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7 Months



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**BILOXI EXCEL BY 5**

Ms. Susan Hunt, Biloxi Excel By 5 Certification Manager, is well known by many Biloxians for her love of kids and the importance of quality education for our children of all ages.

The unique program of Excel by 5 is only in the State of MS and was brought to Harrison Co. in 2009. It was the 8th Certified Early Learning Childhood Community in the state when they received their certification on June 16, 2011. The program is designed to ready children for Kindergarten and it is a FREE program to parents with children ages 0-5, totally funded by donations, grants with assistance from community businesses and volunteers.

As Susan most expertly explained "the Biloxi Excel by 5 is a community-based certification designed to improve a child's overall well-being by age 5. It sets forth a variety of standards involving parent training, community participation, childcare and health to help communities focus on supporting the most critical needs of our young children and their families."

The Tuesday-Thursday, 3-5 hour, school day sessions are enhanced with several special events and activity days. Registered children's parents are provided with a Community Resource Guide, now in it's 2020 5th Edition, on which to use to assist them with anything from licensed Child Care Providers, to Youth Organizations, to numerous state and local phone numbers.

A proponent of hands-on activities, particularly reading, Susan explained the different areas that are age appropriate for the children to explore and teach themselves. She also said the parents are not excluded as they often need to learn what their children need to be ready and successful to start Kindergarten. Childcare is available for parents should they need it when class is in session.

Susan's time was much to short to go into all that is available so please check out <http://excellby5>communities>



**UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

<b>AUG 14</b>	<b>Camp Wilkes, Inc., Semi-Annual Mtg, 6:30pm Hart Hall</b>
<b>AUG 16</b>	<b>Gerald Blessey</b>
<b>AUG 23</b>	<b>Michael Watson, Mississippi Secretary of State</b>
<b>AUG 25</b>	<b>20 Guns/20 Days Raffle Ticket Tent Sale, Biloxi Pawn, 10-2</b>
<b>AUG 26</b>	<b>20 Guns/20 Days Raffle Ticket Tent Sale, JB Pawn, GPT 10-2</b>
<b>AUG 30</b>	<b>FVDG Elijah Mitchel, International Convention</b>
<b>SEPT 13</b>	<b>Doug Bradford, Area Team Coordinator, Operation Christmas Child</b>
<b>SEPT 16</b>	<b>Maritime &amp; Seafood Industry Museum Annual Drawdown</b>
<b>SEP 21-23</b>	<b>USA/CANADA Forum, Reno, Nevada</b>

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

## 8.9.2023 Meeting Recap

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

**Guest(s):** Lion Kathryn introduced her Mother Vikki Durkee and Lion Leslie's guest was her son Donald; **Zoom:** Lion Susan

**50/50 drawing: \$17** was won by Lion Penny; **King of Clubs Progressive:** Guest Vikki drew the 7 of Hearts, \$1541 to the winner if the King of Clubs was drawn. There are 27 cards left to draw...Will the winner of the King of Clubs Progressive be you?

**Auction Item:** none

### Club Business and Announcements:

1. President Jerry G:

- a) August 10th Board Mtg, 13th at Cadence Bank on Howard Ave., 2nd floor, noon, bring your own lunch
- b) Sept 20 dessert pledge is the only date that is not taken, Please sign up for this date

2. Lion Penny reported on the Mid-South Lions Hall of Honor and Quarterly Mtg. Our own PDG Greg Crapo was inducted to the HoH along with Lion Dr. Eileen Smith. Biloxi Club members attending were Lions Wayne Ross (Director), Lion Cindy Bamburg (Finance Comm) and Lion Penny Edwards (Case Service Comm.) While Lion Penny had the floor she also gave an update on the Lions of MS Sight Foundation fundraiser '20 Guns in 20 Days' Raffle Tickets. We still have more than 1/2 of 60 raffle ticket books to distribute to the Biloxi Club members. Each book has 6 tickets, tickets are \$20 each or the whole book for \$100. The drawing will start on Nov. 1st. Tent sales are planned for Aug 25 & 26. See ARLO on page 3 or the flyer on page 4

3. Lion Carl announced to help the Boys Leadership purchase a trailer to store their equipment, he is donating 2 Saints tickets for the Nov 5 game to raffle off. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 / \$20

4. Lion Margot said there will not be a vision screening on Aug. 11 for the Shriners. A TBD possibly in December. A vision screening, TBD, be at the Train Museum in September

5. Thank you Lion Kathryn for your red beans/rice meal; and thank you to Lions Carl & Dorothy for providing bread pudding for dessert

6. Lion Elijah invited members to attend the Camp Wilkes semi-annual mtg on Monday, Aug 14, Hart Hall at 6:30 pm

7. **Program:** Pres. Jerry introduced our speaker Susan Hunt, Biloxi Excel by 5 program

8. Lion Dorothy reminded members to go to WXXV's website to vote for Lion Carl as the Volunteer of the Year

### LIONS STATE OFFICE HAS A NEW WEBSITE!!

LIONSOFMS.NET

"For LIONS" Tab

"New Lions Registration"

Follow prompts: Name, Club, Email, etc.

Submit

You will receive an email with instructions for setting or resetting your password

Good News! The Lions of Mississippi has a new website  
LIONSOFMS.NET

Any MS Lion in good standing can register on the website.

Go to the new website, click the "For Lions" Tab in the white heading, click on the "New Lions Registration" in the drop down. Follow the prompts and then submit. You will receive an email with instructions.

The ROAR Editor went to the new website today, a Sunday Morning, and found the site is so inviting and user friendly. I registered following the instructions given by the State Office shown on the left . I immediately received an email stating my request was being processed.

It was so easy...don't wait, register today.

But, please remember, with the number of MS Lions also in the process of registering you may experience a short delay in having your registration being processed.

UPDATE: 24 hours later I received an email that my request was processed and I am NOW REGISTERED!

**There is still time for you to register for the**

**Lions USA/Canada Leadership Forum**

**September 20-23, 2023 in Reno, Nevada.**

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>

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.**

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# AUGUST LIONS

- Melinda Freeman    Miriam Mitchell
- Brandy Champlin    Jerry Gardner
- David Stanovich    Pete Wilson
- Alan Serotta

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!



## 20 GUNS in 20 DAYS RAFFLE starts Nov. 1st

Have you picked up your 20 Guns In 20 Days Raffle Tickets from Lion Penny yet?

By selling the raffle tickets you will be supporting the Lions of MS Sight Foundation's efforts to strengthen funding for an endowment.

2 days have been scheduled to sell Raffle Tickets for the Biloxi Club

- 1) Friday, August 25, Biloxi Pawn, Pass Road, Biloxi from 10a-2p.
- 2) Saturday, August 26, JB Pawn, Pass Road, Gpt, from 10a-2p.

The events are to help Biloxi sell their tickets that have not be claimed by members to purchase or sell. Plans are to have plate lunch to also sell to help the club's fundraising. The plates are to be \$10 each, consisting of either pulled pork sandwiches or ham and cheese po-boys, chips and a can soda.

On Saturday, at JB Pawn...Mr. Jimmy Miller, a 2 time gun raffle winner and owner of JB Pawn, plans to have Thomas Edwards provide entertainment.



### Dessert Pledges

### August-September



#### AUGUST

- 16th Leslie Johnson
- 23rd Cindy Bamburg
- 30th Glenn Bremenkamp

#### September

- 6th Cindy Bamburg
- 13th Jerry Dodge
- 20th OPEN
- 27th Carl & Dorothy Nehlig

Only 1 left in September, Please sign Up! Your dessert does not need to be home made, we will enjoy store bought just as much. If you are not able to attend the meeting in which you have pledged a Dessert, please ask another member to cover your date.



### Dates to Save

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| <b>Sept. 16, 2023</b><br>Mid-South Lions Cooper-Young Festival, Memphis, TN                 | <b>April 28-29, 2024</b><br>Lions of MS State Convention Biloxi, MS, Additional Information TBA |
| <b>Sept. 21-23, 2023</b><br>USA/CANADA Forum, Reno NV                                       | <b>June 7, 2024</b><br>Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament Olive Branch, MS                         |
| <b>Jan. 2024</b><br>Mid-South Lions MECA Cataract-A-Thon, Details Coming Soon               | <b>June 8, 2024</b><br>Mid-South Lions Cataract-A-Thon  |
| <b>Jan. 19-20, 2024</b><br>District 30S Mid-Winter Convention Hattiesburg, Location TBA     | <b>June 21-25, 2024</b><br>Lions International Convention Melbourne, Australia                  |
| <b>Feb. 17, 2024</b><br>Biloxi Lions Club 100th Celebration Biloxi Visitor's Center, 6-10p, |   |
| <b>April 12-13, 2024</b><br>Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Week-end, Memphis, TN            |   |

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<http://m.facebook.com/BiloxiLions>

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**Raffle Ticket Books are now available!**  
**See Lion Penny for your books today!**  
**\$20 per ticket or \$100 per book**

**JOIN IN ON THE**  
**LIONS SIGHT FOUNDATION**  
**20 GUNS IN 20 DAYS**  
**RAFFLE**  
Benefiting the Blind and Visually impaired, the Deaf and Hearing impaired and the youth of Mississippi  
Drawing begins November 1, 2023  
**BUY A TICKET WIN A GUN A DAY FOR 20 DAYS**  
Prizes: Savage Axis 6.5 CM, Bergara 300 Winchester, Tikka T3x 30-06, Remington 700 ADL 6.5 CM, Ruger 10/22 Carbine, Savage MKII FVSR .22 LR, Henry Lever Action .22 Magnum, Bergara BMR 22 Long Rifle, Browning A-Bolt 3 7 mm, Browning X-Bolt 6.5 CM, FN 509 Compact 9 mm Pistol, Glock 43X9 mm Pistol, Browning Buckmark 22 Pistol, Taurus G3C 9 mm Pistol, Maverick 12 GA, Beretta A300 20 GA, Stoeger M3020 20 GA, Benelli Nova Compact 20 GA, Winchester SXP 12 GA, Winchester SXP 20 GA  
Tickets: \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Purchase from any Lions Club Member

To promote the Lions of MS Sight Foundation and to sell the 20 Guns in 20 Days raffle tickets  
Two Second Amendment Weekend events have been planned:

- 1) Friday, August 25th, Biloxi Pawn
- 2) Saturday, August 26t, JB Pawn Gulfport  
10a-2p both days

Thomas Edwards will be the entertainment on Saturday (and maybe on Friday)

More information will be available at the August 16th Biloxi Lions meeting.

A sign-up sheet for both days for Volunteers to set tent, help man the raffle ticket sales, sell plate lunches, and tear down after event will be available at the meeting.

See our friend ARLO on page 3 for more information about these 2 event.