



# Newsletter

## Bluffton Lions Club

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June 2023

2022-2023 Officers & Board Members:

President-Jim Bemiller; V.Pres-John Rich; V.Pres-Gene Long; V. Pres-Greg Denecker; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Clair Winebar; Lion Tamer-Corwin Croy; Tail Twister-Dennis Morrison; Board Members: 1 yr-Jerry Szabo; 1 yr-Eugene McCall; 2 yr-Tracy Steele ; 2 yr John Hochstetler. Editor-Barbara Plaughter

### July Birthday:

Patty Navin	7/3	Ted Cunningham	7/5	Scott Basinger	7/8
John Rich	7/29				

### July Anniversary:

Gary Graham	7/3	John Rich	7/9	Jan Emmert	7/14
John Hochstetler	7/14	Fred Rodabaugh	7/17	Greg Denecker	7/25
Laura Voth	7/27	Sawyer Goldsberry	7/28		

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 11<sup>th</sup>: Bluffton board meeting at the home of Lion Barbara Plaughter at 6 PM. This is a planning meeting for the upcoming lion's year.

**There will not be a social meeting in July.**

July 15<sup>th</sup>: Ride to Remember. Contact Lion Bill Croft to help with project.

### June 50/50 charity raffle:

\$100 Tim Closson ticket sold by Lion Tim Closson  
 \$50 Dave Long ticket sold by Lion Gene Long  
 \$30 Mark Bourassa ticket sold by Lion Jackie Bourassa  
 \$20 Jim Bemiller check sent to Lion Jackie Bourassa



## JUNE BOARD REPORT:

The survey regarding changing time of meetings showed that the consensus was to return to two meetings a month. It was suggested that the first Tuesday would start at 6 PM with the board and followed with a regular club meeting at 6:30 PM. The third Tuesday would be at noon with a speaker. Food for these meetings are under discussion. The July club meetig will be cancelled until we get reorganized. Festival of Wheels and Ride to Remember reports that all plans are going well.

## **CONDOLENCES:**

Condolences were sent to the family of President Lion Jim Bemiller upon his demise on June 9, 2023. Lion Jim served as the current president of the Bluffton Club for the years of 2022 – 2023 and had been active with lions for 33 years. He was a progressive Melvin Jone Fellow.

## **JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:**

Eight lion members, spouses, VOSH volunteers and two scholarship winners attended the meeting at the VOSH Sorting Center in Pandora. Fellowship and pizza was enjoyed while the members assisted working on glasses preparation for third-world missions.



Photo L to R shows scholarship winners and members of the scholarship committee: Lion Jan Emmert, Paige McVetta (Cory Rawson), Lion Eugene McCall, Olivia Matthews (Bluffton), Lion Brendon Matthews, Lion Barbara Plaughter and Lion John Rich.

## **COMMUNITY MEAL:**

The Bluffton Lions served the community meal on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Senior Citizens. Those participating were Lions: John Rich chairman, Denny Morrison, Ron Lora, Jan Emmert, Alan Yoder, Gene Long, Ed Yeager and Eugene McCall. Seventy-two meals were served and donations of \$167 collected will be donated to the Food Pantry.

## **JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:**

The club meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> included installation of new officers by District Governor Elect Deb Crawford; introduction of scholarship winners; and the 50/50 charity raffle along with lions personal reports.



L to R: Lions VP Greg Denecker; VP Gene Long; Director Jan Emmert; Past President Patty Navin; Lion Tamer Gary Graham; Secretary Barbara Plaughter; Tail Twister Dennis Morrison. (All holding candy bars presented by DGE Deb Crawford).



Scholarship winners: Ellie Bergstrand (homeschool), Amy Jebson (Bluffton) and Aliyah Wise (Pandora). Olivia Shaneyfelt (Pandora) was unable to attend due to her work schedule. The presentation was coordinated by Lion Jan Emmert, member of the

### **PATHWAY COUNT:**

Lions participating in the June spring pathway count were: Lions Tracy Steele, Lowell Hostetler, Patty Navin, Don Hostetler, Bill Watkins, Ted Cunningham, Tom Edwards, Jan Emmert, Dick McGarrity, Jesse Blackburn, Stephanie Larcom, John Rich, Ron Lora, Gary Graham, Mitch Kingsley, Bob Stahl, Jerry Szabo, Clair Winebar and Ron Headings.

### **FESTIVAL OF WHEELS:**



The Festival of Wheels was held on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. The advertising and good weather brought 266 vehicles to this event which included cars, tractors and motor cycles. Those participating in this event were: Dan Groman chairman, Lions Greg Denecker, Tracy Steele, Diane Almanon, Barbara Plaughter, Stephanie Larcom, Eugene McCall, Jan Emmert, Bill Watkins, Lowell Hostetler, Clair Winebar, Bill Croft, Andrew Rager, Neil Reichenbach, John Rich, Joe Selhorst.

