

Count Down 100
5 Months



ROAR
Newsletter

10.25.2023
Edition

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Biloxi Lions Attending the MS Sight Foundation
Webb Park Apartments Dedication—October 28, 2023



L-R: 30S 1st Vice District Governor Rev. Elijah Mitchell, Juanita Horton, 30S 2nd Vice District Governor Penny Edwards, Webb Park Apartments Manager Angela Lyons, President Webb Park Inc. Cindy Bamburg, Miriam Mitchell, and Secretary of Housing Greg Crapo

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UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

NOV 1	Tiffany Bell, Gulf Coast Community Foundation
NOV 8	Open
NOV 9	Board Mtg. Cadence Bank, 2nd Floor, Noon, BYOL
NOV 15	Board Meeting Minutes Review
NOV 22	Thanksgiving Week, NO MEETING
DEC 2	30S District Mtg. State Office, Flowood, Date Changed from October 28
DEC 6	BHS Choir Christmas Program
DEC 13	Open
DEC 20 & 27	Christmas and New Years Weeks NO MEETINGS. First meeting in 2024 is January 3rd.
JAN 10	Dist. 30S District Governor Thomas Corlett
JAN 19—20	District 30S Mid-Winter Convention, Hattiesburg
FEB 17	Biloxi Lions Club 100th Birthday Celebration, Biloxi

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

10.25.2023 Meeting Recap

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

Guests: Lion Penny introduced Matt and Julie Olivari, prospective members; Lion Jerry Dodge introduced Austin Dossett: **Zoom:** none

50/50 drawing: \$21 was won by Lion Milt; **King of Clubs Progressive:** Lion Dorothy drew the 9 of Clubs

Auction Item: none

Club Business and Announcements:

1. Lion President Jerry's Announcements:

- Scout Troop 212 is having a Haunted Trail Experience at Camp Wilkes Oct 28 & 29th
- 1st Coloring Book page submission by Lion Juanita Horton, actually 2 submissions. See page 4 for photos
- Saints tickets raffle is available through Lion Carl to help Boys Leadership committee purchase a trailer

2. Lion Elijah spoke on LCI IP Patti Hill's 'Mission 1.5 Challenge' for LCI to reach 1.5 million members by 2027. If each BLC member would bring in 1 new member the BLC would double in size from 60 to 120. When was the last time you brought a guest?

3. Lion Carl is looking for boys 10th-12th grade to attend the Boys Leadership Conference in March 2024

4. Lion Margot received a last minute request for a vision screening for the St. Mary Catholic Church's Trunk or Treat event for Oct 28th at 5:30. We screened children last year at this event

5. Lion Greg announced that **The Lions of MS Sight Foundation's Dedication of Webb Park Apts**, a 19 unit apartment rental dedicated to assist physically disabled persons, Sat. **October 28, 2023 at 10 AM**. A Sight Foundation meeting will be at the State Office at 1 PM.

6. The OS Club meeting on Monday Oct 30 at the Mary C. will feature a talk on the new movie "The Burial" based on the true story of Coast resident Jerry O'Keefe efforts to save the family funeral home business

7. Thank you to Lion Kathryn for her chicken pasta meal and to Lion Pres. Jerry for providing strawberry dump cake/whip cream for dessert

8. **Program:** Lion Jerry introduced today's speaker Elizabeth Anderson, Outreach Coordinator for the Maritime and Seafood Museum

The Story of the Nydia and the Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

Elizabeth Anderson, Outreach Coordinator of the Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum presented a true Biloxi History lesson by bringing to life the story of a 30-foot gaff-rigged cabin sloop that was built in Biloxi in 1898. The cypress and steam-bent oak sloop was built by William N. Johnson, Johnson Shipbuilding, on Biloxi's back bay for John A. Rawlins, Commodore of the New Orleans Southern Yacht Club. The racing sloop was named Nydia.

The Nydia won it's first race, the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club Regatta in 1899. She was a very fast perfectly balance sloop and went on to race more than 39 times from 1900-1910 earning her owner a showcase of trophies and awards.

Her next owner was A. Baldwin Wood, a Tulane University graduate and engineer by profession known for his invention of the wood screw design for the drainage pump system in NOLA, was an avid sailor. While his main residence in NOLA he kept a home in Biloxi just for his prize racing sloop Nydia. Every weekend in the summer he would sail to his favorite place, Horn Island. In the winter, Nydia was stored on the front lawn of his Biloxi home under a powerful spotlight to show off her beauty. Come spring the massive undertaking of moving her on a specially built carriage was a great spectacle for Wood's neighbors as she cross the beach road and sand to the water.

In 1956 at age 77 while sailing, Wood past and waved to his friend, Capt. Louis Gorenflo, operator of the charter boat Sailfish. Shortly afterwards Gorenflo notice that Wood was kneeling and slumped over the tiller of the sloop. Seeing the Nadia was headed for a large pier, Gorenflo caught up to the sloop to put a man aboard who was able to steer her safely away from the pier. Baldwin Wood died doing what he loved to do...go sailing on his beloved Nydia.

But the story does not end here...in his will Wood left his estate to his Alma Mater, Tulane, so that his Nydia would be cared for and preserved for 99 years. Tulane displayed the Nydia at their Uptown Campus until 2004, then she was moved to storage to make room for campus improvements.

Wood's nephew, Ralph Wood Pringle, and the Friends of the Nydia, did not think that Tulane was living up to it's end of the bargain of preservation and sought to gain custody of the sloop. Custody was awarded to Pringle and he brought the Nydia back home to the Mississippi Gulf Coast for much needed preservation work.

Following Hurricane Katrina's destruction of the Seafood Museum housed in the old Coast Guard building at Biloxi's Point Cadet, the new Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum plans were designed to accommodate and prominently feature the Nydia. The Grand Hall on the second floor would become her new home as she was carefully hoisted up the side of the building by cranes and moved in before the full glass window panels were installed. She is the last surviving Johnson built boat... a true Biloxi nautical treasure.



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

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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.**



OCTOBER LIONS

George Azar

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



ARLO

The Biloxi Lions Club 100th Birthday Celebration committee has a huge need...

We are 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.



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Dates to Save

Jan. 2024

Mid-South Lions MECA Cataract-A-Thon, Details Coming Soon

Jan. 19-20, 2024

District 30S Mid-Winter Convention Hattiesburg, Doubletree Hotel

Feb. 17, 2024

Biloxi Lions Club 100th Celebration Biloxi Visitor's Center, 6-10p,

April 12-13, 2024

Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Week-end, Memphis, TN

April 29-30, 2024

Lions of MS State Convention Biloxi, MS, Additional Information TBA

June 7, 2024

Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament Olive Branch, MS

June 8, 2024

Mid-South Lions Cataract-A-Thon

June 21-25, 2024

Lions International Convention Melbourne, Australia

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.

Nov — Dec

October

NOVEMBER

- 1st Cindy Bamburg
- 8th Melinda Freeman
- 15th Jaye Brice
- 22nd Thanksgiving, No Mtg
- 29th Mary Jo Walsh

DECEMBER

- 6th Cindy Bamburg
- 13th Jaye Brice
- 20th Christmas, No Mtg
- 27th New Years, No Mtg

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Lion Greg discovered in storage a case of 12 of The PRIDE OF LIONS A Kids Guide to Lions Clubs Really Big Coloring Books published in 2006. 1 book was donated to Lion Juanita Horton and the rest were sold to members. Lion Juanita is sharing her time and talents by coloring pages from the oversized Lions Coloring Book. The pages on the left are her first submissions. Don't you think these colored pages would make an awesome fundraiser... "This Is What Lions Do!"

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Webb Park Apartments

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The Mississippi Lions Sight Foundation

A Rededication

334 Josanna Street
Jackson, Mississippi
October 28, 2023
10:00 a.m.



L-R:
District 30S District Governor Thomas Corlett
MS Lions Sight Foundation
President Cindy Bamburg
Past President MS Lions Sight Foundation
Tony Nettles



**The Cake was almost too pretty to cut...
 The dignitaries and the Webb Park Apts residents enjoyed the refreshments provided by the Biloxi Lions and the McComb Lions Clubs**

Special thanks to all who have made this possible

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**Refreshments & Décor provided by
 Biloxi Lions & McComb Lions**

~ Program ~

Welcome and Introductions	Mr. Greg Crapo Secretary of Housing
Opening Prayer	Rev. Elijah Mitchell Vice District Governor
Why Lions?	Mr. Tony Nettles Past President LSF
Remarks	Mr. Craig Bounds President, Sun States Mgt.
Thoughts & Comments	Residents and Others
Encouraging Words	Mrs. Cindy Bamburg President, Webb Park Inc