



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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September 2024

2024-2025 Officers & Board Members:

President-Jackie Bourassa; V. Pres-John Rich; V. Pres- Dwain Hall; V. Pres-Greg Denecker;
Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Ed Yeager; Lion Tamer-Mark Bourassa; Tail Twister-Dennis Morrison; Board Members: 1 yr.-Tracy Steele; 1 yr.- John Hochstetler; 2 yr.- Mark Bourassa; 2 yr.- Jerry Szabo. Editor-Barbara Plaughter

October Birthday:

Ryan Lowry 10/5

Dennis Morrison 10/7

Neil Reichenbach 10/16

October Anniversary:

Laura Voth 10/21

Bill Watkins 10/27

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September flexible days: Pathway count. Contact Lion Dick McGarrity 419-905-6876 to help with this project.

September 25th: Zone meeting at Ada Lions 6:30 PM. Contact Lion Barbara Plaughter for reservations.

September 26th: Region meeting at North Baltimore 6:30 PM. Contact Lion Barbara Plaughter for reservations.

September 28th: Roadside clean-up. Contact Lion Andrew Rager to help. 419-605-8553

October 1st: **Club meeting Town Hall 6:30 PM. Pizza party. Bring a friend for fun and fellowship. Motivational speaker will be Lion Pam Olachia, currently serving as the Second Vice District Governor. Board to meet at 6 PM.**

October 3rd: Community Meal. Contact Lion John Rich 419-969-4965 to help.

October 13th: Club meeting Town Hall noon. Speaker will talk on AI. Plan to attend and enjoy this educational meeting. 50/50 raffle. Greg's lunch available.

50/50 Charity Raffle:

\$100 Micah Minnig ticket sold by Lion Mike Minnig

\$50 Amy Rich ticket sold by Lion John Rich

\$30 David Herr ticket sold by Lion Barbara Plaughter

\$20 Austin Basinger ticket sold by Lion Dwain Hall

SEPTEMBER BOARD REPORT: Eye Screening to begin Sept 10 thru 19. Community Meal scheduled for Oct 3rd. Pathway dedication for 103 path on Sept 17th. Programs for September on Diabetes, October program on Artificial Intelligence and November meeting on Parks. Roadside clean up for September 28th. Orientation/fun night scheduled for October 1st.

PATHWAY DEDICATION Co. Line: Dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the County Line Path was held on Tuesday, September 3rd. Funds for this pathway came from the Bluffton Lions, Hancock County Community Foundation and others. Lions in photo on left are Dick Ramseyer, Dima Snyder and John Rich.

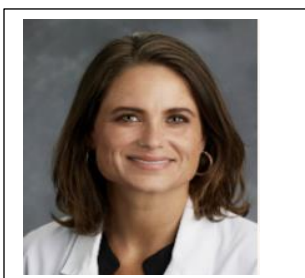


EYE SCREENING: Bluffton Lions screened children at the Bluffton School, Allen East School, Hilty Daycare, Catholic Church Daycare, Presbyterian Pre-school and the County Line Pre-school facilities. Screening took place from September 10 through 19.



Those participating were lions Ed Yeager, Dwain Hall, Dennis Morrison, Dick McGarrity, Eugene McCall and Barbara Plaugher. 238 children were screened with 17 being referred for failing the refraction and/or visual perception test.

SEPTEMBER 17TH MEETING:



Speaker for the September 17th meeting was Laura Dagoni RN CNP, lifelong Bluffton area resident, talking on Diabetes Mellitus development, treatment and new care practices. Dagoni is presently working as a Diabetic Specialist at the Endocrinology and Diabetic Clinic of Blanchard Valley Health System in Findlay. With the support of LCIF, lions are working to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve the lives of those living with diabetes.

USA/CANADA FORUM:



The 48th annual USA/Canada forum was held in Louisville, KY on September 5-7. 2024-2025 Lions Clubs International President Fabricio Oliveira shared his vision as the leader of the greatest service organization in the world. President Oliveira is from Brazil and seen in photo at your left along with his interpreter. Educational seminars included AI, new ways to market, service projects, LEO clubs, disaster relief, LCIF impact, and many more. A forum that all lions need to attend, at least once.

PATHWAY DEDICATION RT. 103:



This pathway was funded by a grant from ODOT, along with multiple other donations.

Pathway Vision... a functional and safe Bike & Pedestrian Pathway connecting Bluffton to Lions Way Augsburg Path with Lions Way Bentley Path & Lions Way Parkview Path on the West side and to Lions Way Trail Head Park & Lions Way Path to State Route 103 Business District on the east.

A 9.3 mile class 1 Bike Path that completely encircles the Village of Bluffton and connects the 6 major recreation areas while enhancing the greenway corridors of the Rileys.

A class III Bike Tour on the rural roads surrounding Bluffton that will help resurrect Allen County's Bike Route system, provide a link to the Hancock County Bike Tour System, and connect with the US Bike Route 25 North.

