



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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March 2022

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- ; 2 yr Greg Denecker.
Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer
Editor-Barbara Plaughter

April Birthday:

John Hochstetler 4/1

Don Snyder 4/16

Jim Bemiller

4/26

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 22nd: Zone meeting at Dick's Restaurent in Kalida 6:30 PM

April 5th: Club Meeting at noon in the Town Hall. This will be a "work session". Slate of officers report.

April 8th & 9th – District Convention Findlay Hilton Garden Inn. Notify Lion Barbara Plaughter if you plan to attend.

April 12th: Board meeting 6 PM by zoom. Festival of wheels committee reports.

April 19th: Club Meeting at noon in the Town Hall. New member induction. Award presentations. 50/50 raffle drawing. Election of officers.

MARCH 50/50 charity raffle:

\$100 Jesse Blackburn ticket sold by Lion Jesse Blackburn

\$50 Jim Bemiller ticket sold by Lion Jim Bemiller

\$30 Stephanie Larcom ticket sold by Lion Stephanie Larcom

\$20 Marcie Stahl ticket sold by Lion Bob Stahl



BOARD REPORT:

A new member, Eugene McCall, was accepted into the club. Induction will be later.

The Board approved a donation of \$100 gift certificate to be presented at the district convention for the Kentucky disaster relief program.

Festival of Wheels reports – Fliers will be out shortly and sent to previous participants. Also information will go to the website, Facebook, the Icon and Shannon theatre. Sponsor & Donations committee will begin to contact sponsors as soon as fliers arrive. Vendors approved are Bubba's BBQ truck and Wendy's Kettle Corn.

Dare to Dream reported the committee to meet soon. Project is November 9th and to be held at Crimson Lane near Ada. Citizen of the year program will be May 3rd.

Scholarship committee report-applications to be submitted by April 11th. Committee will meet after that time for selections.

Slate of officers hopefully to be reported at the April 5th club meeting with voting on the following meeting.

Lion Dick Ramseyer gave his resignation from the Foundation Board and the Pathways Board.

MARCH 1ST MEETING:

This meeting was coordinated by Lion Gene Long with members sharing their “passion” in life. Lion Gene Long spoke of his concentration on the environment, recycling and working with children. Lion Jim Bemiller, a retired social worker, was involved with children services, shared the book he wrote and his love to work on the Model A Ford in the garage. Lion Ted Cunningham, previously taught German and Spanish in schools, now works with his genology project. Lion Ed Yeager is involved with the community assistant program, enjoys serving with the lions eyescreening program and his family ties. Lion Dick Boehr, previous real estate broker, has been involved with community business development including the airport, industry, golf course and as he says “getting people in the right places to grow”. Lion John Rich, a previous professor in college, shared his experiences with an intercity church group and his involvement with the soup kitchen. Lion Andrew Rager spends his time coaching basketball, working with the children and enjoying his family. Lion Ron Headings is involved with his church, Habitat for Housing, Ride to Remember, scam baiting, travel and the arts.

Chevron Awards were presented to: Lions Gene Long for 45 years of service and Jerry Szabo for 15 years. Other chevrons were mailed to Lions Brendon Matthews, Dennis Morrison, Joe Sehlhorst, Scott Basinger all for 10 years of service. Lion Greg Denecker received a 15 year service award. Lions Bill Watkins, John Harris, Dick Ramseyer and Dick McGarrity all had 20 years of service.

MARCH 15TH CLUB MEETING:



The speaker for the March 15th meeting, as seen above, was Carol Elchert, standing between two chevron recipients, Lion Jerry Szabo and Lion Gene Long. Elchert presented the program...Activismo – Art & Dissidence in Cuba. This presentation showed how to make a film. Her film is currently in Film Festival competition. You can visit...floatingtempleproduction.com for more information.

Photo to the right: Lions Gary Graham, Jim Bemiller, Corwin Croy, Gene Long and Mitch Kingsley. The lion tamer found in storage these 60 year-old Bluffton Lions Club hats. They are being offered for a donation to Lions Clubs International Foundation, and will be available at the next club meeting.

