



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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April 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

May Birthday:

Tim Closson	5/12	Andrew Rager	5/18	Dick Ramseyer	5/18
Bill Croft	5/31				

May Anniversary:

Greg Averagesch	5/17	Corwin Croy	5/28
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 20th: Pancake/sausage breakfast at the Senior Citizens starting 8 AM.

May 7th: Club meeting Town Hall 6:30 PM. Board to meet at 6 PM. Vote on Slate of Officers. Update Festival of Wheels.

May 9th: NorthWest Eyecare Foundation at Spencerville 6:30 pm.

May 21st: Club meeting Town Hall at noon. Speaker TBA. 50/50 charity raffle drawing.

June 14th: Festival of Wheels. Contact Lion Ed Yeager to help.

April Charity Raffle 50/50:

\$100 Jerry Lewis ticket sold by Lion Jerry Lewis
\$50 Rosemary Plaughter ticket sold by Lion Barbara Plaughter
\$30 Jim Carr ticket sold by Lion Gene Long
\$20 Natalie Armstrong ticket sold by Lion Jackie Bourassa



APRIL BOARD REPORT:

Slate of officers being developed. Projects pancake/sausage breakfast, Citizen of the Year, roadside cleanup and scholarships discussed. Festival of Wheels being coordinated by Dan Groman. Sponsors for the Festival being solicited by Lions Gene Long, Barbara Plaughter and Dennis Morrison. Adding more food trucks this year, assistance by Scouts and Football team. Bluffton Flier to be printed. Advertising by Shannon Theatre. Registration set up for 2 tables.

Slate of Officers: President - Jackie Bourassa; Vice President Projects – John Rich; Vice President Membership – Greg Denecker; Vice President Programs – Dwain Hall; Secretary – Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer – Ed Yeager; Lion Tamer – Mark Bourassa; Tail Twister – Dennis Morison; Board Members – 1 yr Tracy Steele; 1 yr – John Hochstetler; 2 yr – Mark Bourassa. Will be presented at next meeting and voted upon by May 7th meeting.

ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP:



On April 13th at 8:30 am seven Lions and one helper cleaned up our designated roadside. L to R: Lions Jackie Bourassa, Bob Stahl, Clair Winebar, Patty Navin, Dwain Hall, Andrew Rager and son, and Mike Minnig. Thanks for participating in our biannual roadside cleanup.



DISTRICT CONVENTION AWARDS:



Lion Jackie Bourassa receiving awards -- Governor's Award, Humanitarian Award and Service Award for the Bluffton Lions Club at the District Convention Apr. 6th

APRIL 16TH MEETING:

The club meeting at noon was well attended to listen to our speaker, Christine Shearer, Director of the Allen County Museum. She presented a power-point depicting changing exhibits, engagement with the community, lecture series and events planned for the museum.

Lunches have been served by Lion Greg Averages during this year; however, he will be out-of-town for the May noon meeting, so NO LUNCH be available for MAY 21ST.

Slate of officers presented and will be voted upon after 14 days of notice on May 7th .

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:



The Citizen of the Year banquet was held on April 11th at Marbeck Center with 33 guests attending. The committee chose Gary Wetherill for this honor for 2023. He has been involved with the Et Cetera Thrift Shop, Bluffton Boy Scouts, Swiss Community Historical Society, First Mennonite Church and is retired from the Putnam County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

L to R: Greg Ring, MaryAnn Ring, Gary Wetherill, Lois Wetherill and Andy Wetherill.



Congratulations!

IF YOU HAVE PLANTED A TREE THIS SPRING, PLEASE EMAIL NUMBER OF TREES TO SECRETARY BARBARA. THIS WILL BE REPORTED TO LCI TO COMPLY WITH OUR ENVIRONMENT REPORTING.

