



# Newsletter

## Bluffton Lions Club

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November 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; Board Members: 2 yr-Katie Keifer & Dale Metzger; 1 yr-Elaine Brubaker & Mark Alliman; Editor-Barbara Plaughter

### December Birthdays:

Jerry Lewis	12/1	Gordon Diller	12/6
Doug Luginbill	12/6	Sue Shields	12/12
Charles Amstutz	12/21	Gene Long	12/22
Bob Amstutz	12/25		

### December Anniversaries:

Gordon Diller	12/21	Lowell Hostetler	12/21
Bob Barnett	12/24	Ed Yeager	12/27
Brandon Matthews	12/29		

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**November 24<sup>th</sup>** – Chicken bar-b-q at the Blaze of Lights. Sign-up sheet available for helpers. Lions float in the parade at 5 PM.

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** – NorthWest Eye Care Foundation to meet at the Napoleon Lions clubhouse 6:30 PM.

**November 28 thru December 2** – Allen County Festival of Trees at the Museum. Volunteers needed to provide security through the festival. If interested contact Dennis Morrison. This is a service project that the Bluffton Lions are participating with.

**December 4<sup>th</sup>** – Holiday party for Lions and their guests at Maple Crest 6 PM.

Program will be provided by Joseph Helfrick, musician/folk singer/storyteller.

A good evening of fun and fellowship.

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** – Happy Holidays!

## Board Report:

Our Bluffton Peace Poster will be now judged with the district entries.

The scholarship applications will be going out to the Bluffton, Pandora/Gilboa, and Cory Rawson school districts in December. These are for high school seniors going on to college after graduation.

The membership committee will be calling members to see if they are receiving their e-mail messages for lunch sign-up.

Buying dictionaries for the Bluffton 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students was approved by the Board. This will fulfill the International Presidents goal to further reading.

The Board also approved to send our ear-marked donation to LCIF of \$1,000 so that this can be used for Hurricane Sandy recipients.



## November 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

At the November 6, 2012 Bluffton Lions Club meeting, President Barbara Plaughter announced the winners of the Bluffton Lions clubs peace poster contest. Third place winner is Isaac Andreas, Second place winner is Shyanne Mortimer and first place is Katie Prater standing next to her poster. The theme of the 2012-13 Peace Poster contest is "Imagine Peace". Students ages 11, 12 or 13 were eligible to participate. Sixty three Bluffton Middle School students entered into the contest.



Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme. Judges were Lions Rachel Webster, Katie Kiefer, Phil Zimmerly & Barbara Plaughter.

Tom Mazur, Executive director, Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission gave a power point presentation about Active Transportation...he describes it as a diverse transportation system that makes bicycling, walking and transit viable options for everyday travel to reach our destinations... whether to work, school, shopping or play.

Mazur said, the objective when implemented will be to increase Connectivity & Accessibility, Lower Emissions & Improve Air quality, Enhanced Health Outcomes and Higher Quality of Life.



## November 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

Melissa Weaver from Lodestar Guiding Angels for the Blind presented an interesting program describing this non-profit organization that provides guide dogs to blind and visually impaired children free of charge. The cost to train one guide dog for a blind child can cost as much as \$15,000. Her power-point presentation showed Emily and her dog, Logan and also we met Devin, who will be the recipient of the next trained dog.



Lion Fred Rodabaugh, Building Trustee for our 13-A district, spoke to the club November 20<sup>th</sup> on the topics involved with owning the Lions building in Grove City, near Columbus. This includes renting and upkeep of the facility. This is Lion Fred's first year serving on this district committee.



## LCIF UPDATE:

Superstorm Sandy remains in our thoughts as people in the East Coast of the US and Caribbean continue to clean up and put their lives back together. It is because of the disaster relief fund that LCIF could quickly respond to Superstorm Sandy, mobilizing \$220,000 in grants for those in need. These grants go for immediate needs such as food, water, blankets and flashlights to those affected by the storm. The donations that have been coming into our district show the support Lions have for their fellow man. These donations are also Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible and will support the disaster victims in the coming weeks, unless a disaster of similar scope requires Lions' immediate response. LCIF Coordinator Barbara Plaughter