

Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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December 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

January Birthday:

Tracy Steele	1/8	Barbara Plaugher	1/11	Greg Denecker	1/14
Don Hostetler	1/14	Ron Headings	1/15	Alan Yoder	1/22
Dick McGarrity	1/29				

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 25th: MERRY CHRISTMAS!

January 1st: Happy New Year!

January 10th: Board meeting at the Elementary School library 6 PM.

January 13 – 15th: Winter Retreat at Deer Creek State Park.

January 17th: Club meeting at Town Hall noon. Speaker will be David Stratton, president of the Allen Economic Development Group.

2nd Vice District Governor Sue Davis to visit. Start the new 50/50 charity raffle.

DECEMBER FINAL CHARITY RAFFLE for 2022:

- \$100 Roger Hoffer ticket sold by Lion Gene Long
- \$100 Ron Headings ticket sold by Lion Ron Headings
- \$100 Dave Urich ticket sold by Lion John Rich
- \$100 Carol Sheidler ticket sold by Lion Ryan Lowry
- \$100 Sam Stahl ticket sold by Lion Bob Stahl
- \$100 Chuck Sullivan ticket sold by Lion Gene Long
- \$100 Dan Johnson ticket sold by Lion Stephanie Larcom
- \$100 Tim Closson ticket sold by Lion Tim Closson
- \$100 Livi Matthews ticket sold by Lion Brandon Matthews
- \$60 Bill Niejadlik ticket sold by Lion Barbara Plaugher

<u>COMMUNITY MEAL</u>: Approximately 80 persons enjoyed the Lion's meal on December 1st at the Senior Citizens building, with a collection of \$192 donated for Food Bank. Homemade bread was baked by Lion John Rich. Those participating are lions: John Rich, chairman; Tracy Steele; Gene Long; Corwin Croy; Bill Watkins; Jesse Blackburn; Gary Graham; Jan Emmert; Clair Winebar.

BLAZE OF LIGHTS:



On November 26th the village of Bluffton lights up for Christmas. Shown on the left is the Lion's entry into the parade. This Model A belongs to Lion President Jim Bemiller, as seen riding in passenger seat. Glad you weren't driving Jim!!

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL:



On December 8th the Bluffton Lions Club enjoyed a social evening at the Bluffton University Marbeck Center. A committee of Lions Tracy Steele, Stephanie Larcom and Jackie Bourassa provided fun and fellowship for the members with the university providing the meal. It was a great evening!

MEMORIAL:

Lion Elaine Harris expired on December 4th. She had been an active Bluffton Lion member since 2006 until her illness. She was also named the Citizen of the Year. A memorial gift will be sent to LCIF in her name.

BOARD REPORT:

Articles of Incorporation filed. An application for eyeglasses approved. Committee working on the Foundation By-Laws. Nominating committee to begin to fill slate.

REQUEST DUES TO BE PAID BY DECEMBER 31ST

CHARITY RAFFLE TICKET STUBS AND MONEY NEED TO BE IN BY JANUARY 15TH