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LIONS OF MISSISSIPPI STATE CONVENTION

It is two short weeks to the April 29-30, 2024 (Monday & Tuesday) State Convention in Biloxi.

A) The DoubleTree Hotel is the host hotel with 1st day registration and leadership training on Monday. Address is: 940 Beach Blvd., Biloxi (side street is Hopkins Blvd with parking)

B) The Biloxi Visitor Center is where the following will be held:

Monday Evening: Hall of Fame Induction Dinner

Tuesday: 2nd Day Registration; the General Session Meeting; the District Meetings; the PDG Event 'Just Not Fish and Chips; and the District Governors Banquet

The address is 1050 Beach Blvd., Biloxi (side street Porter Ave. with parking on both sides of Porter Ave. It is also a short 4 block walk west of the DoubleTree Hotel.

Biloxi Lions, we have the spotlight on us and we will shine bright! There are a few areas we need to volunteers to cover so: 1. Register now for the convention if you have not yet done so 2. Say YES to help us cover the need; and 3. Be prepared to have fun as you learn about Lionism...

**FOR OVER 100 YEARS
IN BILOXI WE SERVE**

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

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| APR 11 | Board Meeting, Cadence Bank, Howard Ave., 2nd Floor, noon, BYOL |
| APR 12-13 | Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Day at Hamilton Eye Institute Memphis |
| 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 | NO MEETING |
| MAY 8 | Mother of the Year Presentation |
| MAY 9 | Board Meeting, TBA |
| MAY 15 | Board Meeting Minutes Review; Susie Harville, Advocates for Freedom |
| MAY 22 | OPEN |
| JUN 12 | Father of the Year Presentation |
| JULY 10 | Biloxi Lions Installation and Awards Banquet—Theme: Your Favorite Sport Team |

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

4.10.2024 Meeting Recap

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

Guests: none

Zoom: none

50/50 drawing: none; **King of Clubs Progressive Drawing:** none. \$311 to the winner if the King of Clubs is drawn

Auction Item: none

Club Business and Announcements:

1. Lion President Jerry's Announcements read Lion Joe:

A) Board meeting is April 11th and will be held at the Cadence Bank, Howard Ave., at noon. It is a BYO Lunch

B) Seafood Museum's volunteer request for Wooden Boat Show May 18-19

2. Cooking committee, chaired by Lion Cindy, ask for suggestion for recipes and assistance is setting up and clean up

3. Lion Penny reminded members to please register for the State Convention. She gave a brief run down of the two day schedule and where volunteers would be needed. A sign up sheet was passed around

4. Lion Greg reminded members it was not too late to go to Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Weekend

5. Thank you Lion Cindy for providing the meal

6. **Program:** Lion Jerry D. introduced the speaker Beth Moore, Board Member Loaves and Fishes. Photo below

Loaves and Fishes

For more than 40 years Loaves and Fishes there has had just one goal in mind... to feed the homeless.

Started in June 1983 by a small group of less than 20 people in a social justice committee. Together at Nativity Catholic Church in a small kitchen this mission grew to served a meal-on-wheels type service to feed those in need. By 2020 the program was serving approximately 5000 meals a month at a fixed location.

This local non-profit, supported numerous churches and civic organizations, has weathered multiple hurricanes and weathered several location changes but it has always been able to return due to the dedication of its staff, their board, and the volunteers of the community.

Beth Moore recently joined the Loaves and Fishes Board and shared what it is like today with the Loaves and Fishes mission to feed the homeless.

Following their latest move to the Old Mercy Cross Gym, Loaves and Fishes once again may have a permanent home. The location is currently undergoing renovation with the addition of a kitchen with the help of Catholic Charities. Until the kitchen is completed, meals are being prepared in the organization's food truck.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday's a brown bag breakfast and lunch is available. Once the kitchen is completed the meal serving will go to Monday-Fridays with breakfast and lunch.

"The new location will also allow for those who need a safe place to sleep to pitch a tent. And, as always, hot coffee is always available and with plenty of sugar" Beth stated. "They like their sugar in the coffee!"

Beth also explain that volunteers and donations are always needed by the organization. And, fundraiser opportunities are listed on the website.

For more information go to www.loavesbiloxi.com if you wish to donate, volunteer or to participate in their upcoming fundraisers.

The Loaves and Fishes new Executive Director, Nina La Grone, was unable to attend today's Lions meeting. The Biloxi Lions has expended an invitation to her to speak at a future meeting when her schedule allows her to do so.



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! 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.



APRIL LIONS

Ronnie Cochran Elijah Mitchell
Austin Krue

Moving Forward on State Convention

The Biloxi Club will not be meeting on May 1, 2024. This is the day after the State Convention of Monday/Tuesday April 29-30.

The Convention will be considered the weekly meeting so please attend all events. Mail your Registration to the State Office today!

Final preparations are underway for the State Convention, which is 3 very short weeks away and the countdown to cover all bases!

At the April 17th BLC meeting, a volunteer assignments and times signup sheet was distributed. If you have not signed up for a time, please do! You can make the difference!

The evening events (The Hall of Fame on Monday night and the Governor Dinner on Tuesday night) and the PDG Tuesday afternoon event are the areas that will need the most attention.

For those two days Biloxi will get to shine and promote what we do best....

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Dessert Pledges



APRIL

17th Jaye Brice
24th Mary Jo Walsh

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

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.

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Dates to Save

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

April 29-30, 2024
Lions of MS State Convention Biloxi, MS

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

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<http://m.facebook.com/BiloxiLions>

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The weather was so horrible on April 10, 2024 that it was understandable to stay home and stay safe for most of the day.

However, 10 of the Biloxi Lions braved the weather to attend the Wednesday meeting.

Most were already at the Seafood Museum or on their way when the tornado warning was issued and the area endured 70 mile an hour wind gusts, hail, and torrential rain fall.

Even our speaker, Beth Moore with Loaves and Fishes, made it to present her program. Thank you Beth for taking the photo.



3 Biloxi Lions enjoyed the Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Weekend April 12-13 in Memphis at the Hamilton Eye Institute



Friday night's fun and games time...each of the 4 states that make up Mid-South Lions (Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, & Missouri) offered up a taste of goodness in food, drink and dessert.

Mississippi's delegation of Lions Greg Crapo, Cindy Bamburg, Penny Edwards, and James Wilkerson served homemade Seafood Gumbo, corn fritters, and Barq's Root Beer moonshine at a Beach Bar. Can't get more Mississippi than that!!!!

Lion Greg won the Heads or Tails split the pot. He claimed it was the first he has ever won the pot....

Saturday morning started bright and early at 8 AM with a welcoming by Mid-South Lions CEO Brad Baker. Following a introduction of the Hamilton Eye Institute history by Dr. Constance Fry the Visiting Lion attendees were divided into their previously designated color coded group. Lion Greg was the tour leader of the YELLOW group, Lion Cindy joined the RED group and Lion Penny was in the BLUE group.

Lion Penny's photo was taken in the Pediatric Ophthalmology Clinic which has the ceiling decorated with the solar system. It is hard to see but she is wearing a halo headpiece for the BLUE Angels group.

The cute little fellow in the bottom photo stole the show for most of the visiting Lions. He is an prototype Artificial Intelligence robot developed by the Data Mining and Machine Learning Laboratory team lead by Dr. Siamak Yousefi.

It understands the human voice and will answer you. Also, it will tells you what it is programmed to do...to interact with children by focusing on their eye contact to detect any ophthalmologic disorders or diseases. The prototype is currently pending FDA approval for distribution. This will assist in pediatric diagnosis and the stages of progression of the disease in just a blink of an eye, which is almost impossible to do in infants and autistic children.

Other groundbreaking achievements under development in Dr. Yousefi's Lab are several headgear type devices which use interactive virtual reality technology to assist with dissimulation of ophthalmologic diseases, type of treatments, and telemedicine applications. These devices are designed not to replace the current diagnostic tools but with being smaller and lighter are designed to enhance the health care in underdeveloped areas where ophthalmology clinics or physicians are scarce.

