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9 Months



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IF YOU REMEMBER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING... THEN YOU "MAY?" REMEMBER

THE 1970S

CAN YOU DIG IT



President Elect Jerry Gardner has selected the 70s as his installation theme. Pull the bell bottoms and tie-dyed t-shirts out of your closet and dust off your platform shoes for a FAR OUT time.

Date: June 21, 2023

Time: Evening Hours TBA (no noon meeting)

Location: Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum

Any Lion alive in the 70s, please email a picture of you during that decade to BiloxiLionsClub@gmail.com.
Any Lion not alive in the 70s please submit a school picture between the 1st and 6th grade if possible to BiloxiLionsClub@gmail.com
If you can't email, bring the picture to a meeting and Lion Greg will scan and return it to you.

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

JUN 2	Deadline for Father of the Year Nominations, see pages 5 & 6
JUN 8	Biloxi Lions Board Mtg, Cadence Bank, 2nd floor, noon, BYOL
JUN 14	Father of the Year Award Ceremony
JUN 21	Biloxi Lions Club Installation and Awards Dinner, evening event
JUN 28	The Honorable Mike Ezell, Rep. 4th Congressional District of MS
JUL 7-11	Lions Clubs International Convention, Boston, MA

5.17.2023 Meeting Recap

Opening: Pres. Melinda Freeman called the meeting to order at 12:05pm; The BLC Choir led us in God Bless America; Lion Ronnie led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion Joe offered the prayer

Guest(s): none **Zoom:** none

50/50 drawing: \$15 was won by Lion Glenn B.; **King of Clubs Progressive:** \$1235 to winner if King of Clubs drawn, Lion Cindy drew the Ace of Spades

Auction Item: none

Club Business and Announcements:

1. Lion Pres. Melinda:

a) Lion Kathryn had her shoulder surgery and will not be able to attend meetings for 6 weeks. Pres. Melinda thanked Patti Ross for the meal and Lion Margot for providing dessert; May 31st is the only date not covered through June

b) a Thank You card was received from the 2022 Mother of the Year, Lauren Smith, expressing her appreciation of being able to present the Mother of the Year Crystal Vase to 2023 recipient, Lion Leslie Johnson

c) the Installation and Awards Banquet will be held on June 21, 2023 as an evening event and President Elect Jerry Gardner has selected the 70s as a theme so pull your tied-dyed t-shirts and bell bottoms out of the month balls

d) Lion Penny announced a request from Lion Greg for club members alive in the 1970s to send a picture of themselves during that decade and any club member not alive in the 1970s to send a school picture between 1st grade and 6th grade, their choice. All pics need to be send to Lion Greg at BiloxiLionsClub@gmail.com

2. 2023 MOY Lion Leslie thanked everyone for making the event such a special occasion. She said that her son Donald was so proud of his mother being selected

3. Lion Elijah announce FOY nomination deadline is June 3rd with the program on June 14 at noon

4. Lion Margot said the Biloxi and Woolmarket Lions vision screening at Fatima's SpringFest on May 12&13th went well. 80 children were screened with 68 passing and 12 being referred. And, \$7 in cash donations were made to the screening event

5. Lion Sec. Joe reviewed the May Board of Directors minutes

6. Lion Ronnie announced that the deadline for the Biloxi Lions Hall of Fame nominations. He said up to 2 Hall of Fame Awards for living recipients and up to 5 awards posthumously could be made. Presentation will be made at the Installation and Awards Banquet

5. **Program:** Pres. Melinda introduced today's guest speaker, Brett Montague, CEO, End It For Good

End It For Good

Brett Montague, CEO for the End It For Good organization spoke to the Biloxi Lions Club on how the organization is trying to find solutions to the Drug Crisis.

Their mission is to "invite people to support approaches to drugs that prioritize life and the opportunity to thrive" and their vision is "a world where drug production, distribution, and consumption are approached as health issues rather than a criminal justice matter.

End It For Good is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which strives to help children, families, and communities thrive. They do not advocate drug use and advocate how addressing drugs and drug use as complex health issues could dramatically reduce crime, overdose deaths, and destabilization of families.

During his power point presentation, he explained how the program was started and how his own personal family situation led him to be involved in End It For Good, founded by Christina Dent in 2019.

As Brett stated, we've waged a war on drugs through the criminal justice system for 100 years, yet, we have a vibrant underground market causing violence in our streets, increasingly deadly substances causing overdose deaths to soar, and millions of incarcerated consumers causing families to be destroyed. Base on research by Christina Dent drug-related harm wasn't decreasing and she became convinced it's because the criminal justice system is the wrong tool for addressing drugs. 2017 Christina stated hosting book discussions in her home state Mississippi using the book by Johann Hari's *Chasing The Scream: The First and Last Days of the War on Drugs*. From these discussions led the formation of End It For Good in 2019.

For more information go to www.enditforgood.com.



Lion President Melinda Freeman presents Speaker Brett Montague with a Lions Pen

Don't forget you can ZOOM a meeting if unable to attend in person. Please contact Lion Greg in advance 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

***Issues Logging on...Please call or text Lion Greg at 228.760.0239 for help**



Dessert Pledges

May—June

MAY

24th Darrell Galey

31st open

JUNE

7th Cindy Bamburg

14 Father of the Year

21 Installation Banquet

28 George Azar

The only two dates left are May 24 & 31. If you enjoy a dessert with your meal... please sign up.

The month of June has pledges so we are set until the end of our physical year ending June 30th. Dessert pledges are posted in the ROAR in case you forget your date.



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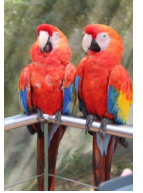
STAR RANSONET

DARRELL GALEY LARRY STURGIS

Jack and Jill...

While the weather had its moments with sun shine and rain the 27th Lions of MS Sea and Sun Camp for Visually Impaired Children was a huge success!

Jack and Jill managed a few photos and they are on page 4. To see all the photos of the great time the campers, counselors and Lions volunteers had go to <https://seaandsuncamp.org>



Dates to Save

June 21, 2023

Biloxi Lions Club Installation and Awards Banquet

July 7-11, 2023

International Convention, Boston,

Sept. 21-23, 2023

USA/CANADA Forum, Reno Nevada

Lions Club of Biloxi
P.O. Box 196 Biloxi, MS 39533
228.424.7840

<http://www.biloxilions.org>
<http://m.facebook.com/BiloxiLions>

To enjoy back editions of the Biloxi Lions ROAR newsletter please visit our website.

Just a few selected photos of the 27th Annual Sea and Sun Camp for Visually Impaired Children
Theme: Time Travel
See more photos at <https://seaandsuncamp.org>



Friday night dance party. Yes, that is a Dinosaur dancing with an astronaut. Time travel can make anything possible!



Saturday morning kayaking. The water was perfect, smooth as glass!



Boy's Pride groups enjoying a swim prior to the Severe weather that moved in Saturday afternoon



Rev. Lion Elijah with campers at Camper's Church.



1st time Tupelo Leo Club volunteers were such a great help and they had an awesome time with the campers.



Madison Leo Club stepped up to the plate again this year to volunteer to give the campers an unique experience.



Biloxi's Father of the Year 2023

**Biloxi Lions Club
P.O. Box 182
Biloxi, Mississippi 39533**



May 11, 2023

Nominate your father for 'Father of the Year.'

If your father lives or works in the City of Biloxi, he is eligible to be nominated for the Biloxi's 'Father of the Year' Award for 2023.

The father who receives this honor shall:

- 1) Be a father who is currently acting in a fatherly capacity to children in his own household. From infants to college students, foster children, adopted children, stepchildren, biological children, grandchildren, etc.
- 2) Be a father who participates in and supports the activities of his children.
- 3) Be recognized as a father who cares about the youth in the community.
- 4) Be a father who puts his children first and helps create a unified family unit.

In addition:

- 1) The character of the children should be considered as a testament of the father's guidance regarding ethics and morals generally accepted by the community.
- 2) The achievements of the most recent year will receive the highest consideration with achievements over the children's lifetime also being considered.
- 3) His involvement beyond his workplace and family unit in the community and the examples he sets for his children should be considered.

The finalist will be honored with a luncheon in their honor at noon on Wednesday June 14, 2023, at the Maritime Seafood and Industry Museum.

Deadline for nominations is June 2, 2023. Please copy this letter as needed.

Please send nominations to: Biloxi Lions Club
C/O Father of the Year
P.O. Box 196
Biloxi, Mississippi 39533

For more information, please call the following individuals.

Reverend Elijah Mitchell, (228)-234-2814, Jaye Brice, (228)-326-9758, Jerry Dodge, (228)-860-4384

Sincerely Yours,

Reverend Elijah Mitchell
Biloxi's Father of the Year, Chairman



Father of the Year 2023 Nomination Application Type or Print Legibly



Nominator's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Nominated Father's Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Phone: _____

Father's E-Mail: _____ Wife's Name: _____

Child 1: _____ Age: _____ School: _____

Child 2: _____ Age: _____ School: _____

Father employed at: _____ Phone: _____

List all volunteering that your father has done in relation to the children, example: (Coaching, PTA, Scouts, etc.) Include dates of each volunteer effort. Use additional sheets as needed.

ATTACH: A short letter entitled: "My Father is the Father of the Year because..."

Nominations must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday June 2, 2023.

Award Presentation on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 12:00 Noon
Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

Mail/Email applications and letters to: Biloxi Lions Club Father of the Year Award
P.O. Box 196
Biloxi Mississippi 39533
BiloxiLions@gmail.com

** The Biloxi Lions Club is not responsible for applications not received on time or lost in transmission.*