



Biloxi Lions Club

LIONS ROAR

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March 2020

2019-2020 OFFICERS

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3 YR DIRECTORS
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BILOXI LIONS CLUB CANCELS MEETINGS



To ensure the safety of our Biloxi members, and to observe the current governmental advisories during the uncertainty of the COVID19 outbreak, the Board of Directors made the decision to cancel the next 3 weekly meetings.

The dates the Club will not be meeting are:


**March 25
April 1 & 8**

Wednesday, April 15th is the tentative date we hope to resume our weekly meetings. However, the April 15th date is contingent upon current governmental advisories of the COVID19 virus at that time.

In the meantime, you won't be left out. Member updates will be distributed as they are received via individual emails and through the weekly Biloxi Lions ROAR newsletter.

Please check your emails often...
wash your hands and stay safe!
In Biloxi—We Serve!

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

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| MAR 18 | MEETING CANCELED—COVID 19 ADVISORY 10 or less |
| MAR 19 | Board Meeting, McAlister's Rest. noon |
| MAR 25 | MEETING CANCELED—COVID 19 ADVISORY 10 or less |
| APR 1 | MEETING CANCELED—COVID 19 ADVISORY 10 or less |
| APR 1 | Candy, Drive Through Pickup, Old Virginia College Parking Lot |
| APR 8 | MEETING CANCELED—COVID 19 ADVISORY 10 or less |
| APR 12 |  |
| APR 15 | Resume Weekly Meetings—contingent COVID19 status |

BILOXI LIONS CLUB – 2020 NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee presents the Club with the following nominees for the 2020/2021 Board. Please note that there is no vote for the 2 Year Directors, as they were voted in last year as 3 Year Directors and they are simply moving up accordingly.

PRESIDENT (please choose one)

- o Tom Quave
- o Other: _____

FIRST VICE (please choose one)

- o Elijah Mitchell
- o Other: _____

SECOND VICE (please choose one)

- o Melinda Freeman
- o Other: _____

THIRD VICE (please choose one)

- o Star Ransonet
- o Other: _____

TREASURER (please choose one)

- o Greg Crapo, incumbent
- o Other: _____

SECRETARY (please choose one)

- o Joe McCormick, incumbent
- o Other: _____

ROAR EDITOR (please choose one)

- o Penny Edwards, incumbent
- o Other: _____

TAIL TWISTER (please choose one)

- o Tadd Gabrielson
- o Other: _____

LION TAMER (please choose one)

- o Gerald Gardner
- o Other: _____

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (please choose one)

- o Cindy Bamburg, incumbent
- o Other: _____

THREE-YEAR DIRECTOR (please choose two)

- o Jaye Brice
- o Suzette Duhe'
- o Other: _____
- o Other: _____

TWO-YEAR DIRECTOR (no vote needed)

- Harvey Nixon
- Judy Gavin

ONE-YEAR DIRECTOR (please choose two)

- o Darryl Galey
- o Ronnie Cochran
- o Other: _____
- o Other: _____

Biloxi Lions Club Members:

In order to maintain proper protocol in the nominations and in the election of our Officers and Board of Directors this is the FIRST Reading (or in the case at the start of the COVID19 social distancing—FIRST notification) of the slate of nominations for the 2020/2021 Officers and Board of Directors presented by nominating committee.

This slate would have been read at the March 25, April 1 and April 8 meetings with the election to be held on April 15, 2020.

The slate will be included in the ROAR each week through April 8 to give members the opportunity to submit the names of other nominees for a particular position. Remember, if you submit a name, the member must be eligible to hold the position and must be willing to serve in the position for the length of designated term.

So, after reviewing the slate, and if you wish to make a nomination, please email Lion Penny Edwards (lionpennyedwards@gmail.com), who is acting as contact person, with your nominee's name and the position. All nominations must be received no later than April 8th to be included on the April 15, 2020 ballot.

Should it be apparent the April 15 meeting not be allowed because of the COVID19 situation then the voting ballot will be mailed to you immediately following the April 8th last reading (notification in the ROAR) of the slate of nominations. So, that every member gets a ballot and the opportunity to vote, please up date your mailing address by return email if it needs updating. Your ballot must be returned back to the Club by April 15, 2020 to be counted.

However, if the COVID19 situation allows us to meet on April 15th, voting will take place in person at that meeting.

March 11, 2020 Club Meeting Recap

- Meeting called to order by Lion President Matt Boney; Song *God Bless America* led by Lions Jaye, Darrell, and Jerry; Pledge of Allegiance by Lion Ronnie; and Lion Jerry led us in prayer.
- Guest Juanita Mitchell, daughter of Lions Mariam and Elijah, was introduced by Lion Mariam
- 50/50 was won by Lion Joe; Lion Jerry drew the 6 of Hearts in the King of Clubs Progressive
- Lion Penny announced that today was the deadline for See's Candies orders. Members can still submit their order to her by Thursday evening to be included in the Club's ordering on March 13.
- Lion Penny also asked members to please remember Camp Wilkes if they have old bath or beach towels they wish to donate for a DIY project. It will take 60-80 towels to complete the project and towels can have small holes, tears and stains as they will not be seen in the finished product
- Lion Jaye announced that our Miss Gulf Coast, Emily Edwards, will be riding in the Hibernia Parade on March 14th
- Lion Greg announced that Mid-South Lions Leadership Weekend and Give the Gift Dinner/Auction would be held in Memphis April 24-25. Also any member wishing to support Mid-South there were brochures on the table.
- Lion Jerry introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Courtney Ray, Southern Eye Group (due to technical difficulties highlights of Dr. Ray's presentation is not available at this time. It will be included in the March 25 newsletter.



Cancellations Known At This Time

1. Mid-South Lions Leaders Weekend, Give the Gift Dinner/Auction, April 24-25, Memphis Rescheduled for August
2. Lions of MS Boys Leadership, March 27-29
3. Lions of MS Diabetes Awareness Camp, June 5-7

SEE'S CANDIES EASTER/SPRING CAMPAIGN

The 2020 See's Candies Sale was a big success with our profit \$4 shy of \$1100, with less orders than 2019. We were \$56 less than last year's profit.

Candy was ordered on Monday, March 16th and is scheduled to arrive on March 30th.

COVID19 is really putting a change of plans on everything. Due to the cancellation of the April 1st & April 8th club meetings it is thought best to do a 'drive through' type candy pickup to ensure the cautionary procedures of social distancing is met.

On April 1st Lion Penny will be at the old Virginia College parking lot Cedar Lake Road and Popp's Ferry Road from 5:00-6:00 pm with your candy.

You will not have to get out of your vehicle as your candy will be brought to you. With the limited number of members selling candy this year the process of the drive through should not take long.

Should you not be able to pick your candy up for any reason on April 1st Lion Penny will try to get it to you within a reasonable amount of time so that you can get it to your customers in time for Easter.

With the uncertainty of the COVID19 it will be understandable that monetary collection of your candy sales may take a bit longer, however, the club has paid for the total sale and less than \$500 has been turned in.

If you need to reach Lion Penny for any reason regarding your candy please email her at

lionpennyedwards@gmail.com or call/text at 228.383.0801.

It is with heavy heart that we say goodbye to long-time Biloxi Lion Doris.

**Biloxi Lion Doris Layne Mahalak
1923-2020**

Doris Layne Mahalak, 97, passed away on St. Patrick's Day, a date family and friends believe she deliberately orchestrated, as March 17, 1900 was also her mother's birthday. The March Irish season was a favorite of this past president of Hibernia Marching Society of Mississippi.

The Gulfport resident and great-great grandmother is known for her volunteerism, civic involvement, generosity, kindness to friends, family and strangers, her quiet faith and amazing joy of life. She died March 17, 2020, after a brief bout with pancreatic cancer.

Doris was born Aug. 17, 1923, in Pineville, La., married Lawrence Warren Mahalak during World War II, and moved in 1957 to the Mississippi Coast. In the 1960s, the Mahalaks owned one of the Coast's first drive-ins, Biff Burger in Gulfport, known for its secret sauce, round hotdogs and crab rolls.

After her husband's death and when in her 50s, Doris earned a bachelor's degree from The University of Southern Mississippi and became children's librarian at the Navy Seabee Base, and was eventually named an honorary Seabee. Earlier, she was a beloved bus driver for South Mississippi Regional Center for the developmentally disabled.

A Hibernia charter member, Doris also participated in other Celtic groups and relished enjoyed visits to Ireland. She was Queen Leda XXV for Krewe of Gemini, and a Melvin Jones Fellow at Biloxi Lion's Club. In her 70s, she learned sign language to volunteer at De l'Epee Deaf Center. She also shared her craft knowledge at senior centers.

While where she attended services didn't matter to her, she was a beloved member of Handsboro Methodist Church.

Doris is preceded in death by her husband and a son, Dr. Lawrence Mahalak, Jr., her sister, Sunshine Lambert, and her parents, Mr. C.G. Lambert, and Maude Lambert.

She is survived by a son, Michael Mahalak of Gulfport; Grandchildren, Pamela (Mahalak) Jordan, Lawrence Mahalak III, Michael Robert Mahalak, Virginia (Mahalak) Mize, and James Russel Mahalak. Doris also has 11 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 19th at Riemann Family Funeral Home, 11280 Three Rivers Road, Gulfport, MS. The procession will leave at 10:15 a.m. going to the National Cemetery in Biloxi for the Committal Service at 11:00 a.m.

A memorial service will be held on August 17, 2020, at Handsboro Methodist Church, on what would have been Doris' 98th birthday. Time to be determined.

