



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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March 2025

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

April Birthday:

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| John Hochstetler | 4/1 | Dwain Hall | 4/8 |
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April Anniversary:

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| Diane Almanon | 4/22 |
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 1st: Club meeting Town Hall 6:30 PM. Board to meet at 6 PM. Speaker will be Lion Barbara Plaughter topic of Service. 50/50 charity raffle draw.

April 4 & 5: District convention Findlay Hilton Garden Inn.

April 5th: Road-side cleanup. Lion Andrew Rager to coordinate this project. Meet at 8:30 AM corner of Bluffton Main Street and County Line Road #15.

April 14th: Scholarship committee meeting TBA.

April 15th: Volunteers of the Year at First Mennonite Church 7 PM to 8:30 PM.

May Pathway Count: Additional help is needed for the next Pathway Count scheduled for May. We have two new Pathways-S.R. 103 and County Line Road. Please contact Lion Dick McGarrity to help with this project 419-905-6876 or dickjayne1@aol.com.

May 10th: Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at Bluffton Middle School 8 to 11 AM. See Lion Barbara Plaughter for tickets to sell.

March Charity Raffle:

\$100 Sydney Young ticket sold by Lion Brigette Hoff
\$50 Shaelynn Rager ticket sold by Lion Andrew Rager
\$30 Scott Hoff ticket sold by Lion Scott Hoff
\$20 Robin Long ticket sold by Lion Gene Long

Board Report: Pancake breakfast will be held on May 10th at Bluffton School, tickets to be distributed on March and April meetings.

Festival of Wheels planned for June 13th. This is coordinated by Lion Greg Denecker and Dan Groman.

The Board approved budgeted donations of \$350 to Girls and Boys State and \$200 for the Community Assistance program.

The Board is working on a slate of officers to be presented at an April meeting.

Pathway donations letter of thanks will be mailed by Lion Barbara Plaughter secretary.

Roadside clean-up scheduled for April 5th with rain date of April 26th.

Lion Dennis Morrision reported 1,000 flags have been destroyed, according to protocol.

March 4th LEO charter Night: The Bluffton High School LEO club, with the sponsorship of the Bluffton Lions Club, was chartered with 32 members. This was held at the Town Hall third floor on March 4th. The new members were inducted into the new organization. Officers were installed. The ceremony was led by Lion President Jackie Bourassa. Past Council Chair Darlene Roll was the speaker for the evening. The Leo club advisor, Lion Natalie Armstrong, presented information on the development and projects of the new club. A Village of Bluffton proclamation was presented by Major Richard Johnson. Attendance for this evening was 70+ lions, leos with parents and guests.



Photo above shows a full room of lions, leos, parents and guests



New Leo members as they were inducted into the Bluffton High School Leo Club



Leo Charter Officers:
Pres-Ava Smallcombe
VP-Keith Burkholder
Sec-Claire Phillips
Treas-Lillian Dagani
Directors-Nora Matthews,
Macy Schaadt, Avery Ulrey
Advisor-Lion Natalie
Armstrong holding the Leo
charter.



March 18th meeting: Chevrons presented to Bluffton Lions from Lions Clubs International recognizing length of service as follows: Neil Reichenbach – 15 yr of service; Jesse Blackburn – 15 yr of service; Mitch Kingsley – 30 yr of service; Fred Rodabaugh – 30 yr of service.

Speaker for the March 18th meeting was Gary Wetherill speaking on the Swiss Community Historical Society, its history and development throughout the years.



Speaker – Gary Wetherill



Lion Mitch Kingsley accepting 30-year award presented by Lion Barbara Plaucher