



Biloxi Lions Club

LIONS ROAR

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L-R Jerry Misko, Former Gaming Host with Wynne Enterprises
And
Biloxi Club Member David Stanovich

47 Years in the Gaming Industry


In 1972 twenty-two Biloxi native, Jerry Misko, headed out to 'Vegas' with his new bride to learn the gaming industry.

Jerry was no stranger to gambling growing up in the shadows of his father and other male family members in hotels and gentlemen clubs along the Biloxi gulf coast.

Once known as the Rivera of the South, Biloxi has seen its fair share of history with gambling facilities.

Jerry said his father managed the 406 Gentleman's Club for almost forty years. 'When I left for Las Vegas there were already many Biloxians working in the industry since the early 1950s. We were all one big family there.'
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UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

FEB 12	Barry Lyons, Shuckers Baseball; Sees Candy Sales Kick off
FEB 18	Happy Birthday Biloxi Lions,  96 Years of Service
FEB 19	Biloxi Outstanding Citizen Award
FEB 20	Board Meeting, McAlister's Rest. noon
FEB 26	Wayne Rodolfich; Board Minutes Review
MAR 4	Jessica Johnson, Infinity Science Center
MAR 11	Dr. Courtney Ray, Southern Eye Clinic; Sees Candy Deadline
MAR 18	Susie Harvill, Human Trafficking

Meetings are noon every Wednesday at One Thirty One Lameuse, Downtown Biloxi

February 5, 2020 Club Meeting Recap

- ◆ Meeting called to order by Lion President Matt Boney; Lions Jaye, Jerry, Dick, and Tom Wicks led us in song; Lion Melinda led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion Jerry offered prayer
- ◆ Lion Jaye introduced the our reigning pageant winners 2020 Miss Gulf Coast, Emily Edwards, and Miss Gulf Coast Teen, Lexi Moore. Each expressed their thank you to the Club members (photos below)
- ◆ Lion David won the 50/50; no drawing in the King of Clubs Progressive
- ◆ Lion Melinda presented Lion Jaye with a small token of the Club's appreciation for all she does each year for the pageant. Lion Jaye gave her heart felt thank you to Lion Greg for bestowing her a silver bowl which the Biloxi Lions presented to his mother in 1957 at the first Camellia Queen Pageant for her dedication to making the event a success. Lion Jaye will bring the bowl for the Club members to see (photo below)
- ◆ President Matt announced for Lion Penny that See's Candy sales will start on Feb 12th
- ◆ Lion Wayne said that 'Outstanding Citizen' will be Feb 19th
- ◆ Lion David introduced our speaker, Biloxi native Jerry Misko, on his years in the gaming industry in Las Vegas

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Misko said that his first job in Vegas was short lived before moving to the Las Vegas Hilton as a Craps dealer, then to the Holiday Casino and then to the Golden Nugget until 1973. That is when the Nugget was purchased by Steve Wynne. Misko worked his way up in Wynne Enterprises going over to the Mirage Resorts as a Gaming Host when the Wynne built the new casino in 1989.

Misko's career came full circle in the late 1990s when Steve selected him and several other management employees to open and manage the Beau Rivage in Biloxi. The Beau opened in March 1999 after Misko said over 200,000 interviews were given over a 2 years process.

Misko managed the Beau until Hurricane Katrina severely damaged the resort and was sold the MGM. He went back to Vegas for another 13 years before retiring from Wynne Enterprises in 2017. Jerry Misko, Biloxi native, is back home.



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Introducing
Miss Gulf Coast 2020
Emily Edwards
&

Miss Gulf Coast Teen
Lexi Moore

To the Biloxi Lions Clubs
Members and Guests



Lion Melinda
Presenting
Pageant Director
Lion Jaye
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hard work each
year