



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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December 2023

2023-2024 Officers & Board Members:

President-VACANT; V. Pres-John Rich; V. Pres-Gene Long; V. Pres-Greg Denecker; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Ed Yeager; Lion Tamer-Gary Graham; Tail Twister-Dennis Morrison; Board Members: 1 yr.-Tracy Steele; 1 yr.- John Hochstetler; 2 yr.- Jan Emmert ; 2 yr.- Jackie Bourassa. Editor-Barbara Plaughter

January Birthday:

Diane Almanon	1/5	Tracy Steele	1/8	Barbara Plaughter	1/11
Greg Denecker	1/14	Don Hostetler	1/14	Alan Yoder	1/22
Dick McGarrity	1/29				

January Anniversary:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 25th: MERRY CHRISTMAS

January 2nd: 6PM Board meeting Town Hall

6:30 PM Lion Club meeting Town Hall. Lion John Rich will be giving a presentation on “Brainstorming”.

January 12-14: Lion’s Winter Retreat at Salt Fork Lodge

January 16th: Lion’s Club meeting Town Hall at noon. Lunch served. Fred Steiner will be speaking on “Ghosts of Bluffton”.

50/50 CHARITY RAFFLE: (This completes the 2023 drawings)

- \$100 Joy Stechschulte ticket sold by Lion Stephanie Larcom
- \$100 Terri Stahl ticket sold by Lion Bob Stahl
- \$100 Joe Sehlhorst ticket sold by Lion Joe Sehlhorst
- \$100 Jon Basset ticket sold by Lion Barbara Plaughter
- \$100 Bob Stahl ticket sold by Lion Bob Stahl
- \$100 Jim Bemiller estate ticket sold by Lion Jim Bemiller
- \$100 Doug Long ticket sold by Lion Gene Long
- \$100 Susan Kaufman ticket sold by Lion Barbara Plaughter
- \$100 Mike Biederman ticket sold by Lion Gene Long
- \$40 Norm Reichenbach ticket sold by Lion Dennis Morrison



BOARD REPORT:

The Board met on December 6th at the Town Hall. A few Charity Raffle tickets are available for sale. Dues statements mailed.

A resignation from Stephanie Larcom was received from the board and accepted with regrets. Lion Ed Yeager presented the village soccer and parks projects. It was discussed to look into the Lions being involved with a playground for the park area. A committee will come back to the next meeting with more information.

Lack of attendance was discussed. Lion Ed Yeager will develop a buddy list and bring it to the Board. Lion John Rich suggested we learn about brainstorming and will present this in January with a potential brainstorming meeting in February.

Lion Gene Long will, along with his committee, obtain speakers for most meetings.

Blaze of Lights parade ran short on candy. Need to request earlier next year.

Christman Social for December 12th at Marbeck Center.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL:

Twenty-three members and spouses met on December 12th at Marbeck Center for the Christmas Social. All enjoyed a great meal, exchanging a wrapped white elephant gift and entertainment. A service project to support The Wheelhouse, A Christian Bicycle Cooperative in Lima, was available for those to participate with. A committee of Lions Jackie Bourassa, Tracy Steele and Mark Bourassa hosted the social.



Left to right: Dennis Morrison, Donna Morrison, Dick Boehr, Nancy Yeager, Ed Yeager, Dwain Hall, Mark Bourassa, Jackie Bourassa, Jerry Szabo, Gene Long, John Hochstetler, Dottie Long, Patty Navin, Barbara Plaugher, Carolyn Rich and John Rich. A few attending left before the photo was taken.

