



# Newsletter

## Bluffton Lions Club

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April 2025

2024-2025 Officers & Board Members:

President-Jackie Bourassa; V. Pres-John Rich; V. Pres- Dwain Hall; V. Pres-Greg Denecker; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Ed Yeager; Lion Tamer-Mark Bourassa; Tail Twister-Dennis Morrison; Board Members: 1 yr.-Tracy Steele; 1 yr.- John Hochstetler; 2 yr.- Mark Bourassa; 2 yr.- Jerry Szabo. Editor-Barbara Plaughter

May Birthday:

Andrew Rager 5/18

Dick Ramseyer 5/18

Bill Croft 5/31

May Anniversary:

Greg Averesch 5/17

Corwin Croy 5/28

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**April 26<sup>th</sup>: Roadside clean-up rain date this coming Saturday.** Please contact Lion Barbara Plaughter to help with the scheduled clean-up. Meet at corner of N. Main and County Line Rt 15 at 8:30AM.

**May Pathway Count:** Additional help is needed for the next Pathway Count scheduled for May. We have two new Pathways-S.R. 103 and County Line Road. **Please contact Lion Dick McGarrity to help with this project** 419-905-6876 or [dickjaynel@aol.com](mailto:dickjaynel@aol.com).

**May 6<sup>th</sup>:** Club meeting 6:30 PM Town Hall. Board to meet at 6 PM. Speaker's topic for the evening will be "**The Impact of Alzheimer's and Dementia in our Community**", presented by the Alzheimer's Association.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>:** Northwest Eyecare Association to meet at the Town Hall 6:30 PM. All lions are invited. Cost of meal \$10. Contact Lion Barbara Plaughter if you plan to attend.

**May 10<sup>th</sup>:** "Stacks & Crafts", craft show and Pancake Breakfast. **Please contact Lion Greg Denecker to help with the breakfast 7 to 11 am.** Also if you can help with set-up on Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> 4 to 6 PM contact Lion Greg.

**May 16 to 18:** Ohio Lions State Convention to be held at Saw Mill Creek, Huron OH. Celebrating 100 years since the International Convention was held at Cedar Point and the famous speech by Helen Keller prompting the lions to become "Knight's of the Blind".

**May 20<sup>th</sup>:** Club meeting Town Hall at noon. 50/50 charity raffle drawing. Speaker will be Bob Ulm. **Bob is the morning news voice for Woolboom Radio Stations and totally blind.** Please plan to attend this meeting with the most interesting speaker accompanied by his attentive dog.

**June 13<sup>th</sup>:** Festival of Wheels. See Lion Ed Yeager to help with this project.

## April Charity Raffle:

**\$100** Rosemary Plaughter ticket sold by Lion Barbara Plaughter

**\$50** Alice Lora ticket sold by Lion Ron Lora

**\$30** Mike Minnig ticket sold by Lion Mike Minnig

**\$20** Corwin Croy ticket sold by Lion Corwin Croy



## Club Meeting April 1<sup>st</sup>:



The club meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup> was held at 6:30 PM. Dan Groman spoke on the upcoming Festival of Wheels preparation. The 50/50 charity drawing was held. President Lion Jackie presented information on upcoming projects. Lion Barbara Plaughter gave a power point presentation on Service. This presentation covered human interest stories from mostly VOSH missions for the past 30 years of service. **NO ONE IS USELESS IN THIS WORLD WHO LIGHTENS THE BURDEN OF OTHERS.** Charles Dickens.

## District convention April 5<sup>th</sup>:



Bluffton's Emery Thiel honored as the District Peace Poster winner. Awards presented to the Bluffton Lions: Service Award, Humanitarian Award, Governor's Club Award, and the Journey of Hope award (presented by the Pediatric Cancer Foundation) Lion Jackie Bourassa awarded the International President's Certificate of Appreciation by DG Sue Davis and ID Steve Middlemiss





## April 15<sup>th</sup> Volunteers Recognition:



Lion John Rich and his committee coordinated this Volunteers of the Year celebration, held at the fellowship hall of First Mennonite Church. Volunteers from the Et Cetera Thrift Shop, Ten Thousand Villages and Book Reviews were present. Plaques were presented to each facility. Photo to the left are the managers at all three shops.

These volunteers were recognized for their impact on the Bluffton downtown commercial district. Lion John Rich said that these shops are an important part of what makes downtown Bluffton special and attracts so many out-of-town visitors.

## **An Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease**

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025**

**6:30 PM**

### **The Village of Bluffton Town Hall**

**THE IMPACT OF ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA IN OUR COMMUNITY** Today, more than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's and over 11 million are their unpaid caregivers – an escalating health crisis that affects many in our community.

Join us for an informational program to learn the impact of Alzheimer's disease, the warning signs and risk factors, along with local resources and ways you can join the fight against Alzheimer's and all other dementia.





# STACKS & CRAFTS

Saturday  
May 10th, 2025

## Craft Show

Free Admission  
9:00am - 3:00pm  
Bluffton High School  
106 W College Ave  
Bluffton, OH 45817

## Pancake Breakfast

\$8 Endless Pancakes  
8:00am - 11:00am  
Bluffton Middle School  
116 S Jackson St  
Bluffton, OH 45817

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