



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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October 2018

2018-2019 Officers & Board Members:

President-Christina Walton; V.Pres-Colleen Lazar; V.Pres-Patty Navin; V.Pres-Gene Long; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Sawyer Goldsberry; Lion Tamer-Elaine Harris; Tail Twister-Greg Aversch; Board Members: 1 yr-Dan Diller; 1 yr-Robert Stahl; 2 yr-Tracy Steele; 2 yr-Corwin Croy; Immediate Past President-Colleen Lazar; Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer
Editor-Barbara Plaughter.

November Birthday:

Colleen Lazar	11/5	Fred Rodabaugh	11/21	Daniel Tinch	11/27
Barb Lockard	11/28				

November Anniversary:

Praveen Volra	11/17	Jesse Blackburn	11/18	Chris Keller	11/19
Omar Khoklar	11/28				

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 6TH: NO CLUB MEETING.

NOVEMBER 7TH: Dare to Dream Wine Tasting Fundraiser 6 PM at Sycamore Lake Winery. Tickets \$25 in advance from club members.

NOVEMBER 8TH: Zones D&E combined meeting at Lima Sight Center 6:30 PM. 2350 Allentown Rd, Lima (west end of the Goodwill building). Meal served \$10. Car pool available- see Lion Barbara Plaughter.

NOVEMBER 13TH: Board meeting at Maple Crest 6:30 PM.

NOVEMBER 20TH: Club meeting Town Hall at noon. Speaker Rachel Gilroy, Allen County Auditor. Installation of new member. Peace poster winners present to talk about their posters.

NOVEMBER 28TH: Northwest Eye Care Foundation meeting at Henry's in Ottawa 6:30 PM.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

DECEMBER 4TH: Christmas Party. More info to follow.

FEBRUARY 19TH: 85TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY of the Bluffton Lions Club. A celebration is being planned for this evening to be held at the 1st Mennonite Church social hall. This should be a fun evening and the committee is planning for a full house!

CAMPAIGN 100: LCIF is celebrating 50 years of empowering Lion service – and funded entirely by charitable donations from Lions like you, and our friends and partners – Lions Clubs International Foundation has awarded US \$1 billion through more than 13,000 grants focused on four core areas: Vision; Youth; Disaster Relief; & Humanitarian Programs. We Serve!

NEW MEMBER BIO: Laura Jones joined the Bluffton Lions Club in September. She was born and raised in Lima, graduate of Bluffton University, works for DTR/SRK for the past 23 yrs. She now serves as the Director of Human Resources. She and husband, Brad, live on Main St. Bluffton and have three children.

OCTOBER 2ND MEETING:

Lion Dennis Morrison presented certificates to the Bluffton High School students participating in the Ohio Buckeye Boys and Girls State this past summer. Lt to Rt are Tanner Pinks, Lion Morrison, Arielle O'Neal and Ashley Eachus. Each student spoke about their experience at the Boys and Girls State. Bluffton Lions help to fund these students for their experience of a lifetime.



Speaker for the October 2nd club meeting was Grace Paquin with her puppy Nova. Accompanying Grace was her father as they told the story of training a dog for the Leader Dog organization. Grace is doing this as her Girl Scout project that requires 80 hours of work. To be a puppy raiser she had to apply, read a manual and be accepted into the program. At the age of 14 months her puppy, Nova, will then go back to the Leader Dog organization for formal training to become a dog for the blind and/or deaf.

BENTLEY ROAD BIKE PATH DEDICATION:



The Lions Way Bentley Path was officially dedicated with a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 2nd by Dr. James Harder and Dr. Jane Wood both from the Bluffton University. Lion Foundation President, Dick Ramseyer, expressed thanks to: Masterpiece Signs; Village staff; Don & Dima Snyder; Jesse Blackburn; and property owners for their part in this project. This is the fourth section of pathways in the master plan of this Lion's legacy project.

USA/CANADA FORUM:



The USA/Canada forum held in Columbus, OH September 20 through 22nd. The photo shows attendees packing children's books for pediatric hospitals within the state, as the service project for the forum.

COMMUNITY MEAL:

Bluffton Lions Club served the community meal at the Senior Citizens building on October 4th. 73 meals were served and \$170 donated for the food pantry. Fifteen Lions worked at the meal or donated food/funds for the meal. Those participating were Lions: Stephanie Larcom, John Rich, Corwin Croy, Elaine Harris, Fred Rodabaugh, Bill Watkins, Dennis Morrison, Gene Long, Patty Navin, Christina Walton, Barbara Plaughter, Mitch Kingsley, Praveen Vohra, Dick Boehr and Jim Bemiller.

BOARD REPORT:

Dare to Dream Wine Tasting & Auction November 7th at Sycamore Lake Winery 6 pm. Live auction items coming in and have several corporate sponsors for the event.

Peace Poster Contest judging will be October 16th with winners present at the Lions meeting Nov. 20th. Fundraiser ideas discussed. Will hold a charitable raffle with more information to follow.

CLUB MEETING OCTOBER 16TH:



Mark Suderman, from the Lima Area Habitat for Humanity (HFH), was our speaker for the day. He talked about volunteering in construction and also at the Lima Restore. 54 homes in the Allen County area have been built by HFH. Their goal is to have a world where everyone has a place to live. HFH was started in 1976 and is a worldwide organization. Homes are built affordable with volunteer help and the new owners have zero % interest on their mortgage. There are 50 affiliates in Ohio. The Restore tithes 10% of their profit to Guatemala and the Middle East. Both Lima and Findlay have Restores. How can we help? By donating funds, our time, being a sponsor, donate items to the Restore or help with construction. They are starting a repair program of homes with cost to owners at zero % interest. This is a new program.

