



# Biloxi Lions Club

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## WE'RE BACK and Carrying On Our Traditions

The Biloxi Lions Club isn't going to let the 'new normal' interfere with what we do best...IN BILOXI—WE SERVE.

Two long time traditions we hold dear are the honoring of our Mothers and Fathers on the Wednesday prior to their respective Sunday observation day.

The May 6, 2020 Mother of the Year Presentation was unable to be held due to COVID19 mandates with everything was still closed down. It was unthinkable to just by-pass our **2020 Mother of the Year**, so, it will be held on **July 1, 2020** during our regularly scheduled Wednesday meeting at noon. However, because of the Seafood Museum's restrictions on social distancing and limited number of people allowed, only our MOY's immediate family will be attending. We have always welcomed and recognized our past MOY recipients by having them join us for lunch. Regrettably, this year the past recipients will not be attending. But, we look forward to the past recipients joining us next year.

Since Father's Day was just a few weeks after resuming our weekly meetings, it was thought best to keep this event on schedule. Our **2020 Father of the Year** presentation will be on Wednesday, **June 17, 2020** at noon. Again, just the FOY's immediate family will be joining us for lunch.

The **Installation of 2020-2021 Officers and the Awards** Presentation will be scaled back due to the COVID19 restrictions. Instead of an evening banquet it will be a luncheon held during our **July 15, 2020** scheduled Wednesday meeting. More to come leading up to the event.

**Mark your calendar with the above 3 important Club dates!**  
And remember, in less than 4 years we will be celebrating 100 years of...  
**IN BILOXI—WE SERVE**

## UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

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| <b>JUNE 17</b>  | <b>Father of the Year Award Presentation</b>   |
| <b>JUNE 18</b>  | <b>Board Meeting, noon. Camp Wilkes, noon</b>  |
| <b>JUNE 24</b>  | <b>Review of Board Minutes</b>   |
| <b>JULY 1</b>   | <b>Mother of the Year Award Presentation</b>   |
| <b>JULY 4TH</b> |  <b>Long May<br/>OUR FLAG Wave!</b> |
| <b>JULY 15</b>  | <b>Installation and Awards Luncheon, noon, Seafood Museum</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

## June 10, 2020 Club Meeting Recap

- Meeting was called to order by Lion President Matt Boney; God Bless America was led by Lions Jerry and Darrell; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Star; and the prayer was offered Lion Jerry
- The 50/50 was won by Lion Gerald; and there was not a King of Clubs Progressive drawing
- An Auction item, donated by Lion Darrell, was a brand new package of 4 Hanes face masks, and very hot commodity right now! The winner of the auction was Lion Dorothy
- Lion Pres. Matt reminded the Board members of the Board meeting on **June 18th\***
- Lion Pres. Matt outlined the upcoming important **meeting** events. June 17—Father of Year Presentation; July 1—Mother of the Year Presentation; July 15—Installation of Officers and Awards Presentation
- Lion Pres. Matt announced that our scheduled speaker, Gerald Blessey, was unable to attend today and Lion Penny would fill in to talk about what's happening at Camp Wilkes

**\*Due to COVID19 - McAlister's meeting room is closed indefinitely. The June 18, 2020 Board meeting will be held at Camp Wilkes in the Hart Hall meeting room at noon. It will be a BYOL (bring your own lunch) Bottled water will be available. Since it is Lion President Matt's last board meeting he promises it will be short and sweet!**

**Camp Wilkes**  
**2109 Camp Wilkes Rd**  
**Biloxi, MS 39532**  
**Penny Edwards's cell 228.383.0801**

### Closures/Cancellations Known At This Time

While many of the LCI and Lions of MS functions were cancelled or postponed by the COVID19 mandates since mid-March I am only going to mention two items of immediate interest.

The Mid-South Lions **Give the Gift Dinner/Auction** held in Memphis at the Hamilton Eye Institute was cancelled in April and rescheduled for August 21-22. However, with the HEI building not scheduled re-opened by that date the decision was made to cancel the Give the Gift Dinner and Live Auction and hold just the online auction portion of the event. More information on how to bid in this Mid-South Lions fundraiser will be in upcoming editions of the Biloxi Lions Club ROAR newsletter.

Also, the Mid-South **Golf Tournament & Annual Mtg** has been rescheduled to Sept. 28th.

**If you know of any closures or cancellations our members may have interested please email them to [lionpennyedwards@gmail.com](mailto:lionpennyedwards@gmail.com)**

### CAMP WILKES UPDATE

Lion Penny, Acting Camp Property Manager, presented a brief update on the past year at Camp Wilkes as the over 6700 people utilized the facility.

Penny thanked the camp caretaker, Bobby Darty, for all he has done to keep the 89 acre facility looking the best it has looked in years. She invited members who have not been to Camp in a long time to come visit and see our Lions Cabin, which was dedicated in 1966. Three items of interest Penny mentioned were:

1) Bobby is finishing up on the 2 month pool project with mucking out and pressure washing the 164,000 gallon pool, repainting the pool, renumbering depth indicators, and filling the pool.

3) One of the newest additions to camp are the 73 new dorm style mattresses (32 in Lions Cabin, 32 in AJ Cabin, and 9 in JD Trail.) The new 8" mattresses replaced aging 6" cotton mattresses. The mattresses were purchased through a \$9808 grant obtain from the Coast Electric Community Foundation to purchase the mattresses.

4) A volunteer group from the University of NC at Chapel Hill in early March cleaned up and remarked the 77 acres of trails.

