by all made for a delicious meal.



RIDE TO REMEMBER:



On Saturday, July 11th 179 riders joined in the Ride to Remember project. \$9,500 was raised for the Bluffton Bike Path project.



