



# Newsletter

## Bluffton Lions Club

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June 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

#### July Birthday:

Patty Navin	7/3	Ted Cunningham	7/5	Scott Basinger	7/8
Scott Hoff	7/18	Zac Kohli	7/22		

#### July Anniversary:

Cindy Lee	7/7	John Hochstetler	7/14	Fred Rodabaugh	7/17
Greg Denecker	7/25	Laura Voth	7/27		

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**July 8<sup>th</sup>:** Annual lions family picnic. Buckeye Lake park off of Main St. 6 PM. Meat and Drink provided. Bring a covered dish and your own service. Fun and fellowship for the entire family. Short Board meeting to follow.

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

### June Charity Raffle:

\$100 Donation to the club ticket sold by Lion Jesse Basinger  
\$50 Jill Lemley ticket sold by Lion Dick Boehr  
\$30 Oliver Averagesch ticket sold by Lion Greg Averagesch  
\$20 David Herr ticket sold by Lion Ed Yeager

**June Board Report:** Pledges and donations for the All-Inclusive Playground reported at \$128,246. Festival of Wheels ready for June 13<sup>th</sup>. An application for membership by Zachery Kohli was accepted by the board. Annual picnic scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting will have installation of officers, induction of new members, scholarship students and speaker Dr. William Hogan from Pain Management.

### June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting:

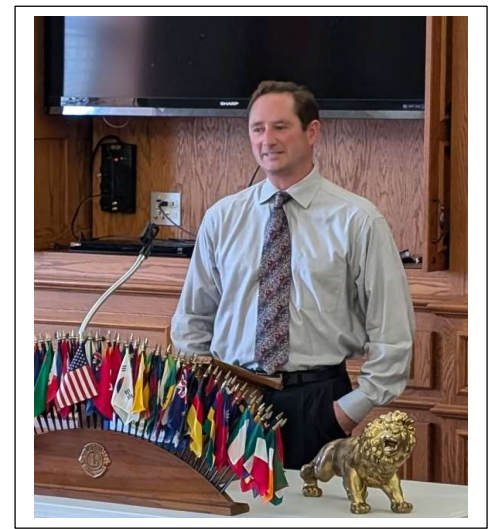


Bluffton lions joined with VOSH volunteers to prepare eyeglasses for third-world countries. Fifteen lions, spouses and 3 scholarship winners attended this event. This is always a fun evening of fellowship and some work. We also packed 8 boxes of glasses for the next upcoming VOSH mission. Pizza and other snacks were enjoyed by all.

**Festival of Wheels:** Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> was the date. A few showers decreased the turn-out of vehicles for the festival this year. There were 148 participants and net revenue was reported at \$3,539. Lion Greg Denecker coordinated this project with Dan Groman and 16 other lions participating. Seen below are Lions Ed Yeager, Natalie Armstrong, Jackie Bourassa, Andrew Armstrong and Bill Croft.



## **June 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting:**



Installation of officers for 2025-2026 by District Governor Sue Davis.

Speaker – Dr. Hogan



Induction of new members by DG Sue Davis shown at left. New member Zac Kohi with sponsor Lion Dwain Hall and Don Burris with sponsor Lion Barbara Plaugher.

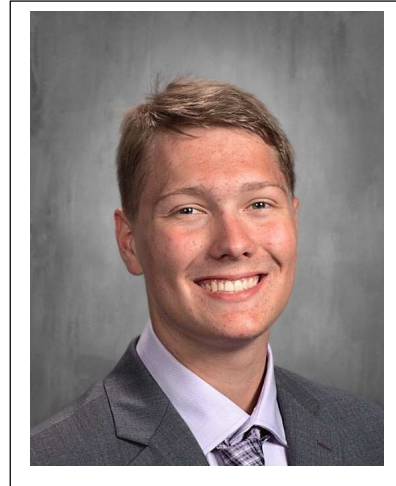
Speaker Dr. Hogan from Blanchard Valley Pain Management department presented an informative talk on the most advanced treatments which are less invasive and more effective at helping patients return to a normal life.



## **Lions Scholarship High School Winners 2025**



**Chase Rodabaugh – Bluffton High School**



**Austin Maag – Pandora-Gilboa High School**



**Emma Tuttle – Bluffton High School**



**Lauren Teders – Pandora-Gilboa High School**



**June Essinger – Bluffton High School**



**Allison Stuckey – Cory-Rawson High School**

**These students attend our summer meetings and give us an insight into their plans for their future.**