



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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May 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

June Birthday:

Jesse Blackburn	6/1	Jackie Bourassa	6/7	Andrew Armstrong	6/26
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June Anniversary:

Ted Cunningham	6/1	Jerry Szabo	6/10	Don Hostetler	6/11
Tom Edwards	6/19	Andrew & Natalie Armstrong	6/22		
Clair Winebar	6/22	Dick McGarrity	6/23	Tracy Steele	6/25
Jackie & Mark Bourassa			6/25		

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 dickjayne1@aol.com.

May 24th: The Bluffton High School Leo Club is sponsoring a 5K run at the college starting at 9 AM. Cost to run, walk or ? is \$5.00. Funds from this project goes towards the All-Inclusive Playground. Come and help our new Leo Club with their project.

June 3rd: Club meeting to be held at the Pandora Sorting Center VOSH for an evening of preparing glasses for missions. Join us at 6 PM for pizza and fellowship. Scholarship winners to be present.

June 10th: Board meeting 6 PM Town Hall.

June 13th: Festival of Wheels. See Lion Ed Yeager to help with this project.

June 17th: Club meeting Town Hall at noon. 50/50 charity raffle. Lion Greg's sandwiches for sale. Scholarship winners present. Induction of new memers. Installation of officers. Speaker will be Dr. Hogan speaking on Chronic Pain Management.

July 12th: Annual Ride to Remember. Proceeds go to the Bike Pathway. See Lions Bill Croft, Dick McGarrity, Dwain Hall or Ed Yeager to assist.

May Charity Raffle:

\$100 Corwin Croy ticket sold by Lion Corwin; \$50 Swiss Historical Society ticket sold by Lion Ed Yeager; \$30 Jackie Bourassa ticket sold by Lion Mark; \$20 Beth Yager ticket sold by Lion Patty Navin.

May Board Report: All-Inclusive Playground now at \$101,441 with 14 lions participating to date. Scholarships awarded to 3 seniors at Bluffton High School, 2 at Pandora-Gilboa and 1 at Cory-Rawson. The Board voted to purchase equipment for 2 club banner stands, with money coming from the administrative funds. An application for new member status was submitted by Don Burris, accepted by the Board.

Roadside Clean-up: Lions participating in the bi-annual roadside clean-up on April 26th are: Andrew Rager (chairman), Dwain Hall, Larry Hoffman, Mike Minnig, Natalie Armstrong, Jackie Bourassa, Mark Bourassa and Jerry Szabo. Those absent from the photo were: Cindy Lee, Andrew Armstrong, Laura Dagani and LEO Owen Armstrong. Coats and boots were required!



May 6th meeting:



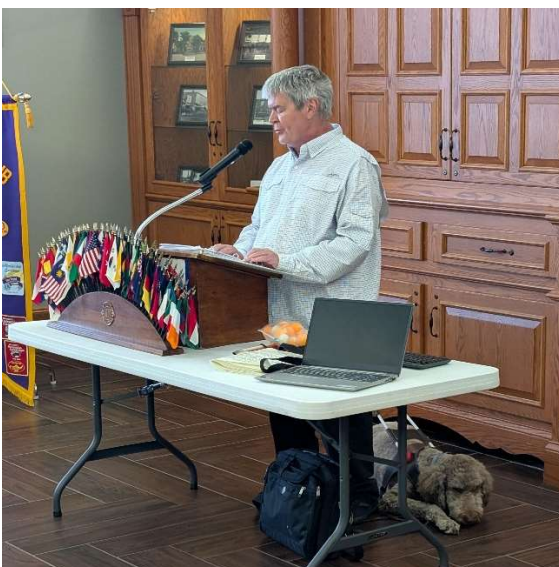
The speaker for the May 6th meeting was from the Alzheimer's Association speaking on "The Impact of Alzheimer's and Dementia in our Community". Photo L to R: Lions Laura Dagani, Natalie Armstrong, Andrew Armstrong and President Jackie Bourassa showing recognition certificates issued by the State Leo committee.

Pancake Sausage Breakfast: Saturday, May 10th was our first Stacks and Crafts project located at the Bluffton School. Approximately 170 meals were served with a net profit of \$800. These funds go to community agencies that the Bluffton Lions support. Lions helping were: Greg Denecker (chairman), Dwain Hall, Lowell Hostetler, Ed Yeager, Brigitte Hoff, Natalie Armstrong, Scott Hoff, Larry Hoffman, Jerry Szabo, Laura Dagani, Barbara Plaucher, Jan Emmert, Bill Croft, Don Burris and Jesse Blackburn. LEOs helped with this event also.



Lions Larry Hoffman and new member, Don Burris, serve the meal of pancakes, sausage, apple sauce, orange juice and drinks.

May 20th meeting:



Speaker for the May 20th Bluffton Lion's meeting was Bob Ulm, News Director and Marketing Specialist. Bob lives in Delphos and has been involved with broadcasting for many years. His talk evolved around his life as surviving Retinoblastoma, and becoming blind at the age of 11 months with the removal of both eyes at that time. He gives an optimistic, interesting and humorous speech.



57th Bluffton Lions Present **Bluffton Festival of Wheels**



Friday, June 13, 2025

Downtown Main Street

Main Street opens for parking at 1:00 p.m.

Registration 1:00-5:00 p.m.

RAIN OR SHINE

Judging of cars begins at 5:00 p.m.

Top 25 plus Special Trophies awarded at 7:30 p.m.

Cruise down South Main Street begins at 8:00 p.m.

All vehicles must be parallel parked after 8:00 p.m.

\$10.00 Pre-registration by Mail (by May 31st)

\$12.00 Registration Fee after May 31st

DJ, Food Trucks, 50/50 Raffle, Dash Plaques to first 280 Registered

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Tractors, Fire Engines, Motorcycles***

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