Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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October 2026

2026-2027 Officers & Board Members:

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

November Birthday:

Fred Rodabaugh	**11/21**		

November Anniversary:

Praveen Vohra	**11/17**	**Jesse Blackburn**	**11/18**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 28th : Zone meeting Ada Lions Club 6:15 PM

November 3rd: Club meeting Town Hall 6:30 PM. Board to meet at 5:45 PM. Speaker to be Alexander Sider, Ph.D., President of Bluffton University. BE SURE TO VOTE!!

November 17th: Club meeting Town Hall 12 noon. Lunch by Lion Greg Averesch $7. Speaker to be Lion Mitch Kingsley speaking on Disaster Relief. Peace Poster winners. Charity raffle drawing.

November 21st: District Cabinet Meeting Town Hall 9:30 AM.

November 26th: "HAPPY THANKSGIVING"



November 28th: Blaze of Lights parade 5 PM.

50/50 Charity Drawing:

$100 Beth Raeburn ticket sold by Lion Naralie Armstrong
$50 Don Burris ticket sold by Lion Don Burris
$30 Ethan Hoffman ticket sold by Lion Larry Hoffman
$20 Kiley Rutzler ticket sold by Lion Kiley Rutzler

Board Minutes for September: Treasure report $7,629.30. 229 preschool and kindergarten students screened with 25 referred. 43 pairs of hearing aids recycled for hospice and kids in need. Roadside cleanup to be on October 3rd. Zone meeting on October 28th at Ada Lions Club. Leos to serve the Community Meal on November 5th. A request from Hancock Health Series to include our Ride to Remember event in their health initiative. This will be reviewed with Travis Music, the coordinator.



CRAFT SHOW SEPTEMBER 26TH:



Helping at the Lions sponsored Craft Show - Lion Jackie Bourassa, Mark Bourassa, Jan Emmert, Scott Hoff, Brigette Hoff, Mitch Kingsley, Gene Long, Mike Minnig, Dennis Morrison. Raffle tickets were sold and food snacks were for sale. Proceeds will go towards the Playground project which will begin in the spring.

EYE SCREENING:



Screening eyes of the pre-school and kindergarten children was provided from September 14th thru 24th. Two-hundred ninety-nine children were screened with 25 children failing. Information was sent to the parents to seek optometric care for their child. Lions working with the screening were – Lions Jackie Bourassa, Laura Dagani, Jan Emmert, Dwain Hall, Eugene McCall, Dick McGarrity, Ed Yeager, Dennis Morrison and Barbara Plaugher. Sites for screening – Bluffton kindergarten; Allen East kindergarten & pre-school; Hilty Day Care; Catholic church; Presbyterian church, County Line Day Care. Lion Dwain Hall photo below.



PATHWAY COUNT:



Pathway count is conducted both spring and fall. Lion Dick McGarrity leads the project. Lions helping for 2 hour stints by counting those using the paths are - Lion Jesse Blackburn, Laura Dagani, Brigette Hoff, Mitch Kingsley, Zach Kohli, Ron Lora, Ryan Lowry, Dick McGarrity, Patty Navin, Joe Sehlhorst, Tracy Steele, Clair Winebar and Ed Yeager. At left is Lion Dennis Morrison with a pathway walker.



ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP:



October 3rd was the roadside clean-up date. A smaller team provided care to the roadway this year. Attending were Lions Andrew Rager, chairman; Natalie Armstrong, Andy Armstrong; and Larry Hoffman.



OCTOBER 6TH CLUB MEETING:



The October 6th club meeting was coordinated by President Jackie Bourassa as a Trivia Night. Seated are club members enjoying snacks and trivia games.



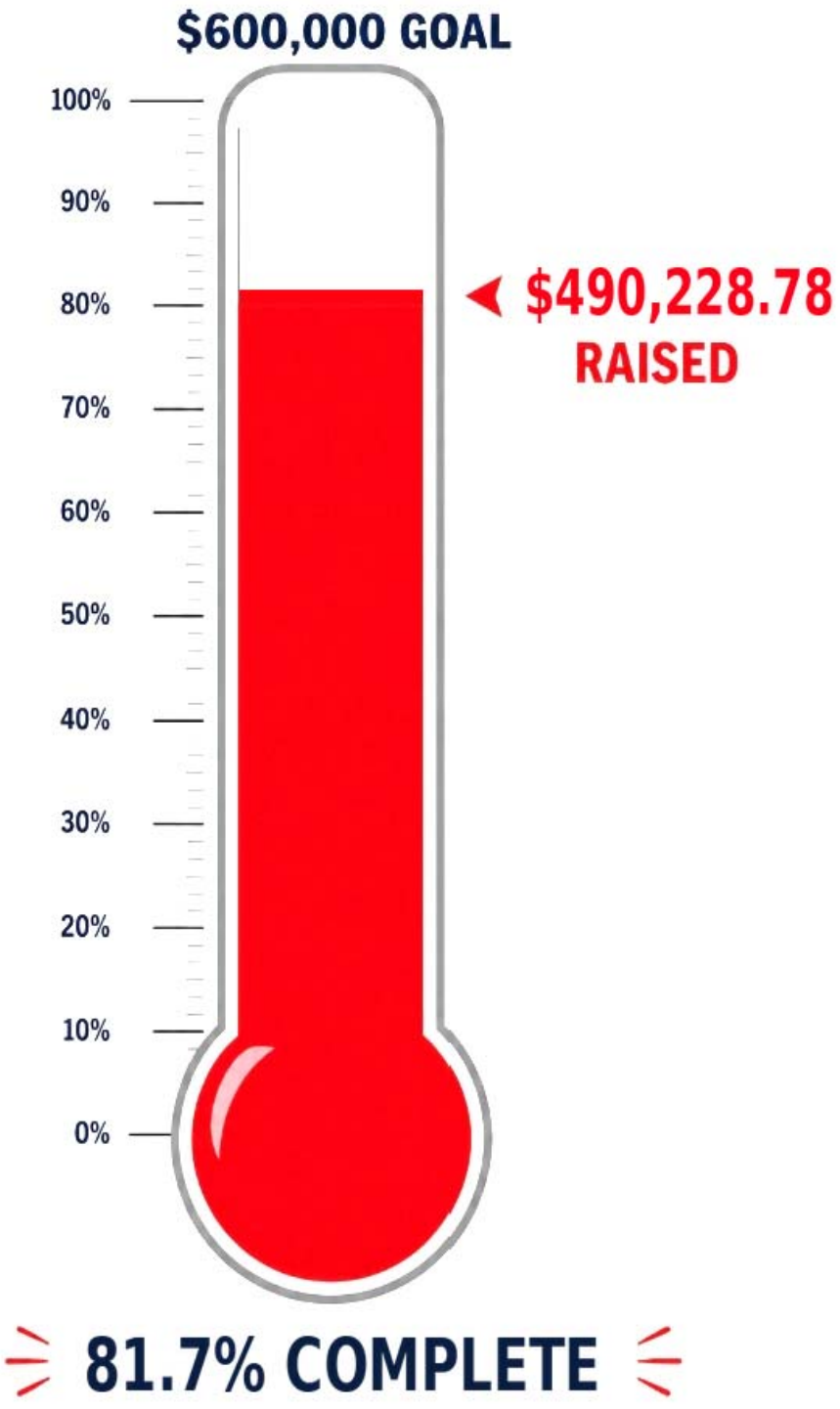
OCTOBER 20TH CLUB MEETING:





At the October 20th noon meeting, representatives from Cardinal presented a check of $2,500 for the All-Inclusive playground. Building is to commence in the spring of 2027. Speaker was Lion Barbara Plaugher speaking on Helping Others to Better Vision.

CAMPAIGN GOAL



81.7% COMPLETE