



# 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 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

### January Birthday:

Tracy Steele	1/8	Barbara Plaughter	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 25<sup>th</sup>: MERRY CHRISTMAS!

January 1<sup>st</sup>: Happy New Year!

January 10<sup>th</sup>: Board meeting at the Elementary School library 6 PM.

January 13 – 15<sup>th</sup>: Winter Retreat at Deer Creek State Park.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Plaughter

**COMMUNITY MEAL:** Approximately 80 persons enjoyed the Lion's meal on December 1<sup>st</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**CHARITY RAFFLE TICKET STUBS AND MONEY NEED TO BE IN BY JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**