



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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May 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

June Birthday:

Jesse Blackburn	6/1	Jackie Bourassa	6/7	Sawyer Goldsberry	6/21
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June Anniversary:

Ted Cunningham	6/1	Andrew Rager	6/2	Don Hostetler	6/11
Tom Edwards	6/19	Clair Winebar	6/22	Tim Closson	6/23
Dick McGarrity	6/23	Jackie Bourassa	6/25		

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 19th – 20th: Ohio Lions State Convention in Columbus.

June 1st: Community meal at the Senior Citizens. Contact Lion John Rich to volunteer.

June 6th: Meeting at VOSH Pandora Sorting Center 6 PM. Vote on Slate of Officers. Scholarship winners to attend. Meal to be served. RSVP to Lion Barbara Plaughter for meal count.

June 13th: Board meeting 6 PM at Bluffton St. John's UCC social room. Working on Festival of Wheels project. **Note Location change!!**

June 16th: Festival of Wheels. Contact Lion Ed Yeager to participate with this project.

June 20th: Club meeting at Town Hall noon. 50/50 charity raffle drawing. Scholarship winners to attend. Speak TBA.

July 15th: Ride to Remember. Contact Lion Bill Croft to help with project.

May 50/50 charity raffle:

\$100 Amy Rich ticket sold by Lion John Rich
\$50 Joshua Johnson ticket sold by Lion Stephanie Larcom
\$30 Rich Fields ticket sold by Lion Gene Long
\$20 Joy Stechschulte ticket sold by Lion Stephanie Larcom



MAY BOARD REPORT:

\$300 was approved by the board for a donation to the Bluffton Soccer Club.

Discussion on time and frequency of the meetings. A short survey will be emailed to members.

Highway clean-up held May 6th.

Slate of officers approved by the board...

President - VACANT

VP of Projects - Lion John Rich

VP of Programs - Lion Gene Long

VP of Membership - Lion Greg Denecker

Secretary - Lion Barbara Plaucher

Treasurer - Lion Ed Yeager

Lion Tamer - Lion Gary Graham

Tail Twister - Lion Dennis Morrison

Board Directors - 1 yr Lion Tracy Steele

1 yr Lion John Hochstetler

2 yr Lion Jan Emmert

2 yr Lion Ron Headings

MAY 2ND MEETING:

This club meeting was held to discuss membership. Lion Greg Denecker, membership chairman, opened the discussion. A short video was shown. Members present were asked to begin compiling a list of names of potential new members and forward to Lion Greg or Lion Barbara Plaucher, secretary. Areas of consideration are as follows: Relatives; Friends; Neighbors; Church Affiliates; Local Professionals; Business Colleagues; Community Leaders. More information will follow on plans for the membership drive.

LIONS PRESENT POLICE PATROL BIKE:



April 26th the woman's police patrol bike was presented to the Bluffton Police Department by the Bluffton Lions Club. The bike patrol started in mid-1990's and now has 3 female officers and no appropriate bike. Officer Hope Hannah will also use this to put on the Bike Rodeo for the youth. Lions attending were: Lions Richard Boehr, Corwin Croy, Stephanie Larcom, Jim Bemiller, Eugene McCall, Alan Yoder, Ron Lora, John Rich and Mitch Kingsley.



Survey: Would you be able to attend?

1. Noon meetings only _____
2. Evening meetings only _____
3. Both noon and evening meetings _____

Please reply to secretary, Lion Barbara

MeETING

ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP:

Ten lions and helpers were present on Saturday, May 6th, to do their bi-annual roadside clean-up. Those participating were: Lions Bob Stahl, chairman, Jackie Bourassa, Tim Closson, Gary Graham, Ron Headings, Ron Lora, Mike Minnig and Clair Winebar.



Amy Byers – BFR YMCA

MAY 16TH CLUB MEETING:

Amy Byers, Director of the Bluffton Family Recreation YMCA, spoke at the club meeting (as seen above). The recent merger of the BFR and the Lima YMCA was on May 1st. This merger allows membership to both the Lima and Bluffton areas. Soon a membership in the YMCA program will be accepted on a national basis. Their affiliations are...Afterschool program; Internship with Bluffton University; Southgate Lanes; Shannon Theatre; Maple Crest Swim Classes; Sports and Soccer Club. Funding comes from memberships and donors.