



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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August 2023

2023-2024 Officers & Board Members:

President-VACANT; V. Pres-John Rich; V. Pres-Gene Long; V. Pres-Greg Denecker; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Ed Yeager; Lion Tamer-Gary Graham; Tail Twister-Dennis Morrison; Board Members: 1 yr.-Tracy Steele; 1 yr.- John Hochstetler; 2 yr.- Jan Emmert ; 2 yr.- Ron Headings. Editor-Barbara Plaughter

September Birthday:

Jerry Szabo	9/4	John Harris	9/8	Ryan DeMarco	9/22
Brendon Matthews	9/22	Greg Averagesch	9/28	Ed Yeager	9/28

September Anniversary:

Bob Amstutz	9/2	Ryan DeMarco	9/13	John Harris	9/29
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 27th: Cabinet meeting 2 PM at Waynesfield Lions den.

September 4th: Board meeting 6:00 PM Town Hall

Lions Club meeting 6:30 PM Town Hall

September 19th: Lions Club meeting noon at Town Hall. Food by Dough Hook.

50/50 Charity Raffle. Speaker will be the Bluffton University football coach.

September 25 thru October 6th: Eye screenings. To help contact Lion Barbara Plaughter

October 3rd: Membership night. Please bring a guest with you to this meeting in the

Town Hall at 6:30 PM. Our speaker will be CC PDG Dave Stockum speaking on lionism. Come and enjoy fellowship and pizza.

August 50/50 Charity Raffle Winners:

- \$100 Jerry Lewis ticket sold by Lion Jerry Lewis
- \$50 Joe Sehlhorst ticket sold by Lion Joe Sehlhorst
- \$30 David Herr ticket sold by Lion Barbara Plaughter
- \$20 Tyson Goings ticket sold by Lion Jesse Blackburn



AUGUST BOARD REPORT:

Net profit from the Ride to Remember was \$10,363.42. All proceeds go to the Pathway Project.

Net profit from the Festival of Wheels was \$4,934.07. These monies go to all donations along with scholarships.

Dough Hook will cater the 3rd Tuesday noon meetings at \$7/meal.

The Pancake Breakfast will be held in March with the Senior Citizens. Date to be determined.
The community meal at the Senior Citizens will be October 5th.
A committee will be working on the 90th Charter Night for March 5th.
Eye screening of children will begin September 25 through October 6th.

AUGUST 8TH MEETING:

A critique of the Festival of Wheels was held. Items needing improvement will be worked upon and discussed at the January initiation meeting. With the addition of many more entries, space for parking and other issues will need to be addressed. Dan Groman will again assist the Bluffton Lion in planning and implementing this project.



Lion Patty Navin was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque for her outstanding service in the Bluffton Lions Club. Lion Patty held the office of president for three consecutive years. She has served on many committees, including chairing the Dare to Dream project numerous times. This was one of our largest projects in recent years. Photo at left.

Congratulations Lion Patty for being a member of the Bluffton Lions.

AUGUST 15TH MEETING:

Lion Jackie Bourassa, daughter of Past-President Lion Jim Bemiller accepted the Memorial Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque at the Bluffton Lions noon meeting. Lion Jim sponsored his daughter for the Bluffton Club within this past year. Lion Jim is greatly missed. Photo at right.

Speaker for our meeting was Lion Jesse Blackburn talking on the progress of the Pathway Project. Two sections of pathways will be constructed in 2023. This project began in 2009. Since its inception over \$2,729,187 funds have been generated for pathways. Over 9 miles of paved, crushed aggregate, mulched and natural trails throughout the Village have been established. 25 parking spaces for bicycles have been installed. Signage is posted throughout the village of Bluffton indicating the paths as LIONS WAY.

