



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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January 2023

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

February Birthday:

Dennis Morrison 2/10

Bob Stahl 2/10

Clair Winebar 2/24

February Anniversary:

Bob Stahl 2/15

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 7th: Special called meeting noon at the Town Hall designated to vote on three amendments of the Foundation which will provide the same members on the boards for the Club and Foundation.

February 9th: Northwest Eyecare Foundation by zoom 7 PM.

February 14th: Board meeting 6 PM at the Bluffton Grade School library.

February 21st: Club meeting noon at Town Hall. 50/50 charity raffle drawing. Speaker to be announced.

February 25th: Cabinet meeting 10 AM at Henry's in Ottawa.

January 50/50 charity raffle:

\$100 David Urich ticket sold by Lion John Rich

\$50 Kyle Chamberlan ticket sold by Lion Gene Long

\$30 Laura Voth ticket sold by Lion Laura Voth

\$20 Bluffton Senior Citizens ticket sold by Lion Jan Emmert

JANUARY BOARD REPORT: The Board approved the budgeted club charities as follows: LCIF \$1,000; Pilot Dogs \$500; Ohio Sight/Hearing \$200; Ohio Lions Foundation \$400; Ohio Diabetes Fund \$250; Ohio Lions Eye Research \$100; NW Ohio Eyecare \$250; Lions International Relations \$100; Bluffton Public Library \$500; Bluffton Community Assistance \$100; Mennonite Memorial Home \$500. The Citizen of the Year celebration will be on April 6th to be held at the Bluffton University. A pancake breakfast will be held in March at the Bluffton Middle School. Date to be determined. Scholarship applications provided to the three local schools. Discussion followed on the Foundation By-Law Amendments that will be discussed at the foundation meeting and a special meeting of the club members will be called for a vote.

The following amendments will be voted upon on February 7th:

1. Article IV Directors, Section 1. Number. The Corporation shall have the same Directors as the Bluffton Lions Club, and be known as the Board of Directors.

2. Article V, Officers, Section 1. Designation of Officers. The Officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, and they shall be those individuals who hold the same offices in the Bluffton Lions Club.

3. Article V, Section 3. Officers shall be elected in the same manner as the officers of the Bluffton Lions Club, and their term shall be concurrent.

JANUARY 17TH CLUB MEETING:

First Vice District Governor, Deb Crawford, was present and presented information to the club on the district and state news.

Second Vice District Governor, Susan Davis, also was at the club meeting and gave information on upcoming conventions for the district and state.

Past District Governor, Bill Keller, now our zone 6 chairman, joined the meeting and shared information about our zone.

The first drawing of the 50/50 charity raffle was held. Some ticket holders still need to get their tickets and monies in. We are hoping to have all tickets sold, as this is one of our big projects that help to pay our donations.

Five minute presentations from four of the club members speaking of their life and passion were: Lions Gary Graham, John Hochstetler, Dennis Morrison and Stephanie Larcom. This was enjoyed by all.

DONATIONS TO LCIF (LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION):

I would like to list the LCIF grants that District 13 OH1 has received to date:

- 1. Purchase Equipment for Children's Hospital \$5,899 community impact 9/8/2022**
- 2. Magnifiers for Eye Care Foundation \$2,000 community impact 6/13/2022**
- 3. All Inclusive Playground \$98,427 matching 1/21/2021**
- 4. Equip Respite Care Center \$10,000 matching 1/13/2018**
- 5. Equip Goodwill Easter Seals \$15,000 standard 10/9/2015**
- 6. Equip Handicapped Playground \$75,000 standard 10/8/2014**
- 7. Tornado Relief \$10,000 emergency 6/28/2010**
- 8. Tornado Relief \$10,000 emergency 2/8/2008**
- 9. Flood Relief \$5,000 emergency 8/30/2007**
- 10. Tornado Relief \$10,000 emergency 11/11/2002**
- 11. Lions-Habitat Home-Van Wert \$30,750 Core 4 health 4/4/2001**
- 12. Flood Relief \$10,000 emergency 4/24/2000**
- 13. Purchase Air Puff Tonometer \$3,000 standard 2/14/1981**

Grants currently are listed as...SightFirst Grants; Matching; Diabetes; Lions Quest; Designated; Leo Service; District/Club; and Humanitarian

When you donate to LCIF, monies go around the world for the area of greatest need; however, it also comes back to our district. Lion Barbara Plaugher, LCIF District Coordinator 2012 to present.