



# ROAR Newsletter

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MELINDA FREEMAN

The Lions of Biloxi  
present



25<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Award Presentation



June 12, 2024  
Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum



## UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

<b>JUNE 19</b>	<b>NO MEETING!!!!</b>
JUNE 26	Sara Guice, Land Trust
<b>JULY 10</b>	<b>NO NOON MEETING!</b> Biloxi Lions Installation and Awards Banquet—Theme: Your Favorite Sport Team Seafood Museum, 6-10 PM
JULY 24	Attorney Patti Golden, New book release
JULY 31	403rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron

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

# 6.12.2024 Meeting Recap

## PROGRAM

Call to Order President Gerald Gardner  
 Song: God Bless America Lions Choir & All  
 Pledge of Allegiance President Elect Tadd Gabrielson  
 Invocation FOY 2010 Lion Jerry Dodge  
 Introduction of Master of Ceremonies  
 Welcome Remarks & Introductions Jerry Dodge

## PAUSE FOR LUNCH

Introduction of Recipients in attendance  
 Recognition of Nominees  
 Announcement of 2024 Father of the Year  
 Proclamation Honorable Andrew "FoFo" Gilich  
 Mayor, City of Biloxi  
 Presentation of Award FOY 2023 Steve Gautreaux  
 Acceptance and Remarks FOY 2024 Gerard Tarrant  
 Closing Remarks Gerald Gardner  
 Benediction Jerry Dodge



Harry C. Meeks is also given credit for founding the idea of Father's Day. A President of a Chicago Lions Club, Meeks gave speeches to various groups about the need to honor fathers throughout the United States. In appreciation for his work, the Lions Clubs of America presented him with a gold watch, with the inscription "Originator of Father's Day," on his birthday, June 20, 1920.

The white or red rose is the official flower for Father's Day.  
 A white rose honors a father who is deceased  
 A red rose for a father who is living.

## Biloxi's Outstanding Fathers

Mr. Gerard Donald Tarrant	2024
Mr. Steve Gautreaux	2023
Mr. Ryan Rockholt	2022
Mr. David Allen "Hank" Rogers	2021
Mr. Richard "Wayne" Ross, Jr.	2020
Mr. Josh Jeske	2019
Mr. Clayton Stoddard	2018
Mr. Robert Collier	2017
Lt. Col. Dick Wilson	2016
Mr. Ernest Elbert "Sonny" Ross	2015
Mr. Thomas Wicks	2014
Mr. Rob Myers	2013

## 2013 - Award Renamed

### "Mark Anthony Barhanovich Father of the Year"

Dr. Carl Nehlig	2012
Mr. Henry N. Dick III	2011
Mr. Jerome D. Dodge	2010
Mr. Malcom Smith	2009
Mr. Darryl Platt	2008
Mr. Richard C. Schmidt Jr.	2007
No Award Presented	2006
Mr. David M. Rickman	2005
Mr. George Rogers	2004
Mr. William Ramsey	2003
Mr. David Worrell	2002
Mr. David Blaine	2001
Mr. Thomas Fulton	2000
Mr. Mark Barhanovich	1999



## Nominees 2024

Mr. Timothy 'TJ' Fraser  
 Mr. Rick Springer  
 Mr. Gerard Donald Tarrant



My Father is Father of the Year because

My father, Gerard Tarrant, has spent his entire life preparing to be a loving husband and father. He learned from the best, my grandfather Leonard, who is a gentle man and set a wonderful example for my father to follow. I have many other reasons why my dad should be Father of the Year and hope that you will select him for this honor.

My dad has always had a big impact on me and my three older siblings' lives; including cooking all of our meals, driving us places, and working as hard as he can to make us happy. For nearly all of my life he worked six days a week and only recently quit his Saturday job. Despite this, my dad has always been there for me and supported me through everything. My dad works to help many people besides me, he is a licensed marriage and child therapist, and is currently the children's therapist at the Seabee base. He changes lives daily, including my own. He never fails to put a smile on my face and he's always been so tender with everyone he encounters. He is also the President of the LMFT and Social Worker's state board. He stays very busy, but is always available to us.

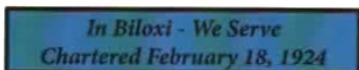
My dad is very active within the community, he spends a lot of his time contributing to school, sports, and other extracurricular activities. He volunteers countless hours at the Biloxi Natatorium for both the St. Patrick Swim Team and Biloxi Elite Swim Team, and he calls bingo for Nativity B.V.M. He is an active member of the church and is currently the head usher for the 11am Mass. He essentially volunteers a lot of time to stand so that others can participate in fun. He also continues to work with Troop 211 in Boy Scouts to help young men excel in the teachings he implies throughout life. My oldest brother became an Eagle Scout and my other brother is a Life Scout.

He means so much to me as he is one of the biggest influences on my life. His hard work and perseverance has continued to inspire me- and I've learned so much through his meaningful teachings and example. He is always there for us, in both good times and bad. When we are bored, he will play games with us. He also has always helped us with our homework and school assignments.

I couldn't ask for anyone better to call my father. He truly is remarkable to me. And I can't fathom a life without him guiding and shaping me. I hope you take this letter into account as consider my father a deserving candidate of your award, Father of the Year,

Best Regards,

Balleigh Joy Tarrant



Recipient Gerard Tarrant remarks accepting the honor of Biloxi's Father of the Year 2024 along with BLC's FOY Tshirt and traditional ugly tie



Daughter Balleigh Tarrant reading her letter nominating her father Gerard Tarrant for the Biloxi's 2024 Father of the Year

Biloxi Mayor Andrew 'FoFo' Gilich presenting Proclamation declaring June 12, 2024 as Gerard Tarrant Day



2020 Father of the Year Lion Wayne Ross presenting Gerard Tarrant with the Biloxi's Father of the Year 2024 Mark Anthony Barhanovich Award



2024 Biloxi's Father of the Year Honoree Gerard Tarrant and his family

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](http://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 Wayne at 228.348.1334 (or Lion Greg 228.760.0239) for help.**

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Remember you can reach me c/o Lion Penny's email: [lionpennyedwards@gmail.com](mailto: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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Held Over!

**BLC Annual Installation and Awards Banquet  
Wednesday, July 10, 2024  
6:00 PM, Seafood Museum**

Don't forget to dig out your favorite sports attire, hat, or whatever, for the Sports Day Installation for President Elect Tadd Gabrielson and his 2024-2025 Board on the evening of July 10th. Yes, it will be an evening event so **no noon meeting** that day.

Be prepared to put on your game face as Emcee FVDG Penny Edwards challenges you (or teams) in all sorts of manor. And, no Googling allowed!!!

What will a day at the game(s) be without the favorite clubhouse drink. The Bar Tenders Challenge is on...register your drink starting at the June 5th meeting. Limit is 12 registered drinks...rules will be provided at the meeting.

Feast on game day favorites of hot dogs, hamburgers, nachos, peanuts, popcorn and cracker jacks! Did I hear that a keg might show up, hint-hint? It is still a BYOB if you care for your own special favorite, but please provide your mixers for your BYOB if necessary.

It will be an honor for our own DG Elijah to install the 2024-2025 Officers and Board, so please sign up to attend with your +1(or 2) for this special occasion in welcoming the newest District Governor our own Elijah and First Lady Lion Miriam, and family home from Australia.

The Biloxi Lions Club will also recognize the members with Club Awards who have distinctly served the club in 2023-2024. Congratulations in advance to the honorees, who have yet to be named, for proudly embracing...

In Biloxi We Serve.



**ROAR**



# JUNE LIONS

- Matt Boney    Tadd Gabrielson    Dorothy Nehlig  
Margot Sweetman    Juanita Horton  
Tracie Craddock*

## 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.

### JUNE

- 19th **NO MEETING!**  
26th **Cindy Bamburg**

### JULY

- 3rd **Jerry Dodge**  
10th **Installation Banquet**  
17th **Jaye Brice**  
24th **Open**  
29th **Open**

### AUGUST

- 7th **Jerry Gardner**  
14th **Jaye Brice**  
21st **Carl & Dorothy Nehlig**  
28th **Melinda Freeman**

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## Dates to Save

**June 21-25, 2024**  
Lions International Convention  
Melbourne, Australia

We wish our new MS District 30S District Governor Elijah Mitchell and his family safe travels to LCICON in Australia

**July 10, 2024**  
Biloxi Lions Installation & Awards  
More Information TBA  
**Sept 5-7, 2024**  
**USA/Canada Leadership Forum**  
Louisville, KY