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8 Months



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Newsletter

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Biloxi Lions Club Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet



Date: June 21, 2023 (no Wednesday noon meeting)

Time: Evening Hours, 6-7pm Cocktail Hours, 7pm Program
Entertainment by Thomas Edwards

Location: Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum

Biloxi Lions Club Members are free, however, there a \$25 charge for each guests and will be added to your club bill.

We need your 70s photo! 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, your choice, 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.

Signup Deadline for members and their guests is **Wednesday, June 14th** at the noon meeting. If you are not attending the meeting on the June 14th and want to attend please email Lion Tadd at tadpole24@aol.com.

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 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
AUG 23	Michael Watson, MS Sec. of State

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

6.7.2023 Meeting Recap

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

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

50/50 drawing: \$16 was won by Lion Leslie; **King of Clubs Progressive:** Guest Speaker Adele Lyons drew the 8 of Clubs, \$1289 won today if the King of Clubs drawn

Auction Item: none

Club Business and Announcements:

1. President Melinda:

a) thanked Patty Ross for the delicious chicken and rice meal and Lion Cindy for providing cake and brownies for dessert; signup sheet for the next quarter of July-Sept 2023-2024 is now available

b) reminded current board members and invited incoming board members to tomorrow's June meeting on 6/8

c) wished the best to Miss Biloxi, Katelyn Perry, who is in Vicksburg representing Biloxi at the Miss Mississippi Pageant

d) announced that Lion Greg will be inducted into the Mid-South Lions Hall of Honor in Aug. Lion Greg said that several Biloxi Lions will be serving on Mid-South's Board

2. Lion Elijah said that 4 FOY nominations were received and asked the FOY committee to please stay for a few minutes following the club meeting

3. Incoming 1st VP Lion Tadd announced to get an accurate meal count for the Installation and Awards Banquet a signup sheet is going around for members and their guest. Meal is free for members and \$25 for each guests. You can email him if you need to add or make changes

4. Lion Penny announced the Bartender competition will be held again for the Installation. If you have an adult beverage to enter please contact her. Also, members pics are still needed for the installation. From Lion Greg: if you don't submit a photo he will design a photo for you

5. Lion Carl reminded members of LCI Convention in July in Boston and the USA/Canada Forum in Sept in Reno

6. **Program:** Lion Jerry Dodge introduced today's guest speaker, Adele Lyons, Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce and the new Membership Director Joy Douglas. Photo below

Adele Lyons, MS Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce

Since December 2017, Adele Lyons has served as the CEO of the MGCCC, and promoted the Chamber's Mission to CONNECT, INFORM, ADVOCATE, and DEVELOP to the businesses along the Mississippi Gulf South. With a membership of over 985 members, strives to improve the business climate through fostering leadership, advocating for businesses, and providing information to the community. She is proud when she tells you that the MGCCC is only Accredited Chamber in the State of Mississippi. "Out of over 3000 Chamber of Commerce offices in the United States on 3% of them are accredited, which mean we are doing things right."

In 2018 Adele was awarded the IOM graduate recognition for completing a comprehensive course of study in nonprofit management through the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Institute for Organization Management Program.

The monthly multi-event calendar covers all the basic in their mission. There are activities for social connection to network, there are opportunities to meet with community leaders to get community importance updates, there are training sessions for all aspects of business retention and expansion, there are fundraising events that help assist with Grant funding, there are legislative events that give input on issues that concern the residents of South Mississippi, and the list goes on. Many schedules events can happen on the small day such as training, a ribbon cutting, or Chamber After 5 networking. Members can pick and choose what best meets their or their business schedules.

Last year over \$47,000 in Grant funding was distributed on the Gulf Coast in the way of High School Scholarships, Small Business Grants, Minority Business Grants, Veteran Owned Business, Re-occupancy Grants, and that list goes on.

For more information to learn more what the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce has to offer or to learn how to become a member please go to www.mscoastchamber.com



**Lion Jerry Dodge presenting
Speaker Adele Lyons
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](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

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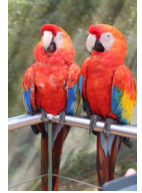


Dessert Pledges

June-July

Jack and Jill...

Taking a small break.....



JUNE

7th Cindy Bamburg

14th Father of the Year

21st Installation Banquet

28th George Azar

JULY

5th Penny Edwards

12th open

19th open

26th open



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

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.



JUNE LIONS

Matt Boney Tadd Gabrielson Dorothy Nehlig

Margot Swetman Tracie Craddock

Juanita Horton

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