



# Biloxi Lions Club

## LIONS ROAR

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## IMPORTANT CLUB MEMBERS NOTIFICATION

Beginning

**Wednesday, August 21, 2019,**

the Biloxi Lions Club's noon meeting location

will change to the

***One Thirty One Lameuse Restaurant***

(across from the Half Shell Oyster House  
on Lameuse Street downtown Biloxi)

\*the restaurant is upstairs, however, there is an elevator

## UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

AUG 14	Laura Payne, Back Bay Mission
AUG 15	Board Meeting, McAlister's, noon
AUG 21	Wednesday Meeting at new location, 151 Lameuse St. BLX
AUG 21	Lynn Fitch, MS Attorney General Candidate
AUG 28	Read Hendon, USM Bonnet Carre Spillway & Algae Bloom
SEPT 4	Jeff O'Keefe, Funeral Industry, Loewen Group Lawsuit
SEPT 11	Roger Wildmon, Gulf Coast Community Foundation
SEPT 18	Lion Rev. Elijah Mitchell

*Meetings are noon every Wednesday at the Biloxi Yacht Club*

## August 7, 2019 Club Meeting Recap

- ◆ Meeting called to order by Lion President Matt; Lions Jerry, Dick and Tom Wicks led us in song; Lion Gerald led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion Elijah offered prayer
- ◆ There were no guests
- ◆ 50/50 was won by Lion Carl; and Lion Dorothy drew the 4 of Hearts in the King of Clubs Progressive
- ◆ Pres. Matt reminded members the August Board meeting on August 15 at McAlister's at noon
- ◆ Pres. Matt read a Thank You card received from the Lester Bridges Scholarship Fund for the Club's donation in memory of Club member Nancy Ann Sherman's husband, Mike
- ◆ Pres. Matt reminded members that the **August 14th** meeting will be last meeting to be held at the Biloxi Yacht Club. Starting on August 21 the Biloxi Lions Club will be meeting at One Thirty One Lameuse restaurant downtown Biloxi on Lameuse St. across from the Half Shell Oyster House. We will be trying the restaurant out for 1 month.
- ◆ A bucket was passed around so the club members could make monetary donation for our weekly meeting servers Andre and Dennis to show our appreciation to them for being so attentive to the members. The appreciation donation will be given to them on August 14th.
- ◆ Lion Jerry introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Thomas Dobbs, Public Health Officer. Photo below



Thomas Dobbs, MD  
MS Public Health Officer



### Why did Biloxi loose its Pubic Health Department? Plain and simple... State budget cuts!

But, it's not that simple to the hundreds of Biloxi residents who must now travel to Gulfport to obtain their basic health care ranging from school immunizations to women and children services.

Dr. Thomas Dobbs, MS Public Health (MPH) Officer, explained the public health offices filled in the gaps of services not covered in private clinics or doctor's offices. "However, several years ago there was a massive 42% cut in the State Department of Health budget causing a forced realignment of the county public health departments, thus, the decision to close the Biloxi office."

Dr. Dobbs, an infectious disease specialist, was named MPH Officer in December 2018.

According to Dobbs MPH is still vitally important, particularly in regions with moderate to low income populations. Mississippi has a 99.7% immunization record and statewide MPH gives 1/4 of all 7th graders their required immunizations. MPH offers programs for Women and Mothers including breast and cervical cancer treatments; pregnancy and high-risk maternal care; WIC nutritional program; Children Health Insurance; treats children and youth with special health care needs; family planning; seniors health; STD/HIV testing; and maintains vital records.

Following Dr. Dobbs' talk, numerous club members participated in lively question and answer session.