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5 Months



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Important Notice from the Biloxi Lions Board of Directors...Mark your calendars...

There will not be Club meetings held on February 14, 2024 and on February 21, 2024.
The Club's 100th Birthday Celebration on February 17, 2024 will count for both meetings.

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

OCT 18	DEADLINE \$\$ and Stubs to be turned in for 20 Guns in 20 Days
OCT 18	Board Meeting Minutes Review
OCT 25	Elizabeth Anderson, Outreach Coordinator, Maritime & Seafood Museum
NOV 1	Tiffany Bell, Gulf Coast Community Foundation
NOV 8	Open
NOV 15	Board Meeting Minutes Review
NOV 22	Thanksgiving Week, NO MEETING
DEC 6	BHS Choir Christmas Program
DEC 13	Open
DEC 20 & 27	Christmas and New Years Weeks NO MEETINGS. First meeting in 2024 is January 3rd.
JAN 19-20	District 30S Mid-Winter Convention, Hattiesburg
FEB 17	Biloxi Lions Club 100th Birthday Celebration, Biloxi

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

1011.2023 Meeting Recap

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

Guests: none; **Zoom:** none

50/50 drawing: \$21 was won by Lion Joe; **King of Clubs Progressive:** no drawing held

Auction Item: none

Club Business and Announcements:

1. Lion President Jerry's Announcements:

A) 20 Guns in 20 Days Raffle Ticket Drawing starts Nov. 1st. 20 per ticket/\$100 for book of 6. Book of tickets still available. **Deadline to turn in \$\$ and stubs to Lion Penny is Oct. 18 so she can get it to State Office by Oct. 28th**

B) **Nut Sales** Lion Melinda will order the nuts and estimated delivery is usually the 2nd week in November

C) Saints tickets raffle is available through Lion Carl to help Boys Leadership committee purchase a trailer

D) District 30S District meeting on October 28th, State Office, Flowood

E) Concert on the Causeway, Yul's Place, 6-8 pm. Lion Penny's husband, Thomas, is the entertainer for the event and funds raised to benefit American Cancer Society Men Wear Pink. Bring your folding chairs **Due to inclement weather the event was postponed**

2. Lion Greg announced that The Lions of MS Sight Foundation's Dedication of Webb Park Apts, a 19 unit apartment rental dedicated to assist physically disabled persons, Sat. October 28, 2023 at 10 AM

3. Lion Margot reminded members who volunteered for the Shriners Trunk or Treat Vision Screening on Sat. Oct 15th the time is 3-5

4. FVDG Elijah updated the club on his activities of visiting District 30S Clubs with DG Tom Corlett. He said that the Biloxi Club is doing well

5. Thank you to Lion Kathryn for the spaghetti meal and to Lion Mary Jo for providing the pumpkin spice cake and cookies for dessert

6. **Program:** Lion Jerry D. introduced speakers Jeff Clark, Community Relations, and Treg Thomas, Small Business, from Huntington-Ingalls Shipbuilding

Lions of MS State Convention Hotel Reservation Information

DoubleTree Hotel has provided the hotel reservation link for the State Convention in Biloxi April 29-30, 2024.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=BIXDTDT&groupCode=CDTBLC&arrivaldate=2024-04-28&departuredate=2024-05-01&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>,

Huntington-Ingalls Shipbuilding

Anyone that has resided on the MS Gulf Coast for any length of time has heard of Ingalls, as the locals call it. We know it builds ships, mainly for the US Military programs, but as Jeff Clark and Treg Thomas wanted us to know at the Oct. 11th meeting "it's not the Ingalls your parents, or even grandparents, knew or even worked at."

Jeff, Community Relations Specialist, and Treg, Small Business Liaison Officer, tagged teamed a power point presentation which explained what Ingalls Shipbuilding means today to our economy and what it has to offer for the future.

In 1938, Ingalls Shipbuilding was founded by Robert Ingalls, Sr., on the east bank of the Pascagoula River, to build commercial ships. In 1950 Ingalls started receiving Navy contracts and the rest is history. In 2011 Ingalls Shipbuilding joined forces with Huntington Shipbuilding, Newport News, VA to form Huntington Ingalls Industries, and now is 'America's largest shipbuilder and a global all-domain defense provider.'

"Today Ingalls in Pascagoula is not just a military shipbuilding industry" Jeff said "we build homes for the thousands of military and civilian personnel that are stationed on the vessels we construct. And, not all ships have strictly a military purpose. Some have been used in humanitarian events such as during the early time of COVID19 when the hospital ship the USNS Comfort was sent to New York to house and treat non-COVID patients so the land base hospitals could care for their COVID patients."

"Ingalls is also a community partner and we celebrate our people. "We are the Educational HUB for shipbuilding from Florida to Texas" said Treg. "We offer educational programs to middle schools, tech and trades programs for high schools, and apprenticeships and adult education for adults. We provide a stand alone health care clinic and pharmacy for our employees and make sure that they are supplied with proper PPE though vending machines located through out the facility."

The 800 acre facility currently employs 11,500 people which are not all craft shipbuilders. Doctors, Lawyers, office and business personnel make up the Ingalls family. Treg explained "Ingalls can be a career path. Persons starting at an entry level position can find room for challenge and advancement. We celebrate our people by help making the family unit happy. We support the community projects that our employees' families utilize, we changed shift times so that parents can spend more time with their children is just a sample. We celebrate our people."



L-R: Lion Jerry Dodge, Treg Thomas, and Jeff Clark

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

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OCTOBER LIONS

George Azar

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



ARLO

Hello Lion Dudes and Dudettes...ARLO here... check this out...

Concert on the Causeway POSTPONED

Due to inclement weather, the Oct 11 event was postponed to Oct 18.

If you can on Oct 18 Wednesday evening truck on down to Yul's Place, located at the end of the Pops Ferry Causeway, for an evening (6-8 pm) of great food, drink and a beautiful Back Bay sunset to support the Concert on the Causeway event. This event's proceeds go to help support local charities.

And...a local entertainer you are very familiar with...Thomas Edwards will be strumming tunes you all know, love and can sing along with.

The October local charity is **Men Wear Pink**, supporting American Cancer Society October Breast Cancer Awareness.

The event is free but, please bring your folding chair... 'Yul' (pun intended) want to sit a spell and enjoy the evening.



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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.

Oct — Dec

- October
- 18th Leslie Johnson
- 25th Jerry Gardner
- NOVEMBER
- 1st Cindy Bamburg
- 8th Melinda Freeman
- 15th Jaye Brice
- 22nd Thanksgiving, No Mtg
- 29th Open
- DECEMBER
- 6th Cindy Bamburg
- 13th Jaye Brice
- 20th Christmas, No Mtg
- 27th New Years, No Mtg



Dates to Save

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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 29-30, 2024
Lions of MS State Convention Biloxi, MS, Additional Information TBA | |

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