



# Newsletter

## Bluffton Lions Club

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November 2024

### 2024-2025 Officers & Board Members:

President-Jackie Bourassa; V. Pres-John Rich; V. Pres- Dwain Hall; V. Pres-Greg Denecker; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Ed Yeager; Lion Tamer-Mark Bourassa; Tail Twister-Dennis Morrison; Board Members: 1 yr.-Tracy Steele; 1 yr.- John Hochstetler; 2 yr.- Mark Bourassa; 2 yr.- Jerry Szabo. Editor-Barbara Plaughter

#### December Birthday:

Jerry Lewis 12/1  
Bob Amstutz 12/25

Natalie Armstrong 12/11  
Laura Dagani 12/29

Gene Long 12/22

#### December Anniversary:

Ed Yeager 12/27

Brendon & Renee Matthews 12/29

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 28<sup>th</sup>: Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

November 30<sup>th</sup>: Blaze of Lights. Bluffton Lions will have a spot in the parade.

December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Bluffton Lions Christmas Party. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**RSVP to Lion Jackie Bourassa Continue to bring food items for the food bank.**

December 10<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting at Town Hall 6:00 PM

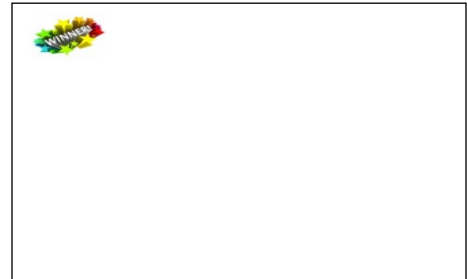
December 25<sup>th</sup>: MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

December 30<sup>th</sup>: **Dues paid before this date.**

January 7<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> club meeting of the new year. **HAVE YOUR 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS IN BY THIS MEETING.**

#### Charity Raffle:

\$100 Nora Matthews ticket sold by Lion Brendon Matthews  
\$50 Eugene McCall ticket sold by Lion Eugene McCall  
\$30 Roger Schroeder ticket sold by Lion Ed Yeager  
\$20 Donna Morrison ticket sold by Lion Dennis Morrison



#### Board Report:

Update of playground equipment for the All-Inclusive playground, bids are out. Fundraising from corporate sponsors has begun. Total amount lions want to raise is \$300,000.

Applications for four new members accepted...Laura Dagani, Brigitte Hoff, Scott Hoff and Renee Matthews. Installation in February.

Lion Natalie Armstrong is starting a Leo Club. Information will be shared at club meetings.

Social event and service project set for December 3<sup>rd</sup> with donations of food to be brought in each meeting until the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cost of social event is \$21, food served by Henri's, entertainment by Bluffton school.

Board to meet on the 10<sup>th</sup> for the December meeting at 6 PM.

### November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting:



Jamie Lovell from the Community Assistance Program spoke to the club on the needs of the food pantry. Members contributed food supplies for our service project.

Lion Barbara Plaugher showed a power-point on LCIF and how donations get into the lion's foundation and how we can apply for a grant to assist in the Bluffton Lions playground project. Our club will be requesting a matching grant for \$150,000 after ½ of these local funds have been obtained, with the remaining funds to be available before the grant can be obtained.

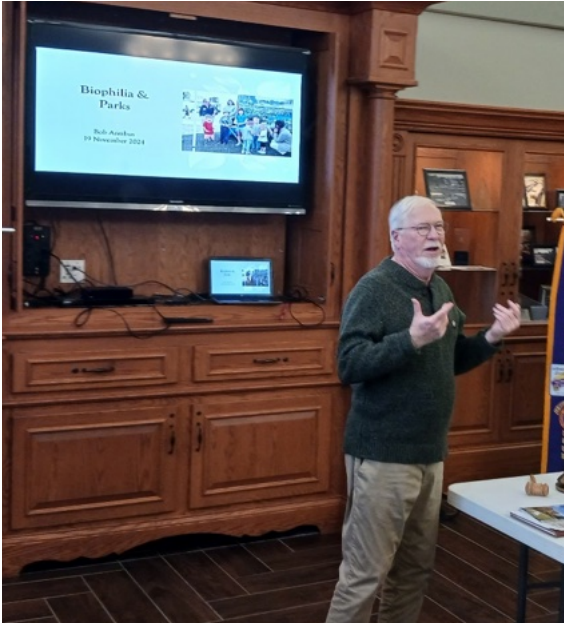
### November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting:



The second meeting in November was well attended as the three Peace Poster winners and their teacher provided information on their art projects. This is a world-wide project for students ages 11 through 13. The theme this year was "Peace Without Limits". For 30 years clubs around the world have been sponsoring an art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children the chance to express their vision of peace.

**1<sup>st</sup> place winner..Emery Thiel – parents Ben and Sarah Thiel. Teacher...Becky Boblitt, runner-ups Clair Snyder – parents Mindy Gerken and Dan Snyder; Easton Dunifon – parents Joel and Nikki Dunifon.**

**We are so proud to announce that our 1<sup>st</sup> place winner from Bluffton School has won the District 13 OH1 contest and will now have her poster judged in the state competition.**



**Long Time Bluffton, OH resident Dr. Bob Antibus spoke at the Bluffton Lion's club meeting on Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall at noon. Dr. Antibus, Emeritus Professor of Biology at Bluffton University has served and continues to serve as Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan District Board Commissioner for 32 years.**

**When we look on the Allen County map, one can see 20 locations in the park district where much is offered to the public.**

**Dr. Antibus discussed the Motter Metro Park in Bluffton. This area was planted in prairie grasses to restore more native grassland habitat. The Little Riley Creek runs through the property which provides habitat for wetland and water species of plants and animals. A gazebo was recently added and a wildlife observation deck and wetland mitigation project will be added.**

## **INFORMATION ON LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION**

### **Grants issued**

**Since September 2024 LCIF awarded 13 grants totaling \$365,000 for hurricanes**

**11 Emergency grants \$165,000**

**2 Catastrophe grants \$200,000**

**Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee**

**100% of our donations to LCIF go to the most needed areas. Many hurricanes, fires, tornadoes and other sorts of disaster have been occurring and Lions have been there to assist with the needs. Continue to donate to your foundation...LCIF.**