



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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April 2013

2012-2013 Officers & Board Members:

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

May Birthdays:

Chad Grieser	5/8	Stan Clemens	5/11	Tim Closson	5/12
Andrew Rager	5/18	Dick Ramseyer	5/18	Dale Metzger	5/20
Sara Foster	5/22	Ron Michel	5/22	Stan Naylor	5/29
Bill Croft	5/31				

May Anniversaries:

Howard Shelly	5/8	Stephanie Larcom	5/10	Luke Young	5/13
Greg Aversch	5/17	Tyson Veidt	5/17	Willis Sommer	5/22

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 6th & 7th – Arby's to donate 20% of all sales from 4 PM until 7 PM each day to the Bluffton Lions Club. Please plan to attend this function. Proceeds go towards the scholarship fund.

May 7th – Panel discussion on “Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Lions but Were Afraid to Ask” with Lions Barbara Plaughter, Dick Boehr and Greg Aversch. Noon meeting at Maple Crest

May 19th – from 7 AM to 7 PM McDonalds will donate 20% of all sales with a coupon from the Bluffton Lions Club. Please plan to participate with this project as funds also go towards the scholarship fund. Elaine Harris will have coupons available at the May 7 meeting and also at the door.

May 10 & 11 – District Convention at the French Quarter Perrysburg, OH. Registration forms available www.lionsdistrict13a.org

May 17 & 18 – Lions State Convention in Dublin. Registration forms available www.ohiolions.org

May 19th – This is a **Sunday visit for Lions & guests** to the Allen County Museum with tour 2 PM sharp. Dennis Morrison will lead a group through the museum. Cookies and punch afterwards.

Bio New Member:

Dennis Gallant graduated from Bluffton High School and Univ of Akron. Married to wife, Chassity, with 3 children. Works for Rea & Associates, a regional accounting firm. Has served on the Bluffton Village Council and now is the Mayor of Bluffton since Mar. 2013. He is active in coaching youth sports and a marathon runner, completing the Columbus Marathon twice.

Bio New Member:

Rodney McDaniel is a graduate of Bluffton College and taught for 30 years. Wife Carolyn and he have 2 daughters and 7 grandchildren. He coached all sports during his teaching career and is a licensed track official. He started an awards & engraving business in 1978 and continues today with an expanded business. Hobbies include golf and fishing. He also volunteers at the Et Cetera Shop.

Board Report:

Scholarship applications will be reviewed and winners chosen by the committee. Announcements will be at the school's award ceremony in May.

The Health Fair will be included with the Arts & Crafts Festival on May 11.

Roadside cleanup will be May 18th. Dennis Gallant was accepted as a new member of the club.

The pancake & sausage breakfast brought in approximately \$1,162 with 60% going to the Senior Citizens, leaving 40% for the Lions. Shopping Spree to be held May 13th.

Certificates were presented to Lions Bob Barnett & Dick Weaver identifying them as emeritus members. Tammy Withrow asked to become an Associate Member. Board approved.

Delegates to the district convention will be Arliss & Barbara Plaughter and Dick Ramseyer.

Delegates to the state convention will be Arliss & Barbara Plaughter and Dick & Corrinne Boehr.

A letter received from Chad Weaver's father requesting votes for his son for a drawing to receive a wheelchair accessible van. Information provided to Bluffton club and district Lions.

APRIL 2ND MEETING:



Dennis Morrison gave a program about his hobby of Metal Detecting. He started the hobby in 1983 and has detected in the Methodist Church steeple, to the Bluffton Stone Quarry to the Caribbean. Dennis not only hunts on land, but also in the water. He does not dive, just walks in the water and metal detects for items. Dennis is currently the VP of the Eagle Creek Historical Organization, Arlington, Ohio, President of the Black Swamp Metal Detecting Club and a docent at the Allen County Museum & member of the Bluffton Lions Club. Dennis added, that Civil War relic hunting is his favorite way of metal detecting. His Civil War hunts include the states of Virginia & Tenn. Dennis said, a lot of Civil War relics are found in Ohio...during the Civil War 330,000 soldiers came from the Buckeye State

APRIL 16TH MEETING:



A power point presentation about the Titanic Memorial Cruise was given by Lion Michael Gibbs. This occurred on April 15, 101 years ago, the British ship "Titanic" sank. The world's most luxurious, and largest ocean liner nearly three football fields long was believed to be "unsinkable". But an iceberg intervened, and down it went. More than 1,500 people died. A fifteen-year-old smash-hit movie about the Titanic has introduced many people to this catastrophe. Last year Gibbs joined a friend to experience the voyage of that "ship of doom" which was commemorated by the "Titanic Memorial Cruise", which retraced the original route. He added that it was sobering moment when special wreaths were put in water directly over the place where it sank.



Shopping Spree Winner:

Winner, Doug Long, from Fostoria and son of Lion Gene and Dottie Long was the winner of the shopping spree offered by the Community Market and the Bluffton Lions Club. Pictured from the left is Doug, Community Market Manager, and Lion Elaine Harris.



INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Two members were brought into the Bluffton Lions Club on April 16th. Left to right is Lion Mayor Dennis Gallant. His sponsor Lion Dick McGarrity was not available for the photo. President Lion Barbara Plaughter. Lion Dick Ramseyer as sponsor to new member Lion Rod McDaniel. This brings the total membership again to 85 members.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

Words from International President Wayne Madden....

“A successful Lions club is a good team. Everyone plays a role. Memberws do their part not to receive praise and glory but to achieve a common goal. Being a Lion is so fulfilling precisely because we serve alongside people we know and like and share similar values with. Maybe non-Lions assume that service is a chore, something we feel we should do but don’t really enjoy. Lions know that’s a ridiculous notion. We relish belonging to a club, interacting with members at meetings and then working together for the benefit of others.”