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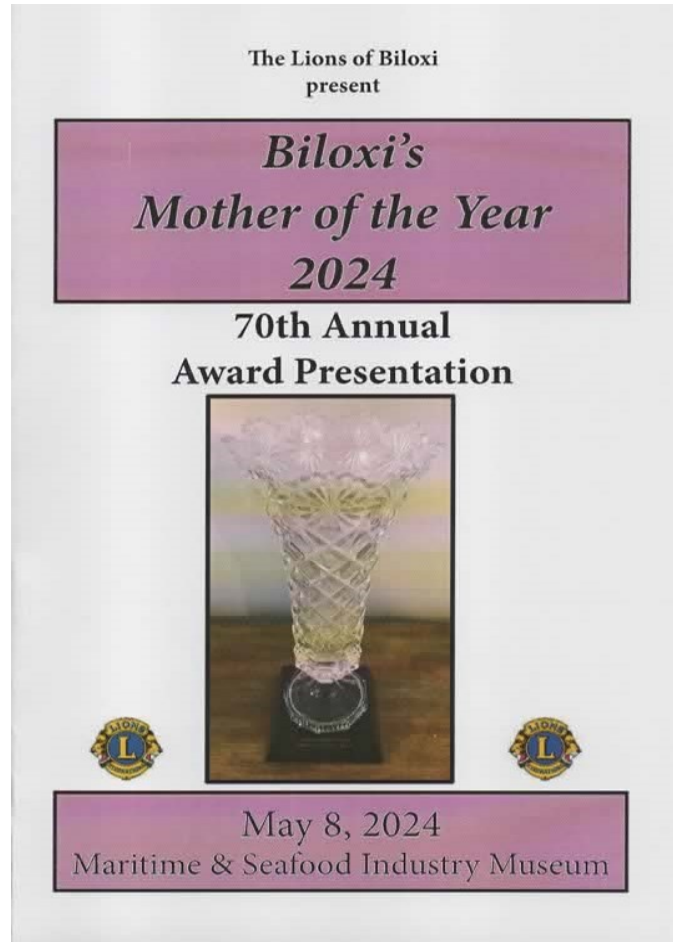
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UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

MAY 15	Board Meeting Minutes Review
MAY 22	Open
MAY 29	Open
JUNE 5	Dave Shifflett, Author, Book Release <i>"Exploits and Opportunities of Airman"</i>
JUN 12	Father of the Year Presentation, Seafood Museum, noon
JUNE 13	Board Meeting, Cadence Bank, Biloxi, 2nd Floor, noon—BYOL
JUNE 19	Board Minutes Review
JUNE 26	Sara Guice, Land Trust
JULY 10	Biloxi Lions Installation and Awards Banquet—Theme: Your Favorite Sport Team

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

5.8.2024 Meeting Recap

PROGRAM	
Call to Order	Lion Gerald Gardner <i>President</i>
Song: God Bless America	Lions Choir / All
Pledge of Allegiance	Lion Gerald Gardner / All
Invocation	Lion Rev. Elijah Mitchell <i>District Governor Elect</i>
PAUSE FOR LUNCH	
Introduction of Master of Ceremonies	
Welcome Remarks & Introductions	Lion Jerome Dodge <i>Past President / Emcee</i>
Introduction of Recipients in attendance	
Announcement of 2024 Mother of the Year	
Proclamation	Honorable Andrew "FoFo" Gilich <i>Mayor, City of Biloxi</i>
Presentation of Crystal Vase	2023 MOY Mrs. Leslie Johnson
Acceptance and Remarks	2024 MOY Mrs. Andrea Gilich
Closing Remarks	Lion Jerome Dodge
Benediction	Lion Rev. Elijah Mitchell

RECIPIENTS	
2024 Mrs. Andrea Gilich	1987 Mrs. Vetsie Sekul Gabrich
2023 Mrs. Leslie Johnson	1986 Mrs. Elizabeth Joachim
2022 Mrs. Lauren Smith	1985 Mrs. Patricia Caillavet
2021 Mrs. Nancy Ross Rogers	1985 Mrs. Louella Arguelles
2020 Mrs. Melissa Batia Williams	1984 Mrs. Mary Margaret Wade
2019 Mrs. Heather Altman	1983 Mrs. Lou Broussard
2018 Mrs. Alicia T. Tarrant	1982 Mrs. Betty Comstock
2018 Mrs. Lehmon R. Skrmetti	1981 Mrs. Florris Savarro
2017 Mrs. Paula April	1980 Mrs. Alena Sekul Cerenich
2016 Mrs. Amiee Gautreaux	1979 Mrs. Una Broussard
2015 Mrs. Helen G. Ross	1978 Mrs. Jacobina Sekul Gilich
2014 Mrs. Geraldine Blessey	1977 Mrs. Betty Sekul
2013 Mrs. Jeanette Capuano	1976 Mrs. Eula Switzer
2012 Mrs. Gwen H. Gollott	1975 Mrs. Della McCaughan
2011 Mrs. Nicole Burgess Smith	1974 Mrs. Irma Parker
2010 Mrs. Cecilia Gollott Schmidt	1973 Mrs. Audrey Murray
2009 Mrs. Barbara Lyons	1972 Mrs. W. F. McDonnell
2008 Mrs. Shannon R. Sablich	1971 Mrs. Charles Duggan, Jr.
2007 Mrs. Donna Cruso	1970 Mrs. Fred Haise
2007 Mrs. Claudette Quigley	1969 Mrs. Ovadia Gollotte
2006 No Award Given	1968 Mrs. Marguerite Agregaard
2005 No Award Given	1967 Mrs. Claudia Gazzo
2004 Mrs. Pat Smolcich	1966 Mrs. Connie Tisdale
2003 Mrs. Rosemary Sabbatini	1965 Mrs. Robert L. Miller
2002 Mrs. Clare "Susie" Bass	1964 Mrs. James P. Starks
2001 Mrs. Charlotte Breal	1963 Mrs. John Atkinson
2000 Mrs. Angelina Mihojevich	1962 Mrs. John Leonard
1999 Mrs. Margaret Pavlov Kuluz	1961 Mrs. Viola Davidson
1998 Mrs. Georgia K. Lawrence	1960 Mrs. Clare Sekul Hornsby
1997 Mrs. Kay Simon Bankston	1959 Mrs. Joseph Rusk
1996 Mrs. Ursula M.S. Skrmetti	1958 Mrs. Eugene Peresich, Sr.
1995 Mrs. Jacqueline L. Wilson	1957 Mrs. Eugene Redding
1994 Mrs. Michelle Gruich Logan	1956 Mrs. Catherine Clower
1993 Mrs. Lillie Lancon	1955 Mrs. Myriam LeBlanc
1992 Mrs. Opal Fehr	
1991 Mrs. Nellie Cobb	
1990 Mrs. Theresa Fountain	
1989 Mrs. Beverly Romeo	
1988 Mrs. Juliet Wheeler	



Tot receiving the Traditional Crystal Vase from Melissa Batia Williams, Mother of the Year 2020

Biloxi's 2024 Mother of the Year Mrs. Andrea "Tot" Gilich



Brother, Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich, presenting a Proclamation proclaiming May 8, 2024 Andrea "Tot" Gilich Day To his sister Tot



Left: Past recipients attending today's 70th Annual Award Presentation of Biloxi's Mother of the Year Melissa Batia Williams, MOY 2020 Elizabeth Joachim, MOY 1986 Clare "Susie" Bass, MOY 2002 Welcomes Andrea "Tot" Gilich 2024 Biloxi's Mother of the Year



Nominees 2024
Mrs. Megan Capuano
Mrs. Andrea deLourdes Gilich
Mrs. Raheleh Madaminik
Mrs. Allison Watts

Siswomian Ladies Auxiliary
 139 Maple St
 Biloxi, MS 39530

**For
 Andrea Gilich**

It is with great pleasure that the Siswomian Ladies Auxiliary (SLA) submits our very deserving Mother of the Year, Andrea deLourdes Gilich, as a nominee for the Biloxi Lions Club Mother of the Year. We have recognized her for her contributions through many decades of service to our organization. We are delighted to include her in the company of her relatives who provided her as Mother of the Year: Mother Jacobina Sekal Gilich, Aunt Alma Corroth, Aunt Yvonne Gubrick, Aunt Gary Sekal Hornsby, Cousins Sade Hornsby Rose and Cousins Joannette Capuano.

Andrea ("Tot") exemplifies the motherly virtues that our heritage is known for: devotion to Family, Faith, Friends, and Community!

As a single mother, she raised three beautiful and successful daughters who continue the legacy of devotion which her family is known for. Today her three grand-children know she will be at any and every activity that they are involved in from the ball field to the theatre. They also know that there is no better fund raising than Miss Maw's pashaman which are a sell out every single time. In order to guarantee the success of the fund raising, Maw/Maw spends several hours in prep-and-cooking, and several dollars in donated ingredients.

As a member of Nativity BVM Cathedral, she is known throughout the Biloxi diocese for cooking an infinite number of the Best Pashaman in Biloxi. You may have tasted these at the Nativity.

School Festivals, Parish Festivals, or a wedding or other event. Again, during her time and service she has helped raise thousands of dollars!

In the Community, Tot has been involved with the Biloxi High School alumni, City events with the Mayor and many Mardi-Gras parades and balls. Her friends will undoubtedly tell you how they gather at her house every Christmas for a open house. They will share how she is with them to offer support and encouragement at anytime.

While she is officially submitted to you by the Siswomian Ladies Auxiliary, it is to add a personal note as her niece. Motherhood is so much more than going back, and is far more reaching than the home in which children are raised. Because of her role as mother of three grown daughters, grandmothers of three beautiful children, mother in law, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend, I have witnessed first hand the many ways that "Tot" has enhanced the lives of all of us with the careful love and devotion which makes her so deserving of Biloxi's Mother of the Year.

Respectfully Submitted by
Carol Lee Rynard
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 Treasurer
 Siswomian Ladies Auxiliary

In Biloxi - We Serve!
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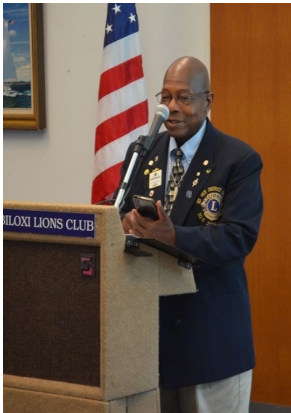
Daughter Andrea Roussel, representing the Gilich family, speaks how remarkable her mother has been to raise 3 girls on her own and today still gives time to her family, community, church, and to her grandchildren.



Tot and her 3 daughters: L-R Dr. Johneen Gilich Buchignani, Mrs. Andrea Roussel, Mrs. Jacqueline Gilich Wilson



Past President Jerry Dodge was the 70th Annual Biloxi's Mother of the Year Award Presentation Emcee.



District 30S District Governor Elect Lion Rev. Elijah Mitchell gave the Invocation and the Benediction for the 70th Annual Biloxi's Mother of the Year Award Presentation program,



The Gilich family sharing the moment with Biloxi's 2024 Mother of the Year Andrea "Tot" Gilich.



Unable to attend her sister's special occasion was Biloxi Lion Jaye Gilich Brice. However, Lion Jaye did not miss the festivities as she joined the presentation via Zoom.

Insert photo: 2024 Biloxi's MOY Tot posing with her cake while sis Jaye is Zooming in on the screen behind her.

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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MAY LIONS

Darrell Galey Larry Sturgis
Bo Roberts

What a far out couple of months for the Biloxi Lions!

Mid-Winter in January; February's saw the milestone of 100 Years Biloxi Lions Club Celebration; Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen of the Year on March 20th closely followed by the Lions of Mississippi State Convention in Biloxi March 29-30; and the 70th Annual Biloxi's Mother of the Year Presentation just this week.

But the 2023-2024 Lions year is not quite over for the Biloxi Lions. **Biloxi's Father of the Year is June 12th**; and the **Lions Clubs International Convention is June 21-24th in Melbourne, Australia**. This LCI Con is very special. Our own Biloxi Lion Rev. Elijah Mitchell, District 30S DG Elect, will be installed as the Dist. 30S District Governor during this LCI Convention.

Then the 2024-2025 year starts on July 1st with the Biloxi Lions kicking off with their **Installation and Awards Banquet Program on July 10th**. More information to TBA but we do know that President Elect Tadd Gabrielson wants a Sports Themed event. So dig out your favorite sports t-shirt, hat, jersey or whatever to wear.

Well, I will be saying goodbye on June 31st as Lion Penny will no longer be the Biloxi Lions Club ROAR newsletter editor. She will be kept pretty busy in 2024-25 serving as our Dist. 30S 1st VDG.

It has been a great year hanging out you y'all! I know you will Keep-On Keeping-On doing what you do best...can you dig it!
~Arlo

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Dates to Save

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

July 10, 2024

Biloxi Lions Installation & Awards

More Information TBA

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.

MAY

15th Glenn Quave
22nd Judy Gavin
29th Open

JUNE

5th Carl & Dorothy Nehlig
12th Father of the Year
19th Glenn Bremenkamp
26th Cindy Bamburg

May 29th is still open for a dessert pledge

JULY-SEPTEMBER

Pledge Sheet will be available for date selections at the May 15th meeting

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