



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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October 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

November Birthdays:

Luke Young 11/5

Morris Groman 11/7

Rachel Webster 11/25

Jay Bricker 11/6

Fred Rodabaugh 11/21

Tom Langhals 11/28

November Anniversaries:

Elaine & Bob Harris 11/14

Praveen Vohra 11/17

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 27th - Roadside clean-up. Meet at Diller Medical at 9 AM.

November 6th - Club meeting with program, Tom Murzur to discuss the Bike Path of Allen County and include the Bluffton pathway. Peace Poster winners to present their winning posters.

November 18th - District Cabinet Meeting 1:30 PM at The Barn Restaurant, Archbold

November 19th - Zones 3 & 6 meeting at Eagles Club, Bowling Green 6:30 PM. Sign-up sheet to be passed at November 6th meeting for car pool.

November 20th - Club meeting with program, Melissa Weaver from Lodestar will talk about training seeing-eye dogs for children.

November 24th - Chicken bar-b-q at the Blaze of Lights. Sign-up sheet available for helpers.

Board Report:

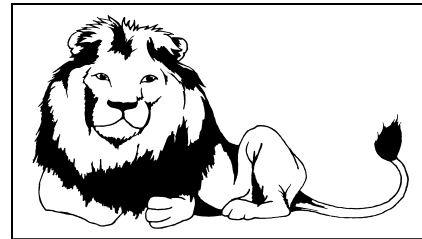
Treasurer reported income going to charities from the car raffle to be \$27,000 and \$12,000 gross to the Bluffton Lions. Still collecting back dues. Scholarship committee adopting policy for the scholarship program. Peace poster winners to be announced at Nov. 6th meeting. Vanessa Greer submitted her letter of resignation with the board accepting. The Christmas dinner will be at Maple Crest on 12-14 with musical entertainment by Joseph Helfrick. Bar-b-q tickets for sale. Lion club surveys to be evaluated at next board meeting. Investigating dictionaries for 3rd grade children to comply with our international president's request of the Reading Action Program. Dick Ramseyer reported that a \$200,000 government grant is available for the Bike Path.

September 18th Meeting:

Lion Dr. Eric Fulcomer gave a very interesting presentation about his most recent trip to Israel with Bluffton University Students. Four times, Dr. Fulcomer has co-led a 17-day educational trip to Israel and the Palestinian territories for Bluffton undergraduate students. His power-point presentation identified the locations visited and the experience of interacting with people of that area. Fulcomer also talked

about the value of a cross-culture experience, which gives students an unfiltered personal view of the complex issues facing people in this part of the world.

Drawing the winning ticket:



Carolyn Glock, Celina, Ohio had the winning ticket drawn for the Bluffton Lions Foundation's Charity Corvette Raffle Car. She is now the owner of a beautiful 1991 red Corvette. The winning raffle ticket was purchased from the Celina Lions Club, Celina, Ohio and the Charity involved was Big Brothers Big Sisters, St. Marys, Ohio. L to R: Abby Blaster, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters, Auglaize, Mercer & Van Wert Counties, headquartered in St. Marys, Ohio; Carolyn Glock, winner of the Corvette, a resident of Celina, Ohio; Lion Dick Ramseyer, President Bluffton Lions Foundation; Deanna Bowman, Citizen National Bank, Celina branch & a sponsor & and Lion Dick McGarrity, VP Bluffton Lions Foundation.

OCTOBER 2ND MEETING:



At the October 2, 2012 Bluffton Lions club meeting the program was a guided tour of Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio new Green House Living on the Willow Ridge campus. Willow Ridge is a lovely campus where two new Green House homes have been constructed and will soon be occupied. Lions Laura Voth & Doug Luginbill gave an excellent tour and a clearer understanding how the Green House living program fits into the continuum care for seniors.

OCTOBER 16TH MEETING:

The program featured power point presentations by Judy Wells, Superintendent of Apollo Career center, Lima Ohio and Lion Greg Denecker. Wells highlighted the high demand for workers in trades like health care, welding, technology & trucking in order to keep pace with this unmet need for trained workers will require redesigned & more class rooms. This is driving the rush to update the Apollo campus, updating will be accomplished by renovating the existing buildings rather than building new, a major cost savings, an important part of the funding for the project will need come from a new tax levy.



Diabetes Awareness in November:

November is Diabetes Awareness month and Lions across the world, with the support of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), will be helping their local communities by providing diabetes education and screening programs.

According to the World Health Organization, diabetes currently affects 346 million people worldwide, and the numbers continue to rise. There are 25.8 million individuals with diabetes in the United States alone. Diabetes can damage the heart, eyes, and kidneys and the overall risk of dying is at least double the risk of peers without diabetes.

Diabetes programs are funded through the LCIF Humanitarian Needs area of giving. This month, consider joining the Lions around the world in their fight against diabetes by making a donation to Humanitarian Needs. For more information about the impact of LCIF diabetes grants or LCIF Areas of Giving, please visit www.lcif.org. You can also contact your district 13-A Diabetes Coordinator, PDG John Davis jdavis1952@hotmail.com

LCIF Update:

Lions around the world have met the goal by contributing \$10 million towards the Measles Initiative and along with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation contributing another \$5 million, the goal of \$15 million towards help with protecting children around the world from brain damage, hearing loss, blindness and death caused by measles.

Our club started collecting in our “measles initiative can”. The monies collected will be mailed to LCIF, as donations received by December 31, 2012 will go as credit towards the Melvin Jones Fellowship. If you would care to contribute further, please contact me. I have some One Shot One Life Measles Initiative pins available for a \$10 donation and will have these with me at our next club meeting.

LCIF Coordinator IPDG Barbara



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