



# Newsletter

## Bluffton Lions Club

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### 2019-2020 Officers & Board Members:

President-Patty Navin; V.Pres-Stephanie Larcom; V.Pres-Gene Long; V. Pres-Corwin Croy; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Clair Winebar; Lion Tamer-Elaine Harris; Tail Twister-Greg Averagesch; Board Members: 2 yr-Dan Diller; 2 yr-Robert Stahl; 1 yr-Tracy Steele; 1 yr-Jim Bemiller; Immediate Past President-Christina Walton; Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer  
Editor-Barbara Plaughter.

### October Birthday :

Gary Graham	10/7	Laura Jones	10/18	Laura Voth	10/21
Bill Watkins	10/27	Tanya Best	10/30		

### October Anniversary:

Jerry Lewis	10/3	Ryan Lowry	10/5	Dennis Morrison	10/7
Neil Reichenbach	10/16	Kyle Leatherman	10/18	Arliss&Barbara Plaughter	10/26
Dick Boehr	10/28				

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**SEPTEMBER 19-21: USA/CANADA FORUM in Spokane, WA**

**SEPTEMBER 23 THRU OCTOBER 3: Eye screenings of kindergarten and pre-school children. To volunteer contact Lion Barbara Plaughter**

**SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>. Lions Way Bentley Path Extension dedication & ribbon Cutting celebration at Riley Creek Village 4 PM. **PLEASE CONTACT CORWIN CROY AT 419-234-0208 TO ASSIST WITH PARKING STARTING AT 3:30 PM****

**SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>: Zones D&E meeting 6:30 PM Spencerville Friends Church. Contact Lion Barbara Plaughter to car pool.**

**SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>: STEPS walk for Pediatric Cancer in Spencerville.**

**OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>: Lions Club Meeting Town Hall at noon. Speaker will be Tonya Meyer, Director of the Senior Citizens.**

**OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>: Community Meal at the Senior Citizens. Contact Lion Elaine Harris to help with this project.**

**OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>: Board meeting starting at 6:30 PM moved to - Town Hall conference room.**

**OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>: Lions Club Meeting Town Hall at noon. Speakers Lion John Rich and wife, Carolyn, speaking on their mission to Nepal.**

**NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>: Dare to Dream Wine Tasting Auction at Crimson Lane, Ada. You can make reservations through the Bluffton Lions Club website. **A RESERVATION WILL ALSO BE E-MAILED TO YOU.****

### **BOARD MEETING:**

An explanation of total foundation and pathway cash balances are: Pathway projects \$61,617.66; donations \$12,290.91; Other \$1,903.06 with a total cash balance \$75,811.63. See Lion Clair Winebar for more information.

Board meeting will be moved to the Town Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room starting in October.

A fund raising drive will be starting in 2 weeks, led by Lion Dick Ramseyer with each member of the Pathway Board contacting individuals for key donations. Goal for this fund-drive is \$117,000.

Bluffton Mayor, Richard Johnson, was present to congratulate the Lions Club for starting the pathway projects. And to announce that Bluffton has received a grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation of \$850,000 to develop a pathway on route 103 from the County Line Road to Arbys. This will begin in 2023.

### **SEPTEMBER 3RD MEETING:**



Lori Nester, Director of the WIC program, attended the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Bluffton Lions to explain the services that WIC provides and who is eligible for these services. This program is primarily for women, infants and children and a part of Ohio's public health system. This is intended to reach income-eligible pregnant, breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, infants and children up to 5 years of age with a medical or nutrition risk. Their goal is prevention of nutrition-related health problems. This program provides supplemental foods to low-income individuals. Surrounding agencies refer eligible patients to WIC or an individual can apply.

### **HANCOCK HANDLEBAR LUNCHEON**



On Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, over 400 riders came through Bluffton, many on a 100 mile ride, and were served lunch by the Bluffton Lions Club. Above right are Lions Project Chairman Greg Denecker, President Patty Navin, Clair Winebar and Dan Diller waiting for the serving to begin.



## **SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:**



Lion Ed Yeager, president of the Bluffton Community Assistance Program was the speaker for the Sept 17<sup>th</sup> club meeting. Collections of food go to the St. John's UCC and distribution is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. There are 45 to 50 families now receiving these donations in the community. From monetary donations Lion Yeager purchases ground meat, eggs and bacon to be given to the families monthly, along with canned goods and non-perishable items.

Last Christmas 66 families were adopted. The budget is \$25,600. \$17,500 goes to food; \$1,000 to school supplies; \$1,000 disaster relief; \$4,000 for rent/utilities assistance; \$700 medical needs as glasses/prescriptions; \$500 stranded motorist voucher for gas; \$900 operating including insurance. BAMA and the police department both assist with referrals to this program. Organizations assisting are: Boy Scouts; Schools; Post Office; College; Annual Chili Cook-off; Stratton's Auto; Promo Hits and others.

Lion President Patty Navin submitted a proposal for the Lion's club to collect each day an item to provide a box and donate to the Bluffton Food Pantry. A list of possible items will be mailed to all lions. At our Christmas party which will be held December 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 6:30 PM we will package these items for the food bank and enjoy the remainder of the evening with a meal and fellowship. This will be held at St. John's UCC. If you would care to donate a gift card to the Community Market to place in our food boxes, this would be appreciated.

