



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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November 2025

2025-2026 Officers & Board Members:

President-Jackie Bourassa; V. Pres-Greg Denecker; V. Pres- Dwain Hall; V. Pres-Ed Yeager;
Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Scott Hoff; Lion Tamer-Mark Bourassa; Tail Twister-Dennis Morrison; Board Members: 1 yr.-Mark Bourassa; 1 yr.- Jerry Szabo; 2 yr.- Brigitte Hoff; 2 yr.- Andrew Anderson. Editor-Barbara Plaughter

December Birthday:

Jerry Lewis	12/1	Natalie Armstrong	12/11	Gene Long
12/22				
Laura Dagani	12/27			

December Anniversary:

Brigitte/Scott Hoff	12/21	Ed Yeager	12/27
Brandon/Renee Matthews	12/29		

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 27th: Thanksgiving Day.

November 29th: Blaze of Lights Parade and all-inclusive playground project.

December 2nd: Christmas Social Town Hall 6 PM. Musical entertainment – Jerry Szabo Trio. Holiday Auction with proceeds going to the All-Inclusive Playground. 50/50 Charity Raffle. RSVP for meal \$15.

December 25th: Merry Christmas.

January 16 thru 18: Ohio Lions Winter Retreat Deer Creek State Park Resort, Mt Sterling OH. Registration by December 1st for early savings.

November 50/50 CHARITY RAFFLE:

\$100 Bluffton Lions ticket sold by Lion Jerry Lewis
\$50 Jack Geraud ticket sold by Lion John Rich
\$30 Donna Morrison ticket sold by Lion Dennis Morrison
\$20 Roger Schroeder ticket sold by Lion Ed Yeager



BOARD MEETING: A grant will be presented to the Findlay Foundation for the All-Inclusive Playground, also a grant will be sent to Lions Clubs International Foundation for the playground. Please poster recipients will include a 3rd runner-up, due to the amount of interest this year. Christmas Social to be held December 2nd. The lion's club will work with McDonalds for a fund raiser. A float is being prepared for the Blaze of Lights, helping with the LEO club.

NOVEMBER 4TH CLUB MEETING:



The Bluffton LEO club started in the fall of 2024 with 36 members. This year currently there are 57 members. Projects: Basketball games; food pantry; trash pick-up; science night; bingo at Willow Ridge; field day; 5K with 250 persons attending & \$1,000 for the playground; help teachers; Blaze of Lights; trunk or treat etc. Helped Lions with a district meeting; craft show x2; car show; Ride to Remember. A busy group. Thanks to Lion Natalie Armstrong and other Lion leaders for their leadership.

NOVEMBER 18TH MEETING:



Peace poster winners...Lydia Gratz (with poster shown on screen) 1st place, parents Dan & Joanna Gratz; Katelynn Waltz, parents Michael & Stacey Waltz, Averie Marquart, parents Andrew & Karna Marquart, and Emily Byers parents Justin & Karen Byers are honorable mention posters. Photo includes L to R: President Lion Jackie Bourassa, art teacher Amy Gratz and Lion Jan Emmert project chairman.



Thanks to Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio for the \$5,000 check presented to the Bluffton Lions Playground project.

The All-Inclusive Playground fund is currently at \$297,282.00 pledged and donated.

Speaker for the day was Tim Tegge, Executive Director of The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio. The Sight Center offers a unique blend of programs and services that can help people of all ages work, learn, play and live independently with permanent vision loss. They cover 18 counties in NW Ohio. Programs cover Low Vision Clinic; Home Safety Enhancements; Assistive Technology; Caregiver Support; Resource Information etc.

