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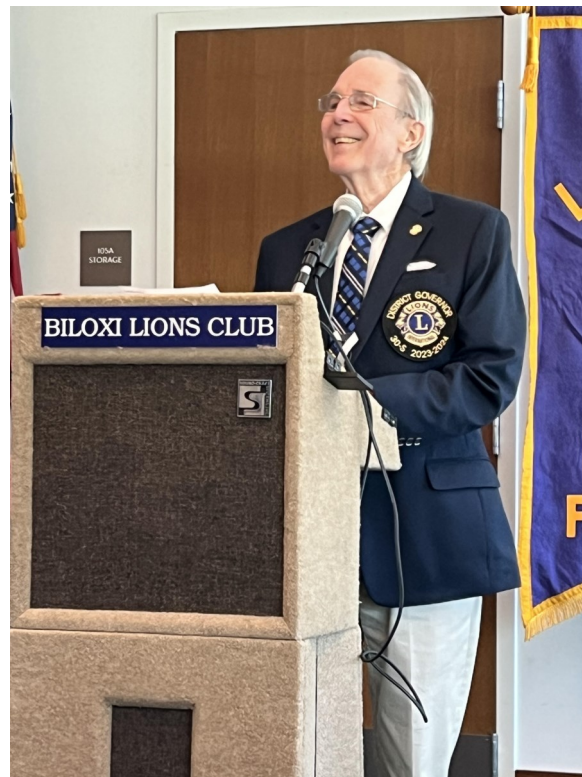
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**Lions of Mississippi District 30S District Governor Thomas Corlett
Visits Biloxi Lions**



UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

JAN 17	Board Meeting Minutes Review
JAN 19-20	District 30S Mid-Winter Convention, DoubleTree Hotel, Hattiesburg. Registration on page 5-There is still time to register
JAN 24	CC Parker, SMPDD (Social Security, Medicare, Etc.)
FEB 7	Open
FEB 17	Biloxi Lions Club 100th Birthday Celebration, Biloxi Visitor Center, Information on page 4
FEB 14 & 21	NO MEETINGS
FEB 28	Kevin Coggin, CTA (East/West Corridor Project)
APR 13-13	Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Day at Hamilton Eye Institute Memphis

The Biloxi Lions Club meet every Wednesday at noon
Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum, first floor, 115 1st Street, Biloxi, MS 39530

1.10.2024 Meeting Recap

Opening: Lion President Jerry Gardner called meeting to order at 12:05pm; The BLC Choir led us in God Bless America; Lion Pres. Jerry led the Pledge of Allegiance; and FVDG Lion Elijah Mitchell offered the prayer

Guests: Mrs. Sandi Corlett, wife of 30S DG Tom Corlett

Zoom: Lion Susan

50/50 drawing: Lion Dorothy \$21; **King of Clubs Progressive Drawing:** Lion Leslie drew the 8 of Hearts

Auction Item: none

Club Business and Announcements:

1. Lion President Jerry's Announcements:

A) There are still BLC 100th Anniversary Challenge Coins still available. See Lion Pres. Jerry Gardner

B) The January Board Meeting is January 11th and will be held at: Trinity Café by Joshua, Ohr-O'Keefe Museum, 386 Beach Blvd. 39530, at noon. You can order off the menu should you wish

C) Mid-Winter Convention is coming up on 1/19-20 in Hattiesburg at the DoubleTree Hotel, there is still time to register

D) Mid-South Visiting Lions Day is 4/12-13 in Memphis at the Hamilton Eye Institute

2. Lion Cindy, 100th Celebration chair, distributed sponsorship the 100th Celebration and there is friendly competition for members to bring in the most sponsorships. Also, a signup sheet was on each table for members planning to attend the 100th Celebration

3. Lion Margot, Sight and Hearing Committee Chair, gave a recap on the locations where vision screenings were performed in 2023

4. FVDG Elijah reminded members the 30S Mid-Winter Convention is 1/19-20 at the DoubleTree in Hattiesburg and registration for the convention was in the December Magnolia Lion (also on page 5 of this ROAR edition if you misplaced your Magnolia Lion during the holidays) If you have items for the silent auction and/or the registration packet please give to FVDG Elijah or SVDG Penny at the next meeting. Also, he invited members to attend the Camp Wilkes, Inc Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 16, at 6PM, Hart Hall

5. Lion Carl, Boys Leadership Chair, put out a call for boys, grades 10-12, to register for the 3/22-24 conference in Louisville, MS

6. Thank you Lion Kathryn for the homemade soup and cornbread meal, and thank you to Lions Carl and Dorothy for providing cookies for dessert

7. **Program:** Lions of MS District 30S District Governor's official visit to the Biloxi Lions Club. Photos below

District 30S DG Tom Corlett

Biloxi Lion and 30S SVDG Penny had the honor of introducing District Governor Tom Corlett for his official visit the Biloxi Lions Club. After his warm welcoming, DG Tom brought special recognition to members, shared the important message from our International President Patti Hill on her Mission 1.5 Membership Initiative, presented information on upcoming district events such as Mid-Winter Convention and the State Convention (which Biloxi is the host Club), and what's been happening in District 30S in the first 6 months of his 2023-2024 term.

The District Governor presented PP Lion Melinda Freeman with a Club Excellence Award earned during her 2022-2023 term as Club President; Lion Margot Swetman was presented with your 30 Years Member Chevron; Membership Chair Lion Dorothy Nehlig received the new members packets for incoming members. Chevrons for members not able to attend today's meeting were: Lions David Stanovich- 45 yrs, Ronnie Cochran-25 yrs, Dr. Rianna Bahadur-20 yrs, Alan Serotta-15 yrs, and Sandra Morrison-10 yrs.

Highlights of DG Tom's visit:

- International President Patti Hill's 1.5 Mission is to bring the total members of Lions Club International to 1.5M by 2027. 30S membership is at 743 with clubs reporting forecasted increases. The needed 77 new members by 2027 is obtainable. 2 new clubs are possibly being formed in the near future
- Clubs need to focus on their reporting of club activities and events. Hopefully, the LCI computer system revamp will make reporting, and other system programs easier and more user friendly
- Mississippi received \$64K in LCIF Disaster Grants mainly for tornado relief in 30M for the 3 towns almost totally destroyed and for Moss Point, but Mississippi is getting more that we donate back LCIF. Please consider donating to LCIF
- Upcoming events: Mid-Winter Convention 1/19-20; Biloxi's 100th 2/17; Girls Leadership 3/8-10; Boys Leadership 3/22-24; MS Lions State Convention: 4/28-29; Deaf Camp 4/19-21; Sea and Sun Camp 5/17-19; International Convention 6/21-25; USA/Canada 9/5-7

In closing, Lion Miriam presented a bit of our Mardi Gras spirit with a Mardi Gras wreath to DG Tom and wife Sandi.



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PP Lion Melinda receiving the Club Excellence Award

Lion Margot receiving her 30 Year Chevron

Membership Chair Lion Dorothy receiving new Member Packets (Better get to work Biloxi Club)

DG Tom and Miss Sandi receiving Mardi Gras wreath from Lion Miriam

Don't forget you can ZOOM a meeting if unable to attend in person. Please contact Lion Wayne in advance at the number below if you plan to attend via ZOOM.

Direct Access to the Biloxi Lions Club weekly meeting is available on our website www.biloxilions.org just by clicking the ZOOM HERE button.

Or, by the following information below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89166624322?pwd=V25tWXJMRkRXdGRWTTIHSJJsMEZWUT09>

Or, Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID 891 6662 4322 Passcode: 996230

Log on a few minutes prior to our 12 noon meeting to assure your connection

***Issues Logging on...Please call or text Lion Wayne at 228.348.1334 (or Lion Greg 228.760.0239) for help.**

Remember you can reach me c/o Lion Penny's email: lionpennyedwards@gmail.com to help spread any LIONS news you feel need sharing!



JANUARY LIONS

Penny Edwards Wayne Ross

Carl Nehlig Teresa Wieck-Martin

VERY IMPORTANT!! TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO REPAIR OUR SCRAPBOOKS BEFORE 100TH EVENT

We are still looking for a volunteer, or two, to take our eight 'newspaper size' scrapbooks and retore them in preparation for the 100th Birthday Celebration.

The rubber cement glue has broken down on many items and they will fall out when pages are turned. Also, there are items that have already fallen out that need to be put back in their proper chronological place. In addition to doing a good deed, the volunteer(s) will gain a vast knowledge of the history of the Biloxi Lions, as our memento's go back to the very first year.

This will take some time, so the process needs to be started now. All books and items are located in the club's climate controlled storage locker at CubeSmart on Pass Road in Biloxi. Contact Lion Greg if you are interested in assisting in the preservation of these priceless scrapbooks.



Dates to Save

Jan. 2024 Mid-South Lions MECA Cataract-A-Thon, Details Coming Soon	June 7, 2024 Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament Olive Branch, MS
Jan. 19-20, 2024 District 30S Mid-Winter Convention Hattiesburg, Doubletree Hotel	June 8, 2024 Mid-South Lions Cataract-A-Thon
Feb. 17, 2024 Biloxi Lions Club 100th Celebration Biloxi Visitor's Center, 6-10p,	June 21-25, 2024 Lions International Convention Melbourne, Australia
April 12-13, 2024 Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Week-end, Memphis, TN	
April 28-29, 2024 Lions of MS State Convention Biloxi, MS, Additional Information in upcoming Magnolia Publication	

Dessert Pledges



Your dessert does not need to be home made, we will enjoy store bought just as much, and bring dessert plates if needed. If you are not able to attend the meeting in which you have pledged a Dessert, please ask another member to cover your date.

JANUARY

- 17th Star Ransonet
- 24th Jerry Dodge
- 31st Glenn Bremenkamp

FEBRUARY

- 7th Cindy Bamburg
- 14th No meeting
- 21st No meeting
- 28th Margot Swetman

MARCH

- 6th Cindy Bamburg
- 13th Glenn Quave
- 20th Jaye Brice
- 27th Carl & Dorothy Nehlig

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Please join the Biloxi Lions Club as we celebrate our club's history over the past 100 Years of Lionism and as we welcome in a new century of

"IN BILOXI WE SERVE!"

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024
Time: 6-10 PM
Location: The Biloxi Visitor Center, Second Floor
1050 Beach Blvd.
Biloxi, MS 39530
Attire: Dressy or Cocktail

A gala celebration to remember with coastal cuisine, dancing, and a whole lot of memories. BYOB.

Limited number of reservations are available. Please make reservations by 2/10/2024.

Early reservations: \$40.00 per person.

Reservations after January 31, 2024: \$50.00 per person.

Payment Options:

- 1) Check: payable to the Biloxi Lions Club, P.O. Box 96, Biloxi, MS 39533
- 2) Biloxi Lions Website: biloxilions.org for Credit Card
- 3) Venmo: @BiloxiLions1924 (verifying phone # 7840)
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Please include the first and last name of all persons in your party in respective memo fields.

Penny Edwards is the contact person for this event. Should you have any questions please email her at lionpennyedwards@gmail.com.

We look forward to your sharing the night with us!

Biloxi Lions Club 100th Anniversary Celebration
Advertising/Sponsorship Form

Advertising space is now available for the 100th Anniversary Celebration program! Please show your support for Biloxi Lions Club's 100 years of service by placing an order. You may submit artwork, or just a business card will do. If you have any specific needs, please call Cindy Bamburg at (228) 424-3478 or email (cindy.bamburg@gmail.com) this order form, but please don't delay as the deadline is **February 9, 2024**,

Business: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Contact Person: _____

Please check appropriate size:

Full Page	8 1/2 x 5 1/2	_____	\$100.00
3/4 Page	6 x 5 1/2	_____	\$80.00
1/2 Page	4 1/2 x 5 1/2	_____	\$60.00
1/4 Page	2 1/4 x 5 1/2	_____	\$40.00

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