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1 Year 3 Months



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Vision Screenings Making a Comeback

The following is a highlight from the latest vision screening project report submitted by Lion Margot Swetman.

The Biloxi Lions participated in an eye screening project for children and young adults in conjunction with the Woolmarket Lions Club on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at the "Boo on the Rue" Halloween festival, an outside event which took place in downtown Biloxi.

The Biloxi Lions Club member who participated included Lions Cindy Bamburg, Penny Edwards, Jane Meynardie, Rev. Elijah Mitchell, Carl Nehlig, Dorothy Nehlig, Glenn Quave, Start Ransonet, and Margot Swetman with PDG Charles Cruthirds representing the Woolmarket Lions Club. George Azar, who is interested in joining the Biloxi Lions, also assisted. Lion Margot and PDG Charles acted as the coordinators between the two clubs.

The Lions presence was another successful joint effort between the two clubs. The Woolmarket Club provided the tent, table, chairs, Lions Club information and Halloween decorations and the Biloxi Club providing the PlusOptix eye screening machine and screeners. Both clubs contributed candy to pass out to the children.

General Lions Club information was distributed to festival attendees while members explained the local and International Lions Club service projects and programs. A total of 44 children participated in the screening with 40 passing and 4 referrals. Parents of the children received handouts, flyers and verbal information about the Lions Clubs' local, state, and international service projects, causes, and history.

A summation of the 3 October screening projects indicate a total 66 children were screened with 8 referrals.



UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

NOV 9	30S District Governor Greg Palmer's official visit to the Biloxi Lions Club
NOV 16	Dr. Rojas, Angel Lappa, Southern Eye Group
NOV 23	NO MEETING THANKSGIVING WEEK
DEC 7	Brian Lamar, live from Japan
DEC 14	Reserved for the Biloxi High School Choir Annual Christmas Program
DEC 21	NO MEETING CHRISTMAS WEEK
DEC 28	NO MEETING

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

11.2.2022 Meeting Recap

Opening: Lion President Melinda called the meeting to order at 12:05pm; Lions Jerry, Jaye, and Leslie led God Bless America; Lion Wayne led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion Jerry Dodge offered the prayer.

Guest(s): Lion Glenn Quave introduced George Azar; Lion Mary Jo introduced Debbie Bayles

Zoom: none

50/50 drawing: \$23 was won by Lion Elijah; **King of Clubs Progressive:** Lion Penny drew the Queen of Spades. Winner would have received \$777.00

Club Business and Announcements:

1. Lion Elijah announced that the Cars for Moms project started under his leadership as President has received its first donated vehicle, a 2010 Cadillac Sedan. The donor wishes to remain anonymous. The project committee will select a recipient from the 50 plus applications we have received
2. Lion Penny gave a report on the 10/29/2022 District 30S Cabinet mtg. Biloxi Lions attending were Elijah Mitchell, Carl Nehlig, Cindy Bamburg, Penny Edwards, Joe McCormick, Greg Crapo, and Pres. Melinda Freeman via Zoom. Highlights from the Sight Foundation meeting included PDG Cindy Bamburg as the 2022-2023 White Cane State Chair. Penny asked members to please support Lion Cindy's *A Vision in Bloom* by contributing \$25 to Avery McKinley to receive an Avery McKinley pin designed by Lion Cindy. Also reported was that \$50,000 was raised during the 15 Guns in 15 Days Fund Raising Campaign for the MS Sight Foundation.
3. Lion Carl said that a hat will be passed around at the Nov. 16th meeting for Giving Tuesday. Contributions collected will be made to LCIF to assist with the Florida Disaster Relief from Hurricane Ian. Contributions collected will also go towards the Club's LCIF Melvin Jones contribution
4. Spotlight on a Lion is Lion Margot Swetman. Spotlight and Photo page 2
5. Lion Margot gave a Sight Committee report on the Eye Screening held on October 27th during the Biloxi Bay Area Chamber of Commerce's Boo on the Rue Halloween night. Highlights of the Lion Margot's report on front page with additional photos on page 4
6. Lion Kathryn served baked chicken and her mouth-watering green beans and Lion Pres. Melinda provided dessert. Thanks to you both!
7. Lion Pres. Melinda announced there will not be a November Board meeting on Thursday Nov 10th, but a very short meeting will take place immediately following the November 9th meeting.
8. Lion Jerry gave up brief update for the November and December meeting programs and are listed on front page on this ROAR edition
9. There was not a speaker or program
10. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND 11/9 MEETING. 30S DISTRICT GOVERNOR GREG PALMER IS OUR SPECIAL GUEST.

Spotlight on a Lion

Lion Margot Swetman

Not many Lions can claim that 4 generations of family members have been in Lions much less 4 members IN the same Lions Club.

However, Margot Swetman can proudly claim this distinction. She is the granddaughter of Biloxi Lions Club Charter member Glenn L. Swetman, daughter of member Dr. Glenn R. (Robin) Swetman, and the mother of member Glenn E. Quave.

While growing up her life was immersed in the life of Lionism, but it wasn't until she started driving her grandfather Lion Glenn to meetings that she took a more active roll. After a meeting, Lion Father Kennedy called her saying "I have an application with your name on it" and with that call she became a 3rd generation Biloxi Lion.

She did take a short 5 year break from the Biloxi Club to join the Bay St. Louis Club while her youngest son, Will, attended school in BSL. Once Will graduated St. Stanislaus Margot returned to Biloxi and resume her commitment to the Biloxi Lions.

Margot has taken an active roll since her coming home by assisting in the reestablishment of vision screening following the COVID shutdown in schools. With Sight committee chair, Lion Tadd Gabrielson, a new effort of conducting screenings at public venues not only meets the goal of screening more children but also shows the public that the Biloxi Lions Club is still around and informs the public of what we do best—serve.

Her service to the club spans many years by volunteering with Sea and Sun Visually Impaired Camp, on the Board of Directors, and on several committees.

But, most importantly, she is the mother of our 4th generation member, Lion Glenn Quave. Lion Glenn's father is Biloxi's Past President Tom Quave.

Who knows...as the Biloxi Lions Club approaches its 100 Anniversary in 2024 that we may see a 5th generation in our future. It's in his legacy.



Don't forget you can ZOOM a meeting if unable to attend in person.

Direct Access to the Biloxi Lions Club weekly meeting is available on our website [Www.biloxilions.org](http://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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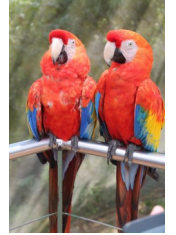


Dessert Pledges October-December

NEWS Flash!!!

Jack and Jill received the following:

Lion Brad at Mid-South Lions sent
Dates to Save. Please see page 4



NOVEMBER
9th Star Ransonet

16th Jaye Brice

23rd NO MEETING

DECEMBER
7th Teresa Wieck-Martin

14th Carl & Dorothy Nehlig

21st NO MEETING

28th NO MEETING



Dates to Save

The JANUARY-MARCH Quarter Dessert Sign-Up Sheet will be available in at the next meeting. Please sign up and showcase your special dessert. Dessert pledges will be posted here in the ROAR in case you forget your

January 20-21 2023

District 30S Mid-Winter Convention, Madison, MS

March 10-13, 2023

Girls Leadership Conference

March 24-26, 2023

Boys Leadership Conference

May 5-6, 2023

Lions of MS State Convention, Columbus, MS

July 7-11, 2023

International Convention, Boston, MA



NOVEMBER LIONS

Jerry Dodge Leslie Johnson
Tom Quave Kathleen Talley
Brad Baker

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Photos Submitted by Biloxi Lions

A joint Vision Screening project between the Biloxi and Woolmarket Lions Clubs on Oct. 27 at the Biloxi Bay Area Chamber of Commerce's Boo on the Rue Halloween Festival. Photos submitted by Lion Margot Swetman.



From Brad Baker, ED of Mid-south Lions

MID-SOUTH LIONS DATES TO SAVE

March 17-18, 2023 - Mid-South Lions meeting in Hot Springs AR

Friday, March 17 at Oaklawn Gaming and Racing for buffet lunch in the Carousel Room
Plus the 3rd Race will be the Mid-South Lions Stakes Race

Saturday, March 18 will be quarterly meeting at the Hotel Hot Springs

Go to www.midsouthlions.org for details

VISION IN BLOOM
White Cane 2022-2023



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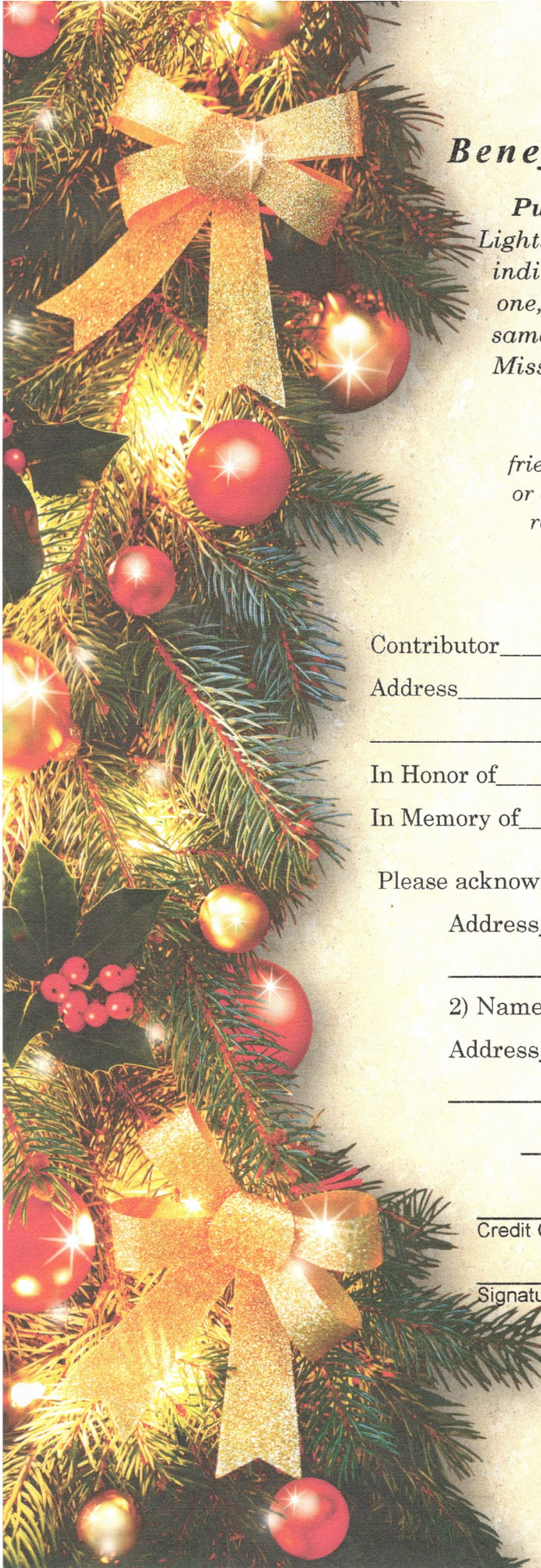
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Mail this form, with contribution to: Lions Sight Foundation
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Flowood MS 39232

Make Check Payable to: Lions Sight Foundation, indicate in memo area - Avery McKinley



Lights for Sight

Benefiting Lions Sight Foundation

Purchase a Light in Honor of Someone Special

Lights for Sight is a program designed to allow clubs and individuals to recognize a friend, club member or loved one, living or deceased, throughout the year and at the same time show support for the White Cane Program of Mississippi by placing a light on the Christmas Tree in the state office building.

Please consider honoring an outstanding club leader, friend or family member or memorializing a deceased Lion or other loved one with a gift we feel is in keeping with the real meaning of the Christmas season. All gifts will be acknowledged with a card to whomever you choose.

(Duplicate as necessary.)

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