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6 Months



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Melvin Jones Award



PP Lion Wayne Ross Receives His Melvin Jones Fellowship, originally scheduled for the Biloxi Club Awards Banquet in June

Top: PP Melinda Freeman pins the MJ lapel pin
Bottom: Immediate past MJ Fellowship recipient PP Darrell Galey presenting plaque to newest Melvin Jones Fellow Lion Wayne

**TrainTastic Interactive Model Railroad Museum
Acknowledges Community Support
With Vision Screening**

They say a picture is worth a thousand words...

The photo below is the Face Book posting from the TrainTastic Interactive Model Railroad Museum folk expressing their appreciation to the Biloxi Lions Club for the day of children's vision screening on Sept. 7.

Thank you to the Biloxi Lions volunteers:

- Pres. Jerry Gardner
- Margot Swetman
- Tadd Gabrielson
- George Azar
- Glenn Quave
- and to

Woolmarket Lion PDG Charles Cruthirds.

Lion Margot reported a total of 50 children were screened. 40 children passed the vision screening and 10 children were referred for further screening.

We Serve



UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

SEPT 21-23	USA/CANADA Forum, Reno, Nevada
SEPT 27	Patrick Pearson, Mississippi Aquarium
OCT 4	DEADLINE FOR NUT SALES, Form on Page 4
OCT 4	Jessi James, MS Inland Cleanup Program Coordinator
OCT 12	BLC Board Meeting, Cadence Bank, noon, BYOL
OCT 15	Vision Screening, Shriners Trunk or Treat, Joppa Center
OCT 18	DEADLINE money to be turned in for 20 Guns in 20 Days
DEC 6	BHS Choir Christmas Program

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

9.13.2023 Meeting Recap

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

Guests: Sherry Stockstill guest of Lion Darrell **Zoom:** none

50/50 drawing: \$26 was won by Lion Jerry D.; **King of Clubs Progressive:** Lion Cindy drew the Five of Spades, \$1819 to the winner if the King of Clubs was drawn. There are 23 cards left to draw...Will the winner of the King of Clubs Progressive be you?

Auction Item: none

Club Business and Announcements:

1. Pres. Jerry's Announcements:

A) Board meeting tomorrow at noon, Cadence Bank, 2nd floor, BYOL

B) 20 Guns in 20 Days Raffle Ticket Drawing starts Nov. 1st. 20 per ticket/\$100 for book of 6. Book of tickets still available

C) The Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum's Annual Draw Down on Sept 16. Volunteers please arrive at 5 pm

D) Annual Nut Sales Deadline for orders is October 4th, not the 14th as noted in a FB posting. Please collect your nuts sales money in advance if possible. Order forms on tables if you need one, and also in this ROAR edition on page 4

E) Lion Carl is raffling off Saints tickets for Dec. game to benefit the purchase of a trailer for the Boys Leadership

2. Lion Wayne Ross was finally presented with his Melvin Jones Fellowship Plaque and Lapel Pin. Photo front page

3. Lion Margot reported on the Vision Screening held on 9/7, 9:30-3, at the TrainTastic Museum. Biloxi Lions Margot, Tadd, George Glenn Q., Pres. Jerry, and Woolmarket Lion Charles Cruthirds tested 50 children, 40 passed with 10 referred. Lions Glenn and George were interviewed on WXXV and gave a great pitch for the Lions. Screening Photo on front page

3. Thank you Lion Kathryn for the meatball sub meal; and thank you to Lion Jerry D. for providing the cookies for dessert

4. **Program:** Lion Jerry D. introduced our speaker Doug Bradford, Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Program

What is the greatest gift a child can receive? According to Doug Bradford, logistics coordinator for the Gulf Coast Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Program, the simple answer is "the knowledge that someone loves them." And, of course, a small shoebox filled with surprises that the child never expected to receive from anyone.

Since the 1970s the nondenominational humanitarian aid organization of Samaritan's Purse has been striving to meet world wide needs through their mission of Disaster Relief, World Medical Mission, Children's Heart Project, Turn On the Tap, Operation Heal Our Patriots and Operation Christmas Child.

Since the Christmas Child Program started in 1990, thousands of churches, schools, organizations, businesses, and individuals donors prepare a shoebox-size package, supplied by Samaritan's Purse, each year to be shipped around the world. Children in predetermined areas are selected to receive the gift-filled shoeboxes. The areas selected are usually in the most remote underserved countries, the war torn countries, refugee areas, orphanages, disaster hit areas, etc.

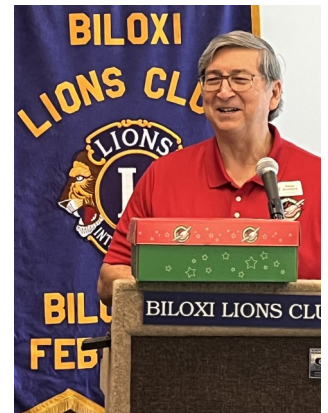
Doug stated "the shoeboxes are filled with no particular child in mind but are prepared specifically for an age group. There are over 900 million children between the ages of 2 to 14 and these are the targeted ages to receive the Christmas Child Program shoeboxes. The concept of the shoeboxes is designed to show a child that they are loved and someone is thinking of them. In many cases, this small box is the first gift this child will have ever received. The boxes can contain stuff such as books, clothing, school supplies, personal care items, small toys, stuffed animals, shoes, games...anything that will capture a child's attention."

Doug did say a guideline of suggestions items is available on their website. However, prohibited to include in a shoebox are such items such as perishable items, scary or war-related items, drink-mixes (powdered or liquid), or fragile (glass or breakable) items. The website will give the donor a more comprehensive list of what can or can not be sent in the shoebox.

Starting the 3rd week of November each year the Christmas Child Program starts collecting the packed donated shoeboxes and sends them to collection centers where they will be boxed up for the 75,000 distribution events that are scheduled world wide. The strategy is 1 box, one child, one life-time. More than 209 million children in over 170 countries or territories have received a shoebox since the program was initiated. This year 10.6 million shoeboxes have been planned for children in 100 different countries, making this the largest distribution ever. The 2023 goal is to receive and distribute 11,000,000 shoeboxes, with 8,000 coming from the Gulf Coast Area.

The 2023 national drop off week is November 13-20. In Harrison County the drop off locations are: New Hope Baptist Church (Landon Rd, Gulfport); Bayou View Baptist Church (Chamberlain Ave., Gulfport); Good Shepherd Baptist Church (Espy Ave., Long Beach); Parkway Baptist Church (MS Hwy 67, Biloxi); and Bay Vista Baptist Church (Pass Rd, Biloxi)

For more information go to Operation Christmas Child 2023 at <https://samaritanspurse.org>.



Doug Bradford
Samaritan's Purse
Christmas Child Program



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.**



SEPTEMBER LIONS

JAYE BRICE TROY DUHE

SHELLY JARVIS MARY JO WALSH

ARLENE WALL

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



NUT SALES

Order Deadline October 4, 2023

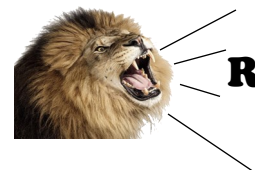
Biloxi Lions,

Don't forget to tell your customers that Nuts orders are not just taken in the fall of the year. Your customer can now go to our website

<http://www.biloxilions.org>

to order year round. Once on the website all they have to do is scroll down and click on the Nut Sales feature.

A BIG thank you to Lion Greg Crapo for incorporating our Biloxi Logo with the Lions International President Patti Hill's Pin Logo. This Biloxi Lions Banner will be featured in every ROAR edition through IP Patti Hill's term.



Dates to Save

Sept. 21-23, 2023

USA/CANADA Forum, Reno NV

Jan. 2024

Mid-South Lions MECA Cataract-A-Thon, Details Coming Soon

Jan. 19-20, 2024

District 30S Mid-Winter Convention Hattiesburg, Doubletree Hotel

Feb. 17, 2024

Biloxi Lions Club 100th Celebration Biloxi Visitor's Center, 6-10p,

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

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

Dessert Pledges



Remember, Your dessert does not need to be home made, we will enjoy store bought just as much. If you are not able to attend the meeting in which you have pledged a Dessert, please ask another member to cover your date.

September-October

September

20th Penny Edwards

27th Carl & Dorothy Nehlig

October

4th Cindy Bamberg

11th Mary Jo Walsh

18th Leslie Johnson

25th Open

Lions Club of Biloxi

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<http://www.biloxilions.org>

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

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



We Serve

NAME _____

LION NAME _____

PREPAID AMOUNT _____

GOURMET NUTS ORDER FORM

NEW - PUMPKIN SPICE PECANS

1 lb., bag naturally flavored pumpkin spice seasoning _____ (\$15.00 per bag)

COLOSSAL NATURAL PISTACHIOS

1 lb. bag roasted and salted in shell _____ (\$15.00 per bag)

FANCY MAMMOTH PECAN HALVES

1 lb. bag, natural _____ (\$15.00 per bag)

GIANT SALTED WHOLE CASHEWS

1 lb. bag roasted and salted _____ (\$15.00 per bag)

HONEY ROASTED CASHEWS

1 lb. bag _____ (\$15.00 per bag)

CHOCOLATE COATED CASHEWS

1 lb. bag _____ (\$15.00 per bag)

PRALINE PECANS

1 lb. bag _____ (\$15.00 per bag)

CHOCOLATE COATED PECANS

1 lb. bag _____ (\$15.00 per bag)

CHOCOLATE COATED ALMONDS

1 lb. bag _____ (\$15.00 per bag)

GIANT WHOLE CASHEWS – 16 OZ. GOLD TIN

Salted _____ (\$23.00 per tin)

DELUXE MIXED NUTS – 16 OZ. GOLD TIN

Salted, no peanuts _____ (\$23.00 per tin)

Please return to Lion Melinda Freeman no later than Wednesday, October 4th. My email address is melinda.freeman@cadencebank.com. Orders should be in by the 3rd week in November.