



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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August 2012

2012-2013 Officers & Board Members:

President-Barbara Plaughter; V. Pres-Tom Edwards; V. Pres-Elaine Harris; V. Pres-Don Hostetler; Secretary-Howard Shelly; Treasurer-Lowell Hostetler; Lion Tamer-Arliss Plaughter; Tail Twister-Greg Aversch; Past Pres-Vanessa Greer; Board Members: 2 yr-Katie Keifer & Dale Metzger; 1 yr-Elaine Brubaker & Mark Alliman; Editor-Barbara Plaughter

September Birthdays:

Willis Sommer	9/1	Gary Bishop	9/2
Dick Weaver	9/3	Jeremy Szabo	9/4
Dan Diller	9/5	John Harris	9/8
Brendon Matthews	9/22	Greg Aversch	9/28
Ed Yeager	9/28		

September Anniversaries:

Alan Yoder	9/1	Robert Amstutz	9/2
Dan Diller	9/5	Vanessa Greer	9/11
Jamie Mehaffie	9/12	Jim Bemiller	9/17
Mark Alliman	9/23	Stan Naylor	9/25
Dick Boehr	9/28	Phil Weisenbarger	9/29



UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 4th – Club meeting with speaker Darrell Groman, OD speaking on “Captian James Riley and his connection to the Bluffton/Pandora area”.

September 13 – 15 -- USA/Canada forum in Tampa Bay, Florida

September 18th – Lion Eric Fulcomer “A trip to Israel with the Bluffton University Students

September 29th -- Corvette Raffle at Bluffton Family Recreation Center 12 noon.

Board Reports:

Club meeting:

The financial audit has been completed and is filed as satisfactory. One recommendation that a form be developed to preauthorize expenditures. Treasurer, Lion Lowell Hostetler, will develop a form for board approval.

John Murray has verbally resigned from the club, no written letter has been received to date.

Discussion on the Blaze of Lights. The club will have a chicken bar-b-q and a float in the parade. Lion Elaine Harris will notify the committees.

Leo committee representative, Lion Greg Denecker will provide more information on a possible Leo Club.

Schools scheduled for vision screening of kindergarten are Bluffton and Allen East starting 9/10.

Budget was discussed and approved for this coming year. Donations for this year are as follows:

LCIF, VOSH-Ohio, Pilot Dogs, Ohio Sight/Hearing, Ohio Lions Foundation, Ohio Diabetes Fund, Ohio Lions Eye Research, NW Ohio Eyecare, Relay for Life, Lions International Relations, Girls/Boys State, Bluffton Hospital, Pathway Project, Trees for the park, Scholarships, Memorial Home, Chamber of Commerce Light Show.

Foundation meeting:

The Foundation Board authorized funds for a car-hauling trailer not to exceed \$2,650.

August 7th Meeting:

At the August 7, 2012 Bluffton Lions club meeting, State Representative. Matt Huffman provided the program. He spoke about the map fight over how districts are drawn, the retire and rehire issue at public schools, changes in the state pension funds that are causing judges and others to retire before 2013 and the growing concern with internet cafés in Ohio that are promoting a form of gambling. Pictured above is Lion Greg Denecker with State Representative, Matt Huffman.



Lion Dick Boehr, chair of the Bluffton Lions Club recognition and awards committee, presented three members years of service Monarch Chevrons during the August 7th meeting. Lion Dick Cookson was recognized for 60 years and Lions Dick McGarrity and Dick Ramseyer for ten years.

August 21st Meeting:

District Governor Ralph Stuebs visited the Bluffton Lions sharing his goals for the year. #1 is youth work being high priority. His slogan is “Recruit Our Youth”. He wants at least two new Leo Clubs this year. He emphasizes the Peace Poster contest, Lions Quest and the Liberty Day program. Also giving of dictionaries to all third graders. #2 is membership. Delta is now a branch club and beginning their projects. The University of Toledo Hospital is working on developing a speciality campus club with medical students. He shared: Of extreme importance is the retention of the inactive members in our clubs. We have to get them active again before they give up and are removed. DG Ralph is an excellent speaker, as a minister for many years he has been in the public’s eye and he is a caring and concerned Lion. Thank you DG Ralph for attending our club.