



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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September 2015

2015-2016 Officers & Board Members:

President-Stephanie Larcom; V. Pres-Pat Rodabaugh; V. Pres-Ron Lora; V. Pres-Colleen Lazar; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Lowell Hostetler; Lion Tamer-Mitch Kingsley/Doug Luginbill; Tail Twister-Greg Aversch; Board Members: 1 yr-Jim Bemiller; 1 yr-Ron Headings; 2 yr-Omar Khokhar; 2 yr-Judy Augsburger; Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer; Editor-Barbara Plaughter.

October Birthday:

Gary Graham	10/7	Phil Weisenbarger	10/8	Laura Voth	10/21
Bill Watkins	10/27	Steve Yoder	10/29		

October Anniversary:

Jerry Lewis	10/3	Dennis Morrison	10/7	Neil Reichenbach	10/16
Kyle Leatherman	10/18	Judy Augsburger	10/26	Arliss/Barbara Plaughter	10/26

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 1st: Community Meal at the Bluffton Senior Citizens with Bluffton Lions providing the meal 6 PM.

October 3rd: State Committee meetings 10 am at School for the Blind in Columbus.

October 6th: Club meeting at the Town Hall with speaker Lion Greg Denecker talking about the "Bluffton School System".

October 20th: This club meeting will be held at the Comfort Inn conference room. Lion Dick Boehr will be presenting information on "The Shannon Cemetery".

October 24th: OH-1 Convention/Elections will be held at the Waynesfield Lion's building 10 am.

November 4th: Dare to Dream auction and wine tasting event. Mark your calendar.

SEPTEMBER BOARD REPORTS:

Every board member is to call seven Lions to promote meetings, due to low attendance. Assistance needed for the booth at the Hancock Handle Bars Bike Ride. The park dedication and ribbon cutting will be held at the Lions Way Trail Head Park in September.

The Dare to Dream Wine Tasting Auction tickets have been offered to last year's attendees. If any tickets remain, they will be allocated for sale to the public. The Board moved to invest up to \$500 from the Pathway fund for the purchase of two weekend lodging deals for the auction. Foundation budget was discussed and \$750 will be allocated as available money for other donations as needed throughout the year.



Bluffton Lion Jim Bemiller was the speaker for the **September 1st club meeting** held in the Bluffton Town Hall at noon. Jim has lived with sight imparment most of his life and shared his life long experiences with the club members.



September 15th Meeting:

LaRee Little shared his memories of the “History of the Dixie Highway” with the club members at the noon club meeting. He provided many, many photos in a power point presentation covering sights from our locale completely down old 25 or now I-75 into Florida.

SURE SIGHT EYE SCREENING Sept 21st through 30th :

Those Lions assisting with the eye screening at the local schools and day cares are Lions Ed Yeager, Barbara Plaughter, Arliss Plaughter, Elaine Harris, Tom Edwards, Jan Emmert and Mark Alliman. Over 200 children have been examined to date with one more week yet to continue the eye screens.



Dedication and ribbon cutting of the Trail Head Park:



September 16th was the official dedication and ribbon cutting for the Lions Trail Head Park. Lions and members of the community attended this celebration and thanked those making this park a reality. The Findlay-Hancock Community Foundation gave a leading donation; the land was donated by the family of George Kentris; Neil Hauenstein, architect and landscaper; Don and Dima Snyder excavating; Warren Crites concrete work; and village officals built the structure. Landscaping by Stratton’s Greenhouse; and signage from Masterpiece signs.



USA/CANADA FORUM:

Over 2,000 Lions attended the USA/Canada forum September 17 through 19 held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. International President, Dr. Jitsubhiro Yamada spoke at the Saturday noon luncheon, welcoming the Lions to this forum. Over 120 seminars were offered giving each Lion a chance to improve his/her skill set. Dr. Yamada's theme is Dignity, Harmony and Humanity. Dignity to myself, a healthier and wiser me; Harmony with my club, building a stronger club; and commitment to humanity's future, a better world. Next year's forum will be held in Omaha, Nebraska.



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See attached PDF file. Lions will be celebrating their 100th year of service and plans are being made to expand their community service and inspiring others to join in.

International President Yamada seen below as he speaks to the USA/Canada forum.

