



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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November 2021

2021-2022 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-Corwin Croy; Tail Twister-Greg Aversch; Board Members: 1 yr-Jim Bemiller; 1 yr-Jan Emmert; 2 yr-Dan Diller; 2 yr Greg Denecker.
Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer
Editor-Barbara Plaughter

December Birthday:

Jerry Lewis 12/1

Gene Long

12/11

Bob Amstutz 12/25

December Anniversary:

Ed Yeager 12/27

Brendon Matthews 12/29

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 29TH: Cabinet meeting 10 am at Henry's in Ottawa.

NOVEMBER 25TH: THANKSGIVING!!

NOVEMBER 27TH: Blaze of Lights. Lions to participate in parade. To volunteer contact Lion Dan Diller.

DECEMBER 6TH: Christmas Social 6 to 8 PM Greenhorn Restaurant. RSVP to Lion Barbara Plaughter before November 30th.

DECEMBER 14TH: Board meeting 6 PM by zoom.

DECEMBER 25TH: MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

NOVEMBER 50/50 charity raffle:

\$100 Rita Dietrich ticket sold by Lion Corwin Croy

\$50 Joe Salvemini ticket sold by Lion Patty Navin

\$30 Dan Diller ticket sold by Lion Dan Diller

\$20 Hunter Larcom ticket sold by Lion Stephanie Larcom



BOARD REPORT:

Dues statements to be sent out in November along with 50/50 charity raffle tickets. An LCIF donation box will be set out at each club meeting for loose change to donate to the LCIF fund raising campaign. Taylor Steele memorial bench to be memorialized on November 16th.

Donations to Mennonite Memorial Home for \$700 and Findlay City Mission for \$200 were approved. A Christmas Social is planned to December 6th at the Greenhorn Restaurant. A \$200 donation to childhood

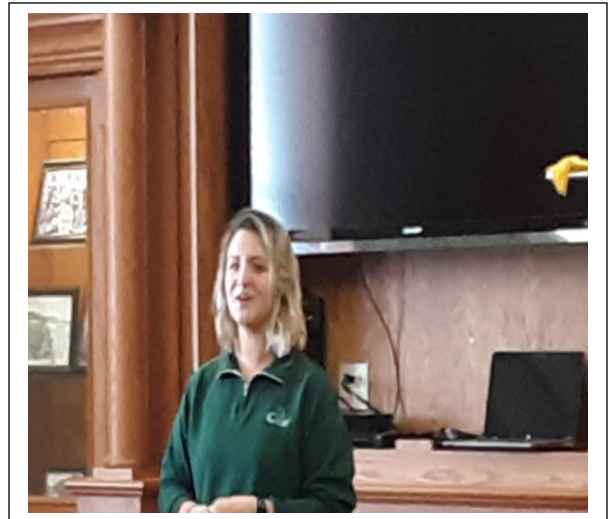
cancer was approved by the board. The truck for Blaze of Lights parade will be decorated on November 21st. Asking for wrapped candy donations for the parade. The high-wheel bicycle will be featured.

NOVEMBER 2ND MEETING:



The speaker for November 2nd club meeting was Lion Jesse Blackburn, Village Administrator, sharing information about the plans for the village. He was assisted by Bryan Lloyd.

NOVEMBER 16TH MEETING:



Speaker Kirby Wierde

Becky Boblitt, Nora Matthews, Brookelynn Richardson & Bekah Rehm

Photo above includes art teacher Becky Boblitt and peace poster winners. First place went to Nora Matthews with two runner ups. Certificates and checks were presented to the participants.

Speaker Kirby Wierde represented Challenged Champions horse farm located north of Bluffton on road 6. They had 465 clients, mostly special needs, and 400 volunteers last year assisting with the program. They currently have 18 pampered horses. The program started 24 years ago. They also have a veterans program. They do fund raising and are also sponsored by United Way with a \$200,000 budget. The facility is accredited and is run by 3 full time people and volunteers.

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL BENCH:



The Bluffton Lion Club had the honor of dedicating a park bench at Cob Lake on November 16th in memory of Taylor J. Steele, son of Lion member Tracy Steele. Seated on the bench are Taylor's parents and family members. Taylor passed away on August 31, 2020 from SUDEP. Taylor was valedictorian of his graduating class at Bluffton, an Eagle Scout and received his B.S. in Chemistry from Bluffton University. He worked for SRK in Bluffton and volunteered for many organizations including the Lions Club. He assisted with obtaining auction items for the annual Lions Dare to Dream Event which raised funds for the Pathway Project.

Taylor's contributions helped the Lions construct and connect several pathways and allowed Taylor the freedom to get to work or to visit with friends by himself on his bike. Thank you to the donors who contributed to this bench in memory of Taylor.

PATHWAY UPDATE:



Bluffton Lions announced three major donations at the November Bluffton Chamber meeting.
Bluffton Hospital \$5,000
Citizens National Bank \$10,000
The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation \$75,000
With this funding, the Bluffton Lions Foundation and Bluffton Pathway Board will have secured the approximately \$150,000 needed to build two new sections of pathway on County Line Rd. Lions Foundation President Dick Ramseyer noted that all pathway construction to date has been paid in full when transferred to the Village of Bluffton.

Kimberly Bash of Findlay-Hancock Community Foundation presents \$75,000 check to Bluffton Lions Foundation President, Dick Ramseyer.