



# Newsletter

## Bluffton Lions Club

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February 2024

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.- Jackie Bourassa. Editor-Barbara Plaughter

**March Birthday:**

Ryan Lowry	3/6	Corwin Croy	3/10	Mitch Kingsley	3/19
Neil Reichenbach	3/24				

**March Anniversary:**

Ron Lora	3/22	Patty Navin	3/28
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### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

March 5<sup>th</sup>: 90<sup>th</sup> Charter Night at the First Mennonite Church 6 PM.

March 19<sup>th</sup>: Club meeting noon at Town Hall. Speaker will be Fred Steiner talking on "Ghosts of Bluffton". 50/50 Charity Raffle Drawing. Lunch provided by reservation.

April 5 & 6: District Convention mark the dates.

April 11<sup>th</sup> : Citizen of the Year banquet to be announced.

April 20<sup>th</sup>: Pancake/sausage breakfast. Sign up soon.

### **50/50 charity raffle:**

**January**

\$100 ticket Josh Watkins sold by Lion Bill Watkins  
\$50 ticket Roger Schroeder sold by Lion Ed Yeager  
\$30 ticket John Hochstetler sold by Lion John Hochstetler  
\$20 ticket Jenny Long sold by Lion Gene Long

**February**

\$100 ticket Leanna Hammond ticket sold by Lion Barbara Plaughter  
\$50 ticket Jennifer Burner ticket sold by Lion Patty Navin  
\$30 ticket Luke Thiede ticket sold by Lion Patty Navin  
\$20 ticket Ty Etgen ticket sold by Lion Gene Long



### **BOARD MEETING:**

The Board meeting was held on February 6<sup>th</sup>. We still have 15 50/50 Charity raffle tickets that can be sold. Contact Lion Barbara Plaughter. Lion John Rich presented "Brainstorming" to the club meeting. Lion Nicki Keuneke no longer is employed by Bluffton Hospital and wishes to discontinue her Lions membership. Approved by the Board. It was approved by the Board to proceed with plans to develop an all-inclusive playground with the village project.

## **NEW MEMBERS:**

**Mark Bourassa** - was born in Rochester, NY. He graduated from a high school in Atlanta, GA and attended Miami University. He did a study in Luxembourg, where he met his wife, Jackie Bemiller. He continued his Masters in Bowling Green Univ and PhD from the Univ of Toledo. He has worked 34 yrs at the Bluffton University and is currently the Dean of Students. He and Jackie have raised 4 children.

**Dwain Hall** is a graduate of Pandora Gilboa High School and has been a Bluffton resident for three years. He has three daughters and eleven grandchildren. Dwain has been employed by Nationwide Insurance Company for 35 years and is a Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter. His hobbies include family time, walking, hiking, bicycling, Euchre and Kayaking.

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



**1<sup>ST</sup> Vice District Governor Sue Davis installing new members – Mark Bourassa (sponsor Jackie Bourassa) and Dwain Hall (sponsor Barbara Plaughter).**

**Chevron distributed to Lion Ed Yeager for 20 years of service.**

**Others will be mailed to members not present.**



**Chevrons for years of service: Lions Mike Minnig 10 yrs; Diane Almanon 10 years; Tom Edwards 15 years; Tracy Steele 15 years; Tim Closson 15 years; Ron Lora 15 years; Laura Voth 15 years; Bob Amstutz 20 years; Ed Yeager 20 years.**

**Speakers for the day from Mennonite Memorial Community. L to R: Aly Breece and Jason Cox**

