



Biloxi Lions Club

Lions Roar



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Museum Fund Raiser

Many thanks to everyone who came out Saturday evening to help the Maritime and Seafood Museum with their annual fund raiser. We had 6 Lions work a combined 20.5 hours!

Scholarship Pageants

We now have a new venue for our scholarship pageants. The pageants will be on December 4th and will now include a talent event.

Nut Sale

Our annual nut sale fund raiser has begun! While our price from the vendor has gone up slightly, we will keep selling at last year's prices. All orders are due 13 October. We are also exploring using a web store so people can order nuts from us all year.

Melvin Jones Rededication

The following text was copied from the Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial Fort Thomas Arizona USA Facebook page:

“Almost 1.4 million members of Lions Clubs International serve communities in all parts of the globe...made possible through the vision of one man, our founder Melvin Jones.

On the Saturday nearest his birthday, January 13, Lions from all over the world gather near his birthplace at the Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial in Fort Thomas, Arizona. Together we

rededicate ourselves to his philosophy, “You can’t get very far until you start doing something for somebody else.” That philosophy is embodied in the Lions motto “We Serve.”

This year’s Rededication to Lions takes place on Saturday, January 15, 2022, starting at 9:30 a.m., and marks the 52nd anniversary of the Memorial and takes place on the Memorial grounds.

Following the ceremony, the celebration continues with a buffet lunch at Eastern Arizona University, just a short journey from the Memorial. If you have new Lions, please bring them to be inducted by our honored guest and keynote speaker, Lions International Director Ernesto “TJ” Tijerina of Texas.

Cost for the day including luncheon is \$35 per person. We also ask that you bring non-perishable food for the local food bank. We look forward to sharing the day with you!”

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker was Beverly Martin, Harrison County Supervisor, District 1.



Meetings are noon every Wednesday at the Maritime and Seafood History Museum

We are getting ready to finalize the county's budget for next year. We did well this year, ending the year with \$31 million in the bank. Because of that, we are giving all the county employees a 5% raise.

Cruisin' the Coast is coming soon, so you will see lots of cleaning-up going on around the county to get ready for them. We are expecting a record of around 10,000 cars this year. With 2 or 3 people per car, that means there will be lots of business going on as well.

The county has several programs that I did not know about until I became a Supervisor. Our Senior Citizen program is second to none! Through Americorp and the federal government, we hire senior citizens to become companions of other seniors. We have a call center where people can call and request someone to call and check on a senior citizen. Someone will then call them to make sure they are OK and if they need anything. If requested, they can have someone come and visit with them while the regular care giver runs errands or takes care of other business. Right now we have 41 people working at the call center. Everyday they call the seniors (right now, they have 98 people to call). They can arrange transportation if they need to visit the doctor or arrange for food if they need food.

Another program that I was not aware of is that the county has a Veteran's Affairs Officer. If you are a veteran or a family member is a veteran, she will walk you through the process to get veteran's benefits.

We have an Election Commission that takes care of all things concerning voting. Not only do they oversee the voting process. This year, we will be looking at redistricting. The goal is to try and keep the districts as equal in number of people as possible. There is a census every 10 years. Based on the census numbers, the district lines may have to be moved. Right now, the largest growing district is District 2, Rebecca Powers district which is the north Gulfport area.

There is still some work to do on the beaches after the last 2 storms. Hurricane Ida brought in as much debris as Hurricane Zeta. After Ida, we found about 8 snakes on the beaches, some alligators, as well as

some other critters! We fully expect the beaches to be ready for Cruisin' the Coast.

