



# Biloxi Lions Club

## Lions Roar



Founded February 18, 1924

<http://biloxilionsclub.org>  
[www.facebook.com/BiloxiLions](http://www.facebook.com/BiloxiLions)

January 5, 2022

### District 30-S Mid-Winter Meeting

The District 30-S Mid-Winter Meeting scheduled for January 21-22 has been rescheduled for February 4-5 due to COVID concerns. If you have already registered, that payment can be applied to the new dates and a refund will be issued after the convention is over. If you no longer can attend, you can ask for a full reimbursement.

The Saturday evening events have been cancelled. The Friday night social, Saturday breakfast, Saturday luncheon, and all the Saturday business meetings and afternoon training sessions are still on. Also still on are the Strides Walk and the silent auction. As always, they are in need of auction items. Please be generous! *There is a registration form at the end of the ROAR should you wish to attend.*

### Lion Vernon Nix

We've heard good news that Lion Vernon Nix is home and improving!

### December Board Minutes

The minutes from the December Board Meeting were read. You can view them on our web site for more information.



### 10 Year Pin

Congratulations to Alan Serotta on receiving his 10 Year pin!



### 2022 Miss Gulf Coast Teen - Madalyn Smelley

Our 2022 Miss Gulf Coast Teen, Madalyn Smelley joined us at our meeting today. She told us that this was her first ever pageant! Congratulations to her for winning.

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

In the picture below are Lion Jaye Brice, Madalyn Smelley, and Wanda Gatlin.



### Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker was Kathy Springer, CEO of the United Way of South Mississippi



Our service area is Harrison, Hancock, Pearl River, and Jones counties. Jackson and George counties have their own United Way separate from ours. There are 1400 community based United Way organizations in the country. Each one is a member of the United Way Worldwide. There are 17 United Way agencies in Mississippi. Even with that, there are still some counties in Mississippi with no United Way coverage.

Something you may not know about us is that we respond to disasters. The 211 network is actually operated by United Way. While we operate it, the call centers are staffed by several agencies that can respond to various needs.

We are responding to various needs brought on by COVID. When I leave her today, I'm going to Back Bay Mission to give them a check for

\$432,000. That money came into Unite Way and is going right out. We do not take a fee for our services.

When people started going back to work and needed a place for their children, the Boys and Girls Clubs needed to get going. They lacked COVID supplies though. They needed hand washing stations which cost about \$800 a piece. We helped them buy those. When St. Vincent DePaul Community Pharmacy couldn't let the patients in to get their medicine and had to mail them out, they went through their entire year's mailing budget in January. We provided financial support to allow them to keep mailing the medications out. Catholic Charities received financial support from us so they could provide rental and utilities assistance.

United Way hosts Dolly Parton's Library. Children up to 5 years old can have free access to books (one book a month) to learn reading. We currently have around 1200 kids enrolled right now.

One thing we do provide that I am very proud of is that we provide 9 free pre-K classrooms in Harrison County. They are blended in with the regular pre-K classrooms so no one can tell the difference.

ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained but Employed) is another program we support. These people are working to make ends meet and are above the federal poverty level so they are not eligible for many government programs. The Kellogg Foundation funds the ALICE Project and we are the 23<sup>rd</sup> state to have ALICE. The project provides support when the government programs are not available.



# DISTRICT 30S MID WINTER CONVENTION

February 4 and 5, 2022



GULF HILLS HOTEL AND RESORT  
13701 Paso Road, Ocean Springs, MS 39564  
PHONE 1-228-875-4211

Rates: \$109 night.

## **2022 District 30S MID-WINTER Convention Registration Form: FEBRUARY 4 AND 5, 2022**

Name of Lion: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

**Convention Package:** (Registration and All meals)      Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$65 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Only:	Number attending _____ X \$20 = \$ _____
Friday Night Social Only:	Number attending _____
Breakfast Buffet Only	Number attending _____ X \$15 = \$ _____
Luncheon Buffet Only:	Number attending _____ X \$35 = \$ _____

Club Officer Training will be offered on Saturday afternoon. Please indicate if you plan to attend:

President Training \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary Training \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer Training \_\_\_\_\_

STRIDES Event on Hotel Grounds (includes a 2022 Strides T-Shirt)      Number participating \_\_\_\_\_  
All proceeds to Diabetes Program. Sign in for STRIDES Event \$25 at Registration Desk

There will also be a silent auction with items on display to be awarded during the Luncheon. Please bring an auction item from your club

Virtual ADS will be displayed throughout the MID-WINTER CONVENTION and sell for \$50.00. Please help us support Ad Sales. Send photo ready copies by Email to [charles\\_cruthird@bellsouth.net](mailto:charles_cruthird@bellsouth.net)

Make Checks Payable to DISTRICT 30S Convention Fund

**Mail to:** Treasurer Tom Corlett, 416 Meadowgreen Ln, Canton, MS 39046.