



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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May 2019

2018-2019 Officers & Board Members:

President-Christina Walton; V.Pres-Patty Navin; V.Pres-Gene Long; Secretary-Barbara Plaugher; Treasurer-Sawyer Goldsberry; Lion Tamer-Elaine Harris; Tail Twister-Greg Aversch; Board Members: 1 yr-Dan Diller; 1 yr-Robert Stahl; 2 yr-Tracy Steele; 2 yr-Corwin Croy; Immediate Past President-Stephanie Larcom; Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer Editor-Barbara Plaugher.

June Birthday:

Jesse Blackburn	6/1	Pat Rodabaugh	6/7	Kyle Leatherman	6/14
Sawyer Goldsberry	6/21				

June Anniversary:

Ted Cunningham	6/1	Andy Rager	6/2	Ryan Brauen	6/4
Jerry Szabo	6/10	Don Hostetler	6/11	Daniel Tinch	6/11
Tom Edwards	6/19	David Rodabaugh	6/22	Tim Closson	6/23
Dick McGarrity	6/23	Tracy Steele	6/25	Don/Dimale Snyder	6/27
Tanya Best	6/30				

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY 22ND: North West Eye Care Foundation meeting 6:30 PM Portage U.M. Church

JUNE 4TH: Lions club meeting at noon Town Hall. This is a business meeting. Scholarship winners present. Voting on VP of Finance & Treasurer. Installation of new officers.

JUNE 11TH: Board Meeting at Maple Crest

JUNE 14TH: Festival of Wheels. See Lion Dan Diller to help with this event.

JUNE 18TH: Lions club meeting at Pandora Methodist Church VOSH sorting center at 6 PM. Scholarship winners present.

JULY 5-9: International Convention in Milan, Italy.

50/50 RAFFLE: May drawing - \$100 ticket winner was Lion Bob Stahl – ticket sold by Lion Bob Stahl: \$50 ticket winner Lion Stephanie Larcom - ticket sold by Lion Stephanie Larcom: \$30 ticket winner Lion Tanya Best - ticket sold by Lion Tanya Best: \$20 ticket winner Ben Stahl – ticket sold by Lion Bob Stahl.

NEW MEMBER BIO: Clair Winebar is no stranger to Bluffton as he and wife, Diane, have lived here from 1988 to 1995 – 2000 to 2005 – and back again in 2013. He was raised in Bryan and graduated from Bowling Green University, majoring in accounting. He retired from Marathon in 2018 with 33 years of service.

BOARD REPORT: The slate of officers was presented to be completed with Lion Stephanie Larcom as VP of Finance and Lion Clair Winebar as treasurer. Voting on these two positions will proceed at next meeting with installation of officers.

Six scholarships will be awarded to seniors from Bluffton, Cory-Rawson and Pandora-Gilboa school districts. The 6th awardee will be funded via private donations.

Tentative date for annual picnic will be July 23rd.

Dare to Dream Wine Tasting Auction new venue at Crimson Lane, Ada, OH in November.

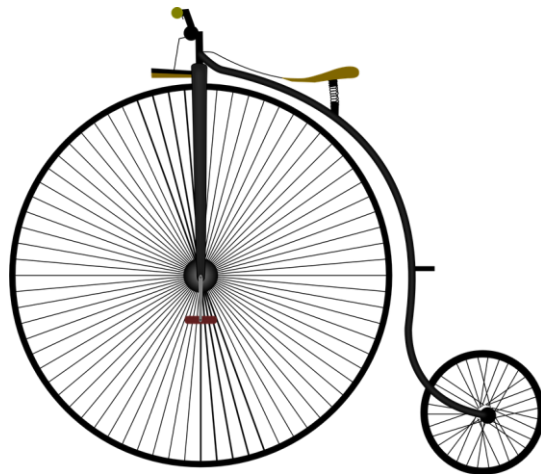
MAY 7TH MEETING:



PDG Barbara Plaughter pins new member, Clair Winebar, as president Christina Walton looks on during the induction ceremony. Lion Winebar's sponsor is Lion Dick McGarrity.

Speaker for the meeting was Lion Jesse Blackburn, Village Administrator. He spoke on the improvements made and the plans for future improvements. Some of these included the Buckeye Park, West Elm St, Manhole project, Jefferson St, 103 Bridge replacement, Railroad crossing, Town Hall maintenance etc.

Lion Dick Ramseyer and Josh Unterbrink, co-director of Activate Allen County talk about the Bluffton Pathway Project. Recognition certificates and t-shirts were given to those who will be doing the pathway pedestrian count starting May 13th through 17th.



BLUFFTON ART & CRAFT SHOW:



The Bluffton Lions set up a tent at the annual Bluffton Art & Craft Show on Saturday, May 11th. Information on Lions projects was shared with those visiting the craft show. Lion Chairman Corwin Croy along with Lions Patty Navin, Ed Yeager, Dick Ramseyer and Elaine Harris participated with this project. Information on the upcoming Ride to Remember for July 20th was provided.

ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP:

Saturday, May 11th the Lions met at County Line 15 and North Main St at 8:30 am to do their semi-annual roadside pickup. Those participating were: Lions Chairman Gene Long, Mitch Kingsley, John Rich, Dan Diller, Lowell Hostetler and Clair Winebar.

PATHWAY PEDESTRIAN COUNT:

Lions participating in the pathway pedestrian count from May 13 through 17 are as follows: Lions Arliss Plaugher, Gary Graham, Mitch Kingsley, Greg Denecker, Andrew Rager, Lowell Hostetler, Ted Cunningham, Daniel Tinch, Bob Stahl, Jesse Blackburn, Dick McGarrity, Ed Yeager, Don Hostetler, Corwin Croy, Joe Sehlhorst, Dick Ramseyer, Clair Winebar, Ron Lora, Neil Reichenbach, Gene Long and Alan Yoder. Each Lion is assigned a pathway and is responsible for counting traffic along that pathway for a specified two-hour period during the day.

MAY 21ST MEETING:



The Bluffton Lions Club met on May 21st with speaker for the day, Steve and dog in training Jade, from Pilot Dogs in Columbus. The dogs in training are given 3 chances to become a guide dog, as various trainers work with each dog within the program. A guide dog will be around 2 yrs old before being placed with his owner. Dogs from Pilot Dogs have been placed around the world. Those individuals requesting a dog will go through 4 weeks of training with the dog, if this is their first dog. Pilot Dogs has 5 trainers, each working with around 8 dogs. There are 40 to 45 dogs at the center with placement of 120 dogs each year. It costs around \$10,000 to train each dog. The types of dogs used in this program are Poodles, Golden Retrievers and Labradors. The new expansion of the facility 3 years ago has been quite beneficial both to dogs and to their handlers. Lions clubs have sponsored this program, of which funds to run the program come only from contributions.