

Biloxi Lions Club



LIONS ROAR

Founded February 18, 1924

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3rd Edition

June 2021

2020-2021 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
TOM QUAVE

1ST VP
REV. ELIJAH MITCHELL

2ND VP
MELINDA FREEMAN

3RD VP
STAR RANSONET

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JOE MCCORMICK

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LION TAMER
GERALD GARDNER

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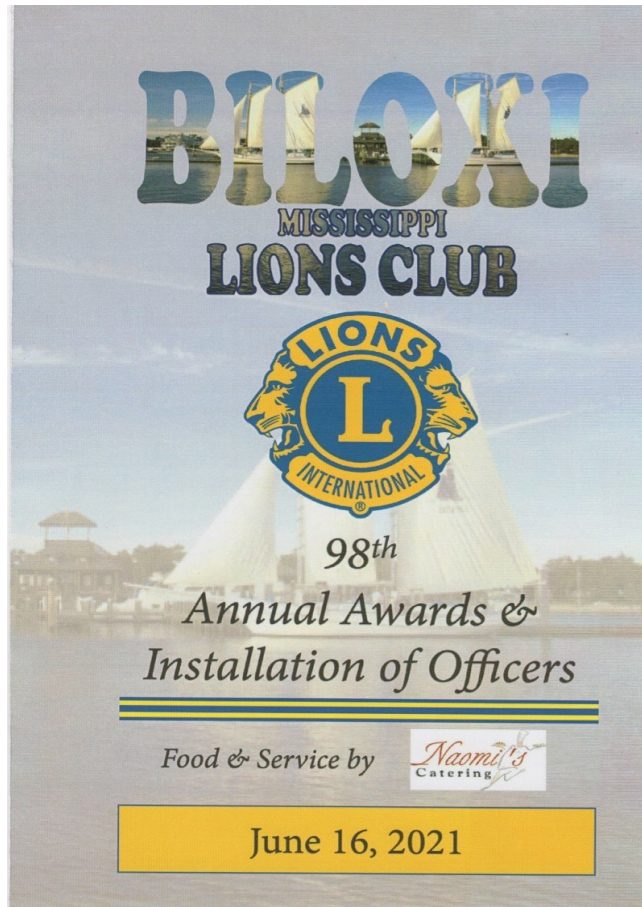
TAIL TWISTER
TADD GABRIELSON

1 YR DIRECTORS
RONNIE COCHRAN
DARRELL GALEY

2 YR DIRECTORS
JUDY GAVIN
HARVEY NIXON

3 YR DIRECTORS
JAYE BRICE
SUZETTE DUHE'

EX OFFICIO
MATT BONEY



UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

JUN 23	Karma Snyder, NASA
JUN 30	Carl Boyanton, candidate for Congress
JULY 7	Kirk Allen, CEO, Mississippi Aquarium
JULY 14	Col. Stuart M. Rubio, Commander, 403rd Air Force Reserve Com. KAFB
JULY 20	Board Meeting, Camp Wilkes, noon

The Biloxi Lions Club meet each Wednesday at noon
The Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum, 1st floor 115 E. 1st Street, Biloxi, MS 39530

June 16, 2021 Installation & Awards Banquet

Biloxi Lions Club 2021 - 2022 Officers and Directors

	<i>LIONS</i>
President	<i>Rev. Elijah Mitchell</i>
1st Vice President	<i>Melinda Freeman</i>
2nd Vice President	<i>Star Ransonet</i>
3rd Vice President	<i>Gerald Gardner</i>
Secretary	<i>Penny Edwards</i>
Treasurer	<i>Greg Crapo</i>
Lion Tamer	<i>Wayne Ross</i>
Tail Twister	<i>Dorothy Nehlig</i>
Roar Editor	<i>Joe McCormick</i>
Membership Chair	<i>Cindy Bamburg</i>
1-Year Director	<i>Harvey Nixon</i>
	<i>Judy Gavin</i>
2-Year Director	<i>Jaye Brice</i>
	<i>Suzette Duhe</i>
3-Year Director	<i>Margot Swetman</i>
	<i>Henry Knue</i>
Ex Officio	<i>Thomas Quave</i>

Welcome
Miss South Mississippi
Dariyel Johnson



The Evening's Events

	<i>LIONS</i>
Welcome & Introductions	<i>PDG Greg Crapo</i>
Pledge of Allegiance	<i>PP Wayne Ross</i>
National Anthem	<i>All Together</i>
Invocation	<i>Rev. Harold Roberts</i>
Our Special Guest	<i>Miss Dariyel Johnson</i>
<i>Conversation & Dinner</i>	
<i>Scavenger Hunt</i>	
Remarks / Presidents Award	<i>Thomas Quave</i>
Induction of Lindsey Moore & Installation of Officers	<i>D.G. Randy Davis</i>
Awards Presentation	<i>Thomas Quave</i>
Rookie Lion	
Lion of Year	<i>With Remarks</i>
Dalstrom	<i>by Recipients</i>
Melvin Jones Induction	<i>PDG Cindy Bamburg & Melinda Freeman</i>
Hall of Fame Induction	<i>Jerry Dodge & Greg Crapo</i>
Remarks of Incoming President	<i>Rev. Elijah Mitchell</i>
Benediction	<i>Rev. Harold Roberts</i>

For Biloxi Lions members who are unable to attend our weekly meetings in person...
The Biloxi Lions invite you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**** Direct Access to the Biloxi Lions Club Weekly Meeting is now available on our website 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 Greg at 228.760.0239 for help

Lions of MS 2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

July 30-Aug 1, 2021 Lions Deaf Camp, Biloxi, MS (moved from April 17-19), Camp Wilkes

Just in: the Lions of MS All-State Concert Schedule:
6:30 PM - Wednesday, June 23, 2021 - Pearl River Community College - Brownstone Center for the Performing Arts
6:30 PM - Thursday, June 24, 2021 - Brandon Amphitheater - Brandon, MS
6:30 PM - Friday, June 25, 2021 - Hernando High School

Please go and support the 30 plus year award winning band and the outstanding cream of the crop high school band musicians representing the State of MS Lions—and YOU!

Lions Dessert Sign-Up Pledges

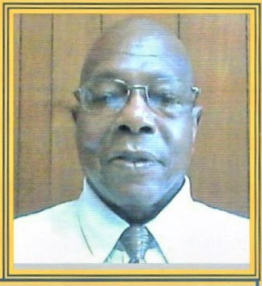
June 23 Andrew Lechner
June 30 Lindsey Moore
July 7 Penny Edwards
Meal attendance average 22-28

The Dessert Sign-up Sheet for July-September is now available at the meetings

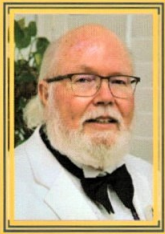


In Biloxi - We Serve!

Chartered February 18, 1924



Our Leader for 2021 - 2022 is Lion Rev. Elijah Mitchell. Lion Elijah is a native of Valdosta, Georgia and is married to Lion Miriam. They have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. A trumpet player, he was a member of the famous Marching 100 band at Florida A&M. He has degrees in Criminology, Business Administration, Political Science, and Organization and Interpersonal Communication, and retired with 21 years of active military service. Lion Elijah joined the ministry in 1979 and served as a missionary in Europe where he organized 14 churches. He returned to the United States in 1996 to serve Baptist churches in Oklahoma, before being recruited to the Methodist faith. Lion Elijah arrived in Mississippi in 2001 and joined the Biloxi Lions Club in April, 2006. In addition, Lion Elijah is the President of Camp Wilkes, on the Board of Biloxi Bay Chamber and represents us on the Lions of Mississippi Sight Foundation Board.



Our Guest Installing Officer is District Governor Randy Davis. Lion Randy is a member of the Wesson Lions, having joined in 1981. A 2-time President of his club, Lion Randy is probably the only District Governor ever to be married to a Tailtwister, his lovely wife, Suzanne. Lion Randy is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Excerpts of remarks by Incoming Lion Pres. Rev. Elijah Mitchell...

I chose the word “Dream” for my remarks this afternoon, because dreams are essential for planning the future of the Biloxi Lions club. A dream is an unrealized image which pulls us into the future. It is an image of what we want for the Biloxi Lions club. A dream is an image of what we prefer and what we wish were true. This dream is an invitation for every Biloxi Lion and future Lions Club members to be fully engaged in our destiny of serving others.

Now, as we seek to address concerns about membership growth, Leo Clubs, finances, etc., we must find new and better ways to consistently attract and engage younger members and keep them and help them to become productive club members. We must promote this club in positive ways everywhere we go and intentionally invite people to become a Lion, because we have the best things going as a service organization.

Again, as I stand here before you this afternoon, I am indeed honored to be given the opportunity to serve in this capacity. And you have my sincere assurance, I will be dedicated to the cause of Lions in this role the same way, I have demonstrated my commitment even before assuming this position as president.

Let me leave you with this quote from Albert Einstein, “Try not to become a person of success, but rather become a person of value.” If you have known me long enough, you know I have never tried to be a person of success but a person of value.

Therefore, as Lions it is our business to serve and not be successful. So, may all our prayers and dreams in this club, come true.
Because in Biloxi, we Serve!



Above Left:
30S District Governor Randy Davis installing President Elect Rev. Elijah Mitchell as Biloxi Lions Club President 2021-2022

Above:
Incoming President Elijah offers acceptance remarks

Above Right:
Outgoing President Tom Quave pinning Incoming Biloxi Lions Club President Rev. Elijah Mitchell with his Lions President Pin

Below Left:
President Tom receiving his Past President Pin from Incoming President Elijah



Through the Lens of our cameras...

Photos courtesy of Lions Greg and Lion Penny

Photos from the Biloxi Lions Club 98th Annual Awards & Installation of Officers June 16, 2021



**Special Guest Dariyel Johnson
Miss South Mississippi**



Outgoing President Tom Quave presents his 2020-2021 Presidential Award to his right hand Lion, Club Secretary Joe

30S DG Randy Davis inducts new member Lindsey Moore. Her co-sponsors were Sea & Sun Corp. President Wayne Ross and PDG Greg Crapo. Lion Lindsey is a 4 year volunteer at the Sea & Sun Camp.



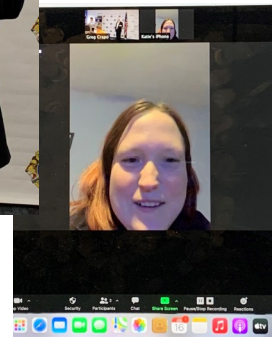
Guest installing officer, 30S District Governor Randy Davis, install 2021-2022 Officers L-R: Treasurer Elect Greg Crapo; 1st Vice President Elect Melinda Freeman, 2nd Vice President Elect Star Ransonet, and 3rd Vice President Elect Gerald Gardner; and Secretary Elect Penny Edwards



**Left:
DG Randy Davis installing 2021-2022 Elect Directors:
L-R
3-Year Directors
Margot Swetman
Henry Knue
2-Year Directors
Jaye Brice
Suzette Duhé
1-Year Directors
(not pictured)
Harvey Nixon
Judy Gavin
Were unable to attend**



**Right:
Outgoing President Tom presents the 2020-2021 Rookie of the Year to Katie Peterson.
Lion Katie was unable to attend in-person but joined us by zoom**



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Photos from the Biloxi Lions Club 98th Annual Awards & Installation of Officers June 16, 2021



Rounding out the 2021-2022 Biloxi Lions Club Board, District Governor Randy Davis installs Left: the Lion Tamer Elect Wayne Ross; the Tail Twister Elect Dorothy Nehlig, the ROAR Editor Elect Joe McCormick, and the Membership Chair Elect Cindy Bamburg



Outgoing President Tom presents the 2020-2021 Lion of the Year to 2 deserving Lions. Both went up and beyond during the very trying year of COVID19. Left: Star Ransonet and Right: Greg Crapo



Incoming President Elijah Mitchell was honored as the 2021 recipient of the Gary Bethune Award. Unfortunately, the award did not arrive in time for the presentation. The award will be presented to President Elijah at a later date.



Another double 2020-2021 award—the Mid-South Dalstrom Award. Left: Lion Teresa Wiek Martin, honored for a donation in memory of her father Lyle Leonard “Charlie” Wiek is pinned and receives her Dalstrom award from Mid-South Officer Wayne Ross. Middle: Lion Melinda Freeman is honored by the Biloxi Lions Club with a Dalstrom Award. She is pinned by Lion Teresa and receives the Dalstrom award from Lion Wayne. Right: both recipients pose proudly with their Dalstrom Award

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PDG Cindy Bamburg acknowledges the Biloxi Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellows attending the evening's program. PDG Cindy also announced the Biloxi Club's 2020-2021 Lions Clubs International Foundation Melvin Jones Fellow recipient Penny Edwards. President of the Biloxi Club Melvin Jones Fellows committee, Melinda Freeman, pins Lion Penny with a Melvin Jones Progressive pin.



And, a third double award for the evening...the Biloxi Lions Club Hall of Fame Award. Above Lions Greg Crapo and Jerry Dodge telephone to notify honoree, Lion Very Rev. "Bo" Roberts, of his induction. A very surprise Lion Bo and his family were on vacation. Right: Lion PDG Larry Sturgis is also inducted in to the Biloxi Lions Club Hall of Fame by Lions Greg and Jerry.



Biloxi Lion Rev. Harold Roberts offered our Invocation and Benediction for the 98th Annual Awards & Installation of Officers.



A round of applause for Chef Calvin Coleman and staff of Naomi's Catering in Gulfport. The menu was excellent and the service even better. Thank you Chef Calvin for the wonderful meal.

Whew... But there is still more to come of the 98th Annual Awards and Installation of Officers program... more photos...the scavenger hunt winners... Hall of Fame selection comments ... and selected comments from award recipients. Look for the next Biloxi Lions Club ROAR, which will be my last ROAR edition. The ROAR Editor elect Joe McCormick will be taking over in July. It has been a wonderful experience be part of a long tradition of ROAR editors. But as tradition dictates—the baton is passed to another. Thank you for your encouragement and support— Lion Penny Edwards

MID-SOUTH LIONS NEWS...

From: Brad Baker

Subject: **Visiting Lions Day August 14**

Date: June 15, 2021

Mid-south Lions is hosting our first Visiting Lions Day on Saturday, August 14 Hamilton Eye Institute, 930 Madison Ave in Memphis. Registration is free www.midsouthlions.org. We are only accepting online reservations for this event. Attendees will be responsible for travel and lodging. Dress is casual but wear comfortable shoes for the tour.

Our event will begin at 9:45 AM in the Freeman Auditorium on the 3rd floor with a general session. Tours of the operating room suites/skills transfer lab, the one-of-a-kind pediatric floor and research floor will begin promptly at 10 AM. During lunch we will hear from our world-renowned ophthalmologists on "Advances in Ophthalmology", then we'll have our final session on "What You Always Wanted to Know About Mid-South Lions."

Please consider visiting with great Lions from Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee; hearing from doctors who help make miracles for your patients daily; meeting the Mid-South Lions, officers, and board members and having a ton of fun while being inspired what Lions are doing at Mid-South.

There always lots of things to do in Memphis.

For questions regarding our Visiting Lions Day, please contact Mid-South Lions office at 888-546-6042 or check out details on our website www.midsouthlions.org **Seating is limited so please register TODAY!** Thanks!

Feel free to share this with everyone on your email list. You do not have to be a Lion to attend.

Together in service,
CC Brad Baker, CEO
Mid-South Lions



Photos courtesy of Lion Teresa Wieck Martin: On June 4 the Biloxi Lions Mid-South members participated in the Annual Mid-South Golf Tournament Fundraising Event in Olive Branch, MS. I haven't heard the outcome of scores but I really dig those vivid golf shorts! Thank you Biloxi Lions and Lion Teresa for sharing the photos.

Mid-South Lions News and Calendar Updates

- August 14 - Mid-South Lions Quarterly Board Meeting**
Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis
- August 14— "Visiting Lions Day"**
Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis TN
With no "Lions Leaders Weekend" due to COVID a one day Lions Leaders Weekend will be held on Saturday, Aug. 14. It will include HEI tours with the Medical Staff and other learning activities. See above information notice from Mid-South CEO Brad Baker
- Sept. 18 - Cooper-Young Festival, Memphis**
Mid-South Lions will be hosting the Kids Fun Zone, More info to come