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9 Months



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Biloxi Lions Club Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet



Date: June 21, 2023

Time: Evening Hours 6-7pm Cocktail Hours, 7pm Program
(no noon meeting)

Location: Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum

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A sheet will be available at the June 7th and 14th meetings for members to sign up with also name of guest so that we have an accurate head count for meal.

Can't make the meetings but want to attend the Installation and Awards Banquet, please email Lion Tadd Gabrielson at tadpole24@aol.com with your name and name of your guest.

AND, by popular demand...The BARTENDER competition is back. Space is limited so see Lion Penny to sign-up to showcase your favorite summer adult beverage.

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

JUN 7	Adele Lyons, MS Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce
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

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

5.31.2023 Meeting Recap

Opening: 1st VP Star Ransonet 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 Darrell offered the prayer

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

50/50 drawing: \$20.50 was won by Guest Speaker Mike Lacy, who donated winnings back to Club; **King of Clubs Progressive:** none

Auction Item: none

Club Business and Announcements:

1. 1ST VP Star:

a) thanked Patty Ross for the delicious Mexican meal and Lion Jerry G. for providing dessert; all meetings through June have dessert pledges

b) reminded board members of the June meeting on 6/8. Incoming 2023-2024 elected board members are invited to join the outgoing board at this meeting. It is a Bring Your Own Lunch noon meeting on the 2nd floor of Cadence Bank on Howard Ave

c) reminded members who volunteered for the Wooden Boat Show the dates are this weekend June 2 and June 3

2. Lion Penny gave the report on the Sea and Sun Camp weekend

3. Lion Jaye presented update on Miss Biloxi, Katelyn Perry's, upcoming week in Vicksburg for the Miss Mississippi Pageant.

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. Lion Jerry announced that the 100th Anniversary Harley Davidson motorcycle has been sold. It did not bring as much as the bluebook but he was happy with the \$4500 the club received

6. **Program:** Lion Jerry Dodge introduced today's guest speaker, Mike Lacy, Multi-media Journalist and weekend Anchor, retired. Photos below

Mike Lacy, Multi-Media Journalist, Weekend Anchor, Retired

Mike Lacy is a very familiar face to many as a weekend news anchor for WLOX TV before his retirement earlier this year. For over 45 years Mike was a practicing journalist. Most of his career was spent in the print media as a writer, editor and page designer at the Biloxi Sun Herald and has had his work published in national publications such as the Washington Post, Philadelphia Inquirer, and the Miami Herald.

And if his journalism career did not keep him busy enough, Mike has also been involved as a theatrical performer, director, writer, coach and producer for more than 30 years.

But Mike came to speak to day mainly about the people throughout his life's journey. He, of course, mentioned his parents as a main influence in his life, but also in the same breathe mentioned Reverent Bruce Dodge and his wife, June, as being there for him in a big way. We know Rev. Bruce Dodge as the father of our own Lion Jerry Dodge. Oh, and Mike is a past Biloxi Lion. Maybe he can return now that he is retired.

But the person Mike related as his most influential person in his younger years was a 5th grade English teacher. Holding up a well thumped through spiral notebook from 1957, Mike told of how this teacher reached him in a way he had not connected with any other teacher. So much that he asked this teacher to read a collection of poems the 10 year old had written in the notebook. After reading each poem, Mike said the teacher would put a check in the familiar red ink teachers used. However, on one particular poem the teacher wrote "Good." "Seeing the red 'Good' validated my work." Mike went on to say the teacher was drafted at mid-year and came by to say good-bye in his uniform. That was the last Mike saw or heard from the teacher who took time to read his work. The teacher's name is lost to history but his influence on Mike left a life-time impression which led him into the work of journalism and the rest is history.

The ROAR editor apologized to Mike in advance that she would need to leave the meeting early and would only be able to hear the first part of his presentation.



Lion Jerry Dodge presenting Speaker Mike Lacy 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

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Dessert Pledges

June-July

JUNE

7th Cindy Bamburg

14 Father of the Year

21 Installation Banquet

28 George Azar

JULY

5th Penny Edwards

12th open

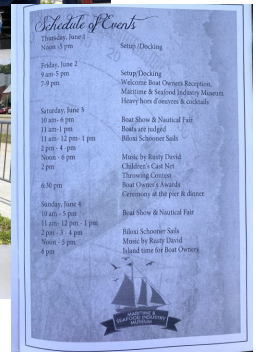
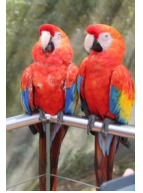
19th open

26th open

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. The 2023-2024 1st quarter sign up sheet (July-Sept) is now available at the meetings. 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...

Caught the Wooden Boat Show over the weekend and came back with these photos of the Lions who volunteered on Saturday and Sunday.



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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