

Biloxi Lions Club



LIONS ROAR

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June 2021

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Biloxi Lions Club

Installation and Award Banquet

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

The Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum, 1st Floor

115 E. 1st Street, Biloxi, MS 39530

Cocktail*/Meet and Greet Hour: 6:00—7:00 pm
music by Thomas Edwards

Program Starts Promptly: 7:00 pm
No Noon Meeting on June 16th

Meal will be catered by Naomi's Catering

MENU

House Salad

Beef Tips with Seasonal Mushrooms and Pasta

Bread Pudding with Bourbon Sauce

***IMPORTANT NOTICE: BYOB & Mixer**

So that you can enjoy your Personal Preference of an adult beverage during the Cocktail Hour, and your meal, we are going **BYOB**. Don't forget your mixer if you require one. Due to limited space you may bring a **very small** personal type cooler that will fit under the table for your beverage and mixers. Glasses and Ice will be provided.

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

JUN 15	Board Meeting, postponed until next board mtg on July 20th.
JUN 16	Installation & Awards Dinner, Seafood Museum (Evening Event)
JUN 23	Open
JUN 30	Carl Boyanton, candidate for Congress
JULY 7	Kirk Allen, CEO, Mississippi Aquarium

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 9, 2021 Club Meeting Recap

- Meeting was called to order by Lion 1st Vice President Elijah Mitchell; *God Bless American* was led by Lions Miriam, Pete and Henry; The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Lion Carl; and Prayer was offered by Lion Judy
- The 50/50 split the pot was won by Lion Star; Lion Penny drew the 2 of Clubs in the King of Clubs Progressive
- Guests: there were no in-person guests and no zoom guests
- Since the Biloxi Lions Club is a sponsor of the Camp Wilkes 6-12 Youth Camp Lion Penny gave an update on the first 2 weeks at camp. There are still opening for the June 14-18 week,. However, if there are not 10 registered campers by June 18th for each week of July 5-9 or July 11-15 then the week is subject to being canceled
- A thank you letter was received from the MS Lions All-State Band for the \$50 club donation for the Band's 4th meal.
- Lion VP Elijah announced the sign up sheet for the months of July, August, and September was on the back table
- The June 2nd dessert was provided by Lion Dorothy and she brought Lion TJ's delicious bread pudding! Dessert for the June 9th meeting was provided by Lion Miriam. The Danish was awesome! Thank you Lions Dorothy and Miriam
- Lion Jerry introduced our speaker Sharon Gentile, President of the St. Vincent DePaul Society at Fatima Parish in Biloxi. photo on page 3

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biloxilions.org

The newsletter is posted after each edition is made available

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 just by clicking the **[ZOOM HERE](#)** button****

Or, by the following information below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89166624322?pwd=V25tWXJMRkRXdGRWTTIHSJJsMEZWUT09>

Or, Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 891 6662 4322

Passcode: 996230

Log on a few minutes prior to our 12 noon meeting to assure your connection
***Issues logging on.... PLEASE call or text Lion Greg at 228.760.0239 for help**



Remember....

The Biloxi Lions Club's email addresses have changed

The Biloxi Lions Club address is now: **BiloxiLionsClub@gmail.com**

The Not for Profit Corp address is now: **BiloxiLions@gmail.com**

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

Lions of MS 2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

July 30-Aug 1, 2021 Lions Deaf Camp, Biloxi, MS (moved from April 17-19), Camp Wilkes

Lions Dessert Sign-Up Pledges

June 16	Installation Dinner, Dessert provided
June 23	Andrew Lechner
June 30	Open 28
July 7	Penny Edwards
Meal attendance average 22-28	

The Dessert Sign-up Sheet for July-September is now available at the meetings



St. Vincent de Paul Society at Fatima Parish



Sharon Gentile, President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society receiving a Lions Pen from Lion Jerry Dodge

Founded in 1833 in Paris, France, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society (SSVdP) is a worldwide organization of lay Catholics, following Christ's call to serve the poor, the suffering, and the deprived.

The SSVdP was established in the Fatima Parish, Biloxi, in 1983. Sharon Gentile, a 20 year member of the Fatima Parish SSVdP and current President, spoke to the Biloxi Lions Club on the programs the Society provides to the needy in the parish area.

The material services provided are financial assistance for food, rent, utilities, medicines, clothing, and other necessities. Clients are offered with a prayer book and a prayer card to provide comfort and encouragement during their difficult time.

The program relies on material and monetary donations. A private donation by Walmart in the amount \$1000 assists with emergency food, grant rent assistance.

Sharon stated that COVID19 closed down the in person intakes for assistance, but they are now answering the phones for assistance again. Each day they give out bagged lunches to the homeless in the area at the front door of the SSVdP building from 11a to 1pm. Food boxes are also being given out during those hours. Those needing additional assistance can either give the information to the person at the front door and a caseworker will reach out to them between 1-3 pm or they can call for assistance.

The program is staffed by volunteers. Sharon said that Lion Margot is a volunteer caseworker and Spanish interpreter.

In closing Sharon shared her personal connection to the Lions. Her father, Lion B.G. Tatum of the Cleveland Evening Club, was inducted into the Lions of MS Hall Fame during the 2021 State Convention.

Mid-South Lions News and Calendar Updates

- June 4— Annual Golf Tournament**
Olive Branch, MS
Wonder how the Biloxi Team did?
Photos Please!!
- June 12— Annual Cataract-A-Thon**
Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis, TN
COVID restriction only allow medical staff and patients allowed to attend
- August 14 - Mid-South Lions Quarterly Board Meeting**
Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis
- August 14— "Visiting Lions Day"**
Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis TN
With no "Lions Leaders Weekend" due to COVID a one day Lions Leaders Weekend will be held on Saturday, Aug. 14. It will include HEI tours with the Medical Staff and other learning activities. More info coming soon
- Sept. 18 - Cooper-Young Festival, Memphis**
Mid-South Lions will be hosting the Kids Fun Zone, More info to come