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8 Months



ROAR
Newsletter

6.21.2023
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& BOARD**

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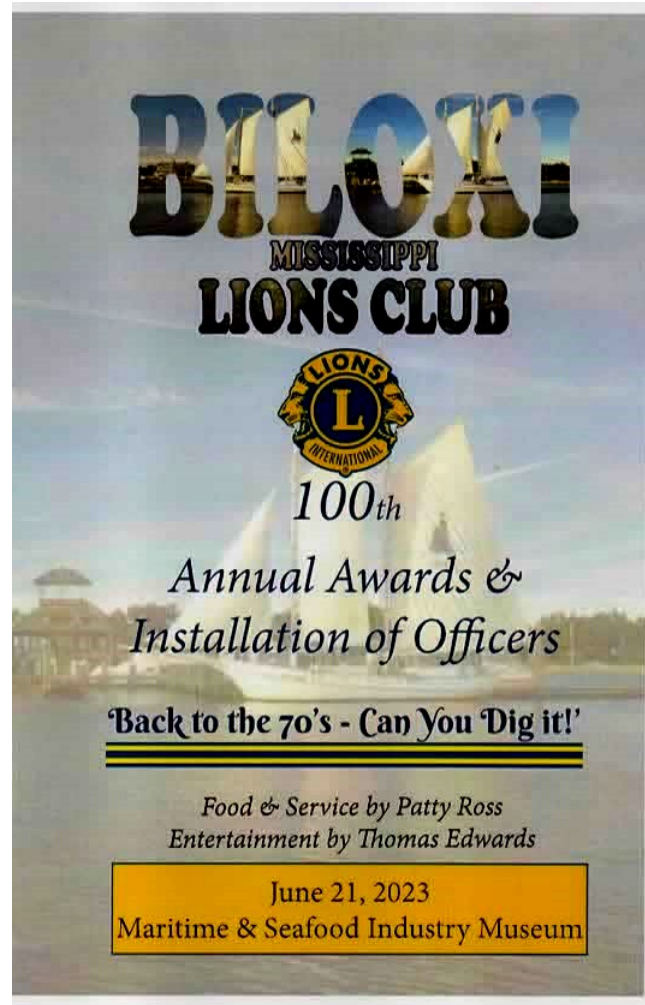
3 YR DIRECTORS

AUSTIN KNUE

MIRIAM MITCHELL

PAST PRESIDENT

ELIJAH MITCHELL



UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

JUN 28	The Honorable Mike Ezell, Rep. 4th Congressional District of MS
JULY 4	Happy 247th Birthday to the United States of America 
Jul 5	James Pennington, Back Bay Mission
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

6.21.2023 Meeting Recap

Biloxi Lions Club 2023 - 2024 Officers & Directors

LIONS

President	Gerald Gardner
1st Vice President	Tadd Gabrielson
2nd Vice President	Austin Knue
Secretary	Joe McCormick
Treasurer	Gregory Crapo
Lion Tamer	Carl Nehlig
Tail Twister	Glenn Quave
Roar Editor	Penny Edwards
Communications/ IT/ Marketing	Wayne Ross
Membership Chair	Dorothy Nehlig
1-Year Director	Margot Swetman
	Jerry Dodge
2-Year Director	Miriam Mitchell
3-Year Director	Cindy Bamburg
	Brandy Gunter
Ex Officio	Melinda Freeman

Miss
Biloxi
Katelyn
Perry



Miss
Gulf Coast
Teen
Sonia Ross



Back to the 70's - Can You Dig It! LIONS

Welcome & Introductions	PP Jerry Dodge
Pledge of Allegiance	
God Bless America	All Together
Invocation	PP Rev. Elijah Mitchell
Miss Gulf Coast Teen	Miss Sonia Ross
Miss Biloxi	Miss Katelyn Perry
DINNER	
Installation of Officers	PDG Cindy Bamburg
Awards Presentations	PP Penny Edwards
Rookie Lion	PP Melinda Freeman
Lion of Year	With Remarks
Archie Bethune	by All Recipients
Dalstrom Presentation	PP Melinda Freeman
Remarks / Presidents Award	
Melvin Jones Induction	PP Penny Edwards PP Darrell Galey
Hall of Fame Inductions	PP Wayne Ross PP Greg Crapo
Remarks of Incoming President	Gerald Gardner
Benediction	Rev. Elijah Mitchell

In Biloxi - We Serve!



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Lion Gerald "Jerry" Gardner

Born and raised in Laurel, Mississippi. Was active duty Air Force for 21 years and Civil Service for 31 years. Now retired and keeping busy with Lions, Camp Wilkes and church.

I have been married to Karen for 33 years and between us, we have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. All the kids are grown and live in this area.

We like to travel and see different areas of the U.S. and foreign countries.

One thing we really like is cruising. I enjoy helping others and the Lions club is perfect for that.



The Passing of the Gavel to the 100th President of the Biloxi Lions Club Lion Gerald "Jerry" Gardner By Outgoing President Lion Melinda Freeman 'We Can Dig It'



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 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

JUNE

28th George Azar

JULY

5th Penny Edwards

12th open

19th open

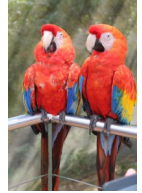
26th open

Thank you to the Biloxi Lions for stepping up to the plate to provide a dessert for the Club Meeting meals.

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.

Jack and Jill...

Meet the family
of the 100th President
of the Biloxi Lions Club



L-R: daughter-in-law Vanessa, son John, daughter Missy, President Lion Jerry, and First Lady Karen



JUNE LIONS

Matt Boney Tadd Gabrielson Dorothy Nehlig

Margot Swetman Tracie Craddock

Juanita Horton



Dates to Save

July 7-11, 2023

International Convention, Boston,

Sept. 21-23, 2023

USA/CANADA Forum, Reno Nevada

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**2023-2024 100th Anniversary
Biloxi Lions Club Officers and Board of Directors**

**PDG Cindy Bamburg
Installing Officer**



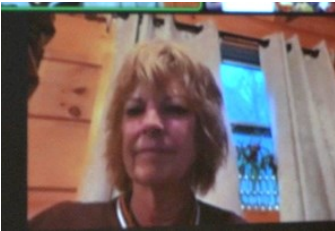
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023 AWARDS HONOREES

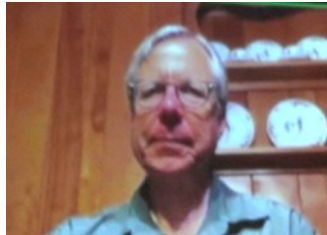


**Presenters L-R:
Outgoing President Melinda Freeman
and PP Lion Penny Edwards**

**2023 Archie Bethune Award
Lion Margot Swetman**



***The Crusader*
2023 Rookie of the Year
Lion Mary Joe Walsh**



***The Monarch*
2023 Lion of the Year
PP Lion Ronald S. "Ronnie" Cochran**

Lions Ronnie and Mary Jo were unable to attend in person and joined via Zoom



**Past Reipients of the Mid-South Dalstrom Awards joining the
2023 Mid-South Dalstrom Award Recipient PP Lion Rev. Elijah Mitchell**



**Photo #1 Left:
2023 Melvin Jones Fellowship Award
PP Lion Richard Wayne Ross Jr.
Accepting the Melvin Jones Fellowship Plaque
from the 2022 Melvin Jones Fellowship
Recipient PP Lion Darrell Galey**



**Photo #2 Left:
The Biloxi Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellows
Welcoming the 2023 recipient Lion Wayne
to our Fellowship**

Biloxi Lions Club Hall of Fame 2023 Inductees



Left: PP Lion Jaye Brice Inducted into Biloxi Lions Hall of Fame 2023

Above: Past Hall of Fame Honorees PDG Larry Strugis, PDG Greg Crapo and PP Jerry Dodge welcome our new Hall of Famer Lion Jaye

Lion Jaye Brice has been a member since 1988 and served as President 1995-1995. She received the Lion of the Year in 1995, the Melvin Jones in 2000 and 2017 giving her the honor of being a Progressive Melvin Jones, and the Archie Bethune Award in 2018. She received the Biloxi Outstanding Citizen Award in 2012. She is the longest serving Pageant Chair and is founder of the Miss Gulf Coast Title.

**Biloxi Lions
Posthumous Inducted into the
2023 Hall of Fame**

Lion Glenn Swetman
1924 Charter Member
President 1927-1930
Lion of the Year 1972
Biloxi Outstanding Citizen 1972
Melvin Jones Fellow 1989
Longest Continual Member of 70 Years

Lion Reverend Edward DeMiller
Member 1929-1959
Served as President, Secretary, Treasurer
District Governor 1930
Lions International Counsellor 1951-54
MS Lions Hall of Fame 2008

Lion Lt. Col. Lester Bridges
President 1969-1970
Secretary 1973-2001
Lion of the Year 1978
Melvin Jones Fellow 1991
Dalstrom Award 2001

Alvin Austin LeDuke
Member 1990-2007
President 2005-2006
Leader Dog Award 2001
Melvin Jones Fellow 2002
Original Sea And Sun Volunteer
Board Member for Sea and Sun

Thank You Lion President Melinda Freeman for A Job Well Done 2022-2023

Lion President Melinda going over her notes for the last big event of her term as President.

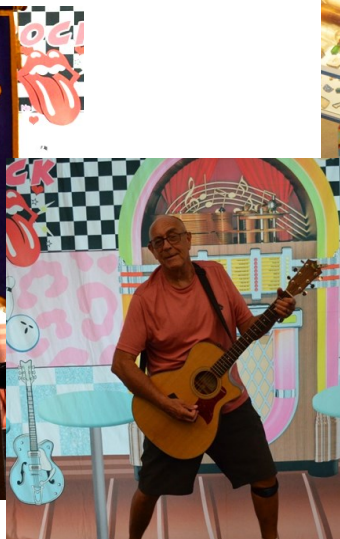
The Biloxi Lions Past Presidents presenting Lion Melinda with the Flame Award to remind her of how she kept the Lions "Flame" Alive.



Pageant Director Lion Jaye Brice poses with the 2022-2023 reigning Miss Gulf Coast Teen Sonia Ross and Miss Biloxi Katelyn Perry



2023 Installation Program's Master of Ceremonies Lion Jerry Dodge



Thomas Edwards entertains during the Meet and Greet/Bartender Hour



Incoming 1st VP Lion Tadd Gabrielson, 2023 Installation and Awards Program event chair



Incoming Lion Tamer Lion Carl Nehlig and Outgoing 1st VP Star Ransonet enjoy Meet and Greet time with Patty Ross, who prepare the evening meal

Just a few photos... what fun we had... at Back to the 70s... Can You Dig It!

