



Biloxi Lions Club

LIONS ROAR

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1st Edition

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Panhandling/Hunger Cards

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Being approached by a panhandler has happened to most at one time or another. Is asking for cash a legitimate need for survival or is it a way to make a living with your money?

Lion Anita Caldwell has first hand experience in this growing concern over panhandling. As an officer for over 25 years in the Salvation Army she has seen panhandling in countries all over the world where she and her husband, Maj. Brad Caldwell, have been stationed.

She feels there are 4 types of panhandlers: 1) for habits like drugs, alcohol, or gambling; 2) career panhandlers—its their job; 3) trafficking—use of other people to make their money; and 4) those who really do need help—down on their luck.

But how can you tell the difference she is often asked..."you engage them. If they need help they will have a story. Afraid to engage them? Then hand them a **Hunger Card** instead of the cash."

A person with a real need may utilize the many area resources included on the

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Lion Major Anita Caldwell
Salvation Army
Co-Area Commander

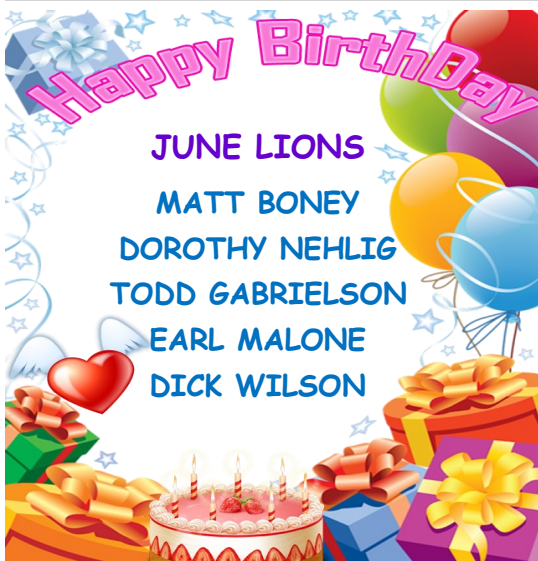
UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

JUN 12	Father of the Year Presentation
JUN 19	Jennifer Riley Collins, MS Attorney General Candidate
JUN 20	Board Meeting, McAlister's, noon
JUN 26	INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS BANQUET (No Noon Meeting)
JUL 3, 10, 17	Available Dates, see Lion Jerry if you know of a speaker
JUL 18	Board Meeting, McAlister's, noon
JUL 24	No Scheduled Speaker, Board Mtg Minutes Review
JUL 31	Mark Baker, MS Attorney General Candidate
AUG 7, 14, 28	Available Dates, see Lion Jerry if you know of a speaker

Meetings are noon every Wednesday at the Biloxi Yacht Club

June 5, 2019 Club Meeting Recap

- ◆ Meeting called to order by Lion 1st Vice President Matt; Lions Jaye, Jerry, Darrell, and Ronnie led us in song; Lion Carl led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion Milt offered prayer
- ◆ 50/50 winner was Lion Carl; and Lion Dorothy drew the 2 of Clubs in the King of Clubs Progressive
- ◆ Lion Melinda reminded members that the Installation of Officer and Awards Banquet will be Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at the Biloxi Yacht Club. **NO NOON MEETING on June 26th.** Make sure Lion Melinda has your choice of the entrees: Redfish or Pork Tenderloin. The meal will be \$25 for guests
- ◆ Lion Harvey said the first Lions of Diabetes Camp was deemed a success with 5 of the 7 registered campers attending. Lion Penny praised Lion Harvey and the State Diabetes Committee for its hard work the last 2 years getting this camp organized. It will only get better each year
- ◆ Lion Darrell announced the Edgewater Rotary Club Children's Health Fair will be Saturday, August 27. More information to be announced closer to the date
- ◆ Lion Jaye announce we have our 2020 Camellia Queen and Miss Gulf Coast Pageant dates—January 31 – February 1 at the Beau Rivage. The 2019 Miss Mississippi Pageant is June 22 and our Miss Gulf Coast will represent us well
- ◆ PDG Carl Nehlig inducted Kyle Dodge as one of our newest members. (Photo below) Henry Knue will also be inducted as a new member but was unable to attend today's meeting.
- ◆ Lion Jerry introduced the speaker, our own Lion Anita Caldwell, Major with the Salvation Army. Lion Anita spoke to us about Panhandlers and the Hunger Card



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back of the card. A panhandler will just throw it away.

"By having a Hunger Card at the ready to give to an aggressive panhandler will also give you a brief opportunity to throw them off guard so you can depart quickly" states Lion Anita. "They'll not be expecting a card."

The Hunger Card is a new approach for the Gulf Coast. Other agencies are already asking to be included on the card. Only time will tell if the cards are truly working to reach those in need or being thrown in the trash by the Coast's large transient population of panhandlers.

And, a little known fact share by Lion Anita... panhandlers in the City of Biloxi must obtain a Panhandlers License to legally ask for money on the streets of Biloxi.



A proud moment for Lion Jerry Dodge to see his son, Kyle Dodge, inducted by PDG Carl Nehlig as one of the newest members of the Biloxi Lions Club

IMPORTANT !!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

**BILOXI LIONS CLUB INSTALLATION &
AWARDS BANQUET**

BILOXI YACHT CLUB

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019

6 pm Cocktail Hour—7 pm Program

NO NOON MEETING ON JUNE 26