



ROAR Newsletter

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*Outstanding Citizen of Biloxi
2023*



*Andrew "FoFo" Gilich
Biloxi Lions 1924 - 2024*

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

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

3.20.2024 Meeting Recap

PROGRAM

Call to Order	Gerald Gardner <i>President</i>
Song: God Bless America	The Lions Choir and All
Pledge of Allegiance	Tadd Gabrielson <i>Vice President</i>
Invocation	Most Rev. Louis F. Kihneman, III Bishop of Biloxi
Introduction of Master of Ceremonies	Gerald Gardner
Welcome Remarks / Introductions	Rev. Elijah Mitchell <i>Committee Chairman - Emcee</i>
PAUSE FOR LUNCH	
Shared Memories of our 75 th , 50 th & 25 th -Anniversary Recipients	
Introduction of Recipients in attendance	
Announcement of 2023 Outstanding Citizen	
Remarks by Family and Friends	
Proclamation	City of Biloxi
Presentation of Traditional Loving Cup	2022 B.O.C. Mrs. Tina Ross Seamans
Acceptance and Remarks	2023 B.O.C. Andrew "FoFo" Gilich
Closing Remarks	Rev. Elijah Mitchell
Benediction	Jerry Dodge

RECIPIENTS

2023 Andrew "FoFo" Gilich	1977 John Pettus
2022 Tina Ross Seamans	1976 Albert L. Mangin Sr.
2021 Dr. Paul A. Tisdale	1975 Austin Moritz
2020 Col John G. Sullivan	1974 Rev. W. C. Wyatt
2019 Gregory K. Crapo	1973 Harry J. Schmidt, Jr.
2018 Lee Ann Dubaz	1972 Glenn L. Swetman
2017 Errol Blessey Bradley	1971 Rev. David C. Ehrenfeld
2016 Susan Hunt	1970 Walter F. Fountain
2015 Joe Boney	1969 John P. McDermott, Jr.
2014 Katherine Blessey	1968 Laz Quave
2013 Dennis J. Burke	1967 Leo K. Crapo
2012 Jaye Gilich Krice	1966 Jerry O'Keefe
2011 Lt. Col Thomas A. Varble	1965 Mosline Savarro
2010 Theresa A. Pavlov	1964 Emile Fallo, Jr.
2009 Kathy Springer	1963 Mathew P. Lyons
2008 Delmar P. Robinson	1962 Daniel Guice
2007 Arlene Canaan	1961 George C. Quint
2006 Lt. Gen. Clark Griffith	1960 John T. Collins
2005 Citizens of Biloxi	1959 Frank "Yankie" Barhanovich
2004 Paul J. Collins	1958 Frotscher R. Steckler
2003 Clara Watson	1957 Dr. B.Z. Welch
2002 Sr. Mary Riordan R.S.M.	1956 Frank P. Corso
2001 A. J. Stanovich	1955 Dr. D. L. Hollis
2000 Jimmie W. Roy	1954 Kline Coquet
1999 Tonsie Gaudé	1953 Cosman H. Eisendrath
1998 Ron Peresich	1952 Mrs. Dora F. Gilly
1997 Sandy Steckler	1951 M/Gen. James Powell
1996 Liz Joachim	1950 Eugene Peresich
1995 Tommy Munro	1949 Mrs. Josephine W. Reicker
1994 Chris Moore	1948 L.C. Corban
1993 Arlene Wall	1947 Msgr. Geoffrey O'Connell
1992 Bill Holmes	1946 Ross L. Fickes
1991 Rusty David	1945 Donald R. FitzRoy
1990 Chevis Swetman	1944 Maj. E.A. Hiller
1989 Clare Hornsby	1943 Mrs. W. T. Bolton
1988 Dick E. Wilson	1942 F. H. Kimbrough
1987 Dr. Olon Ray	1941 Mrs. J. H. Beeman
1986 Joseph Duffie, Jr.	1940 George Ditto
1985 Sherwood L. Fayard	1939 Mrs. W.F. McDonnell
1984 Sen. Tommy Gollott	1938 Rev. J. A. Demiller
1983 Ernest Melvin	1937 Louis J. Braun
1982 Nina Schwartzman	1936 Frank E. Bowes
1981 L. J. "Blue" Caillavet	1935 Eugene P. Wilkes
1981 Lloyd Moon	1934 Anthony V. Ragusin
1980 Bruce Stewart	1933 Walter G. Wilkes
1979 Matre Pitalo	1932 E. E. Moore
1978 William R. Lyons	1931 William F. Swan

2022 Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen Tina Ross Seamans Presenting the Loving Cup to 2023 Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen The Honorable Andrew "FoFo" Gilich



Nominees for Outstanding Citizen of Biloxi - 2023

- Mr. Curtis Cotton, Sr.
- Mr. James Crowell
- Mrs. Robin Krohn David
- Mr. Andrew "FOFO" Gilich

We are proud to present Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen 2023

Honorable Andrew "FoFo" Gilich
Mayor of Biloxi

An active member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church and a member of several Biloxi civic and community organizations. He is perhaps best known for his leadership in the Slavic Benevolent Association, known as the Croatian-American Cultural Society, or locally as the "Slavonian Lodge".



Gilich has overseen the organizations annual golf tournament grown from its humble beginnings 47 years ago with a handful of participants to what today is billed as "the planet's largest four-ball tournament" attracting 1,100 golfers from across the country to play on six local golf courses and enjoy four days of social events including sit-down dinners for more than 2,000 people.

"FoFo" was tagged with his nickname as a young toddler because of his affinity for "ack and the Beanstalk" ("fee-fi-fo-fum"), and, as is the case with most nicknames for people in Biloxi, it stuck.

**100 Years of Service to Biloxi
Chartered February 18, 1924**

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>

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+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
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

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| April 12-13, 2024
Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Weekend, Memphis, TN | June 7, 2024
Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament Olive Branch, MS |
| April 19-21, 2024
Lions Deaf Camp, Biloxi, Camp Wilkes | June 8, 2024
Mid-South Lions Cataract-A-Thon |
| April 29-30, 2024
Lions of MS State Convention Biloxi, MS, Additional Information in upcoming Magnolia Publication | June 21-25, 2024
Lions International Convention Melbourne, Australia |
| May 17-19, 2024
Lions Sea and Sun Camp, Biloxi, Camp Wilkes | |

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Just a few Photos from the 2023 Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen Program



Tina Ross Seamans giving remarks on her year as 2022 Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen



2023 Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen FoFo Gilich's acceptance remarks



2023 Recipient's sister, Biloxi Lion Jaye Gilich Brice, presenting remarks on behalf of the Gilich family



Biloxi Club President Gerald Gardner opening the Program



Outstanding Citizen Chairman & Program Emcee, Biloxi Lion Rev. Elijah Mitchell



Tina Ross Seamans presenting FoFo with a 'Tears of Joy' Brass Tissue Box



Dixie Newman, President of the Biloxi City Council, presenting a City of Biloxi Proclamation



Most Rev. Louis Kihneman, Bishop of Biloxi, presenting a Special Prayer



2023 Biloxi Outstanding Citizen Andrew "FoFo" Gilich and family

Additional Photos of Family, Past Recipients, and Guests. Biloxi Lions attending photos will be featured in the next ROAR edition.



Thank You Biloxi Lions Kathryn Holder and Star Ransonet for preparing the delicious meal for the event.



A Special Thank You from the 2023 Biloxi Lions Outstanding Citizen Committee to Tina Ross Seamans, Exec. Dir. of the Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce, and to her Admin. Asst. Dawn Ross for all their assistance in the 2023 Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen Presentation program.