



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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September 2022

2022-2023 Officers & Board Members:

President-Jim Bemiller; V.Pres-John Rich; V.Pres-Gene Long; V. Pres-Greg Denecker; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; 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 Plaughter

October Birthday:

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

October Anniversary:

Jerry Lewis	10/3	Dennis Morrison	10/7	Ryan Lowry	10/15
Neil Reichenbach	10/16	Dick Boehr	10/28		

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

September 29th: Region 3 Meeting 6:30 PM Cridersville Methodist Church. Contact Lion Barbara Plaughter if you plan to attend. Meal \$10

Ordering new shirts from now until October 6th. Please contact Lion Barbara Plaughter.

October 1st: Roadside cleanup 8:30 AM county road 313. Contact Lion Jim Bemiller to participate.

October 5th: Zone 6 meeting at Kenton Elks 6:30 PM. Contact Lion Barbara Plaughter if you plan to attend. Meal \$9.00

October 11th: Board meeting at 6:00 PM Bluffton Elementary Library.

October 18th: Club meeting Town Hall at noon. 50/50 Charity Drawing. Boys State students to be present. Speaker TBA.

SEPTEMBER CHARITY RAFFLE:

\$100 went to Ron Headings ticket sold by Lion Ron Headings

\$50 went to Bill Croft ticket sold by Lion Bill Croft

\$30 went to Jerry Lewis ticket sold by Lion Jerry Lewis

\$20 went to Corwin Croy ticket sold by Lion Corwin Croy

BOARD REPORT:

Roadside clean up scheduled for October 1st. Blaze of Lights parade will feature a Model A parade vehicle and the high-wheel bike for the lions club. Community meal to be December 1st at the Senior Center. The Christmas party will be early December with a planning committee to confirm dates. Peace Poster contest will be ready to judge by November 15th. Festival of Trees at the Allen County Museum will be scheduled late November into December by Lion Dennis Morrison.

Estimate date for the County Line Road Pathway construction is March or April 2023. The State route 103 pathway will start in May 2023. A capital fund raising campaign with the goal of raising \$90,000 will be held for the 103 pathway.

SEPTEMBER 20TH MEETING:

Speaker for the 20th meeting was Rebecca Peckinpaugh from the Crime Victim Services. Becca works as an advocate with the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) volunteers. Volunteers are trained to meet with their court appointed child on a monthly basis to be an advocate for the child when their case is taken to court. This program has been in Allen and Putnam Counties since 2009. All children who have been abused need a CASA volunteer to be their voice, to collect facts and give recommendation to the court.

A report from the August 27th cabinet meeting...\$5 50/50 raffle tickets sold by the Ohio PDGs go for the Ohio State Blind Band to travel to the Boston International Lions convention in July 2023. 24 members of the band, at an estimated cost of \$54,000, will travel to perform at the convention.

Newest idea on membership growth is for the entire club membership...

1. Ask One
2. Get One
3. Keep One

Donations to LCIF go to many places both locally and around the world. The final approval for a \$98,000 matching grant went for the All-Abilities Playground near Lima. This years goal for LCIF is for each member to give to their foundation. A donation of \$5 or more can be sent directly to LCIF through the website or given to Lion Barbara Plaughter, LCIF District Coordinator. Help your foundation.

Eye Screening:



To date 125 children have been screened by the Bluffton Lions Club. There will continue to be eye screening on September 26 through 28. Those participating in this project are...Lions Ed Yeager, Diane Almanon, Dennis Morrison and pictured at left...Jan Emmert, Barbara Plaughter and Don Hostetler's wife, Joyce Hostetler. 11 children have been referred for further investigation.

