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11 Months



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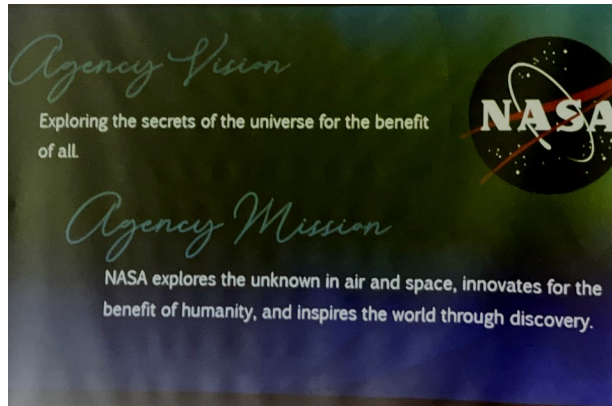
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NASA's Artemis Program...To the Moon and Beyond



If you grew up on the Mississippi Gulf Coast you are very aware of the large parcel of land in Hancock County known as the NASA's Stennis Space Center (SSC.) With over 138,000 acres it is the 2nd largest of the 10 NASA centers in the U.S. in terms of geographic size.

It is NASA's largest rocket testing facility and has over 50 local, state, national, private, and public companies and agencies utilizing the site for their rocket components and testing programs.

Karma Snyder, the NASA/Stennis Space Center Range Safety Manager, has been keeping the Biloxi Lions updated on the SSC different programs and projects over the years.

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Lion Jerry Dodge presenting Karma Snyder, NASA, with a Lions Pin

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

APR 5	Kristen Webb, Donna Joachim & Leslie Johnson, Autism Center
APR 12	Deadline for Mother of the Year Nominations
APR 13	Biloxi Lions Board Mtg, Cadence Bank, 2nd floor, noon, BYOL
APR 15	Mid-South Lions Visiting Day, Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis
APR 21-23	MS Lions/De L'Epee Deaf Center Deaf Camp, Camp Wilkes
MAY 3	Megan Tomsik
MAY 5-6	Lions of MS State Convention, Columbus, MS
MAY 10	Biloxi Lions Mother of the Year Award Ceremony
MAY 11	Biloxi Lions Board Mtg, Cadence Bank, 2nd floor, noon, BYOL
MAY 19-21	MS Lions Sea and Sun Visually Impaired Camp, Camp Wilkes

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

3.29.2023 Meeting Recap

Opening: Pres. Melinda Freeman called the meeting to order at 12:05pm; Lions Pete, Leslie, Darrell, Miriam, and Jerry D. led us in God Bless America; Lion Glenn Q. led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion Miriam offered the prayer

Guest(s): none in attendance

Zoom: none

50/50 drawing: ? was won by Jerry D; **King of Clubs Progressive:** Lion Greg C. drew the 4 Clubs, \$1104 to winner if King of Clubs card drawn today

Auction Item: none

Club Business and Announcements:

1. Lion Pres. Melinda:

a) Thanked Lion Kathryn for her spaghetti meal; dessert of brownies provided by Lion Leslie. Pres. Melinda encouraged members to sign up on the Dessert sign-up sheet which is on the back table for the months of APRIL-JUNE

b) 1st reading of the Slate of 2023-2023 Officers received from the nominating committee.— **SEE BELOW**

c) the Lions of MS State convention is May 5-6 in Columbus, **registration form on page 5**

2. See's Candy: Lion Dorothy: the candy has arrived and is being distributed to the members

3. Vision Screenings: Lion Margot: vision screenings are planned at the Aviation Museum and the Lego Museum this summer; the Ohr Museum is July 15, and the Rotary Children's Health Fair at Edgewater Mall is July 22, 2023. Sign up sheet will be available closer to the dates

4. LCIF: Lion Carl: a \$10,000 emergency grant has been obtain by the Lions of MS for disaster relief for this last weekend's tornado victims. A \$50,000 upgrade grant is forthcoming. Immediate need is water/baby formula. LCIF contributions can be made online

5. MOY: Lion Elijah: deadline for nominations is April 12th and the MOY Award Program is May 10th, **Letter and form on pages 5 & 6 respectively**

6. MS Lions Sight Foundation: Lion Penny: a brief update of the March 25th Sight Foundations meeting. Currently 39% of the 2022-2023 goal has been received. The MS Lions State Programs which receive funds from the Sight Foundation will be reduced accordingly to the percentage raised. Biloxi Lion Cindy Bamburg is the White Cane chair and we need to make a good showing from Biloxi. Lion Judy volunteered to pass around a sign up sheet at the next meeting to get more individual members to contribute to White Cane. **White Cane form on page 4**

7. Program: Lion Jerry: introduced NASA Scientist, Karma Snyder, for an update on NASA's Artemis Program to the Moon and Mars

Lion President Melinda presented the First Reading of the slate of Officers received from the Biloxi Lions Club nominating committee:

President: Star Ransonet

1st Vice President: Gerald Gardner

2nd Vice President: vote on 1

Leslie Johnson

Judy Gavin

Pete Wilson

Secretary: Joe McCormick

Treasurer: Suzette Duhe

Communications/IT: Greg Crapo

Lion Tamer: Carl Nehlig

Tail Twister: Glenn Quave

ROAR Editor: Penny Edwards

3rd Year Director: vote on 2

Wayne Ross

Brandy Gunter

Dorothy Nehlig

Tadd Gabrielson

The slate of the 2023-2024 Officers will be read two additional times and a vote will be taken following the 3rd reading. Only Biloxi Lions Club eligible members will be allowed to vote.

An Important Message at the request from Lion Jerry Dodge....

"This is a piece of equipment that was found with some Lions Club equipment, which is store at the Peoples Bank, and we can't identify it.

Does it belong to the club or to one of the members?"



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

***Issues Logging on...Please call or text Lion Greg at 228.760.0239 for help**



Dessert Pledges

March-April

APRIL

5th Cindy Bamburg

12th Melinda Freeman

19th Jerry Dodge

26th Penny Edwards

MAY

3rd Cindy Bamburg

10th Mary Jo Walsh

17th Margot Swetman

24th open

31st open

There are a lot of openings for May & June....if you enjoy a dessert with your meal... please sign up.

The April-June Quarter Dessert Sign-Up Sheet is now available on the dessert table. Please sign up and showcase your special dessert. Dessert pledges are posted in the ROAR in case you forget your date.

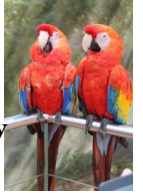


MARCH LIONS

Bob Talley Austin Krue
Jane Meynardie

Jack and Jill...

Our deepest thoughts and Prayers are with the MS towns which received the deadly tornado damage.



2 Lions of MS supported Camps are coming up soon. Jack and Jill will have photos and reports about the camps.

April 21-23: the Lions Deaf Camp at Camp Wilkes
May 19-21: the Lions Sea and Sun Camp for Visually Impaired Children.

Keep a weathered eye out for us Me Mateys!



Dates to Save

April 15, 2023

Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Day

April 21-23, 2023

Lions of MS Deaf Camp, Camp Wilkes, Biloxi

May 5-6, 2023

Lions of MS State Convention, Columbus, MS

May 17-19, 2023

Lions of MS Sea and Sun Camp, Camp Wilkes, Biloxi

July 7-11, 2023

International Convention, Boston, MA

Lions Club of Biloxi
P.O. Box 196 Biloxi, MS 39533
228.424.7840

<http://www.biloxilions.org>
<http://m.facebook.com/BiloxiLions>

To enjoy back editions of the Biloxi Lions ROAR newsletter please visit our website.

VISION IN BLOOM

White Cane 2022-2023



NAME: _____

CLUB: _____ DIST _____

Amount enclosed (\$25 each) _____ Check# _____ Credit Card _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp Dt _____ Security Code _____

Authorized Signature _____

Mail this form, with contribution to: **Lions Sight Foundation**
431 Katherine Drive
Flowood MS 39232

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

Have you made your 2022-2023 White Cane Contribution yet?

As of 3/25/2023 the Lions of MS Sight Foundation was at 39% of its 2022-2023 Goal. The funds raised through fundraisers, such as Avery McKinley/White Cane, assist in funding the State's programs. The Eye Bank, Diabetes Awareness & Camp, Sea and Sun Camp, Deaf Camp, All-State Band, Boys & Girls Leadership all receive much needed financial support. Funding to these vital Lions programs will be significantly reduced unless the Goal can be reached. Remember, only we can make a difference! Please join your clubmates, which have already made their contribution of \$25 and mail your contribution today.

NASA's Artemis Program...To the Moon and Beyond continued...

Karma's power point presentation walked us through the new all the new SSC rocket testing and development of the ARTEMIS Mission Moon to Mars Exploration. On a side note, on April 4th NASA announced the Artemis II Crew, 4 astronauts which will be the first crew to fly to the moon in half a century. Apollo 17 was the last moon mission in 1972. By the way Artemis is the mythological goddess of the Moon and twin sister of Apollo.

But how will they get to the moon? Aboard the Artemis II with the Space Launch System (SLS) Rocket Block 1. The SLS rockets are the ones that were tested Stennis. "The SLS Rocket is the most powerful rocket ever built with 8.8m pounds of thrust, 1.3m greater than the Apollo Saturn V. Artemis will fly further than any other spacecraft built for humans" according to NASA in Nov. 2022.

According to Karma's power point timeline, the Stennis Space Center has been in the forefront of the SLS RS-25 Engine testing since January 2015. Nine short years ago when she visited the Biloxi Club shortly after the testing, she said that NASA's plans were to put humans back on the Moon by 2024. We were in awe that not only were we were going back to the Moon, but that the moon would be a staging area for further advancements to continue to Mars. Well, here we are...in November 2024 the Crew of Artemis 2 will be launched into space for a new journey to the Moon. And, to think, a large piece of the journey, the RS-25 SLS rocket, was tested in a facility located in our neighboring Hancock County.

The next vital component in NASA's Artemis program will be the Gateway. Gateway will serve as a multi-purpose outpost orbiting the Moon that provides essential support for long-term human return to the lunar surface. NASA is working with commercial and international partners to establish the Gateway.

Congratulations and Godspeed to new crew of the Artemis 2 mission: Commander Reid Wiseman; Pilot Victor Glover; Mission Specialist Christina Hammock Koch; and Mission Specialist Jeremy Hansen.

AGENCY PRIORITIES

- **Moon to Mars Exploration**
Solidify/Implement resilient architecture for sustained U.S. presence on the Moon, Mars, and throughout the solar system.
- **Protecting Our Planet**
Improve climate data quality and quantity through Earth observation missions.
- **Workforce**
Prioritize mission, teamwork, presence with a purpose and invest in the future of NASA leaders through mentorship, education, tools, and training.

It is not too late to register for the Lions of MS State Convention, May 5-6, 2023, in Columbus.

LIONS OF MISSISSIPPI



2023 STATE CONVENTION

Registration

May 5-6, 2023

Columbus, MS

Name _____ Phone _____

Spouse _____ Club _____

Total Cost

Registrants (For each attendee over 12) _____ at \$25 each _____

Hall of Fame Fiesta (Friday) _____ at \$30 each _____

District Governors Banquet (Saturday) _____ at \$30 each _____

Total Remittance _____

For credit card payment:

Card # _____ Exp Dt _____

_____ Code _____

Authorized Signature

No refunds after April 15th

Make checks payable to Lions of MS and return registration to:

Lions State Office
431 Katherine Dr
Flowood MS 39232

HOTEL INFO - Make reservations by April 5th!!!

Courtyard by Marriott *	Fairfield Inn	Hampton Inn	Holiday Inn Express
\$114/night + tax	\$104/night + tax	\$124/night + tax	\$109/night + tax
662-245-1540	662-241-1990	662-245-1085	662-245-6133

* *Headquarter Hotel*



Biloxi's Mother of the Year 2022

Biloxi Lions Club
P.O. Box 182
Biloxi, Mississippi 39533



March 9, 2023

Nominate your Mom for 'Mother of the Year'

If your Mother lives or works in the City of Biloxi, she is eligible to be nominated for Biloxi's original 'Mother of the Year' Award. Started in 1955 by the East Harrison Lions Club, over 69 Wonderful Mothers have been recognized for their outstanding achievement. Last year's recipient was Mrs. Lauren Smith.

All you must do is write a letter telling us why she is a GREAT MOTHER! Be sure and include all the things she does.

The finalist will be honored with a luncheon in their honor at noon on Wednesday May 10, 2023, at the Maritime Seafood and Industry Museum.

Deadline for nominations is April 12, 2023. Please copy this letter as needed.

Please send nominations to: Biloxi Lions Club
C/O Mother of the Year
P.O. Box 196
Biloxi, Mississippi 39533

For more information, please call the following individuals.

Elijah Mitchell, (228)-234-2814
Jaye Brice, (228)-326-9758
Jerry Dodge, (228)-435-8670

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elijah Mitchell', written over a horizontal line.

Reverend Elijah Mitchell
Biloxi's Mother of the Year, Chairman



Mother of the Year 2023 Nomination Application Type or Print Legibly



Nominator's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Nominated Mother's Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Phone: _____

Mother's E-Mail: _____ Wife's Name: _____

Child 1: _____ Age: _____ School: _____

Child 2: _____ Age: _____ School: _____

Mother employed at: _____ Phone: _____

List all volunteering that your Mother has done in relation to the children, example: (Coaching, PTA, Scouts, etc.) Include dates of each volunteer effort. Use additional sheets as needed.

ATTACH: A short letter entitled: "My Mother is the Mother of the Year because..."

Nominations must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2023

Award Presentation on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 12:00 Noon
Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

Mail/Email applications and letters to: Biloxi Lions Club Mother of the Year Award
P.O. Box 196
Biloxi Mississippi 39533
BiloxiLions@gmail.com

** The Biloxi Lions Club is not responsible for applications not received on time or lost in transmission.*