



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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May 2014

2013-2014 Officers & Board Members:

President-Mitch Kingsley; V. Pres-Chad Grieser; V. Pres-Stephanie Larcom; V. Pres-Rachel Webster; Secretary-Elaine Brubaker; Treasurer-Lowell Hostetler; Lion Tamer-Arliss Plaughter; Tail Twister-Greg Aversch; Board Members: 2 yr-Mark Alliman & Phil Zimmerly; 1 yr-Ron Lora & Katherine Keifer; Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer; Editor-Barbara Plaughter

June Birthday:

Pat Rodabaugh 6/7

Mark Alliman 6/23

June Anniversary:

Ted Cunningham 6/1

Elaine Brubaker 6/11

Andy Armstrong 6/22

Dick McGarrity 6/23

Jeff Joseph 6/28

Kyle Leatherman 6/14

Andy Armstrong 6/26

Andrew Rager 6/2

Don Hostetler 6/11

Dave Rodabaugh 6/22

Tracy Steele 6/25



Jerry Szabo 6/10

Tom Edwards 6/19

Tim Closson 6/23

Don & Dimale Snyder 6/27

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 3rd: VOSH sorting center evening at the First Methodist Church in Pandora 6 PM. Bring a guest.

June 13th: Friday the 13th ...Join in the fun at the Lions Festival of Wheels in Bluffton starting at 2 PM.

There will be a craft fair also this year at the festival.

June 17th: Noon meeting with program of Year-end wrap-up. Scholarship winners will be present to share their plans for the future. Installation of officers. Short video on LCIF.

July 1st: Lions picnic. Location and date will be given later. Bring a guest and covered dish.

Sandwiches, drinks and ice cream will be furnished. Mark your calendar.

July 4th through 8th: Lions International Convention at Toronto, Canada.

BOARD REPORT:

Still have packages of sausages left from the Pancake Breakfast. See Lion Dick Ramseyer if interested.

If you have interest in coordinating the Blaze of Lights projects or the Senior Citizens Pancake Breakfast, please see Lion Stephanie Larcom.

Funds for the scholarships amounted to enough to cover four scholarships. One scholarship went to Pandora/Gilboa, one to Cory/Rawson, and two for Bluffton Schools.

Peace Poster Packet has been given to the Bluffton middle school art teacher for students starting next fall. Roadside cleanup will be May 24th.

Reminder to continue to collect aluminum cans for the Lions. Red truck will be sitting outside the Town Hall during club meetings for collection site

Pathway project is close to topping the goal for the 103 project. Groundbreaking middle of June.

Majority of funds raised for the Augsburg Road project with construction anticipated spring 2016.



Lions State Convention:

Dignitaries at the state convention L to R: Past International President from Ohio, James Coffey... International President for 2014-2015 to be installed in Toronto in July, Lion Joe Preston from Arizona. (His theme for this next year is...Strengthen the Pride through Service). Our own zone 5 chairman and District Governor for the coming year, Marvin Crawford. (Lion Marv won the zone leader of the year award for the state at the convention). Past International Director Steve Sherrer. PID Steve will be running for an international president position.

May 6th Meeting:


Lion Tom Langhals President and Owner of Colonial Surface Solutions and Diamond Manufacturing of Bluffton presented the program “ The Challenges of Business”. Tom spoke of his growing up year in the Columbus Grove area...his time in US military as a Marine, returning home to start farming, then starting a painting business that later became Colonial Surface Solutions. As the business grew in rural



Columbus Grove, space became an issue resulting in the purchase of the former Mid-Bus manufacturing building, and later with the purchase of Diamond Manufacturing it was moved into the new building. Over a period of time, new ventures were added resulting in the need for additional space. Later, with more growth in his business, there was a need to expand again, resulting in the purchase of the Triplett Corporation property in Bluffton. Tom also shared about the many challenges faced as the companies continued to grow.

May 20th Meeting:


Dr. Mark Yoder spoke to the noon Lions meeting about Diseases of the Eye as We age. He presented the mission of the Lions Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action Program which is: to provide programs and assistance to aid people who have partial or complete loss of sight and to work to eliminate preventable and reversible blindness. He spoke briefly about his role working with the underserved and preventable blindness in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Dr. Yoder discussed the various diseases



Preventable
Vision
Loss

Mark Yoder

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that we can develop and stressed the importance of yearly eye exams. Eye diseases can be determined by the limit of vision that one experiences, whether lack of peripheral vision, blurring of vision, or other symptoms. By having a yearly eye exam, these diseases can be determined early and cared for to help prevent further vision loss. The Bluffton Lions club assists in awareness through diabetic education, collecting glasses and volunteering at the eyeglass sorting center to meet our Lions mission. Plan to join in on June 3rd at the VOSH-Oh sorting center in the Pandora Methodist Church.