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### Lynn Fitch, MS AG Candidate



Lynn Fitch  
Candidate for the MS  
Attorney General Office

Lynn Fitch was the final AG Candidate to visit the Biloxi Club.

Lynn is no stranger on Lions' mission on diabetes awareness as Lynn's daughter is a type one diabetic. Lynn has also worked with the Lions Club in her area.

But Lynn visit was to speak to the members about her qualifications to be our next MS Attorney General.

- As an attorney she has worked for the AG's office
- Has experience as the attorney for the legislature
- As State Treasurer she reformed the education savings program
- As State Treasurer she returned over \$150 million in escheat money and property to the rightful owners

### UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

AUG 28	Read Hendon, USM Bonnet Carre Spillway & Algae Bloom
SEPT 4	Jeff O'Keefe, Funeral Industry, Loewen Group Lawsuit
SEPT 11	Roger Wildmon, Gulf Coast Community Foundation
SEPT 14	MS Diabetes Foundation Walk, Jones Park
SEPT 18	Lion Rev. Elijah Mitchell, MS Sight and Hearing
SEPT 19	Board Mtg, noon, McAlister's Restaurant
SEPT 25	No scheduled speaker, Board Mtg Minutes review

*Meetings are noon every Wednesday at the One Thirty One Lameuse Restaurant, Downtown Biloxi*

## August 21, 2019 Club Meeting Recap

- ◆ Meeting called to order by Lion President Matt; Lions Jaye, Darrell, Jerry and Tom Wicks led us in song; Lion \_\_\_\_ led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion \_\_\_\_ offered prayer
- ◆ 50/50 was won by guest Lynn Finch; and Lion \_\_\_\_ drew the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ in the King of Clubs Progressive
- ◆ Today was the first meeting at the new restaurant *One Thirty One Lameuse*. Reports filtering back to the ROAR editor indicate the food was good and plenty for our group. Photos below courtesy of Lion Star
- ◆ PCC Charles 'Johnson visited the club to present MS Lions Leadership Institute Certificates of Completion to Biloxi Lions Dorothy Nehlig and Gerald Gardner. Photo below courtesy of Lion Star
- ◆ Lion Sec. Joe gave the review of the August 15th Board Meeting Minutes
- ◆ Lion Jerry introduced our guest speaker, Candidate for MS District Attorney Lynne Fitch. Photo on front page courtesy of Lion Star



Left: Rev. Alice Graham, Ph.D.  
Executive Director, Back Bay Mission  
Right: Laura Payne  
Community Relations, Back Bay Mission  
August 14th Program

As promised, here are the highlights of our August 14th program by Dr. Alice Graham, ED of Back Bay Mission. She shared a program that has been recently instituted through the Back Bay Mission... 'Bridges Out of Poverty.'

Dr. Graham explained that participants in this program are selected to further their journey through a 16 week class which helps them learn about the structure of poverty. During the 16 weeks the participants, now called investigators as they will investigate a pathway out of the life in poverty, will be partnered with a community Mentor. After the 16 week class the Mentor will continue to guide and to encourage the investigator for 2 years.

For the next 2 years the Mentor becomes the investigator's cheerleader support point helping the investigator work through a plan that helps them in a learning process...that not all disappointments are the end of the road. Mentors urge reasonable goals and give confidence that reasonable goals are achievable and to go on to the next goal.

In closing Dr. Graham said that the next 1 day training for persons wishing to become Mentors is on September 10th. If any member is interested or knows of someone who may be interested in being a Mentor of the 'Bridges Out of Poverty' program to please contact the program facilitator by calling 228-432-0301.

