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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
REGARDING THE
BILOXI OUTSTANDING CITIZEN PRESENTATION**

The Biloxi Outstanding Citizen of the Year Presentation

date changed
from
Wednesday, March 13, 2024,
to
Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

MAR 13	OPEN
MAR 14	Board Meeting, location: El Saltillo's Edgewater Village, noon
MAR 20	Biloxi Outstanding Citizen Presentation
MAR 22-24	Boys Leadership Conference, Louisville, MS
MAR 27	Dr. Roger Subedi
APR 3	OPEN
APR 10	OPEN
APR 12-13	Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Day at Hamilton Eye Institute Memphis
APR 11	Board Meeting
APR 17	Board Meeting Minutes Review
APR 24	Candace Wheeler, New Book Review, 'Sunset in the Sound'
APR 29-30	Lions of MS State Convention, Biloxi, DoubleTree Hotel & Biloxi Visitors Center
MAY 1	OPEN
MAY 8	Mother of the Year Presentation
MAY 9	Board Meeting
JUN 12	Father of the Year Presentation

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

3.6.2024 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 Dorothy offered the prayer

Guests: none

Zoom: Lion Larry

50/50 drawing: Lion Judy—\$19; **King of Clubs Progressive Drawing:** Lion Jerry D. drew the 9 of Diamonds. If the King of Clubs is drawn, then \$252 to the winner

Auction Item: none

Club Business and Announcements:

1. Lion President Jerry's Announcements:

A) Lion Larry Sturgis met with a small accident which has left him with several cracked ribs. Please keep Lion Larry in your thoughts and prayers through his recovery

B) A thank you was received from Lions Sight Foundation for the donation in memory of Lion Barbara Felder

C) Board meeting on 3/14 at El Saltillo Rest., Edgewater Village, at noon

D) Board members to stay a few minutes following today's meeting

2. Lion Elijah announced the postponement of the Biloxi Outstanding Citizen Presentation from 3/13 to 3/20

3. Lion Dorothy reminded members the See's Candy deadline is today, orders will be placed tomorrow

4. Lion Carl reminded members that Girls Leadership is this weekend and the Boys Leadership is 3/22-24. 21 boys are expected

5. Lion Jaye gave an update on the 4/29-30 State Convention and what is expected at the DoubleTree Hotel and at the Biloxi Visitor Center. Biloxi is hosting so members help will be needed. Monday night is the Hall of Fame Dinner and Tuesday is the general meeting and the Governor's Banquet. More to come. Please volunteer!

6. Lion Margot announced a Vision Screening for 3/8 at Edgewater Mall. Please volunteer if you can and if you have Mardi Gras beads please donate them to the screening committee

7. Lion Greg announced Lions Cindy, Penny and himself, as Biloxi members who will be attending the Mid-South Lions quarterly board meeting in Hot Springs, AR this weekend. The Mid-South Lions visiting Lions Weekend would be a great way to be introduced to Mid-South Lions program and what it does. It will be in Memphis April 11-12. Several will be attending so catch a ride up

8. Thank you Lion Kathryn for the hamburger meal with trimmings; thank you Lion Cindy for cake and cookies for dessert

9. **Program:** Lion Jerry D. introduced the speaker, Rodger Hormell, Commander, DAV Chapter #17, Gautier, MS

Disabled American Veterans Chapter #17

With two military installations on the MS Gulf Coast there is not a member of the Biloxi Lions Club that does not know of a military veteran or has, or had, a veteran in their family. We all know of the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and their role for our veterans. But, who helps the veteran who needs a hand in getting help from the VA?

The Disabled American Veterans (D.A.V.) was created in 1920 by WWI veterans for disabled military veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and helps them and their families through various means. It was federally chartered by Congress in 1932 and currently has over 1M members. Membership is available through their local Chapters.

Rodger Hormell, Commander of D.A.V. Chapter #17 with a membership of 450, spoke to the Biloxi Lions what services are available by the D.A.V. to the disabled service member once they are discharged from their respective branch of the Armed Forces.

There are many reasons to seek help from the D.A.V., however, the most seen concern is from veterans suffering with symptoms from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD, as it is more commonly known. This was the main focus of Rodger's talk.

PTSD is a disorder which a person has difficulty recovering after experiencing or witnessing a terrifying event. Symptoms range from nightmares or flashbacks, avoidance of situations that bring back memories of the memories of the trauma, heightened reactions, anxiety, or depressed moods. These symptoms can get worse, last for months or even years, and disrupt day-to-day functioning.

Among PTSD veterans the homelessness, drug/alcohol, and crime rate is growing. But what is alarmingly high, particularly with veterans with precursors of loneliness, isolation, hopelessness and depression is the suicide rate. Rodger went on to say that, as a veteran who is personally experiencing PTSD, getting a person to talk about what is bothering them is the hardest part of the treatment of processing stress. It is avoidance part of re-experiencing the trauma. He said the best help to a person with PTSD is to give them the feeling that someone cares about them. Just a kind word of encouragement. For more information on D.A.V., or to find local chapters, go to www.dav.org.



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>

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

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Remember you can reach me c/o Lion Penny's email: lionpennyedwards@gmail.com to help spread any LIONS news you feel need sharing! Please send in a separate email. Your email may be lost in the shuffle if sent as a reply in the ROAR email you receive.



MARCH LIONS

Bob Talley Jane Meynardie
Austin Krue

My last week's message was so good that I am repeating it!

There's a lot going on in the last 4 months of Lion Jerry's 2023-2024 term as President of the BLC...

There is Biloxi Outstanding Citizen, Mother of the Year, and Father of Year Presentations planning; the election for 2024-2025 officers; planning of the new Officers Installation; LCI Convention; But, the most exciting immediate event will be...

The Biloxi Lions Club as the host Club for the 2024 Lions of MS State Convention April 29th & 30th (Monday –Tuesday) convention. You should have received the Lions Magnolia Publication with a registration form to the State Convention. It's in our backyard BLC members, so please attend both days if possible. Mail in your registration TODAY!

Attending the State Convention gives the opportunity to learn more about Lionism; it gives the opportunity to learn what other clubs in the state are doing and to meet their members; it gives the opportunity to see how our leaders are taking us into the future and how you may be part of the journey through either locally, state or LCI programs; and it gives you the opportunity to proudly wear the badge of: **IN BILOXI WE SERVE.**

And, speaking of WE SERVE, there are many aspects in hosting a state convention and with many opportunities to volunteer and assist our host club committee as they move forward in the next few weeks of finalizing the plans. Please volunteer!

More on the State Convention as it reaches me...ARLO

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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.

MARCH

13th Glenn Quave
20th Jaye Brice
27th Carl & Dorothy Nehlig

APRIL

3rd Penny Edwards
10th Miriam Mitchell
17th Jaye Brice
24th Mary Jo Walsh

May 29th is still available for a pledge on the April—June Dessert Sign Up

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April 12-13, 2024
Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Weekend, Memphis, TN

April 19-21, 2024
Lions Deaf Camp, Biloxi, Camp Wilkes

April 29-30, 2024
Lions of MS State Convention Biloxi, MS, Additional Information in upcoming Magnolia Publication

May 17-19, 2024
Lions Sea and Sun Camp, Biloxi, Camp Wilkes

June 7, 2024
Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament Olive Branch, MS

June 8, 2024
Mid-South Lions Cataract-A-Thon

June 21-25, 2024
Lions International Convention Melbourne, Australia