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**BILOXI LIONS CLUB
2024 FATHER OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION**



**Wednesday, June 12, 2024
Biloxi Maritime and Seafood Museum**

This is a Special Event.

Guests: \$25

Non-corporate members: \$10 cash, check, Venmo, or asked to be billed for \$12.

At the 6/5/2024 Club meeting a count was taken of the members present who wished to attend the Father of the Year Presentation.

To ensure we have an accurate count for meals, if you were not present at this meeting and will be attending the FOY Presentation please call or text PP Lion Melinda Freeman at 228.365.7878 before 6 pm on Friday 6/7.

Please arrive early so that the program may start promptly at noon.

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

JUN 12	Father of the Year Presentation, Seafood Museum, noon
JUNE 13	Board Meeting, <u>ALTERNATE LOCATION</u>– Community Bank 732 Howard Ave., 3rd Floor
JUNE 19	<u>NO MEETING!!!!</u> See MTG Recap on page 2 , Pres. Announcements, Item 1.C
JUNE 26	Sara Guice, Land Trust
JULY 10	Biloxi Lions Installation and Awards Banquet–Theme: Your Favorite Sport Team
JULY 26	Attorney Patti Golden, New book release

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

6.5.2024 Meeting Recap

Opening: Lion President Gerald Gardner called meeting to order at 12:05pm; The BLC Choir led us in God Bless America; Lion President Gerald led the Pledge of Allegiance; and FVDG Elijah offered the prayer

Guests: Mable Robinson guest of DGE Elijah Mitchell; Teresa Wieck Martin introduced Maria, the exchange student staying with JR and Teresa this past year. Maria leaves on Thursday going back to Spain for the summer but will be returning this fall

Zoom: none

50/50 drawing: \$12 to the winner Lion Jerry D.; **King of Clubs Progressive Drawing:** Lion Teresa drew the Jack of Spades. \$411 to the winner if the King of Clubs was drawn

Auction Item: none

Club Business and Announcements:

1. Lion President Jerry's Announcements :

A) Board Meeting 6/13: Cadence Bank is not available on the 13th. Lion Austin said he would check availability of the Community bank board room for the meeting

B) Father of the Year is Wednesday, June 12th, noon, at the Seafood Museum. PP Melinda took a head count on the members attending the presentation for meals. At the meeting 20 members indicated they would be attending

C) Installation and Awards Banquet will be a evening event on July 10th. **NO MEETING AT NOON.** Sports themed and is BYOB. The Bar Tender Competition will be returning so bring you \$1(s) tip for your favorite entry

D) The sheet for the new Club T-shirts design is filling up. Anyone who has not signed up for a shirt but would like one, to see President Jerry after the meeting. Lion Greg said that a sample of the t-shirt will soon be available to see, and that the shirt would be yellow and not blue

E) With June 19th being a new Federal Holiday many members have indicated they will not be at the meeting. Pres. Gerald took a show of hands who wished to cancel the 6/19 meeting. The Majority voted not to meet. **NO MEETING ON JUNE 19, 2024**

2. Lion Penny asked that club members come out to support Camp Wilkes at a fundraising event sponsored by Concerts on the Causeway. The event is from 6-8pm at Yul's Place on the Causeway. Great food, drink and live entertainment by her husband Thomas Edwards. A portion of the proceeds will go to Camp Wilkes as the featured charity for the month of June

3. Thank you Lions Cindy and Penny for the enchilada casserole meal; and thank you Lions Carl and Dorothy for the great selection of cookies for dessert

4. **Program:** Dave Shifflet review his book *Exploits and Opportunities of an Airman*

EXPLOITS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF AN AIRMAN **By Dave Shifflet**

Our speaker, Dave Shifflet, revisited the Biloxi Lions but with a different program than he presented at his last visit. Today Dave reviewed his book *EXPLOITS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF AN AIRMAN*.

He begins with saying "it took me 20 years to write, 10 years to think about publishing, then 18 months to get it published." The book covers his military career in the United States Air Force explaining he joined to travel and see the world. And he did...from his air craft training in Illinois where the Branch Chief, who was a relative of a friend, gave him the opportunity to further his training on the C130 Cargo Planes at Langley AFB Virginia. He smiled as he related.. "in the 2 years at Langley I was actually only on the base 4 months as I was deployed on many temporary duties to England, Germany and Panama."

But those small trips gave him the opportunity learn 1) the ways of England like you can't ride a bike in England without the proper lighting. A flashlight, or torch as it called in England, won't do; 2) in Panama he said that Golfing in a dense forested area is not safe as there are many creatures 'lurking about'; and 3) in the rainy season one learns to walk in front of the rain because you can see it coming and by timing it just right you won't get wet. But any hesitation in the timing and you will get soaked; 4) while in Germany he decided to hike into France on a picnic with friends with the whole works...French wine, bread and cheese...on a hill area. When he return to the base it learned that the hill area was part of the 'Maginot Line'. This was a line of hills and concrete fortifications built as obstacles by the French in 1930 to deter an invasion by Nazi Germany. But as we know...the Maginot Line did not deter the Nazi Army.

Then off to Belgium were he worked directly under Alexander Haig (who later served as the US Secretary of State 1981-1982). Also, while in Belgium he was an aide under the Supreme Head Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) commander in which his official job status entitled him to many perks, one being able to get to places his normal orders would not have done.

After several tours of service in Belgium and Antonia he was transferred to Keesler AFB in 1981. It was here Dave received the Unit Career Advisor of the Year.

In closing Dave recapped his achievements saying his best job was in SAC, Strategic Air Command, NATO Forces as an E5 Staff Sgt., another Unit Career Advisor of the Year award and earning his Bachelor's Degree...oh, and, time as a Bomber Tanker Repair chief. A rewarding



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

***Issues Logging on...Please call or text Lion Wayne at 228.348.1334 (or Lion Greg 228.760.0239) for help.**

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.



ARLO

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.



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Dates to Save

June 7, 2024

Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament
Olive Branch, MS

June 8, 2024

Annual Meeting, HIE, Memphis
Mid-South Lions Cataract-A-Thon, HEI, Memphis

June 21-25, 2024

Lions International Convention
Melbourne, Australia

July 10, 2024

Biloxi Lions Installation & Awards

More Information TBA

Sept 5-7, 2024

USA/Canada Leadership Forum
Louisville, KY



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

12th Father of the Year
19th Glenn Bremenkamp
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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