

Biloxi Lions Club

LIONS ROAR

Founded February 18, 1924

<http://biloxilionsclub.org>

www.facebook.com/BiloxiLions



2nd Edition

March 2019

Biloxi Lions Honored

We know our Biloxi Lions are special, but so do our communities.

2018-2019 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
WAYNE ROSS

1ST VP
MATT BONEY

2ND VP
THOMAS QUAVE

3RD VP
ELIJAH MITCHELL

SECRETARY
JOE MCCORMICK

TREASURER
GREG CRAPO

LION TAMER
SUZETTE DUHE

ROAR EDITOR
PENNY EDWARDS

MEMBERSHIP
CINDY BAMBURG

TAIL TWISTER
HARVEY NIXON

1 YR DIRECTORS
JUDY GAVIN
DARRELL GALEY

2 YR DIRECTORS
MELINDA FREEMAN
GAIL WILLIAMS-HOCKENHULL

3 YR DIRECTORS
STAR RANSONET TADD
GABRIELSON

EX OFFICIO
RONNIE COCHRAN



Above: Lion Dick Wilson was honored on Feb. 26, 2019 with the prestigious Pat Santucci "Spirit of the Coast" Award by the MS Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce.



R: On March 18, 2019 Lion Teresa Wieck Martin received the D'Iberville-St. Martin Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year" Award.

Congratulations to our Outstanding Lions Teresa and Dick!

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

MAR 27	Dr. Eric Sparks, MSU Coastal Extension Service
APR 3	Zach Scruggs, 2nd Chance MS, Inc.
APR 10	Brian Lamar presents "Sailor of the Year"
APR 10	Sees Candies orders at Club meeting. See page 2
APR 12-13	Mid-South Lion Leaders Weekend, Memphis
APR 18	Board Meeting, McAlister's noon

Meetings are noon every Wednesday at the Biloxi Yacht Club

March 20, 2019 Club Meeting Recap

- ◆ Meeting called to order by Lion President Wayne. Lions Jaye, Dick, and Darrell led the song; Lion Glenn led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion Milt offered prayer
- ◆ 50/50 winner: Lion Cindy; Lion Judy drew the 3 of Hearts in the King of Clubs Progressive. This pot is growing, growing, growing!
- ◆ Pres. Wayne announced that the nominations committee will soon be announcing the nominations for 2019-2020 Officers and Board of Director. Any member wishing to serve as an officer or director to please let him know
- ◆ Pres. Wayne announced the monthly board meeting will be on March 21, at McAlister's Restaurant at noon
- ◆ Pres. Wayne read a letter from the MS Lions All-State Band 4th Meal Committee thanking the Club for its donation to the band's 4th meal while at camp prior to the International Convention. The MS Lions will be representing MS in Milan, Italy
- ◆ Lion Penny thanked the members for their Sees Candies Sales orders. 2019 orders surpassed 2018 orders by over \$400. Candy will be distributed at the April 10, 2019 meeting. Please make sure you attend this meeting to pick up your orders
- ◆ Lion Jerry introduced the guest speaker, Kevin Coggin, CTA Executive Director

Thank You Biloxi Lions—Another Successful Year for the Sees Candies Fundraiser

In the Biloxi Lions Club tradition... we have completed another fundraising campaign with flying colors. In the 3 years in which we have participated in the Sees Candies Spring Fundraiser we have increased our sales and our profit each year! Give yourselves a BIG pat on the back!!!!

Thank you for all your work in taking orders, checking the addition for each order taken, and returning your orders in by the deadline. I look forward to receiving and separating the orders with Lion Tom Quave. We welcome any assistance in this process because our shipment is growing each year. Please let us know if you are available on Friday, April 4th, after 5 PM, at the Peoples Bank Trust Dept on Howard Ave., to help.—Lion Penny, Candy Fundraiser Chair

PLEASE attend the APRIL 10th Club meeting to pick up your orders!

"Ride the Bus and Leave the Driving to Us!"

While this was a national ad campaign for a major bus line, which we all may remember, it could still apply today for the Coast Transit Authority's (CTA) jingle.

Their ED, Kevin Coggin, shared how CTA is growing since his last visit. Coggin said that CTA currently serves over 800,000 riders along the coast. So, in this editor's opinion, there are many in the three coastal counties riding the bus and leaving the driving to CTA.

Many people do take advantage of at least one of CTA's bus services which include the fixed routes, Senior and ADA (door to door, curb to curb), commuter service along I-10 in LA, AL, and FL, and special events such as the upcoming air show shuttling. On the fix route service CTA offers the propane/electric hybrid buses, the Beach Comber trolley buses, and the Casino Hoppers with the base rate starting at \$1.50.

One of CTA's newest accomplishments is the investment of \$9M for the renovation of the old Harrison County Library in Gulfport to be utilized as a Inter-modal Transportation Center. Another investment is in the Tram Bridge, a pedestrian, bike, and tram bridge, crossing Hwy 90 near the site of the new Mississippi Aquarium currently under construction. The Tram Bridge is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2021.

The highly successful CTA is known for its high level of self generating income which in turn keeps the investment for local entities low.



Kevin Coggin
Executive Director
Coast Transit Authority

Our beautiful Camellia Queen and Miss Gulf Coast barely had time to change from their Purple/Green/Gold of Mardi Gras to their “Luck of the Irish” Green to represent the Biloxi Lions Club in Biloxi’s Hibernia St. Patrick Day Parade and Grilling on the Green on March 16, 2019. Below is a collage just a few of the photos taken through out the day.



Above:
The **LUCKY** driver in the annual Hibernia St. Patty Parade for our Camellia Queen Grace McLoughlin (you can’t get much more Irish than that) is DG Carl Nehlig

Center: Queen Grace

Above Right:
Grace posing with the Parade Grand Marshall John Michael O’Keefe and Colleen Kristine Winter



While not in the Parade, our Miss Gulf Coast, Maggie Schultz, spent the day getting acquainted with parade watchers and spreading the word about the Children’s Miracle Network, a partner and benefactor of the Miss Mississippi USA and Miss America Organization. Maggie is “Band-Aid”-ing children with CMN band-aids.

