



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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June 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 Plaugher; Tail Twister-Greg Aversch; Board Members: 2 yr-Mark Alliman & Phil Zimmerly; 1 yr-Ron Lora & Katherine Keifer; Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer; Editor-Barbara Plaugher

July Birthday:

David Rodabaugh	7/1	Ted Cunningham	7/5	Elaine Harris	7/6
Scott Basinger	7/8	Jo Croft	7/10		

July Anniversary:

Morris Groman	7/3	Tom Langhals	7/5	Rodney McDaniels	7/9
John Rich	7/9	Rachel Webster	7/10	Matthew Jordan	7/12
Jan Emmert	7/14	Gary Bishop	7/16	Pat/Fred Rodabaugh	7/17
Greg Denecker	7/25	Laura Voth	7/27	Steve Yoder	7/31

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 1st: Lions picnic at the Village Farm Park shelter house 6:00 PM. Bring a guest and covered dish. Sandwiches and drinks will be furnished. Mark your calendar. This is the only club meeting in July.

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

BOARD REPORT:

A sample financial statement was reviewed by the board. It was suggested that this report be shared with the Lions at the club meetings.

A transfer of \$1,500 from the club monies was made to the foundation, hereby providing these funds to be donated to the following programs... LCIF \$300; Pilot Dogs \$50; Ohio Sight/Hearing \$100; Ohio Lions Foundation \$200; Northwest Ohio Eye Care \$100; Lions International Relations \$100; Bluffton Hospital Foundation \$500. This distribution of funds met our budgeted donations for the year.

The club will pay \$175 for an ad in the Chamber's Explore Bluffton booklet.

A memorial gift will be given to LCIF in memory of Bob Barnett, 50 year club member.

Raymond Harner has been accepted as a new club member with Dick Ramseyer as sponsor.

Katie Keifer and Jeff Joseph requested to become associate members. Board approved.

The resignation of Elaine Brubaker, due to moving out of state, was accepted by the board.

NEW MEMBER BIO:

Raymond Harner was born in Lima, OH. He joined the navy after high school. Became a real estate investor after his two years in the navy. Opened a bike shop in May 1993. Worked with Elder Beerman then went back to the bike shop in 2004. Raymond is married to wife, Elizabeth, and they have 2 boys. They both work in the new Bluffton Bike Shop. Raymond says he enjoys singing in the Bluffton University Messiah, college concerts and the Lima Symphony choir.



June 3rd Meeting:

The Bluffton Lions club held its June 3, 2014 meeting volunteering at the VOSH-OHIO (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity) Pandora, Ohio eye glasses recycling center in the United Methodist Church. The evening included cleaning, sorting, evaluating & reading recycled eye glasses for preparation to distribute to underserved people throughout third-world countries. Photo shows Lions Ed Yeager, Don Hostetler and Alan Yoder checking glasses on the lensometers.

Members of the church provided the meal.



ROADSIDE CLEANUP:

The scheduled route along 103 from Allen/Hancock County road to State route 235 northeast of Bluffton is where roadside cleanup is maintained by the Bluffton Lions twice a year and was the scene for the following Lion members on Saturday, May 24, 2014. Lions Andy Armstrong, Mark Alliman, Neal Reichenbach, Jan Emmert, Ron Lora, Stephanie Larcom & her two sons, Julia Szabo, wife of Lion Jerry Szabo, & son Jacob. WE SERVE.

FESTIVAL OF WHEELS:

On Friday, June 13th 220 vehicles crowded into Main Street in Bluffton for the annual Lions Festival of Wheels. The photo below shows the crowd of people that this attracts. Food, fun, fellowship, craft booths, awards, entertainment and much more was enjoyed by all.

Volunteers are as follows.....

Lions Ed Yeager, Denny Morrison, Chuck Amstutz, Dick Ramseyer, Bill Croft, Jo Croft, Elaine Harris, Doug Luginbill, Greg Denecker, Jerry Szabo, Mitch Kingsley, Rod McDaniel, Bob Amstutz, Mark Alliman, Lowell Hostetler, Jan Emmert, Daryl Shields, Gene Long, Morris Groman, Ron Lora, Greg Aversch & Fred Rodabaugh.





JUNE 17TH MEETING:

Lion Dick Ramseyer, sponsor of new lion member Raymond Harner, shares biographical information about Harner to the membership, prior to his official induction into the Bluffton Lions Club. The induction ceremony took place at The Bluffton Lions Club meeting, Tuesday, June 17, 2014 by PDG Barbara Plaugher.

Installation of the following club members followed: President – Stephanie Larcom; Vice Presidents – Jerry Szabo, Mitch Kingsley; Secretary – Barbara Plaugher; Treasurer – Lowell Hostetler; Lion Tamer

– Arliss Plaugher; Tail Twister – Greg Averagesch; Board Members – Jim Bemiller, Mark Alliman, Phil Zimmerly.

Three of the four scholarship winners were present and spoke to the club. They are...

Summer Burkholder from Pandora/Gilboa to attend Hillsdale College; Kiley Scott from Cory/Rawson to attend Ashland University; Emily Sycks from Bluffton to attend Ashland University. Each received a \$500 scholarship from the Bluffton Lions Club.

NOTE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT:

I am truly honored to have been selected as your Bluffton Lion's President for the 2014 – 2015 term. No matter what our individual story is, we all have one thing in common; we have a desire to SERVE. Being a part of the Bluffton Lions 'club, we will have numerous opportunities to do just that. Whether it is serving pancakes, helping to screen eyes of local children, to roadside clean-up...there is literally something for everyone!

My vision for this upcoming year, is to help rekindle that spark amongst our members, that led you to join our club in the first place. It's exciting that we have such a diverse group, each with special gifts and talents. We will have many activities throughout the year, which we will need to call upon you, our members to SERVE. There's that word again! My goal is to help cultivate your individual strengths and help each one of you find your niche in the club.

Let's Go Lions!!

Stephanie Larcom, Pres.

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Our 46,000 clubs and 1.35 million members make us the world's largest service club organization. We're also one of the most effective. Our members do whatever is needed to help their local communities. Everywhere we work, we make friends. With children who need eyeglasses, with seniors who don't have enough to eat and with people we may never meet. Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world. Our 1.35 million members - who perform community service in 208 countries and geographic areas - are different in many ways, but share a core belief: community is what we make it. When you join Lions, you join a global service network. So, at the same time you're doing local community service, you can also contribute to Lions volunteer efforts around the world.

