



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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February 2012

2011-2012 Officers & Board Members:

President-Vanessa Greer; V. Pres-Tom Edwards; V. Pres-Elaine Harris; V. Pres-Don Hostetler; Secretary-Gary Bishop; Treasurer-Lowell Hostetler; Lion Tamer-Arliss Plaughter; Tail Twister-Greg Aversch; Past Pres-Dick Ramseyer; Board Members: 2 yr-Elaine Brubaker & John Harris; 1 yr-Jo Croft & Philip Zimmerly; Editor-Barbara Plaughter

March Birthdays:

Katherine Keifer	3/5
Burton Yost	3/5
Mitch Kingsley	3/19
Corrine Boehr	3/23
Neil Reichenbach	3/24

March Anniversaries:

Ron Lora	3/22
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 29 – Zone 7 meeting hosted by the Van Buren Lions @ 6:30 PM. All Lions encouraged to attend.

March 6 – Corvette kickoff meeting with presenter Lion Dick Ramseyer.

March 17 - Senior Citizens/Lions Annual Pancake and Sausage breakfast from 7 AM to 1 PM.

March 20 – Citizen of the Year to be held at Maple Crest @ 6 PM.

March 30 & 31 – District 13-A convention at Findlay Inn & Convention Center. As follows:

Friday evening – Pizza Buffet @ 6:30 PM with club awards presentation - Entertainment with Jim Boedicker @ 7:30 PM - Monte Carlo by Columbus Grove Lions Club @ 8:00 PM -

Saturday – 4th Cabinet Meeting @ 7:30 AM - Business Meeting @ 9:15 AM - Workshops @ 10:15 AM

1) Guiding Angels for the Blind with Melissa Weaver

2) VOSH-Ohio with Dr. Christina Fox

Memorial service @ 11:00 AM honoring those who are no longer in our Lions Club

Luncheon @ 11:45 AM with speaker “Melvin Jones” and Peace Poster winner award

Workshops at 2:00 PM 1) Occupational Therapy Low Vision with Peggy Beckley, OT

2) VOSH-Ohio with Dr. Fox

Workshops at 2:45 PM 1) Q&A with ID Dr. Spess 2) Passion for Lionism with Lion Rita Spiess

Business Meeting & Elections @ 3:45 PM

Governor’s Grand Banquet @ 6:00 PM with governor’s awards, Council Chair Awards, Raffle, Tail Twisting - Key Note Speaker, Dr. Eugene Spiess, International Director

February 7th Meeting:

At the Bluffton Lions club meeting, Tuesday, February 7, 2012 Elizabeth Kelly, a Chaplain and Director of Spiritual Care at Blanchard Valley Health system gave a very interesting presentation about her role in health care. She spoke about how she provides emotional and spiritual support to patients facing serious health concerns. Coming to terms with an illness or health condition and the changes it brings to life is an important part of the healing process, says Kelly. She also shared about her experiences over the past 11 year with the Blanchard Valley Health system in Findlay & Bluffton and her role in creating and expanding the spiritual care services offered.



LIONS BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 14TH :

Treasurer report available on the website. Budgeted donations for local, district, state and international projects or foundations will now be paid. These include: LCIF, VOSH, pilot dogs, Sight & Hearing, Ohio Lions Foundation, Ohio Lions Eye Research, NW Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation.

The club will again pursue the Peace Poster Contest with the Bluffton School Art Department.

Delegates to the district convention appointed are: Vanessa Greer, Dick Ramseyer, Tom Edwards, Elaine and Bob Harris, Howard Shelly, Barbara and Arliss Plaughter.

New members approved by the board are Scott Basinger from Pandora and Rachael Webster from Bluffton.

The nominating committee is seeking to fill the slate for the coming year.

Report from Dick Ramseyer: The Corvette is now available for showing. The car show and the Freedom Fest are in the plans for this summer.





FEBRUARY 21ST MEETING:

On Tuesday, February, 21, 2012 the Bluffton Lions Club celebrated its 78th charter anniversary...the club was chartered February 21, 1934 with 20 members...the current club membership is 84. The speaker at the celebration was Lions Past International Director Jerry Smith who gave a very informative and inspiring presentation about the mission of Lions worldwide and the impact the Bluffton Lions Club has through its outreach of services projects in Bluffton and the surrounding area. The Bluffton Lions club is one of approximately 46,000 clubs in 206 countries of the world united in the "WE SERVE" motto of Lions. PID Smith said that the Bluffton Lions can take pride in its continuing membership growth and the excellent service projects the club has created and supports. Smith pointed out, that Lions Clubs International the world's largest

humanitarian service organization has made a big difference in the lives of people, through the recycling & distribution of eye glasses and many other health related initiatives. It was a pleasure having PID Jerry Smith with us today to help with celebrating the club's 78th charter anniversary.

SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR"



During the Bluffton Lions Club meeting, Tuesday, February 21, 2012, the Club's Citizen of the Year committee announced the person to receive the honor for 2012...that person is Lion Elaine Harris. Congratulations Elaine. The photo was taken at the moment of the announcement, which came as a complete surprise to Elaine. The Citizen of the Year Celebration will take place on March 20, 2012..