

Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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February 2019

2018-2019 Officers & Board Members:

President-Christina Walton; V.Pres-Patty Navin; V.Pres-Gene Long; Secretary-Barbara Plaugher; Treasurer-Sawyer Goldsberry; Lion Tamer-Elaine Harris; Tail Twister-Greg Averesch; Board Members: 1 yr-Dan Diller; 1 yr-Robert Stahl; 2 yr-Tracy Steele; 2 yr-Corwin Croy; Immediate Past President-Stephanie Larcom; Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer Editor-Barbara Plaugher.

March Birthday:

Ryan Lowry	3/6	Corwin Croy	3/10	Omar Khokhar	3/11
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Mitch Kingsley 3/19 Neil Reichenbach 3/24

March Anniversary:

Laura Jones 3/17 Ron Lora 3/22 Patty Navin 3/28

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY 22 & 23: District OH-1 convention at Findlay Inn Friday evening and Saturday.

MARCH 5TH: Club meeting Town Hall noon. Speaker will be Lion Mitch Kingsley talking on the Et-Cetra Shop move to a new building.

MARCH 12TH: Board meeting at Maple Crest 6:30 PM.

MARCH 19TH: Club meeting Town Hall noon. Speaker to be Dr. Jane Wood, President of Bluffton University.

MARCH 30TH: Pancake Sausage breakfast at the Senior Citizens. To volunteer contact Lion John Rich.

<u>50/50 RAFFLE:</u> February drawing - \$100 Laura Voth ticket sold by Laura Voth; \$50 Dennis Morrison ticket sold by Dennis Morrison; \$30 Tracy Steele ticket sold by Tracy Steele; \$20 Jonathan Lewis ticket sold by Jerry Lewis.

BOARD REPORT:

The nominating committee is working to fill the slate of officers for the next lion's year.

The scholarship committee has sent application forms to the three local schools.

The pancake sausage breakfast committee have tickets printed and work slots filled.

The Citizen of the Year program will be on April 16th in the evening. More info to follow.

FEBRUARY 5TH MEETING:



Speaker for the February 5th noon meeting of the Bluffton Lions was Melinda Bowden representing Promo Hits. She showed the club various items that is sold through her store and told the club of the early beginnings in establishing the business. 5% of profits go to four charitable organizations in the surrounding area.

Notices of upcoming events:

The 85th charter committee is preparing for a fun evening on the 19th of February.

The pancake/sausage committee is making preparations for the annual breakfast co-hosted with the Senior Citizens March 30th 8 am till 12.

85TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY:

On Tuesday evening, February 19th the Bluffton Lions Club celebrated their 85th charter night at the First Mennonite Church. Seventy members and guests were present to hear presentations from our guest speaker, Past Council Chair David Gauch, a member of the Windham Lions Club and others – Past Council Chair David Risen and Past District Governor Dan Ritter. Lion Greg Denecker, toastmaster, and Lion Greg Averesch, tail twister, assisted in this fun evening. Twenty-one guests from throughout the state were present to help the Bluffton Lions celebrate. Photos and memorabilia from Lions past years were displayed, thanks to Lion Dick Boehr. Henry's catering provided the meal with piano music by the Scheys. The committee gathered door prizes throughout the community and a quilt hanging was donated for an auction, with proceeds going to LCIF. A copy of the club's charter was printed on the back of the booklet listing February 21st 1934 as the date the Bluffton Lion's club was chartered. This was signed by Melvin Jones, secretary and founder of the Lions Clubs International Association. Committee: Lions Dick Boehr, Dan Diller, Tracy Steele, Elaine Harris and Barbara Plaugher.





Lion Dick Boehr presenting tribute to 85 years of service for Bluffton Lions Club



Toastmaster Lion Greg Denecker



PCC David Gauch guest speaker



85 years of memorabilia