



# Newsletter

## Bluffton Lions Club

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February 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

March Birthday:

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| Ryan Lowry       | 3/6  | Corwin Croy | 3/10 | Mitch Kingsley | 3/19 |
| Neil Reichenbach | 3/24 |             |      |                |      |

March Anniversary:

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| Ron Lora | 3/22 | Patty Navin | 3/28 |
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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Community Meal. Check with Lion John Rich to assist.

**MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>:** Club meeting at noon Town Hall. This meeting will discuss the upcoming election of officers, the updated club constitution and membership.

**MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>:** Board meeting 6 PM at the Bluffton Grade School library.

**MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>:** Club meeting at noon Town Hall. Speaker TBA. 50/50 Charity Raffle drawing.

**APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>:** Citizen of the Year 6PM at the Bluffton University. Registration required. Contact Lion John Rich to register.

**APRIL 14 & 15:** District Convention Hilton Garden Inn, Findlay, OH. Registration required. Contact Lion Barbara Plaughter for information.

### February 50/50 charity raffle:

\$100 Bluffton Soccer Club ticket donated by Lion Jan Emmert  
 \$50 Janet Hardian ticket sold by Lion Patty Navin  
 \$30 Janet Yoder ticket sold by Lion Jerry Szabo  
 \$20 Dick McGarrity ticket sold by Lion Dick McGarrity



### FEBRUARY BOARD REPORT:

The board approved budgeted funds for Boys and Girls State as requested \$350. District Convention expense budgeted funds to sponsor a table and a quarter page ad was approved for \$45. We can list 5 delegates and 5 alternates for voting at the convention. Chairman Lion John Rich reported the Citizen of the Year will be April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Bluffton University.

The Festival of Wheels interested lions are to meet on February 15<sup>th</sup> 7 PM at the Town Hall. Ride to Remember committee to meet February 14<sup>th</sup>. Lion Bill Croft is the chairman. Nominating committee chairman Lion Patty Navin working on a slate of officers to present. Discussion on going back to two meetings a month. There will be extra meetings this spring to accommodate issues. Meetings to be announced.

Request by Lion Ed Yeager for his church to use or buy the popcorn machine. The board approved gifting the machine to the St. Johns UCC, as it is not being used.

## **FEBRUARY 7th MEETING:**

This special meeting was called to amend three sections of the Bluffton Lions Club current By-Laws:

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.

Also added to Article X of the Bluffton Lions Foundation By-Laws section 2 and 3:

Section 2-Special Meetings of the membership may be called by the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, or by any three members, including at least one Director. Such meetings shall be held at the principal office of the corporation, or, if different at the place designated by the person or persons calling the special meeting.

Section 3-Notice of special meetings at least 14 days prior notice shall be given by the Secretary to all the membership. Such notice may be oral or written, may be given personally, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic means, such as email, and shall state the place, date and time of the meeting and the matters proposed to be acted upon at the meeting.

Twenty-three club members attended and voted to amend and add the above sections.

## **FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING:**



Speaker for the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting was Troy Elwer, Manager of the Allen County Fair. The mission of the Co. Fair is to educate youth and promote agriculture. Improvements made are to the pond, stage with gazebo and airconditioned buildings. Projects are to update and build new buildings. The 2023 fair sold out 11,000 tickets for the main attraction in 15 minutes. Special days at the fair are Kiddie Day, Senior Citizens and Veterans. They use volunteers for the gates. Sponsors are greatly appreciated as the fair is non-profit.