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Biloxi Lions Club Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet

Date: June 21, 2023

Time: Evening Hours TBA (no noon meeting)

Location: Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum

Keeping with President Elect Lion Jerry Gardner's 70s theme have



emailed in your 70s photo? Details below...

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 prior to June 14th and Lion Greg will scan and return it to you.

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

May 31	Mike Lacy, Retired
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

5.24.2023 Meeting Recap

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

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

50/50 drawing: \$20 was won by Lion Wayne; **King of Clubs Progressive:** \$1260 to winner if King of Clubs drawn, Lion Wayne drew the Ace of Hearts

Auction Item: none

Club Business and Announcements:

1. Lion Pres. Melinda:

a) thanked Lion Darrell for providing dessert; all meeting through June have dessert pledges; Lion Jerry G. is providing May 31's dessert
b) the Sea and Sun Camp update will be given at the next meeting

c) a Thank You note was received from last week's speaker, Brett Montague

2. Lion Elijah announce FOY nomination deadline is June 2nd with the program on June 14 at noon, as of to date no nominations have been received

3. Lion Carl announced that his research indicates that some flights have been reduced to Reno, Nevada should any one still want to attend the USA/Canada Forum, Sept 21-23. USA/Canada Forum is the best place to get in-depth Lions training. So far Lions Carl, Dorothy, 1stVDGE Elijah, Miriam and Juanita are attending

4. Lion Penny reminded members who were alive in the 1970s to please email a 70s photo of themselves, or choice 1st—6th grade school pics for members not alive in the 1970s, to Lion Greg at BiloxiLionsClub@gmail.com. If you can't email, please bring them to a club meeting for scanning and return

5. **Program:** Lion Jerry Dodge introduced today's guest speakers, Cynthia Sutton and Danny Walton, Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce

Ocean Springs, Our Neighbors to the East

Who is better to promote a city than a Chamber of Commerce...and Ocean Springs does it in a three fold service: the Chamber of Commerce, the Main Street Program and the Tourism Bureau all under their mission statement: To promote tourism, provide progressive leadership for economic and community vitality for the greater Ocean Springs, Jackson County area, and gulf coast and enhance local culture and preserve the quality of life through planned growth, diversification, and beautification.

Cynthia Sutton, Executive Director, and Danny Walton, Membership Coordinator/Events Logistics provided an enthusiastic presentation of what all the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce offers, not only to its members, but to the whole gulf coast.

During a 12 month calendar, the Chamber plans 14 different well attended festivals. And, within each monthly calendar numerous activities are planned ranging from ribbon cuttings for the chamber members, to tour daily tourism information and to a weekly drum circle on front beach.

Cynthia keeps the whole program running smoothly with her vast educational and experience background in the marketing world. The energizer bunny would have difficulty keeping up with her enthusiasm and vision she has in her position as the executive director.

Danny visits the business memberships weekly and stops in to share the benefits of joining the chamber to non-member businesses. And with any event there must be a coordinator to manage the logistics to make it successful, and yes, that falls under Danny. With 14 festival events yearly that the City of Ocean Springs' host, that requires a lot of planning and patience, and all with a smile.

With 350,000-500,000 visitors to the quaint town of 17,500 residents how do they get around, find fabulous shopping, and discover the wonderful food spots the gulf coast has to offer? The three fold services of OS Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Bureau, and Main Street Program provide an array of materials for businesses to share and for tourist to pick up to help them navigate the unique experience called Ocean Springs.



Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Cynthia Sutton and Membership Coordinator/Events Coordinator Danny Walton receive a Lions Pen from Program Director Lion Jerry Dodge

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

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Dessert Pledges

May—June

MAY
31st Jerry Gardner

JUNE
7th Cindy Bamberg
14 Father of the Year
21 Installation Banquet
28 George Azar

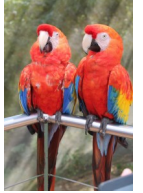
Thank you to the Biloxi Lions for stepping up to the plate to provide a dessert for the Club Meeting meals. We are covered until the end of June 2023, which is also the end of the 4th quarter. A 2023-2024 1st quarter sign up sheet (July-Sept) will be available at the next meeting. Please consider your dates and sign-up. Your dessert does not need to be home made, we will enjoy store bought just as much.

Jack and Jill...

Whew...Jack and Jill have been busy providing info and photos since April.

They are going take another small staycation until mid-June.

However, if a club member has any info to share just send it to the ROAR editor, Lion Penny at lionpennyedwards@gmail.com



Dates to Save

June 14, 2023

Father of the Year Presentation

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



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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.**