



Newsletter

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February 2016

2015-2016 Officers & Board Members:

President-Stephanie Larcom; 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.

March Birthday:

Omar Khokhar 3/11

Neil Reichenbach 3/24

Mitch Kingsley 3/19

Corrinne Boehr 3/23

March Anniversary:

Ron Lora 3/22



UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 24th: Northwest Eye Care Assoc. meeting @ Napoleon Lions Building 6:30 PM

February 28th: Cabinet meeting at Schnipke's Inn Ottawa 3:00 PM

February 29th: Zone meeting at McComb St. Johns Luthern Church 6:30 PM

March 1st: Speaker for the noon meeting will be George Lehman from Bluffton University talking on "Is Collaboration the New Competitive Advantage".

March 12th: Pancake Breakfast coordinated with the Senior Citizens at the Senior Citizens building starting at 8 am. See Lion Colleen Lazar for tickets.

March 15th: Noon meeting with Perry Bush from Bluffton University speaking on "Rust Belt Resistance", the story of Lima.

April 8-9: Mark your calendar for the District Convention at Holiday Inn, Lima with the cabinet meeting to be held on the 8th.

BOARD REPORTS:

Donations were approved as budgeted: LCIF \$500, VOSH-Ohio \$300, Pilot Dogs \$250, Ohio Sight/Hearing \$200, Ohio Lions Foundation \$400, Ohio Diabetes Fund \$250, Ohio Lions Eye Research \$100, NW Ohio Eyecare \$250, Lions International Relations \$200, Girls/Boys State \$300. An additional donation of \$1,000 was approved for the Pilot Dogs building fund.

Pancake Breakfast will be March 12th. Tickets and posters available soon.

Nominating committee to meet. A slate of officers will be taken to the members at the March 15th meeting with the election scheduled for April 5th.

The scholarship committee may be interested in holding a shorter "Shopping Spree" to supplement existing designated scholarship funds. Anyone interested in helping see Lion Barbara Plaughter. Three resignations were reviewed. Sue Shields, Daryl Shields and Phil Weisenbarger have resigned the club with board approval.

Evaluation of the Blaze of Lights Chicken BBQ with suggestions for next year were documented in the minutes. Festival of Wheels Car Show scheduled for June 17th.

Ride to Remember Bike Ride scheduled for July 16th. Hancock Handlebars Bike Club Host will be September 11th. A donation from the estate of Dick and Betty Cookson was received and designated for the bike path. Pathway projects were discussed. Opening date for the Augsburg Path will be in late September. A recognition sign for the path was discussed.

FEBRUARY 2ND MEETING:



The February 2nd meeting was held at 6 PM in the Town Hall. This was an orientation/reorientation session for new and established members in the Bluffton Lions Club. The MC for the evening was PDG Marv Crawford from the McComb Lions club. A panel consisted of Lions Greg Averagesch, Dick Boehr, Greg Denecker and Mitch Kingsley. A power-point presentation was shown describing who are Lions, our club's accomplishments, district/state and international involvement for Lions. Approximately 50 Lions and guests attended this meeting and enjoyed door prizes donated by local food vendors, along with the famous lasagna provided by Henry's restaurant.

FEBRUARY 16TH MEETING:

The latest new member, Joseph Beagle, was inducted into the Bluffton Lions Club at the noon meeting on February 16th. Photo from left to right...Sponsor Lion Dick Ramseyer, Joseph Beagle and PDG Barbara Plaughter.

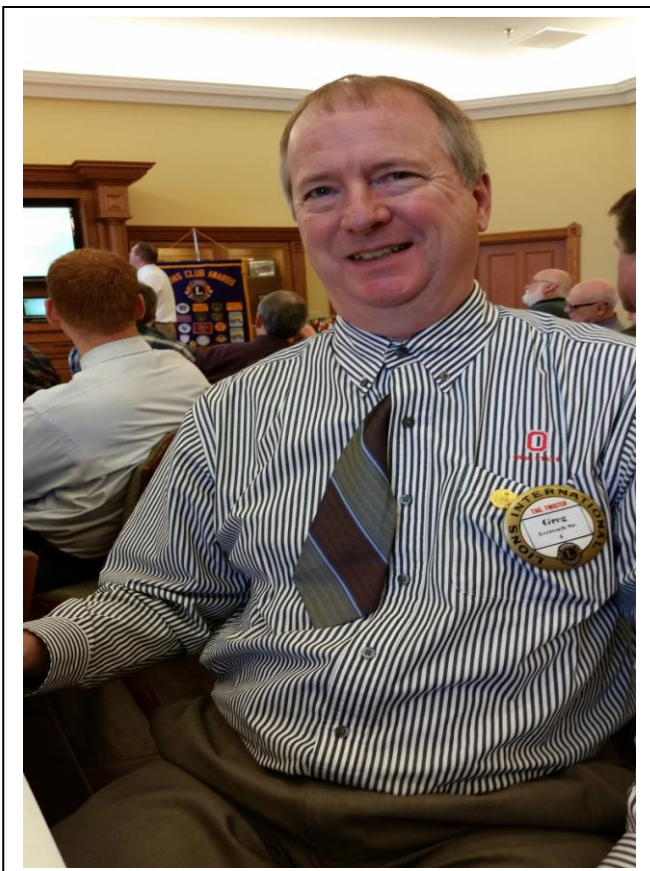


Speaker for the February 16th meeting was Lion Greg Denecker describing the Bluffton Middle School program. Middle school innovative programs consist of

1. Outdoor education at Camp Berry, Findlay. This is for 7th graders as they spend 3 days and 2 nights at the camp enjoying the outdoors and all that it has to offer.
2. Teach like a Pirate Day is for the 6 to 8 grade students. Different classes than usual are offered on a first come basis.
3. Night at the museum was a big success as different countries and customs was portrayed with dress, food and education of the country.
4. A trip to Washington, D.C. is offered to the 8th grade students during the last week of school



Pancake breakfast tickets for March 12th were distributed along with posters to be placed around the community.



WHY IS OUR TAIL TWISTER, GREG AVERESCH, WEARING ONLY A HALF OF A TIE? BE SURE TO ASK HIM!!

