



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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November 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

December Birthday:

Jerry Lewis	12/1	Gene Long	12/22	Bob Amstutz	12/25
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December Anniversary:

Lowell Hostetler	12/21	Ed Yeager	12/27	Brendon Matthews	12/29
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 19th: Cabinet meeting 10 am at Henry's Restaurant Ottawa.

November 24th: Happy Thanksgiving!

November 26th: Blaze of lights parade. Contact Lion Jim Bemiller to participate. Candy needed to be tossed out during the parade from the Lion's Model A and big wheel bicycle parade entry.

November 30 through December 4th: Security participants needed for the Christmas Tree Festival at the Allen County Museum. Contact Lion Dennis Morrison to participate.

December 1st: Community meal at Senior Citizens 6 PM. Contact Lion John Rich to participate.

December 8th: Bluffton lions Christmas Party 6 to 8 PM at Marbeck Center, Bluffton University. Cost for meal \$16. Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift of \$15 value. RSVP to Lion Barbara Plaughter by 11/30/22.

December 13th: Board meeting 6 PM Bluffton Elementary library.

December 25th: MERRY CHRISTMAS!

NOVEMBER CHARITY RAFFLE:

\$100 Alan Yoder ticket sold by Lion Alan Yoder
\$50 Dan Johnson ticket sold by Lion Stephanie Larcom
\$30 Mary Plaughter ticket sold by Lion Barbara Plaughter
\$20 Scott Basinger ticket sold by Lion Scott Basinger



BOARD REPORT:

Discussion on merging both club and foundation boards. Board declined to offer a noon meal at the club meeting due to excessive cost and unknown number in attendance.

Due statements and raffle tickets to be distributed. Those ordering shirts can pick them up from the secretary.

The board moved to donate \$600 to the Ohio Lions Pediatric Cancer Foundation. If a member wishes to contribute, this can be done through tail twisting at the meetings.

The Pathway Board is currently soliciting funds to total \$90,000 for the Route 103 bike pathway.

NOVEMBER 15TH MEETING:



At the November 15th club meeting, the three local winners of the annual Peace Poster Contest were honored. As seen above on left...Lion Jan Emmert coordinator of this project; President Jim Bemiller; 1st place winner poster by Sophia Gilroy, shown by art teacher, Becky Boblitt; runners-up are Chloe Hanefeld and Serenity O'Connell.

On the right is shown the Chevron Award members...L to R Lions Barbara Plaughter 20 years; John Rich 15 years; Ted Cunningham 10 years (previously a 40 year member); Jan Emmert 15 years; Don Hostetler 20 years. Those not present were Lions Andrew Rager 15 years; Greg Aversch 20 years; Lowell Hostetler 25 years.



The speaker for the day was Jonah Agner, as seen with President Lion Jim Bemiller. Jonah and his wife own and operate the Food Store and the Greenhorn Restaurant. He is a local resident, learned a good work ethic from his parents, worked in the restaurant business, sold wares at the Farmer's Market, has served people, bought the food store, had a food trailer, then acquired the Greenhorn. He stresses obtaining food from local growers and organic grown food. The restaurant serves a vegan style menu, along with wines. He attributes his success with community support and friends helping out during COVID.

