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HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?

LIONS STATE OFFICE HAS A NEW WEBSITE!!

LIONSOFMS.NET

"For LIONS" Tab

"New Lions Registration"

Follow prompts: Name, Club, Email, etc.

Submit

You will receive an email with instructions for setting or resetting your password

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

OCT 4	DEADLINE FOR NUT SALES, Form on Page 4
OCT 4	Jessi James, MS Inland Cleanup Program Coordinator
OCT 11	Jeff Clark, Huntington Ingalls Shipbuilding
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
OCT 18	Board Meeting Minutes Review
OCT 25	Elizabeth Anderson, Outreach Coordinator, Maritime&Seafood Museum
NOV 1	Tiffany Bell, Gulf Coast Community Foundation
NOV 8	Open
NOV 15	Board Meeting Minutes Review
NOV 22	Thanksgiving Week, NO MEETING
DEC 6	BHS Choir Christmas Program
DEC 20 & 27	Christmas and New Years Weeks NO MEETINGS. First meeting in 2024 is January 3rd.

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

9.27.2023 Meeting Recap

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

Guests: none; Zoom: Lions Susan and Austin

50/50 drawing: \$21.50 was won by Lion Jaye; **King of Clubs Progressive: Starting new since Lion Jerry Dodge won the Progressive pot last week...**Lion Star drew the 5 of Spades

Auction Item: a Saints season ticket holder donated a Saints Flag and the flag was won by Lion Cindy for \$25

Club Business and Announcements:

1. Pres. Jerry's Announcements:

A) 20 Guns in 20 Days Raffle Ticket Drawing starts Nov. 1st. 20 per ticket/\$100 for book of 6. Book of tickets still available. **Deadline to turn in \$\$ and stubs to Lion Penny is Oct. 18 so she can get it to State Office by Oct. 28th**

B) **Nut Sales Deadline for orders is October 4th.** 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

C) Saints tickets raffle is available through Lion Carl to help Boys Leadership committee purchase a trailer

D) 100th Anniversary Committee met on Monday, 9/25 at noon at Patio 44. Pin/Coin design tabled

2. PDG Carl gave a report on the USA/Canada Leadership Forum he attended last weekend. Biloxi Lions attending were FVDG Elijah Mitchell, Miriam Mitchell, Juanita Horton, and Dorothy Nehlig. The 2024 USA/Canada Forum will be held in Louisville, KY. Discounted early bird registration is now available online at [USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum - 2024 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum \(lionsforum.org\)](https://lionsforum.org). PDG Carl wants as many Biloxi Lions to attend as possible since it is so close to MS

3. Treasurer Lion Greg announced that Lions Club statements has been sent. Any questions please contact him

4. Thank you Lion Kathryn for the delicious pork chop meal you served in spite of the facilities finicky ovens; and thank you to Lion Carl and Dorothy for providing the cookies for dessert

5. **Program:** Lion Jerry D. introduced Patrick Pearson, VP Sales & Marketing, MS Aquarium

IMPORTANT NOTICE...And, THIS IS THE CORRECT DATE

Lion Wayne, Biloxi Club's Media/IT Coordinator, can not attend the October 4, 2023 club meeting. Unfortunately, he runs the ZOOM technology for the meeting so...ZOOM will not be available for the 4th.

What's New at the MS Aquarium?

Well...the Changing Tides Exhibit and a new marketing strategy...the welcoming of Patrick Pearson, VP of Sales and Marketing.

Patrick joined the MSAQ in March 2023 in time for the final preparations for the unveiling of the Changing Tides Exhibit, located in the new 7,000 sq.ft. indoor exhibit-hall. The exhibit ribbon cutting took place on August 24, 2023.

He highlighted the key features of the MSAQ, which opening in 2020, with a very interesting power point presentation starting with the 501c3's mission statement. "We exist to: Be the window to the waters of Mississippi, the Gulf Coast and beyond, fostering a sense of appreciation by encouraging guests to explore majestic environments and play an active role in research and conservation efforts...from brown-to-blue and beyond..."

"We are very committed to animal welfare" Patrick indicated with the slide of the Aquarium's associations with the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks & Aquariums, the IMATA (International Marine Animal Trainers' Association), American Humane, and The Association of Zoos & Aquarium.

The MSAQ's Educational offerings are designed to Inspire minds-Create connections-Make a difference...through Field Trips, Summer Camps, Virtual Learning, Outreach, Professional Development, Project SAIL, Accessibility & Inclusion, MSAQ U/ Lecture Series, Day Camps, and Birthday Parties/Sleepovers.

The facility has indoor and outdoor exhibits, a giant Wall of Wonder for viewing their large tank on a large scale, one of only a few elevated and 360 degree tunnels through their large tank, and now Changing Tides-their first expansion, since opening in 2020. This indoor exhibit hall features 23 new exhibits showing a cold climate exhibit, a rainforest exhibit, warm water exhibit, and brown water exhibit.

Since coming out of the main COVID19 pandemic the MSAQ saw over 230,000 visitors in 2023. Upcoming promotions Patrick explained will be seasonable monthly promotions such as in every weekend in October: Boo at MSAQ featuring the Sea Cave Black Light Maze and a Costumed alligator scavenger hunt. November: 1st 2 weekends Mermaids and Pirates with VIP Mermaid Breakfast; \$10 off weekday admission for MS residents; Black Friday Sale-Annual Pass Bundle; and the annual Otter Trotter on Thanksgiving Day. December: Surfin' Santa for two days in December.

Patrick shared so much more of the excitement that the new Changing Tides exhibit is offering but you must really go see it for yourself...the upcoming promotion dates sound like a good time.



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,

**Final Call for Nut Sales...
Only 3 days Left to Order...
Form on Page 4...**

Bring Form and \$\$ to the October 4th Meeting

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.



Dates to Save

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.

Oct — Dec

October

- 4th Cindy Bamburg
- 11th Mary Jo Walsh
- 18th Leslie Johnson
- 25th Jerry Gardner

NOVEMBER

- 1st Cindy Bamburg
- 8th Open
- 15th Jaye Brice
- 22nd Thanksgiving, No Mtg
- 29th Open

DECEMBER

- 6th Cindy Bamburg
- 13th Jaye Brice
- 20th Christmas, No Mtg
- 27th New Years, No Mtg

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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.