



# Biloxi Lions Club



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## Campaign 100

Our newer members may have heard a few people mention Campaign 100, but still not know what it is about. The following information came from a Lions Club International information sheet.

### ***“What is Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service?”***

*This is the foundation’s next transformational campaign (you may all remember SightFirst and SightFirst II). Over the next three years through Campaign 100, we are aiming to raise US\$300 million to increase our service impact; fight diabetes; and expand our global causes (this was extended one more year due to the effects of COVID). Campaign 100 will allow us to service more than 200 million individuals per year by 2021 and ensure that Lions have the resources we need to expand our global causes and impact.*

*Through the Global Service Assessment, which thousands of Lions shared their passions, priorities and where our service can have most impact our Global Causes were established.*

- *Diabetes*
- *Environment*
- *Hunger*
- *Childhood Cancer*
- *Vision*

*These causes complement all of the great ways clubs serve Locally, Nationally and Internationally, and gives Lions and Leos opportunities to help meet the growing challenges facing humanity.*

*Campaign 100 will make it possible for LCIF to meet and address the needs and priorities of our Lions for generations to come.”*

This is an overview and there is more to it. But we hope this helps to answer some of the questions you may have.

## Nut Sales

The nuts are in! Please pick-up your orders at the de l'Epee Deaf Center, 1450 North Street, Gulfport.

## Pageants

December 4<sup>th</sup> is coming quickly. While we have a few contestants for both pageants, we need more! Please get the word out to any organization that might have young ladies interested. Also, we still need your ad sales to help fund the scholarships!

## Scout Coupe

We had a good time at the Biloxi 1<sup>st</sup> Friday. We raised \$230 then, bringing our total to around \$2725!

## New Highway Sign

Our new highway sign is in. It will replace the one at the bottom of the I-110 exit on Bayview Ave.

## Eye Screening

Please remember our eye screening this Saturday at the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art from 11 – 5PM.

*Meetings are noon every Wednesday at the Maritime and Seafood History Museum*

## **District 30-S Mid-Winter Convention**

The Mid-Winter Convention sign-up sheets are available now for early registration. It will be at our very own Gulf Hills Resort.

### **Change for Change**

Please remember to bring your Change for Change jars to the meetings when you have a full one!

### **November Board Meeting**

Our November Board Meeting will be tomorrow at Camp Wilkes.

### **Guest Speaker**

Our guest speaker was Chris Foret, Assistant Director of the Coast Transit Authority.

The CTA offers several types of services for the Biloxi, Gulfport, Ocean Springs, St. Martin and D'Iberville communities. The one you may be most familiar with is the Fixed Route service. This is the one that has scheduled stops are all the bus stops you see around these towns. There are 7 routes serviced by 12 buses. This accounts for about 86% of our ridership.

Another service is Demand Response. We have 12 buses and one van that go out every day. Riders have to apply for this service. Once you meet qualifications, we will pick you up at your door! This service is for medical appoints, shopping, and almost any local destination the riders need to go to. One priority for this service is dialysis appointments. During COVID when the Senior Centers could not have guests, we used the Demand Response buses to deliver meals from the Senior Centers to those that needed them!

Another service a lot of people don't know about is Coast Commuter. The Coast Commuter Program is designed to assist employers and employees in developing a work commute program. We offer vanpooling and carpooling programs. We currently bring in workers from 3 states with 42,000 trips per year.

We also provide a hurricane and emergency evacuation service. People can call to be picked-up and we will take them to an authorized shelter.

We receive funding from some different sources. Funding for our operations and capital projects are currently provided by self-generated revenue, the Federal Transit Administration, Harrison County, Jackson County, Biloxi, Gulfport, D'Iberville, the Ocean Springs, the State of Mississippi, and self-generated funds.

Fifty-percent of our funding is from the Federal Transit Administration. The next 25% comes from the State of Mississippi, Harrison County, Jackson County, Biloxi, Gulfport, D'Iberville, and Ocean Springs. The last 25% comes from self-generated funds. Self-generated funds consist of passenger fares, advertising revenue, charter revenue, contract revenue, vending revenue and sale of surplus equipment.

When comparing our services to major cities in the south-east region, we compare very favorably. We currently set the standard for these other cities transit systems.

We are currently are working to modernize our fleet with electric vehicles; either blended or 100% electric. This will help to reduce emissions as well help to reduce our operating costs by reducing the amount of fuel we would need to purchase.

