



# Newsletter

## Bluffton Lions Club

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April 2019

### 2018-2019 Officers & Board Members:

President-Christina Walton; V.Pres-Patty Navin; V.Pres-Gene Long; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Sawyer Goldsberry; Lion Tamer-Elaine Harris; Tail Twister-Greg Averagesch; 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 Plaughter.

#### May Birthday:

Tim Closson	5/12	Andy Rager	5/18	Dick Ramseyer	5/18
Corwin Croy	5/28	Bill Croft	5/31		

#### May Anniversary:

Stephanie Larcom	5/10	Greg Averagesch	5/17
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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>:** District training of officers to be held at Holgate St John's Lutheran Church 8 am to 11 am. Contact Lion Barbara Plaughter to register. This will also be offered also on **MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>** at Kenton Middle School. Register by May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>:** Cabinet meeting 3 PM at Henry's in Ottawa.

**MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>:** Club meeting Town Hall at noon. Induction of new member. Vote for slate of officers for the coming year. Speaker TBA

**MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>:** Road side clean-up starting 8 am. Contact Lion Gene Long to help.

**MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>:** Board meeting at Maple Crest 6:30 PM

**May 17-19:** State convention Embassy Suites Dublin, OH.

**MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>:** Club meeting Town Hall at noon. Speaker is Lion Jay Gray from Pilot Dogs.

**MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>:** North West Eyecare Foundation meeting 6:30 PM Portage U.M. Church

**50/50 RAFFLE:** April drawing - \$100 ticket winner was Gabe Denecker – ticket sold by Lion Greg Denecker: \$50 ticket winner Renee Matthews - ticket sold by Lion Brandon Matthews: \$30 ticket winner Norma Best - ticket sold by Lion Tanya Best: \$20 ticket winner Lion Elaine Harris – ticket sold by Lion Elaine Harris.

## **BOARD REPORT:**

Income from the pancake/sausage breakfast was \$697.64 including sale of maple syrup. The board approved distribution of approved donations to Bluffton Public Library \$500; Relay for Hope \$100; Bluffton Food Pantry \$500; BV Health Foundation \$3,000; scholarship fund add \$1,000.

Slate of officers for 2019-2020: President Patty Navin; V Pres Finance (not filled); V Pres Membership Corwin Croy; V Pres Programs Gene Long; Secretary Barbara Plaucher; Treasurer (not filled); Lion Tamer Elaine Harris; Tail Twister Greg Aversch; Board Members: 1 yr Tracy Steele; 1 yr Jim Bemiller; 2 yr Dan Diller; 2 yr Bob Stahl. Will be voted upon at the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

New member application approved for Clair Winebar.

## **APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING:**

Sheila Haney from the Regional Transit Authority in Lima was the speaker for this meeting.



There are 100,000 people in Allen County and the RTA has served 400,000 rides to this population. The RTA provides 6 fixed routes in Lima and surrounding townships for \$1. Also ADA services door to door for \$2. Contract shuttles provide 19 small buses for special needs. This would include an uplift van, overflow for VA in Dayton, all Allen county residents, Marimor school etc. In 2019 – 1,475 rides a month for Special needs students from 5 school districts and more than 1,000 worker rides a month. They have 50 employees and 30 vehicles. Funding for this service will be on the ballot.

## **ZONE MEETING:**



Bluffton Lions hosted the zone E meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Lions from Ft. Jennings, Kalida, Lima Host, Ottawa, McComb, Waynesfield, Spencerville and Wauseon attended. PDG Dan Ritter from McComb Lions presented a power-point talk on the use of web sites and social media for Lions clubs.



During the zone meeting, District Governor Dean Carruthers presented Ft. Jennings Lion Ted Verhoff with the Zone Lion of the Year award. He also received the District Lion of the Year award. Congratulations Ted for all you do for Lions.

DG Dean presented awards to clubs present serving people through hunger, sight, youth and environmental projects. The Bluffton club was also recognized for their Legacy Project of the bike path making a lasting, visible contribution to the community.

### **PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST:**



On March 30<sup>th</sup> the Bluffton Lions co-hosted with the Bluffton Senior Citizens a pancake/sausage breakfast. Lions John Rich and Elaine Harris chaired this committee. Seventeen Lions assisted in serving the meal.

### **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:**

The Citizen of the Year for 2018 selected by the committee was Sam Diller, retired lawyer in the Bluffton community. Seventy-one Lions and community members gathered together to congratulate Diller and his family on the evening of April 16<sup>th</sup>. The meal was provided by Henry's of Ottawa.



**Citizen of the Year – Sam Diller with family.**



**Sam Diller and wife Joan. Back row: Lions President Christina Walton and Program Chairman John Rich.**

