



Biloxi Lions Club

LIONS ROAR

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The Need of Donating Blood Still Exist, Even in a Pandemic

Have you ever heard there is of a shortage of blood in your area? Was there a major disaster with multiple injuries, or just a rare type is needed for one person, and you thought of donating? But it would be your first time donating and you are putting it off because you are a bit apprehensive, even a bit scared. Or, have you thought that considering we are in the middle of a very infectious global pandemic called COVID19 is it even safe to donate at this time?

Whether your blood is the universal 'O' Positive, or a rarer blood type, blood is always in demand, pandemic or not.

Our speaker, Denise Smith, American Red Cross Account Manager Blood Services for Alabama and Mississippi Region, shared why it is even more important to donate blood during our COVID crisis.

Denise started off with a short video of 4 donors explaining their concerns of donating for the first time. To help with their apprehension, each donor had an assistant to stay one-on-one with them. What was so special about this? Each assistant was a child who shared stories and laughter to take the donor's mind off the donation process.

At the completion of the process it was revealed by each assistant their

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Lion Jerry presenting Denise Smith with a memento of a Lions Pen for speaking at the Biloxi Club meeting

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

AUG 12	Open
AUG 18	Board Meeting, Camp Wilkes Hart Hall, noon
AUG 19	Stephen East, Gulfport Behavioral Health
AUG 27	Board Meeting Minutes Review, No Speaker
SEPT 2	Brian Lamar, NCBC Public Affairs Officer
SEPT 15	Board Meeting, Camp Wilkes Hart Hall, noon
SEPT 30	Tom McDougal, Merit Health

The Biloxi Lions Club meet each Wednesday at noon
The Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum, 1st floor
115 E. 1st Street, Biloxi, MS 39530

**A BIG hello, and thank you, to our Lions who are able to join us via ZOOM.
Lions Star, Melinda, Nona, & Larry and prospective member Katie Peterson logged on for the
8/5 Club Meeting. We Miss You!! Stay Safe!!!**

For Biloxi Lions members who are unable to attend our weekly meetings in person...

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Log on a few minutes prior to our 12 noon meeting to assure your connection

*If you have any issues trying to log on, **PLEASE** call or text Lion Greg at 228.760.0239 for help

The Biloxi Lions are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Biloxi Lions Club Meeting

Time: Wednesdays, 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Wed, 6 occurrence(s)

Jul 22, 2020 12:00 PM

Jul 29, 2020 12:00 PM

Aug 5, 2020 12:00 PM

Aug 12, 2020 12:00 PM

Aug 19, 2020 12:00 PM

Aug 26, 2020 12:00 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZMkduyopjorHdEATFEDi-cryTGBi7gN-rEW/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGvpzovGtyUsR6CRpwEHYj4Z_TxiH5cgqd4vSvDjgRaLwDkL9ZIELsoF_ad](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZMkduyopjorHdEATFEDi-cryTGBi7gN-rEW/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGvpzovGtyUsR6CRpwEHYj4Z_TxiH5cgqd4vSvDjgRaLwDkL9ZIELsoF_ad)

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Lions of MS 2020-2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 10, 2020	30M Cabinet Mtg, Batesville, MS
Oct 24, 2020	30S District Meeting, Hattiesburg, MS
Oct 31, 2020	MD30 Council of Governors Mtg, Flowood, MS
Jan 29-30, 2021	30M Mid-Winter Conv., Columbus, MS
Feb 5-6, 2021	30S Mid-Winter Conv., Brookhaven, MS
Mar 12-14, 2021	Girls Leadership Conference, Morton, MS
Mar 26-28, 2021	Boys Leadership Conference, Morton, MS
Apr 30-May 1, 2021	Lions State Convention, Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville, MS
May 14-16, 2021	Sea and Sun Camp, Biloxi, MS



August 5, 2020 Club Meeting Recap

- Meeting called to order by Lion President Tom Quave; Song 'God Bless America' was led by Lions Jerry and Darrell; Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Carl; and the prayer was offered by Lion Rev. Elijah
- Lion Glenn won the 50/50 drawing; And we have a **WINNER** in the King of Clubs drawing... **Lion David Stanovich drew the KING OF CLUBS!!! Congratulations Lion David!!!** More about this important drawing in next week's ROAR with photo
- Lion Greg welcomed and thanked the club members joining us virtually by zoom. Joining today were Lions Melinda, Star, Nona, Larry, joined by guest, and prospective member, Katie Peterson. (The Zoom log on information is on page 2 of the ROAR and will remain on page 2 until at least the end of August)
- Lion PDG Carl gave an update of the District 30S district meeting held on Saturday, August 1, in Wesson. The Biloxi Club was well represented at the meeting. Of the 15 total in attendance 6 were Lions Elijah, Miriam, Penny, Cindy, Carl, and Joe (District Secretary.) Of note are the dates of the next district meeting on October 24 in Hattiesburg and the Mid-Winter Convention in Brookhaven on February 4-5, 2021. Lion Carl explained that COVID grants are available through LCIF and asked for member suggestion on ideas to help the public in which a LCIF grant would help. Also, there are numerous state committee vacancies in District 30S. If you are interested in serving on a committee please see Lion Joe
- Lion Jerry introduced our speaker, Denise Smith, Accounts Manager II for Mississippi and Alabama, American Red Cross Blood Services



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personal reason why blood donation was important to them, which ranged from the rare genetic blood disorder of sickle cell anemia to leukemia. As most often with these type diseases, the children each needed numerous blood transfusions just to stay alive. Denise had warned that the video was moving and that it was. A few misty eyes needed dabbing at the end of the video.

Denise followed the video by sharing that every two seconds a patient will need blood making the reality of blood donation a life or death situation. Many people donate blood on a regular basis. However, many more often many wait just for blood drives, or just when the need is critical. Denise added that statistics indicate 99% of 1st time donors will lead to loyal donors. She even has a 92 year old currently still active in donating. "Donating 1 pint of blood can help save 3 lives" Denise explained.

COVID19 and donations: the need for blood does not stop for a pandemic. Persons donating are verified to be either COVID negative, or if you have had COVID, you are screened for antibodies. If you have fully recovered from the virus you can donate Convalescent plasma, the liquid part of the blood that is collected and shared with the most serious COVID patients, use to boost their immune systems fight off the infection.

Denise shared she was surprised that 1000 units of blood was collected at the local July 30th blood drive. She said she tracks the blood donations to see where the blood, or plasma, is sent to save a life. In closing she reiterated that blood does not stop for pandemics and asked if the Biloxi Club members knew of anyone or a group who wishes to sponsor a drive. She ended her program with an active question and answer session.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR BILOXI LIONS BOARD MEMBERS

Starting August 2020 the Board Meeting day will change from the 3rd Thursday to the 3rd Tuesday for each month.

The August meeting will be:

Tuesday, August 18th.

Location: Camp Wilkes, Hart Hall, at noon

It is a BOYL (bring your own lunch). Bottled Water is available and state COVID mandates observed

