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4 Months



**ROAR**  
Newsletter

**11.29.2023**  
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**Biloxi Lions Club 100th Birthday Celebration**

This milestone event for the Biloxi Lions Club comes only once in a lifetime and we would love to have you celebrate with us! The official information on the event will be sent out via emails and the USPS and should arrive between December 25 - January 2. Please be on the look out for yours.

**UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

<b>DEC 6</b>	<b>BHS Choir Christmas Program</b>
<b>DEC 13</b>	Mary Beth Geiser, Lion Matt's niece for a school project
<b>Dec 14</b>	Board Meeting, Trinity Café by Joshua, Ohr-Okeefe Museum, noon
<b>DEC 20 &amp; 27</b>	<b>Christmas and New Years Weeks</b> NO MEETINGS. First meeting in 2024 is January 3rd.
<b>JAN 10</b>	Dist. 30S District Governor Thomas Corlett
<b>JAN 19-20</b>	District 30S Mid-Winter Convention, Hattiesburg
<b>FEB 17</b>	<b>Biloxi Lions Club 100th Birthday Celebration, Biloxi Visitor Center</b>

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

## 11.29.2023 Meeting Recap

**Opening:** Lion President Jerry Gardner called meeting to order at 12:05pm; The BLC TRIO led us in God Bless America; Lion Tadd led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion Joe offered the prayer

**Guests: none; Zoom: none**

**50/50 drawing: \$23.50** was won by Lion Tom Quave; **King of Clubs Progressive:** Lion Elijah drew the 9 of Spades, Winners pot is at \$143.50

**Auction Item:** none

### Club Business and Announcements:

#### 1. Lion President Jerry's Announcements:

- A) District 30S District Meeting is this Saturday in Flowood starting with committee meetings at 1 and District meeting at 2:30pm
  - B) There are still BLC 100th Anniversary Challenge Coins still available. See Lion Pres. Jerry Gardner
  - C) Mid-Winter t-shirts have been designed and must be ordered by Dec. 15. Contact Lion Jerry for ordering information
  - D) the BLC Melvin Jones Fellows are asked to stay after the meeting for a short meeting
  - E) The December Board Meeting is Dec. 14 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.
2. Lion Margot announced 2 Vision Screening have been scheduled: Dec 3—Assisting Woolmarket Lions at the Shriners Children Christmas event; Dec 9: The Seafood Museums Christmas Open House from 9:30—4:30. She has a signup sheet ready so please sign up if you can volunteer for either of the events
3. Lion Carl drew the Saints Game ticket (proceeds to help Boys Leadership committee purchase a trailer) The winner was Charlene Manzela. Congratulations to Charlene and thank you to all that supported the Boys Leadership's fundraising project
4. Lion Melinda announced she has a selection of bagged nuts still available
5. Lion Penny announced the Concerts on the Causeway will be Dec 13 starting at 6 pm. Seashore Mission will be the featured charity. The IP Casino has the Wreaths of Hope voting going on from Dec 1-Dec 28. Winner will receive \$10,000 donation. Again Seashore Mission is on the list for voting. Lion Elijah is the ED of the Seashore Mission. Lion Penny also shared color pages Lion Juanita is so graciously coloring for the Club to use
6. Thank you to Lion Kathryn for the white chicken chili and cornbread meal and Lion Mary Jo for the cookies and Baklava
7. **Program:** Lion Jerry introduced today's speaker Baylee Beightol, Miss New South title holder for the Miss Mississippi Franchise

### Baylee Beightol, Miss New South

Being very familiar with the Miss Mississippi Franchise with the three titles the Biloxi Lions Club sponsorship can offer, the Miss Gulf Coast, the Miss South Mississippi and the Miss Biloxi, our speaker today brought a new prospective to our speaker's platform.

Baylee Beightol joined the United States Air Force at age 17 and is an Air Force Reservist currently on Active Duty at Keesler Air Force Base. She obtained a degree in Business at the University of Southern Mississippi but her love is being an aircraft payload specialist with the Air Force.

Being recently crowned Miss New South in Hattiesburg, Baylee's platform for her bid as the next Miss Mississippi has much to do with her motto being "Your past does not define your present." Her personal history plays a huge part of her platform as she raised in a home with an incarcerated parent when she was a very young child.

She explains she was 13 when her parent came home and how hard it was to become a family again. Not only was it difficult for the parent to get back in society without a job it was also difficult for her to accept the parent because as she states "my parent left when I was so young and I did not know how to be with them."

As she grew older she said her childhood family circumstances of life after incarceration of just surviving and keeping a family together she realized she wanted to give HOPE for a change to others with her same family experience. Thus her platform is to develop a plan for a 501C3 nonprofit and seek a partnership with the Department of Corrections. The organization will be there to help the over 70% families of broken homes following the incarceration of a family member so that re-entry back to the family and society can be more successful.

Baylee said she has learned that one of the largest obstacles after incarcerator's release has been obtaining a valid birth certificate. "Without a valid birth certificate you can not get a valid drivers license and without a drivers license you cannot get to a place of employment unless there is convenient public transportation. Having gainful employment is what is most re-entries desire. Without a job most will return to their old habits and will most likely end going back to prison." There are other issues that she feels could be addressed and will formulate in her plan of action for the organization.

After a very lively question and answer session Lion Jerry Dodge presented Baylee with a Lions Pen.



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](http://www.biloxilions.org) just by clicking the ZOOM HERE button.

Or, by the following information below

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

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

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# NOVEMBER LIONS

Jerry Dodge Leslie Johnson  
Tom Quave Kathleen Talley  
Brad Baker

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

Just wanted to REMIND the Biloxi Club members that there will not be a Biloxi Lions Club meeting on the following dates...

Wednesday December 20  
Wednesday December 27



ARLO

Lion Penny will not be attending the Biloxi Club Mtg on Wednesday December 13, as she will be having her 2nd Cataract Surgery that morning.

With no ROAR newsletter for the December 13th and with the Biloxi Club not meeting on the 20th and 27th the ROAR will not be published again until after the January 3rd meeting.

If you have anything to submit for the ROAR please email it to Lion Penny prior to December 10th so she can included it in the final ROAR of 2023.

### Dessert Pledges

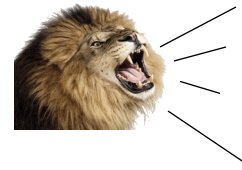


Your dessert does not need to be home made, we will enjoy store bought just as much, and bring dessert plates if needed. If you are not able to attend the meeting in which you have pledged a Dessert, please ask another member to cover your date.

### DECEMBER

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

The MS Lions Sight Foundation Light for Sight Form is on page 4.



### 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 in upcoming Magnolia Publication

#### 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

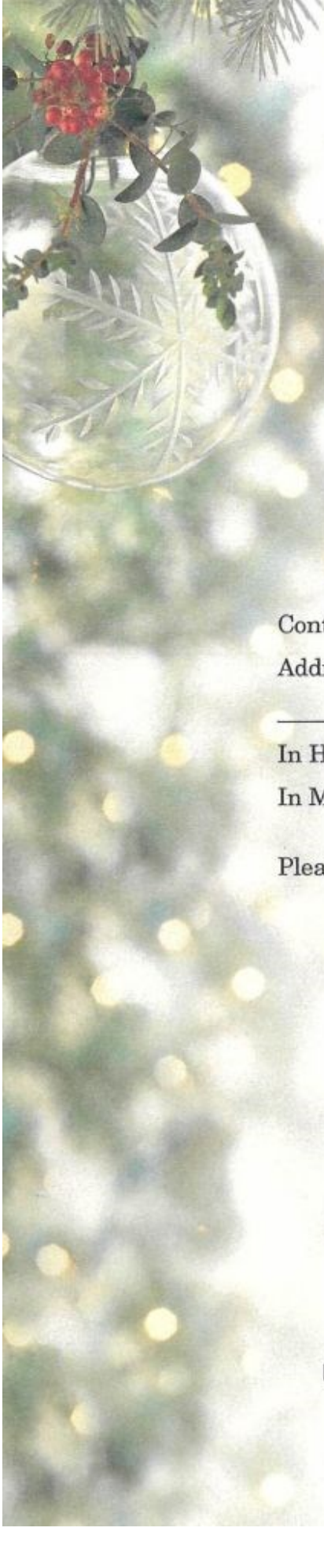
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# *Lights for Sight*

## *Benefiting Lions Sight Foundation*

***Purchase a Light in Honor of Someone Special***  
*Lights for Sight is a program designed to allow clubs and individuals to recognize a friend, club member or loved one, living or deceased, throughout the year and at the same time show support for the White Cane Program of Mississippi by placing a light on the Christmas Tree in the state office building.*

*Please consider honoring an outstanding club leader, friend or family member or memorializing a deceased Lion or other loved one with a gift we feel is in keeping with the real meaning of the Christmas season. All gifts will be acknowledged with a card to whomever you choose.*

***Please share with your club members and duplicate as necessary.***

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