



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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June 2024

2023-2024 Officers & Board Members:

President-VACANT; V. Pres-John Rich; V. Pres-Gene Long; V. Pres-Greg Denecker; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Ed Yeager; Lion Tamer-Gary Graham; Tail Twister-Dennis Morrison; Board Members: 1 yr.-Tracy Steele; 1 yr.- John Hochstetler; 2 yr.- Jan Emmert ; 2 yr.- Jackie Bourassa. Editor-Barbara Plaughter

July Birthday:

Patty Navin	7/3	Ted Cunningham	7/5	Scott Basinger	7/8
John Rich	7/29				

July Anniversary:

Cindy Lee	7/7	John Rich	7/9	John Hochstetler	7/14
Fred Rodabaugh	7/17	Greg Denecker	7/25	Laura Voth	7/27

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 24th: Officers to meet to determine schedule for the coming year.

June Charity Raffle 50/50:

\$100 Swiss Community Historical Society ticket sold by Lion Jan Emmert
\$50 Bill Croft ticket sold by Lion Bill Croft
\$30 Barbara Plaughter ticket sold by Lion Barbara Plaughter
\$20 Jerry Lewis ticket sold by Lion Jerry Lewis

JUNE BOARD REPORT:

Topic of discussion was the upcoming Festival of Wheels and assuring that all areas were covered. Stuffing of the goody bags followed by board and club members.

VOSH SORTING CENTER:

Thirteen members along with two scholarship winners and guests were present to help with preparing glasses for third-world missions on June 4th at the Pandora United Methodist Church basement. All enjoyed pizza, fellowship and volunteering. Scholarship winners Ella Armstrong from Bluffton and Avery Traxler from Pandora-Gilboa shared their future plans with the club and helped with packing glasses.

COMMUNITY MEAL:

Chairman Lion John Rich along with Lowell Hostetler, Jan Emmert, Dwain Hall, Gene Long and Barbara Plaughter served the Senior Citizen Community Meal on June 6th. Meals were served to 70 people with a total donation of \$238 received that will go to the Food Pantry.



FESTIVAL OF WHEELS:

On June 14th 207 cars rolled into the village of Bluffton for the Lions annual car show. Thanks to the many sponsors and those that donated, the estimated net revenue was approximately \$3,000. This will go back to the community in supporting scholarships and local charity work of the Bluffton Lions. The 50-50 raffle of \$741 was won along with numerous other items – Scooter donated by Bike Crazy; Flights donated by the Bluffton Flying Service; AAA membership donated by Lima AAA; Many restaurant certificates and etc. Eighteen lions and others participated in this project with the planning and working during the day of the show. Dan Groman graciously worked with the lions to coordinate this project.



Lions Clair Winebar, Dwain Hall, Tracy Steele



Lowell Hostetler, Eugene McCall, Greg Denecker, Jerry Szabo, Ed Yeager

JUNE 18TH CLUB MEETING:

The June 18th meeting was held at noon. Scholarship winners Jacob Granger from Bluffton and Anna Parkins from Pandora-Gilboa were present to share their plans for the future. Installation of new officers by DGE Sue Davis was held as each member participated in building a gravel, as we build our club for the coming year. DGE Sue also inducted three new members as seen below.

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L to R: Andrew Armstrong, Natalie Armstrong, Cindy Lee, Sponsor President Elect Jackie Bourassa and District Governor Elect Sue Davis.

NEW MEMBERS BIO:

Andrew Armstrong was from Archbold, came to Bluffton College and has a degree in elementary education. He has a Masters from Univ of Findlay. He is a teacher at Bluffton for the past 23 years and a previous lion club member. He enjoys biking.

Natalie Armstrong, wife of Andrew, graduated from Cory Rawson, attended Bluffton College in education. She is teaching 6th grade at Bluffton. They have 3 children. Their hobbies include camping, gardening and attending their kids' sport activities. Natalie loves to read.

Both are looking forward in being involved with starting the Leo Club at Bluffton High School.

Cindy Lee grew up in Bluffton, graduated from Ohio State University and has a Masters from Marygrove College. She has taught Middle School for 31 years in Bluffton and has coached basketball and track. She and husband, Dennis, have 2 sons and 3 granddaughters. She enjoys walks, bike riding, pickleball and music. Her father is Mayor Rich Johnson.

A NOTE FROM LION JACKIE:

I am looking forward to a new year of serving with the Bluffton Lions Club and am very thankful for all that the Bluffton Lions do to support our community. After being installed as club president on June 18th I presented a list of our club committees that serve as the heart of our club and help us to accomplish so much. Those members present at the meeting responded with the areas of interest. Be on the lookout for an email from me, and please respond with your areas of interest. We ask each Lion to serve on at least two committees. Your officers will be meeting soon to help plan for our new year, and we will use this information to help us build our committees.

Our committees include: Fundraising Committees – Dare to Dream, 50/50 Charity Raffle, Festival of Wheels, and others. Club Growth & Service Committees – Membership, Citizen of the Year, Scholarship, Peace Poster, Blaze of Lights, Eye Screening and others. Project & Social – Recycling, Roadside Cleanup, Diabetes Awareness, Inclusive Playground, Leo Club and others.

Please include ideas for club activities, projects and/or fundraisers. Thank you. Lion Jackie

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:



**Avery Traxler Pandora-Gilboa
Attended the June 4th meeting**



**Ella Armstrong Bluffton
Attended the June 4th meeting**



**Jacob Granger Bluffton
Attended the June 18th meeting**



**Anna Parkins Pandora-Gilboa
Attended the June 18th meeting**



**Carson Skulina Cory-Rawson
Plans to attend August 6th**



**Carsen Weaver Bluffton
Plans to attend August 6th**