



# Newsletter

## Bluffton Lions Club

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May 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

### June Birthdays:

Pat Rodabaugh	6/7	Dean Giesige	6/18
Mark Alliman	6/23	Andy Armstrong	6/26

### June Anniversaries:

Andy Rager	6/2	Jerry Szabo	6/10
Don Hostetler	6/11	Jay Bricker	6/16
Andy Armstrong	6/22	Dave Rodabaugh	6/22
Dick McGarrity	6/23	Tracy Steele	6/25
Dimale/Don Snyder	6/27	Jeff Joseph	6/28



Elaine Brubaker	6/11
Tom Edwards	6/19
Tim Closson	6/23
Dean Giesige	6/27

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 4<sup>th</sup> – Noon meeting with speaker Perry Bush - Lecturing Down the Dnipro: A Semester in Ukraine. Installation of new officers also will be held.

June 14<sup>th</sup> – Bluffton Lions Festival of Wheels 2 PM till 8 PM.

June 18<sup>th</sup> – Lions Club meeting at 6 PM at the Pandora Methodist Church Sorting Center. A meal will be served and a work evening preparing glasses for third world missions.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bluffton Lions Picnic @ TBA Hamburgers, brats, drink and ice cream will be provided by the new officers. Please bring a covered dish to share.

July 5-9 – Lions International Convention Hamburg, Germany

## Board Report:

The scholarship committee of Bill and Jo Croft, John Rich, Ron Lora, Scott Basinger, Burton Yost and Barbara Plaughter selected two recipients of the Lions scholarship award: Paige Wireman from Cory-Rawson and Nathan Bunch from Bluffton were the winners. Scholarships presented May 15<sup>th</sup> at each school award banquet.

The Health Fair was held at the Arts and Crafts Festival May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Lions worked at Arby's May 6 & 7<sup>th</sup>. \$220 was received from Arby's towards the scholarship fund.

Webb Insurance will sell popcorn and cotton candy for the Lions Club during the Festival of Wheels.

Five awards were received at the district convention: Two Governor's Contest, Newsletter, Service and Humanitarian awards. Memorial service recognized Dick Cookson and Jean Muller.

## May 7<sup>th</sup> MEETING:



The program at the May 7, 2013 Bluffton Lions club meeting was a power point presentation titled “ Everything you always wanted to know about Lions & were afraid to ask”. The history and structure of the Lions organization was addressed by Lions President Barbara Plaucher, Dick Boehr & Greg Aversch. This panel discussion was specifically presented as an orientation for new members and also to refresh and revitalize our seasoned members.

L to R Lions Dick Boehr, Greg Aversch & Barbara Plaucher – dancing to music from Lions PSA ad video that is available from Lions International...the music encouraged big smiles & body movement from club members during the “Rockin’ the Vest” rap video, while the video also showed Lions all over the world helping people in need.



Melvin Jones Fellowships were presented to Lion Robert Barnett and Lion Gene Long at the May 7<sup>th</sup> club meeting. This is the highest award that a Lion can receive and is presented as recognition of humanitarian work done. Lion Robert Barnett recently received recognition as a 50 year member. Gene Long has been a Lion since 1976.

## May 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

A social meeting was planned for the club members and guests to tour the Allen County Museum on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Tour directors were Lion Dennis Morrison and a volunteer from the museum. The two hours spent there went way too quickly, leaving Lions interested in returning for another visit to explore all the interesting items and displays that the museum has to offer. Punch and cookies served.



## Lions Club Hosts Burger Bash:

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> all purchases at the Bluffton McDonalds with an accompanying flier were subject to 15% of the funds going to the Bluffton Lions Club. This project was designated as funds for the scholarship fund. Fliers were distributed to downtown merchants and Lion members. Thanks to all who used their fliers at McDonalds on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Lions Club Helps Park District Purchase Trees for Motter Park:

On Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, the Bluffton Lions Club presented a \$500 check to the Johnny Applesseed Park District to purchase trees for the Motter Park. As one of the goals of the club is to sustain a healthy environment, the Bluffton Lions continue to plant trees. Lions around the world made an impact on the environment by planting trees during the 2011-2012 fiscal year of the Lions, when there were over 15 million trees planted worldwide by Lions. Lion Gene Long coordinated this project and along with helpers Lions Jan Emmert and Ron Lora will continue to care for the trees to assure that they survive the hot summers.

## LIONS CONVENTION NEWS:

Lions Dick & Corrinne Boehr

Support Steve Sherer for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
Lion's International

