

# **Biloxi Lions Club** LIONS ROAR

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#### **1st Edition**

#### August 2020

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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 appre-hensive, 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?

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

Whether your blood is the universal '0' 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 COVUD 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 Continued on page 3



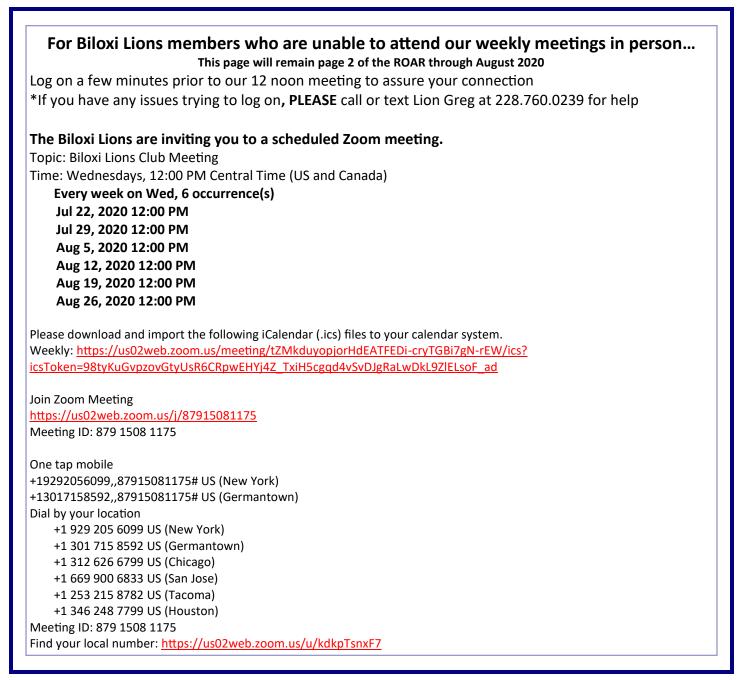
Lion Jerry presenting Denise Smith with a memento of a Lions Pen for speaking at the **Biloxi Club meeting** 

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

| AUG 12  | Open                                       |
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| 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 Biloxí Líons 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!!!

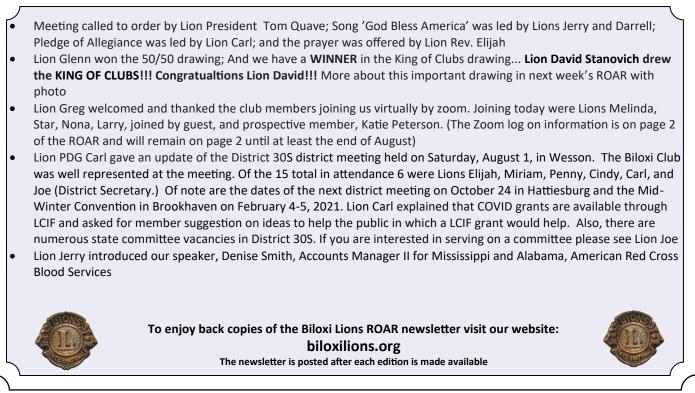


#### Lions of MS 2020-2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

| Oct 10, 2020       | 30M Cabinet Mtg, Batesville, MS                           |
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| 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



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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.

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. How-ever, many more often many wait just for blood drives, or just when the need is critical. Denise add-ed 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

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 tracts 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

