



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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January 2025

2024-2025 Officers & Board Members:

President-Jackie Bourassa; V. Pres-John Rich; V. Pres- Dwain Hall; V. Pres-Greg Denecker;
Secretary-Barbara Plaugher; 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 Plaugher

February Birthday:

Dennis Morrison 2/10

Clair Winebar

2/24

Brigette Hoff

2/26

January Anniversary:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 4th: Club meeting – Town Hall – 6:30 PM Board to meet at 6:00 PM
Induction of new members. District Governor, Sue Davis, will be the speaker.

February 13th: NorthWest Eye Care Foundation meet by zoom.

February 18th: Club meeting – Town Hall – Noon. 50/50 charity raffle draw. Induction of new members. Lunch sandwiches available. Speaker will be Kathryn “Ryn” Farmer, Deputy Director, Crime Victim Services.

January Charity Raffle:

\$100 Lauren Averagesch ticket sold by Lion Greg Averagesch

\$50 Elizabeth Bourassa ticket sold by Lion Mark Bourassa

\$30 Luke Denecker ticket sold by Lion Greg Denecker

\$20 Swiss Community Historical Society ticket donated by Lion Ed Yeager

Board Report:

Donation sent to Ohio Lions Eye Research for \$100.

Report from the Bluffton High School Leo Club...submitted information for a charter of 36 members.

Projects being developed and committees established. Separate checking account to be set up.

All-Inclusive Playground is the program for Jan 7th meeting with power-point presentation and introduction of the project.

Resignations submitted were Bob Stahl, Bob Amstutz and Tim Closson.

January 7th Meeting:

This meeting was set to introduce the club members to the new All-Inclusive Playground plans. The goal of raising \$300,000 to purchase the playground equipment has been set by the Board. We are hoping that 100% of our club members will partner together to help raise these funds. We are currently accepting donations and pledges through two years at Bluffton Lions Foundation a 501 (c)(3) organization. These can be mailed to Bluffton Lions Club, P.O. Box 223, Bluffton, OH 45817.

Bluffton Lions Club

All - Inclusive Playground

- Partner with us to provide children of all abilities a safe, welcoming, and accessible space to play, grow, and connect.
- Specialized equipment and thoughtful design elements will enable every child to experience the joys of outdoor play and social interaction.
- As a part of a new community park, the playground will help create an environment where children and families can come together, supporting healthy, active lifestyles and an inclusive community spirit.



Legacy Partner- \$50,000 +

- Prominent and separate name recognition at the all- inclusive playground
- Name on playground supporter board as Legacy Partner
- Feature in all press releases, media materials, & Lions Club website



Visionary Partner- \$25,000 - \$49,999

- Name on playground supporter board as Visionary Partner
- Recognition in press releases, media materials, & Lions Club website

Community Partner- \$10,000 - \$24,999

- Name on playground supporter board as Community Partner
- Recognition in press releases, media materials & Lions Club website

Supporting Partner- \$5,000 - \$9,999

- Name on playground supporter board as Supporting Partner
- Recognition in press releases, media materials & Lions Club website

Friend of the Playground- \$1,000 - \$4,999

- Name on playground supporter board as Friend of the Playground
- Recognition in Lions Club newsletter & website

Contributor- \$500 - \$999

- Recognition in Lions Club newsletter & website



Bluffton Lions Club All-Inclusive Playground

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND DONATION!

Name(s)

Phone

Street Address

Email

City, State, Zip Code

Pledge Information:

Please select one of the following. Pledges may be extended over 2 years.

I(we) pledge a total of \$ _____ to be paid now.

I(we) pledge a total of \$ _____ to be paid by Dec. 1, 2025.

I(we) pledge a total of \$ _____ to be paid over 2 years.
\$ _____ by Dec. 1, 2025 and \$ _____ by Dec. 1, 2026.

Acknowledgement Information:

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements:

 I (we) wish to have our gift remain anonymous

Signature(s)

Date

Please make checks payable to Bluffton Lions Club Foundation, memo: Playground
(The Bluffton Lions Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity.)

Mail to: Bluffton Lions Club
P.O. Box 223
Bluffton, Ohio 45817

Questions? Contact Lion President Jackie Bourassa: bourassaj76@gmail.com
419-302-3159

January 21st Meeting:



Speaker Lion Greg Denecker, superintendent of Bluffton Schools provided an update on the school system. Upcoming projects discussed are a Pancake Breakfast to be held at the school during the spring Craft Show. Lion Greg Denecker is the contact person.

Lion John Rich provided information on the Citizen of the Year for April 15th to be held at the First Mennonite Church. Scholarship applications have been distributed to the 3 area schools, to be returned by April 14th. To serve on the scholarship committee, contact Lion Barbara Plaughter.



Dan Groman talked about the Festival of Wheels to be held June 14th. Volunteers will be needed for this big project. Contact Lion Greg Denecker to assist in planning and during the show.



**SOME PEOPLE
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LIFETIME
WONDERING IF
THEY'VE MADE A
DIFFERENCE
IN THE WORLD—
LIONS DON'T
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