



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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January 2019

2018-2019 Officers & Board Members:

President-Christina Walton; V.Pres-Patty Navin; V.Pres-Gene Long; Secretary-Barbara Plaugher; 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-Stephanie Larcom; Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer
Editor-Barbara Plaugher.

February Birthday:

Dennis Morrison 2/10

Bob Stahl 2/10

Rodney McDaniel 2/18

February Anniversary:

Bob Stahl 2/15

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY 30TH: North West Eye Care Association meeting at Henry's in Ottawa 6:30 PM.

FEBRUARY 5TH: Club meeting noon at the Town Hall. Speaker will be Melinda Bowden from Promo Hits.

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 will be a fun evening and the committee is planning for a full house. We will have special treats, door prizes, entertainment and more! Cost is \$18. Send reservations to: Lion Barbara Plaugher, 62 Anna Circle, Bluffton, OH 45817

FEBRUARY 22 & 23: District OH-1 convention at Findlay Inn Friday evening and Saturday.

BIO FOR RONALD HEADINGS:

Ron is a former Lion and returns to Bluffton after spending a year and a half in Salt Lake City, working in an interim role at Westminster College. He is currently looking for his next endeavor. He is a professional artist and will be doing consulting work in areas of higher education enrollment and consumer goods packaging. He and wife, Linda, live in Bluffton and have two sons.

BIO FOR JOHN HOCHSTETLER:

John grew up in Lima and was employed by General Dynamics for 33 years. He met his wife, Chris, at work. Chris came from the Bluffton area so they moved from Elida to Bluffton in 1997. He has 3 children. John is the owner of Riley Creek Sportswear, a home based business, since 2005. He enjoys racing and sports and is a Buckeyes fan.

BIO FOR Nicole Keuneke:

Nicki grew up close to Bluffton, graduating from Cory-Rawson and now lives in Bluffton with her 2 children. She has been employed by Blanchard Valley Health System for 15 years, with the past 10 years at the Bluffton Hospital. She is a registered nurse with a background in critical care and emergency room. Nicki is currently the Director of Operations at the Bluffton Hospital for the past two years.

BOARD REPORT:

Board meeting on January 8th. Seven members have resigned. They are Mark Alliman, Gary Bishop, Corrinne Boehr, Chris Keller, Colleen Lazar, Ben Stahl and Shirley Wagner. These names were accepted by the board.

The 50/50 charity fundraiser will begin January 22nd with all 200 tickets having been sold.

Lion Stephanie Larcom, as past president will chair the nominating committee.

Scholarship applications will go out to the three local schools in January, Bluffton; Cory-Rawson; and Pandora-Gilboa.

The 85th charter celebration committee have arrangements complete for a great night.

Community meal for February has been cancelled.

Delegates for the District Convention are Lions Gene Long, Christina Walton and Jim Bemiller.

Upcoming dates: March 30th Pancake and Sausage Breakfast; April 16th Citizen of the Year; May Spring Highway Cleanup; June 4th Installation of Officers; June 14th Festival of Wheels; June 18th VOSH sorting center.

New member application for Nicole Keuneke was accepted by the board. New member induction will be held on January 22th with three new members to be inducted.

Donations for charitable organizations were approved by the board: Pilot Dogs \$250; Ohio Sight/Hearing \$200; Ohio Lions Foundation \$400; Ohio Diabetes Fund \$250; Ohio Lions Eye Research \$100; NW Ohio Eyecare \$250; Lions International Relations \$200; Girls/Boys State \$300.

JANUARY 8TH MEETING:



District Governor Dean Carruthers visited our club and talked about membership and retention of members. He provided information on upcoming events as the District Convention to be held February 22 and 23.

Lion Barbara Plaughter presented information on the LCIF Campaign 100 fundraiser drive currently in process through June 2021. Videos were viewed showing the three major drives of SightFirst and SightFirst II and now Campaign 100. She encouraged Lions to consider a personal donation that will go towards diabetes, pediatric cancer, environment, disaster, humanitarian efforts, besides vision. Please consider a donation.

JANUARY 22ND MEETING:

The club meeting for January 22nd included the induction of three new members. Two other guests, as potential new members, also attended our noon meeting. This was the first drawing for the 50/50 charity raffle. Winners were: \$100 Nancy Schweingruber sold by Corwin Croy; \$50 Joe Salvatino sold by Patty Navin; \$30 Jim Blackburn sold by Jesse Blackburn; and \$20 Amy Blount sold by Barbara Plaughter.

Congratulations to the winners. Corwin Croy received the First Place Blue Ribbon award for selling the most tickets for the 50/50 project



Lion Croy 1st place winner



**L to R: Sponsor Lion Ed Yeager with new member John Hochstetler
Sponsor Lion Barbara Plaughter with new member Nicole Keuneke and Lion Ron Lora represented Lion Dick Ramseyer as sponsor for new member Ron Headings.
Our speaker for the day was Lion Greg Denecker, Superintendent of Bluffton Schools. He gave a brief history of the Bluffton Schools and introduced the engineering program that is being coordinated through Apollo. Attending were Todd Boblitt, teacher; students – Jared Piercefield, Josh Mehaffie, Drew Wilson and Kyle Koontz. Students demonstrated robots which they built.**



