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**Installing Biloxi Lions Newest Member  
George Azar on 1.1.2023**



George receiving the Lions International Pin from President Melinda Freeman



Lion George proudly displaying his new membership certificate from installing officer PDG Carl Nehlig



Lion George's sponsor, Lion Glenn Quave, receiving a sponsorship pin from PDG Carl. Lion Glenn is a 4th generation Biloxi Lion. His grtgrandfather, Glenn Swetman, was a charter member of the Biloxi Lions Club.

**UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND**

<b>FEB 1</b>	Woody Baily, Cruisin' The Coast
<b>FEB 8</b>	Whitney Ott & Kellie Lamb, American Cancer Society
<b>FEB 15</b>	<b>Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen Award Luncheon</b> , please arrive early so program can begin promptly
<b>FEB 16</b>	Biloxi Lions Board Mtg, Cadence Bank, noon, BYOL
<b>FEB 22</b>	Lion Greg Crapo, update on BLC website
<b>MAR 1</b>	Bryan Wallace, Biloxi Police Dept., Community Relations
<b>MAR 8</b>	Dr. Marie Danforth, USM, Local discovery "Mexican-American War" remains
<b>MAR 10 -12</b>	Girls Leadership Conference, Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville, MS
<b>MAR 17 -19</b>	Boys Leadership Conference, Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville, MS

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

## 1.25.2023 Meeting Recap

**Opening:** President Melinda Freeman called the meeting to order at 12:05pm; Lions Jaye, Jerry D. and Pete led us in God Bless America; Lion Pete led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion Joe offered the prayer

**Guest(s):** Lion Mary Jo introduced her guest and prospective member Debbie Bailius

**Zoom:** no zoom attendance

**50/50 drawing:** \$24 was won by Glenn B.; **King of Clubs Progressive:** Lion Jerry Dodge drew the 3 of Diamonds

**Auction Item:** Lion Penny brought a hand made Welcome sign for her birthday auction item. Lion Cindy Bamburg won the item for \$27

### Club Business and Announcements:

1. Pres. Melinda asked that we keep Lions Elijah, Miriam, and Juanita in our thoughts and prayers as they travel to Georgia this week for the funeral of Lion Elijah's brother who passed away last week. She also welcomed members Tom Wick and Milt Grishman, who have not been able to attend for a while, back to join us
2. Lion Penny gave a brief update on the District 30S Mid-Winter Convention held in Madison 1/20-21. She reported Biloxi was represented by 9 members: Lions PDG Cindy Bamburg, PDG Carl Nehlig, Dorothy Nehlig, Elijah Mitchell, Miriam Mitchell, Juanita Horton, Joe McCormick, Jerry Gardner, and herself. The visiting ID Dianne Pitts was very informative and upbeat in her presentation feeding from the energy provided by LCI President Ed Sheehan. Lion Elijah Mitchell and herself were nominated by acclamation for the position of District 30S 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor, respectively. Penny gave a brief detail of the business session and the zone and committee reports presented. Biloxi members at convention photos page 4
3. Lion Joe gave the 1/19 Board Meeting minutes review which was mainly a brainstorming session on how the club can reach out to younger adults to join the BLC. Several outstanding suggestions were made including a virtual branch club and activating a LEO club. A Shuckers game or a trip on one of the schooners were discussed for a membership drive
4. Pres. Melinda stated Lion Kathryn was unable to make the meeting today but did bring the Mexican casserole meal in for us; thanked Lions Star and Penny for setting up the room and getting the meal out on the tables; and thanked Lion Cindy for the cake and cookies she provided for dessert
5. Lion Jerry Dodge introduced our speaker, Dr. Philip Levin, author. Photos below

### Dr. Philip Levin, MD, Poet, and Author

Dr. Levin, a regular speaker prior to COVID, was able to return today to give an update on his recent published works and of those still in the drafting stage.

He started off with catching us up on the progress of the Medical Cannabis reaching the market on the coast. Since passing into law it has been a slow process on getting the product into the patients which have been cleared for the prescription and use of medical cannabis. He is currently assisting those who need to obtain their clearance card based on the information provided by their physician. "It appears that product should be reaching the approved retail facilities within the week" he said. He took a few members' questions before moving on to his next topic, being a poet and author.

In past years, pre-COVID, Dr. Levin visited the Biloxi Club on a regular basis either to tell of his latest mission trip to Africa or what new books he had recently finished or published.

A self publisher, Dr. Levin said it is easy to do through Kindle. The only draw back can be in the printing as the least number can be up to 1,000 copies to get a good cost on printing. He claimed it can be a nightmare each year at inventory time for taxes...especially when you have 13 published books and close to 13,000 total copies still available. He sells his works mainly through word of mouth, local festivals, small group signings, online through Kindle and Amazon and when he visits organizations like the Biloxi Lions Club. In fact at one such visit to club he collected donations to help with a water system he was helping to provide to a small village in Africa. In the book about this mission trip where the water system was installed a plaque was presented to village. The plaque has the Biloxi Lions Club mentioned as one of the monetary donors for the project. How cool is that!

In closing he read us a poem he plans to enter in the Mississippi Poetry Society's upcoming May 1, 2023 poetry contest. There are 29 categories with type and subject. His entry falls into the 'Bible/Hands' category. He read the poem entitled *Laying on Hands* which relates how he, as a physician, has used his hands not only in the course of medical profession but also in the different degrees comfort to his patients depending on the situation. It was a very moving work and best wishes to Dr. Levin once it is judged.



Don't forget you can ZOOM a meeting if unable to attend in person.

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>

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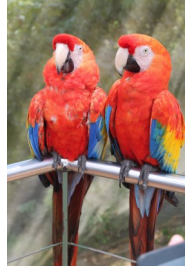
## Dessert Pledges January-February

FEBRUARY	MARCH
1st Penny Edwards	1st open
8th open	8th open
15th Melinda Freeman	15th Glenn Bremenkamp
22nd open	22nd open
	29th open

There are a lot of openings....if you like dessert please sign up. The JANUARY-MARCH Quarter Dessert Sign-Up Sheet is available at every meeting on the dessert table. Please sign up and showcase your special dessert. Dessert pledges will be posted in the ROAR in case you forget your date.

### NEWS Flash!!!

Jack and Jill had a great time traveling to Madison for District 30S's Mid-Winter Convention. The visiting International Director Dianne Pitts is an amazing speaker. Accompanying ID Dianne was her husband, PCC Dr. Joe Pitts.



We were able to get a few photos from the convention to share with you. Hope you enjoy the photos... And, congratulations to Lion Elijah and Lion Penny for their nominations as the District 30S 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor and to Lion Cindy for her recognition by the International President Ed Sheehan for her dedication to Lionism in Biloxi. As we enter the month of February and our 100th Birthday... In Biloxi-We Serve!



## JANUARY LIONS

Carl Nehlig Penny Edwards  
Wayne Ross Teresa Wieck-Martin

### March 10-12, 2023

Girls Leadership Conference, Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville MS

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### April 15, 2023

Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Day

### May 5-6, 2023

Lions of MS State Convention, Columbus, MS

### July 7-11, 2023

International Convention, Boston, MA

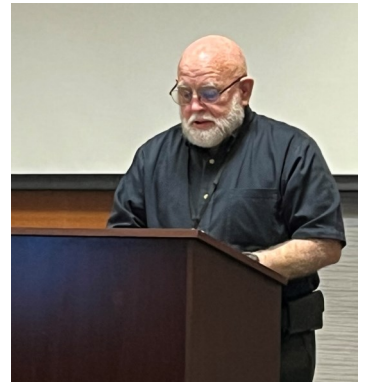
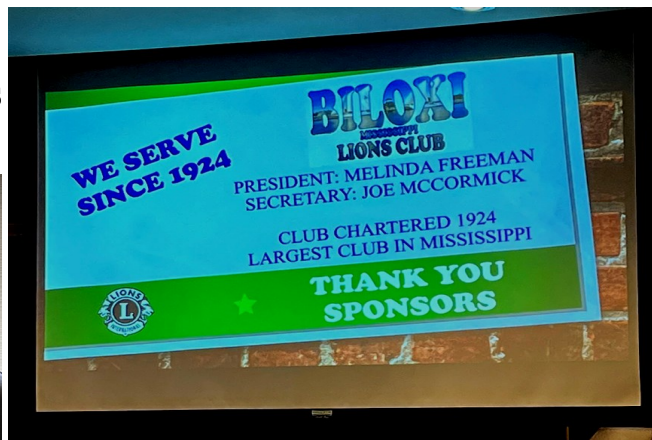
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A few Biloxi Club photos taken at the:

### Lions of Mississippi District 30S Mid-Winter Convention



We missed you...