



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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August 2022
2022-2023 Officers & Board Members:

President-Jim Bemiller; V.Pres-John Rich; V.Pres-Gene Long; V. Pres-Greg Denecker; Secretary- Barbara Plaugher; Treasurer-Clair Winebar; Lion Tamer-Corwin Croy; Tail Twister-Dennis Morrison; Board Members: 1 yr-Jerry Szabo; 1 yr-Eugene McCall; 2 yr-Tracy Steele ; 2 yr John Hochstetler. Editor-Barbara Plaugher

September Birthday:

Jerry Szabo	9/4	Ryan DeMarco	9/22	Brendon Matthews	9/22
Greg Averagesch	9/28	Ed Yeager	9/28		

September Anniversary:

Bob Amstutz	9/2	Ryan DeMarco	9/13	John Harris	9/29
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 18th: Northwest Eye Care Foundation 6:30 PM at Napoleon Lion's Building.

August 30th: Region 2 Meeting 6:30 PM at Dick's Steakhouse in Kalida.

September 13th: Board meeting 6 PM at Bluffton Elementary library.

September 19 thru 30: Eye screening of children in area schools and day cares. If interested to participate notify Lion Barbara Plaugher.

September 20th: Club meeting in the Town Hall at noon. 50/50 charity drawing. Speaker TBA.

September 29th: Region 3 Meeting 6:30 PM Cridersville Methodist Church.

BOARD REPORT:

The Dare to Dream project has been cancelled due to lack of time and commitment of team members. Plans will continue for 2023.

Net cash for Ride to Remember stands at \$7,971.05 at present. Net cash for Festival of Wheels is \$3,651.15.

Results from survey distributed to members attending previous meetings...those wanting a meal at the club meeting – 11 out of 20. Those preferring to have 1 quality meeting per month - 14 out of 20. With these results the Bluffton Lions club voted to have one meeting a month on the third Tuesday of the month, same time and same place. Information on obtaining someone to serve meals is ongoing.

Highway pic-up will be October 1st at 8:30 am starting at corner of county line 15 and St Route Old 25.

Eye screening will be the last two weeks in September.

50/50 CHARITY DRAWING FOR AUGUST:

\$100 Scott Slaughterbeck ticket sold by Lion Patty Navin. \$50 Crowin Croy ticket sold by Lion Corwin Croy. \$30 Dick McGarrity ticket sold by Lion Dick McGarrity. \$20 Luke Denecker ticket sold by Lion Greg Denecker.

AUGUST 2ND MEETING:

This was a business meeting. A survey was distributed and to be discussed later. District Governor Dave Stockum installed 2 new lions, and spoke to the club on the events of the district.



From L to R – DG Dave Stockum; Diane Almanon with sponsor Lion Barbara Plaughter; Lion Jim Bemiller sponsor with Jacqueline Bourassa.

NEW MEMBERS:

DIANE ALMANON, previous lion member, rejoined our club. She was born and graduated in Bluffton, then attended a business college. She and her husband lived in San Diego, Hawaii and Utah. Diane has three children and grandchildren. Diane and 2nd husband Rey, both trained in martial arts, ran schools in San Diego. Diane had a karate school in Bluffton before retiring. They also spend time in Florida.

JACQUELINE BOURASSA was raised in Mansfield. She is the daughter our of current president Lion Jim Bemiller. Jackie graduated from Miami University and obtained a Master's from Bluffton University. She has taught in the Bluffton Middle School for 34 years, and has taken students to Washington, D.C. for 28 years. She and her husband, Mark, live in Bluffton and have raised 4 children.

AUGUST 16TH MEETING:

Perfect attendance pins for 2021-2022 were awarded to the following members...Lions Barbara Plaughter, Jim Bemiller, Don Hostetler, Gene Long and Dennis Morrison (not present).



Speaker Jim Enneking, executive director from the Bluffton Chamber of Commerce showed thru YOU Tube the video..Eddie Arusa video of Bluffton. Jim also spoke on projects; business development & growth; opportunities. The chamber supports organizations. Lions club is a member and lions may attend the meetings.

