



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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May 2021

2020-2021 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-; Tail Twister-Greg Aversesch; Board Members: 1 yr-Dan Diller; 1 yr-Robert Stahl; 2 yr-Jim Bemiller; 2 yr Jan Emmert. Immediate Past President-Christina Walton; Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer Editor-Barbara Plaughter

June Birthday:

Jesse Blackburn 6/1 Pat Rodabaugh 6/7 Sawyer Goldsberry 6/21

June Anniversary:

Ted Cunningham	6/1	Andy Rager	6/2	Ryan Brauen	6/4
Jerry Szabo	6/10	Don Hostetler	6/11	Tom Edwards	6/19
Clair Winebar	6/22	Tim Closson	6/23	Dick McGarrity	6/23
Tracy Steele	6/25	Don & Dima Snyder	6/27	Tanya Best	6/30

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JUNE 1ST: CLUB MEETING AT VOSH SORTING CENTER, FIRST METHODIST CHURCH IN PANDORA. Scholarship winner to be present. Bring a guest! 6:30 PM no meal.

JUNE 15TH: NO MEETING (will hold meeting in July with NO picnic planned for this year)

JUNE 18TH: FESTIVAL OF WHEELS. Contact Lion Dan Diller to volunteer with this project.

JULY 6TH: CLUB MEETING IN THE TOWN HALL. No meal will be served. Installation of officers. 50/50 drawing for June. Scholarship winner to be present. Program TBA.

JULY 10TH: RIDE TO REMEMBER. Contact Lion Ron Headings to volunteer.

50/50 Charity Raffle:

May raffle—

\$100 Eva Voth ticket sold by Lion Laura Voth

\$50 Robbie Robinson ticket sold by Lion Gene Long

\$30 John Rich ticket sold by Lion John Rich

\$20 Rebecca Winebar ticket sold by Lion Clair Winebar



BOARD MEETING:

Report from the Festival of Wheels that approximately \$2,500 donated at present.

Ride to Remember project received approximately \$1,185 to date

Capital fund total of \$28,950 in donations and pledges with kick-off planned for September.

Bike path count going on with response low due to cold weather.

Slate of officers approved at last meeting.

Aluminum cans will be taken to recycling center soon. Since response to this project has been low, Lion Barbara Plaughter will no longer be collecting cans.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

The following students were chosen for scholarships: Bluffton School – Bella Angel and Celia Smith; Cory-Rawson – Libby McVetta and Lelaina Yannelli; Pandora-Gilboa – Caitlyn Maag and Alexandra Neuenschwander. The scholarship committee consisted of...Lions Tanya Best, Ryan DeMarco, Jan Emmert, Brendon Matthews, Barbara Plaughter and John Rich.

ROADSIDE CLEANUP:

On Saturday, May 8th, Lions began the annual roadside clean-up project. Coordinating this project Lion Dan Diller along with Lions Gene Long, Gary Graham, Jerry Szabo and son Jake, John Rich, Patty Navin and Jan Emmert make quick clean-up and delivered cans for recycling.

DISTRICT CONVENTION:

The Bluffton Club was recognized at the district convention on April 24th for the following – Service Award (service to local and world communities); Humanitarian Award (donations to 8 or more of local, district and international projects); Governor's Contest (greater community service as retrieved from activities report to LCI). Lion Richard Boehr was also honored for his 60 years of service as a Lion. Congratulations Dick!



Pictured at left is Lion Dan Diller seen here with volunteers at the VOSH Sorting Center in Pandora United Methodist Church after unloading a huge truck load of used eye glasses collected from Germantown and Lebanon, Ohio. The glasses will be processed for third-world missions around the world.



MAY 4TH & 18TH MEETINGS:



Casey Heilman from the Allen Soil and Water Conservation District spoke to the club on May 4th. This program was started in 1945 to protect natural resources. Programs as Adopt-A- Roadway and Plant a Tree are available.



Ryan Burkholder, Bluffton Chief of Police gave an update of the department and their work in the village at the May 18th club meeting.

PATHWAY USE COUNT: The semi-annual Pathway use count was held May 10 to 16. Those Lions participating were: Patty Navin Don Hostetler, Dick McGarrity, Andy Rager, Joe Sehlhorst, Tom Edwards, Ted Cunningham, Jan Emmert, Stephanie Larcom, Corwin Croy, Lowell Hostetler, Jerry Szabo, Dan Diller, Ed Yeager, Nicole Keuneke, Jesse Blackburn, John Rich, Ron Lora, Gary Graham, Clair Winebar, Mitch Kingsley, Greg Denecker, Bob Stahl and Dick Ramseyer. This was the 10th year for the count. Each year the study shows the use of the Bluffton paths has increased which demonstrates that this investment is valued by our residents and visitors.



Photo at left-Scholarship winner Libby McVetta with Lion Jan Emmert during the May 18th club meeting. Libby is from Cory-Rawson high school and gave a brief talk about her future plans to the club members.