

2 Months & Counting

Down to 100



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UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

JAN 10	Dist. 30S District Governor Thomas Corlett
JAN 17	Board Meeting Minutes Review
JAN 19-20	District 30S Mid-Winter Convention, DoubleTree Hotel, Hattiesburg. Registration on page 5
JAN 24	CC Parker, SMPDD (Social Security, Medicare, Etc.)
FEB 7	Open
FEB 17	Biloxi Lions Club 100th Birthday Celebration, Biloxi Visitor Center, Information on page 4
FEB 14 & 21	NO MEETINGS
FEB 28	Kevin Coggin, CTA (East/West Corridor Project)

The Biloxi Lions Club meet every Wednesday at noon
Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum, first floor, 115 1st Street, Biloxi, MS 39530

1.3.2024 Meeting Recap

Opening: Lion President Jerry Gardner called meeting to order at 12:05pm; The BLC Choir led us in God Bless America; Lion Pres. Jerry led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion Darrell offered the prayer

Guests: none; Zoom: Lions Elijah and Miriam's daughter Cheryl, and Dist. Deputy Dir. Julie Miller

50/50 drawing: Lion Mary Jo; **King of Clubs Progressive Drawing:** NONE

Auction Item: Lion Tom Quave won the Hollywood Casino Hotel light- \$5; Lion Elijah won the Ladies BLC Shirt-\$6; Lion Margot won the Men's BLC Shirt-\$7

Club Business and Announcements:

1. Lion President Jerry's Announcements:

A) There are still BLC 100th Anniversary Challenge Coins still available. See Lion Pres. Jerry Gardner

B) The January Board Meeting is January 11th and will be held at: Trinity Café by Joshua, Ohr-O'Keefe Museum, 386 Beach Blvd. 39530, at noon. You can order off the menu should you wish

C) Thank You note was read from 12/13/2023 speaker Mary Beth Geiser

2. Lion Cindy distributed a flyer to members with the Club's 100 Celebration's information. Also, next week she will have sponsorship forms and hold a friendly competition for members to bring in the most sponsorships for the 100th Celebration event

3. FVDG Elijah reminded members the 30S Mid-Winter Convention is 1/19-20 at the DoubleTree in Hattiesburg and registration for the convention was in the December Magnolia Lion (also on page 5 of this ROAR edition if you misplaced your Magnolia Lion during the holidays) If you have items for the silent auction and/or the registration packet please give to FVDG Elijah or SVDG Penny at the next meeting

4. Meal today was ordered from Newt's and thank you to Lion Cindy for providing cookies for dessert

5. **Program:** MS 4th Congressional District US Representative Mike Ezell was the speaker. His Gulfport District Office Director Julie joined Congressional Ezell. Photos below

Congressman Mike Ezell's 1st 100 Days in Office

It is hard to realize that just over 12 months ago Jackson County Sheriff Mike Ezell spoke to the Biloxi Lions about his accomplishments as serving as the Jackson Co. Sheriff.

Today he shared his accomplishments and his ongoing service to his 742,632 constituents as the US Representative of 4th Congressional District of MS (southern most 11 counties in MS) during his first 12 months in office. Joining Congressman Ezell was his District Deputy Director Julie Miller, from his Gulfport District office.

"I was elected to serve by the people of south MS and I will do that to the best of my ability" states Rep. Ezell. He named a few of the many ways his office has assisted constituents with issues important to their lives such as obtaining passports being held up at the State Department; obtaining a 102 yr. old WWII veteran his medals and awards he was entitled to receive for his service; working on getting the City of Picayune a permanent Post Office facility since theirs was destroyed over 2 years ago; getting The Army Corps of Engineers to include South Mississippi in decisions made in the future regarding the opening of the Bonnet Carre Spillway; appealed to the Army Corps of Engineers to dredge the Gulfport Port Authority channel 10' deeper to open the Port as a major shipping Port; working with the Truckers Association in getting road infrastructure upgraded to the Port because the friendly Gulfport atmosphere truckers experience; and getting critical funding for both KAFB and Camp Shelby for facility upgrades.

He expressed that his previous careers as Chief of Police and as Sheriff brought the experience that is the most important in serving in the US House of Representatives and that is forging relationships with his fellow Colleagues to make things work.

Important legislative bills he mentioned that are important to are: Officially end the COVID Emergency which has \$30M available; Passed in March: Lower Energy Gas Act; Passed in May: Secure the Borders Act; Overturned the ATF Pistol Brace Act; Requires the Veterans Administration to cut through the red tape veterans go through to get their benefits; and worked on the Short Term Deployment bill where college credits would not be lost by students serving military reservist should they be called up for active duty deployment during a college term.

In closing he reiterated his desire to continuing to serve South MS by qualifying for re-election on 1/3/2024. To keep informed on What's Happening in the 4th Congressional District of MS login into the Congressman's website ezell.house.gov to see his newsletter and to find other services offered through his office.



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Julie,

Don't forget you can ZOOM a meeting if unable to attend in person. Please contact Lion Wayne in advance at the number below if you plan to attend via ZOOM.

Direct Access to the Biloxi Lions Club weekly meeting is available on our website www.biloxilions.org just by clicking the ZOOM HERE button.

Or, by the following information below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89166624322?pwd=V25tWXJMRkRXdGRWTTIHSJJsMEZWUT09>

Or, Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID 891 6662 4322 Passcode: 996230

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

***Issues Logging on...Please call or text Lion Wayne at 228.348.1334 (or Lion Greg 228.760.0239) for help.**

Remember you can reach me c/o Lion Penny's email: lionpennyedwards@gmail.com to help spread any LIONS news you feel need sharing!



ROAR Editor Lion Penny and I hope everyone had a very safe and blessed Christmas and New Year's break!

Welcome Back & Welcome 2024!



But... It's time to finish the rest of the 2023-2024 Biloxi Lions calendar year ending on June 30, 2024

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JANUARY LIONS

Penny Edwards Wayne Ross

Carl Nehlig Teresa Wieck-Martin

- ◆ 1/19-20 Mid-Winter Convention—DoubleTree Hotel, Hattiesburg, Registration Form in this ROAR, pg 5. Consider attending if you have not been or if its been a while
- ◆ 2/17 Biloxi Lions 100th Celebration-Information in this ROAR on pg 4. Once in-a-lifetime occasion
- ◆ Election of 2024-2025 BLC Officers and Board of Directors in late March early April. Consider taking an open position if asked by the nominating committee
- ◆ Ongoing Vision Screenings—Lion Tadd and Margot are always needing volunteers for screening opportunities
- ◆ 4/28-29 MS Lions State Convention, DoubleTree Hotel, Biloxi



Dates to Save

Dessert Pledges



Your dessert does not need to be home made, we will enjoy store bought just as much, and bring dessert plates if needed. If you are not able to attend the meeting in which you have pledged a Dessert, please ask another member to cover your date.

JANUARY

- 10th Carl & Dorothy Nehlig
- 17th Star Ransonet
- 24th Jerry Dodge
- 31st Glenn Bremenkamp

FEBRUARY

- 7th Cindy Bamburg
- 14th No meeting
- 21st No meeting
- 28th Margot Swetman

MARCH

- 6th Cindy Bamburg
- 13th Glenn Quave
- 20th Jaye Brice
- 27th Carl & Dorothy Nehlig

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Jan. 2024 Mid-South Lions MECA Cataract-A-Thon, Details Coming Soon	June 7, 2024 Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament Olive Branch, MS
Jan. 19-20, 2024 District 30S Mid-Winter Convention Hattiesburg, Doubletree Hotel	June 8, 2024 Mid-South Lions Cataract-A-Thon
Feb. 17, 2024 Biloxi Lions Club 100th Celebration Biloxi Visitor's Center, 6-10p,	June 21-25, 2024 Lions International Convention Melbourne, Australia
April 12-13, 2024 Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Week-end, Memphis, TN	
April 28-29, 2024 Lions of MS State Convention Biloxi, MS, Additional Information in upcoming Magnolia Publication	



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Please join the Biloxi Lions Club as we celebrate our club's history over the past 100 Years of Lionism and as we welcome in a new century of

"IN BILOXI WE SERVE!"

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024
Time: 6-10 PM
Location: The Biloxi Visitor Center, Second Floor
1050 Beach Blvd.
Biloxi, MS 39530
Attire: Dressy or Cocktail

A gala celebration to remember with coastal cuisine, dancing, and a whole lot of memories. BYOB.

Limited number of reservations are available. Please make reservations by 2/10/2024.

Early reservations: \$40.00 per person.

Reservations after January 31, 2024: \$50.00 per person.

Payment Options:

- 1) Check: payable to the Biloxi Lions Club, P.O. Box 96, Biloxi, MS 39533
- 2) Biloxi Lions Website: biloxilions.org for Credit Card
- 3) Venmo: @BiloxiLions1924 (verifying phone # 7840)
- 4) CashApp: \$BiloxiLions

(There are no fees for using Venmo or CashApp services and are preferred to the credit card option)

Please include the first and last name of all persons in your party in respective memo fields.

Penny Edwards is the contact person for this event. Should you have any questions please email her at lionpennyedwards@gmail.com.

We look forward to your sharing the night with us!



LION DISTRICT 30-S
MID WINTER CONVENTION

DoubleTree Hotel
10 Gateway Drive
Hattiesburg, MS

January 19-20, 2024

Check-in time 3:00 pm Check out time 11:00 am

Lion _____

Club _____

Registration Fee:	\$30 X _____	= \$ _____
Build Your Own Burger:	\$25 X _____	= \$ _____
Boxed Lunch:	\$20 X _____	= \$ _____
Banquet Dinner:	\$45 X _____	= \$ _____
Total:		\$ _____

Make checks payable to: *Lions District 30-S*

Mail registration & check to: Lion Daniel Logan

PO Box 488

Canton, MS 39046

PLEASE NOTE: EMAIL MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM STATE OFFICE ON 1/4/2024

The Mid Winter Convention Hotel (DoubleTree in Hattiesburg) phone number listed in the Magnolia Lion takes you to a 3rd party.

Please use this number: 601-296-0302