

# Biloxi Lions Club

## LIONS ROAR

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### UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

<b>MAY 12</b>	<b>Sherri Bevis, Singing River Health</b>
<b>MAY 14-16</b>	<b>Sea and Sun Camp 25th Anniversary, Camp Wilkes</b>
<b>MAY 18</b>	<b>Board Meeting, Camp Wilkes, noon</b>
<b>MAY 19</b>	<b>Tom McDougal, Merit Health</b>
<b>MAY 26</b>	<b>Corey Christy, Outreach Program Dir., Maritime &amp; Seafood Industry Museum</b>
<b>JUN 2</b>	<b>Lion Anita Caldwell, Salvation Army</b>
<b>JUN 15</b>	<b>Board Meeting, location TBA</b>
<b>JUN 16</b>	<b>Installation &amp; Awards Dinner, Seafood Museum (Evening Event)</b>

*The Biloxi Lions Club meet each Wednesday at noon*

**The Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum, 1st floor 115 E. 1st Street, Biloxi, MS 39530**

# May 5, 2021 Club Meeting Recap

PROGRAM	
Call to Order & Introduction of Master of Ceremonies	Lion Thomas Quave <i>President</i>
Song: God Bless America	Lions Choir and All
Pledge of Allegiance	Lion PDG Carl Nehlig
Invocation	Lion Rev. Elijah Mitchell
Welcome Remarks & Introductions	Lion Jerome 'Jerry' Dodge <i>Emcee</i>
PAUSE FOR LUNCH	
Inspirational Remarks:	Lion Leslie Johnson
<i>Announcement of 2021 Mother of the Year / Father of the Year</i>	
Proclamation	Honorable Andrew "FoFo" Gilich Mayor, City of Biloxi
Presentation of Crystal Vase & Mark Barhanovich Award	Mrs. Melissa Batia Williams MOY 2020 Lion Richard 'Wayne' Ross FOY 2020
Acceptance and Remarks	Mrs. Nancy Ross Rogers
Closing Remarks	Lion Thomas Quave
Benediction	Lion Rev. Elijah Mitchell

BILOXI'S OUTSTANDING MOTHERS	
2021 Mrs. Nancy Ross Rogers	1988 Mrs. Juliet Wheeler
2020 Mrs. Melissa Batia Williams	1987 Mrs. Vetsie Sekul Gabrich
2019 Mrs. Heather Altman	1986 Mrs. Elizabeth Joachim
2018 Mrs. Alicia T. Tarrant	1985 Mrs. Patricia Caillavet
2018 Mrs. Lehwmon R. Skrmetti	1985 Mrs. Louella Arguelles
2017 Mrs. Paula April	1984 Mrs. Mary Margaret Wade
2016 Mrs. Amice Gautreaux	1983 Mrs. Lou Broussard
2015 Mrs. Helen G. Ross	1982 Mrs. Betty Comstock
2014 Mrs. Geraldine Blessey	1981 Mrs. Florris Savarro
2013 Mrs. Jeanette Capuano	1980 Mrs. Alera Sekul Cerenich
2012 Mrs. Gwen H. Gollott	1979 Mrs. Una Broussard
2011 Mrs. Nicole Burgess Smith	1978 Mrs. Jacobina Sekul Gilich
2010 Mrs. Cecilia Gollott Schmidt	1977 Mrs. Betty Sekul
2009 Mrs. Barbara Lyons	1976 Mrs. Eula Switzer
2008 Mrs. Shannon R. Sablich	1975 Mrs. Della McCaughan
2007 Mrs. Donna Cruso	1974 Mrs. Irma Parker
2007 Mrs. Claudette Quigley	1973 Mrs. Audrey Murray
2006 No Award Given	1972 Mrs. W. E. McDonnell
2005 No Award Given	1971 Mrs. Charles Duggan, Jr.
2004 Mrs. Pat Smolich	1970 Mrs. Fred Haise
2003 Mrs. Rosemary Sabbatini	1969 Mrs. Ovadia Gollotte
2002 Mrs. Clare "Susie" Bass	1968 Mrs. Marguerite Aggregard
2001 Mrs. Charlotte Breal	1967 Mrs. Claudia Gazzo
2000 Mrs. Angelina Mijojevich	1966 Mrs. Connie Tisdale
1999 Mrs. Margaret Pavlov Kuluz	1965 Mrs. Robert L. Miller
1998 Mrs. Georgia K. Lawrence	1964 Mrs. James P. Starks
1997 Mrs. Kay Simon Bankston	1963 Mrs. John Atkinson
1996 Mrs. Ursula M.S. Skrmetti	1962 Mrs. John Leonard
1995 Mrs. Jacqueline L. Wilson	1961 Mrs. Viola Davidson
1994 Mrs. Michelle Gruch Logan	1960 Mrs. Clare Sekul Hornsby
1993 Mrs. Lillie Lancon	1959 Mrs. Joseph Rusk
1992 Mrs. Opal Fehr	1958 Mrs. Eugene Peresich, Sr.
1991 Mrs. Nellie Cobb	1957 Mrs. Eugene Redding
1990 Mrs. Theresa Fountain	1956 Mrs. Catherine Clower
1989 Mrs. Beverly Romeo	1955 Mrs. Myriam LeBlanc

BILOXI'S OUTSTANDING FATHERS	
Mr. David Allen "Hank" Rogers	2021
Mr. Richard 'Wayne' Ross, Jr.	2020
Mr. Josh Jeske	2019
Mr. Clayton Stoddard	2018
Mr. Robert Collier	2017
Lt. Col. Dick Wilson	2016
Mr. Ernest Elbert "Sonny" Ross	2015
Mr. Thomas Wicks	2014
Mr. Rob Myers	2013
2013 - Award Renamed	
<b>Biloxi</b> "Mark Anthony Barhanovich Father of the Year"	
Dr. Carl Nehlig	2012
Mr. Henry N. Dick III	2011
Mr. Jerome D. Dodge	2010
Mr. Malcom Smith	2009
Mr. Darryl Platt	2008
Mr. Richard C. Schmidt Jr.	2007
No Award Presented	2006
Mr. David M. Rickman	2005
Mr. George Rogers	2004
Mr. William Ramsey	2003
Mr. David Worrell	2002
Mr. David Blaine	2001
Mr. Thomas Fulton	2000
Mr. Mark Barhanovich	1999

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For Biloxi Lions members who are unable to attend our weekly meetings in person...  
 The Biloxi Lions invite you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

\*\*\*\* Direct Access to the Biloxi Lions Club Weekly Meeting is now available on our website  
[biloxilions.org](http://biloxilions.org) just by clicking the [ZOOM HERE](#) button\*\*\*\*

Or, by the following information below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89166624322?pwd=V25tWlJMRkRXdGRWTTIHSjMEZlWU09>

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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 891 6662 4322

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Log on a few minutes prior to our 12 noon meeting to assure your connection  
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**Lions Dessert Sign-Up Pledges**

May 12	Open
May 19	Suzette Duhe'
May 26	Star Ransonet
June 2	Open
June 9	Open
June 16	Installation Dinner, Dessert provided
June 23	Open
June 30	Open 28

Meal attendance average 22-28



### Lions of MS 2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 14-16, 2021 Sea and Sun Camp, Biloxi, MS  
3 Day 25th Anniversary Celebration
- July 30-Aug 1, 2021 Lions Deaf Camp, Biloxi, MS (moved from April 17-19)

Happy Birthday

Darrell Galey  
Larry Sturgis  
Cindy Martin  
Star Ransonet  
Kyle Dodge



### Remember....

The Biloxi Lions Club's email addresses have changed

The Biloxi Lions Club address is now: [BiloxiLionsClub@gmail.com](mailto:BiloxiLionsClub@gmail.com)

The Not for Profit Corp address is now: [BiloxiLions@gmail.com](mailto:BiloxiLions@gmail.com)

(The two new emails listed above are not links...you must enter them directly into your contact info listing)

It is often said “Pictures are worth a 1,000 words...”  
 Then, these Pictures on pages 3 and 4 speak volumes!

**Mother of the Year 2021  
 Mrs. Nancy Ross Rogers**



Master of Ceremony Lion Jerry Dodge



Inspirational Remarks on ‘Parents’  
 by Lion Leslie Johnson



Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich presenting Nancy with two City Proclamations. Nancy, holding hers, proclaiming May 5, 2021 as Nancy Ross Rogers Day. The second proclamation proclaiming May 5, 2021 as David Allen “Hank” Rogers Day is being held by their daughter, Tara Rogers Adas. Sadly, Hank passed away on January 4, 2021



Daughter Tara Rogers Adas reads the nominating letter she wrote why she thought her mother deserves the Biloxi Lions Club’s 2021 Mother of the Year. Her father, Hank, sadly passed away in January 2021 before she could nominate him for the 2021 Father of the Year held in June. Tara’s emotional tribute to her father in her mother’s nominating letter led the Biloxi Lions to honor both Nancy and Hank together, and as Nancy so lovely stated it, as Team Rogers



Melissa Batia Williams, Mother of the Year 2020, presents Nancy Ross Rogers with the Crystal Vase as the Biloxi Lions Club’s Mother of the Year 2021. Joining the presentation is Lion Wayne Ross



2020 Mother of the Year Melissa Batia Williams gives remarks and congratulates Nancy Ross Rogers, Biloxi Lions Club’s Mother of the Year 2021

Photos courtesy of Lion Greg Crapo

## Father of the Year 2021 Mr. David Allen "Hank" Rogers



Daughter Scarlett Rogers Green shares some of her many favorite memories of her father, Hank



Lion Wayne Ross presents Hank the 2021 Mark Barhanovich Award posthumously to Nancy



2020 Father of the Year, Lion Wayne Ross, shares remarks and memories of his cousin's husband, his Uncle Hank. "There's always been Uncle Hank in my life"



L. Nancy Ross Rogers giving her moving remarks and acceptance of the Crystal Vase as the Biloxi Lions Club's Mother of the Year 2021. She also accepted the Mark Barhanovich Award for her husband Hank as the 2021 Father of the Year

R. As the Biloxi Lions honored the Mother of the Year 2021 it also remembered the honoree of fifty year ago, Mrs. Charles Duggan, Jr., Mother of the Year 1971. The photo is a copy of The Daily Herald, May 6, 1971 announcement. She was nominated by the Biloxi Council of the Knights of Columbus. Mrs. Duggan, the mother of 5 adopted children, had the prestigious honor of following the 1969 MOY honoree Mrs. Fred Haise, Sr., mother of Mississippi's first astronaut Fred Haise, Jr.



Nancy and Hank's extended family joining the Biloxi Lions Club in the honoring of the 2021 Mother of the Year Nancy Ross Rogers  
2021 Father of the Year David Allen "Hank" Rogers