



Biloxi Lions Club

Lions Roar



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USA/Canada Leadership Forum

This is a great opportunity to learn new leadership skills. It occurs every September at different locations each year. This year it will be at Calgary, Canada. If you plan to attend, you will need proof of COVID vaccination, current passport, and check for any airline requirements if you plan to fly.

Eye Screening

This was a joint screening with the Woolmarket Lions Club. On 24 June, we did an eye screening at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Woolmarket. Twenty-one children were screened and 2 were referred. Thanks to all our club members who turned out to help!

Installation Banquet

So far, we have 55 people registered! There will be a "Drink Game" (no, not a drinking game!). If you want to participate, you will need to make a (mixed) drink of your choice (a gallon, a pitcher, etc.) and give it a name (let Greg Crapo know the name so he can make a placard). There will be a "tip jar" beside your drink and the winner will be the one with the most tips!

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker was Mark Grace from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Mr. Grace began his science career on 1974 as a Laboratory Technician at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs. In 1979 he began his career with NOAA/NMFS/Southeast Fisheries Science Center. He has participated in over 150 at-sea research surveys or projects that span nearly 8 years of cumulative sea days.

Desserts

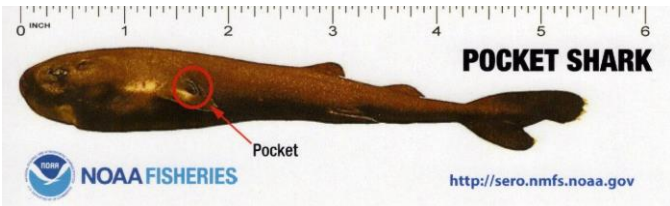
Desserts are nice, but they don't come to the meetings by themselves. Please sign-up to bring a dessert!

While on one of his at-sea research surveys, he came across an interesting fish specimen that he had not seen before. After documenting the find, he started doing research to try and identify it, to include having it scanned to see its internal structure. On completing his research, he concluded that he had documented a new species of Kitefin shark. Since it was his discovery, he had the honor/task of naming it. Since Mississippi was his home and they found it in the Gulf of Mexico, he included Mississippi in the name: *Mollisquama Mississippiensis*.

Pageants

Ms. Katelyn Perry placed 3rd Alternate at the Miss Mississippi Pageant. That's the highest that anyone has placed who attended our pageants!

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



POCKET SHARK FACTS

- Adult length: 5.5 inches
- Only two have ever been found: Gulf of Mexico and southeastern Pacific Ocean (several thousand miles apart).
- No living pocket shark has ever been seen.
- The Gulf of Mexico specimen is now part of one of the world's largest fish collections at Tulane University.
- Scientists from around the world are still investigating the functions of its many unique features.
- It has tiny light-emitting spots on its skin called photophores that are thought to glow in the dark.
- Scientists think they feed by taking bites out of larger animals like whales, tuna and squid.