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**2023
Outstanding Citizen of Biloxi**

Andrew "FoFo" Gilich

Award Presentation

at the

BILOXI VISITOR CENTER

MARCH 20, 2024

NOON

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

MAR 20	Biloxi Outstanding Citizen Presentation Biloxi Visitor Center, Noon
MAR 22-24	Boys Leadership Conference, Louisville, MS
MAR 27	Dr. Roger Subedi
APR 3	NEW Biloxi Lions Club MEETING LOCATION, noon CAFÉ NEW ORLEANS, 11014 Lamey Bridge Road, D'Iberville, 39540
APR 10	OPEN
APR 11	Board Meeting, TBA
APR 12-13	Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Day at Hamilton Eye Institute Memphis
APR 17	Board Meeting Minutes Review
APR 24	Candace Wheeler, New Book Review, 'Sunset in the Sound'
APR 29-30	Lions of MS State Convention, Biloxi, DoubleTree Hotel & Biloxi Visitors Center
MAY 1	NO MEETING
MAY 8	Mother of the Year Presentation
MAY 9	Board Meeting, TBA
MAY 15	Board Meeting Minutes Review
JUN 12	Father of the Year Presentation
JULY 10	Biloxi Lions Installation and Awards Banquet

The Biloxi Lions Club meet every Wednesday at noon
Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum, first floor, 115 1st Street, Biloxi, MS 39530

3.13.2024 Meeting Recap

Opening: Lion President Jerry Gardner called meeting to order at 12:05pm; The BLC Choir led us in God Bless America; Lion Pres. Jerry led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion Darrell offered the prayer

Guests: Ina guest of Lion Teresa. Ina was our 2021 Miss Gulf Coast Teen 1st running up. She had been an exchange student at that time.

Zoom: Lion Larry

50/50 drawing: Lion Jerry D.—\$30; **King of Clubs Progressive Drawing:** Lion Elijah drew the Queen of Spades. \$272 to the winner if the King of Clubs is drawn.

Auction Item: none

Club Business and Announcements:

1. Lion President Jerry's Announcements:

A) Board meeting tomorrow at El Saltillo Rest., Edgewater Village, noon

B) 1st reading of the 2024-2025 Slate of Officers and Directors, slate on page 4

C) Scoop Coupe has been sold, \$3000 to fundraising funds

D) The BLC will no longer be meeting at the Seafood Museum starting on April 3. The new location and address is listed in the Events and Programs Calendar on the front page of this ROAR

2. PDG Cindy Bamburg inducted a new member Mike Leonard. Lion Mike's father was Club President in 1954 for the 30th Anniversary of the BLC. His sponsor is Lion Jane Meynardie. Photos below

3. FVDG Elijah Mitchell was presented with his personal Melvin Jones Fellow Award to honor his dedication to LCIF through his personal donations. His wife, Lion Miriam Mitchell, pinned on his lapel pin. Photos below

4. Lion Dorothy announced we raised \$798.94 for the Club in the See's Candies Spring Campaign. Delivery should be next week

5. Lion Greg reported on the Mid-South quarterly meeting in Hot Springs. Attending from MS were Cindy Bamburg, Penny Edwards, James and Patsy Wilkerson, Ken and Ann Maddox, and Greg Crapo. 2 of our ladies sustained injuries: Ann fell in the shower breaking her arm and Patsy missed a step falling and breaking her patella. But all got home safely with Cindy and Penny driving the injured home.

6. Lion Penny reminded members to please register for the State Convention. Registration forms on the table

7. Thank you Lion Kathryn for the Shephard Pie; thank you Lion Glenn Quave for the cookies for dessert

8. **Program: No program or speaker.** Club Business

The Induction of New Member Mike Leonard sponsored by Lion Jane Meynardie



Welcome Lion Mike!

L-R: BLC President Gerald Gardner, sponsor Lion Jane Meynardie, Inducting Officer PDG Cindy Bamburg, and Biloxi's newest Lion Mike Leonard

District 30S First District Governor Elijah Mitchell Receives Personal Melvin Jones Fellow



BLC President Gerald Gardner presents a personal Melvin Jones Fellow to Biloxi Lion Elijah Mitchell. This MJF Award and Pin signifies Lion Elijah's dedication for his personal donation of \$1000 made to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). LCIF is the charitable arm of the Lions Club International organization and it helps fund the 8 Global Causes of Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Disaster Relief, Environment, Humanitarian, Hunger, Vision and Youth. Lion Miriam pins the MJF lapel pin on her husband. He is currently serving as the 30S 1st VDG and will be inducted as the District Governor of MS Lions District 30S at the LCIFCon in Melbourne, Australia in June.

Don't forget you can ZOOM a meeting if unable to attend in person. Please contact Lion Wayne in advance at the number below if you plan to attend via ZOOM.

Direct Access to the Biloxi Lions Club weekly meeting is available on our website www.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

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Remember you can reach me c/o Lion Penny's email: lionpennyedwards@gmail.com to help spread any LIONS news you feel need sharing! Please send in a separate email. Your email may be lost in the shuffle if sent as a reply in the ROAR email you receive.



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There is a lot going on so PLEASE READ!!!!

Biloxi Outstanding Citizen is March 20th at the Biloxi Visitor Center at noon. Plenty of room and parking so Please plan to attend. The event is no charge for BLC members and \$25 for guests. This year's recipient is Biloxi Mayor Andrew 'FoFo' Gilich. He is the brother of Biloxi Lion Jaye Brice. Let's show our support!

The Biloxi Club will not be meeting on May 1, 2024. This is the day after the State Convention of Monday/Tuesday April 29-30. The Convention will be considered our weekly meeting so please attend all events. Mail your Registration in today! Don't let the hotel deadline of the State Convention slip up on you if you want to stay at the Double-Tree in Biloxi. Deadline for the special hotel room rates is March 31st.

Mother of the Year, and Father of Year Presentations is in planning stages; the slate for 2024-2025 officers has had its 1st reading and the Installation and Awards Banquet is July 10, 2024 ; LCI Convention; and WOW what a busy time...ARLO



MARCH LIONS

Bob Talley Jane Meynardie
Austin Krue

Dessert Pledges



Your dessert does not need to be home made, we will enjoy store bought just as much, and bring dessert plates if needed. If you are not able to attend the meeting in which you have pledged a Dessert, please ask another member to cover your date.

MARCH
20th Outstanding Citizen
Dessert provided
27th Carl & Dorothy Nehlig

APRIL
3rd Penny Edwards
10th Miriam Mitchell
17th Jaye Brice
24th Mary Jo Walsh

May 29th is still available for a pledge on the April-June Dessert Sign Up

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Dates to Save

April 12-13, 2024
Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Weekend, Memphis, TN
April 19-21, 2024
Lions Deaf Camp, Biloxi, Camp Wilkes
April 29-30, 2024
Lions of MS State Convention Biloxi, MS, Additional Information in upcoming Magnolia Publication
May 17-19, 2024
Lions Sea and Sun Camp, Biloxi, Camp Wilkes

June 7, 2024
Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament Olive Branch, MS
June 8, 2024
Mid-South Lions Cataract-A-Thon
June 21-25, 2024
Lions International Convention Melbourne, Australia

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BILOXI LIONS CLUB 2024-2025 SLATE OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

First Reading – March 13, 2024

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