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ROAR  
Newsletter

1.31.2024  
Edition

Chartered February 18, 1924

**2023-2024  
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**PAST PRESIDENT**

MELINDA FREEMAN

It's Not Too Late To RSVP!



**One Hundredth Celebration  
February 17, 2024  
6-10 PM Biloxi Visitor Center**

**Information on Page 4**

Better late than never...Correction to forms on Page 4 and Page 5 ...  
the mailing address is P.O.Box 196 not '96' as listed on the forms

If you plan to attend please just RSVP no later than by February 10, 2024 to  
Lion Penny that you are coming at lionpennyedwards@gmail.com.  
In the email please include the number in your party to ensure caterer has accu-  
rate count. Then payment can be made at the door on the night of the event by  
check, Venmo or CashApp only.

A credit card option will not be available at the door.

**UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

<b>FEB 7</b>	Open
<b>FEB 8</b>	Board Meeting, Trinity Café, Ohr Museum, noon
<b>FEB 14</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>
<b>FEB 17</b>	<b>Biloxi Lions Club 100th Birthday Celebration, Biloxi Visitors Center, Information on page 4</b>
<b>FEB 21</b>	<b>NO MEETINGS</b>
<b>FEB 28</b>	Kevin Coggin, CTA (East/West Corridor Project)
<b>APR 13</b>	Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Day at Hamilton Eye Institute Memphis
<b>APR 29-30</b>	Lions of MS State Convention, Biloxi, DoubleTree Hotel & Biloxi Visitors Center

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

## 1.31.2024 Meeting Recap

**Opening:** Lion President Jerry Gardner called meeting to order at 12:05pm; The BLC Choir led us in God Bless America; Lion Pres. Jerry led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion Dorothy offered the prayer

**Guests:** None

**Zoom:** Lion Austin

**50/50 drawing:** Lion Mary Jo \$21; **King of Clubs Progressive Drawing:** Lion Wayne drew the Ace of Hearts. If the King of Clubs drawn, then \$185 to the winner

**Auction Item:** Lion Pres. Jerry won the Auction Item of a package of homemade Venison Jerky donated by Lion Jerry Dodge

### Club Business and Announcements:

#### 1. Lion President Jerry's Announcements:

A) The February Board Meeting is February 8th and will be held at: Trinity Café by Joshua, Ohr-O'Keefe Museum, 386 Beach Blvd. 39530, at noon. You can order off the menu if you wish to dine

B) Reminder: No Club meetings for Wednesdays Feb. 14th and Feb. 21st

C) There are still BLC 100th Anniversary Challenge Coins still available. \$10 each. See Lion Pres. Jerry Gardner

D) Lion Pres. Jerry welcomed Lion Dorothy back to the meeting following her hip replacement surgery

2. Lion Cindy, 100th Celebration chair, was unable to attend today's meeting so Lion Penny distributed a signup sheet for volunteers to help on the day of the event and a sheet for members who wish to contribute \$10 to have their name appear in the Biloxi Club's sponsorship ad for the 100th Celebration program. We are still accepting sponsorship ads (page 5 for form) and are still accepting RSVPs to attend. To ensure we have an accurate count for the caterer, deadline to RSVP is February 10th

3. Lion Dorothy announced the 2024 See's Candy Spring Campaign. Candy description and order forms were distributed. Candy will be ordered in time to arrive before Easter

4. Lion Elijah announced Camp Wilkes will be having a \$2500 Draw Down on May 4. Tickets are \$40 each which includes 1 entry per ticket to the draw down, admits dinner for 2 and live entertainment. Do not need to be present to win. All Camp Wilkes Board Members have tickets available

6. Thank you Lion Kathryn for the Mexican Rice meal and thank you to Lion Miriam for providing King Cake for dessert

7. **Program:** Cassidy Anderson, Public Guardian for Harrison County Chancery Court. Photos below



It is with deep sadness the Biloxi Lions Club learned on Saturday morning, 2/3/2024, of the passing of PP Lion Melinda Freeman's husband, Alan. Riemann Family Funeral Home has posted Alan's obituary on their website. Please refer to the website for the arrangements.

## Cassidy Anderson, Chancery Court Public Guardian

What does a Chancery Court Public Guardian do? Cassidy Anderson, a Gulfport Attorney, visited the Biloxi Club to explain the duties are for the Public Guardian in the Harrison County Chancery Court system.

Anderson, a practicing attorney in Gulfport since 2008, was appointed by the Harrison County Board of Supervisors Public Guardian in January 2023, so just over a year in this position. According to Anderson a Public Guardian provides a service to persons unable to properly care for themselves or who are unable to manage their finances. The person can be an elderly without a family member who can handle their affairs, an incapacitated adult that is experiencing mental health or drug addiction issues, or a minor.

His duties include, but are not limited to: acting as the Conservator for indigent folk, defender in Mental Health or Drug/Alcohol commitments, liquidates assets (if necessary) to cover medical expenses for elderly in nursing homes, and to act as the Attorney ad litem to represent a child during a legal action, such as in a divorce, in a parental termination, or child-abuse cases.

Anderson smiled as he described a room at the Harrison County Court House next to his office. It is filled with age appropriate toys, stuffed animals, games, and a small stuff couch. It is in this room he makes friends with the children that must come through the Chancery Court system. Anderson says he must gain the child's trust so what better way to do that but just to sit with them or get down on the floor and play.

As a conservator, he supervises the financial affairs of an adult who is found by the Court to be incapable of doing so themselves. Anderson further explained that he have to account for every penny of the person's assets, income and public assistance benefits and file a monthly report to the Court on the person's behalf. And, sometimes, I make decisions about medical care, food, clothing, and where the person will live.

In closing Anderson states that while he stays very busy he is extremely satisfied in the service this office provides.

For more information on the Harrison County Chancery Court go to their website at <https://harrisoncountyschanceryclerk.gov>



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](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

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

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# JANUARY LIONS

Penny Edwards    Wayne Ross

Carl Nehlig    Teresa Wieck-Martin

Remember you can reach me c/o Lion Penny's email: [lionpennyedwards@gmail.com](mailto:lionpennyedwards@gmail.com) to help spread any LIONS news you feel need sharing!



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Far Out! Not only is Lion Jerry Gardner a President he is now a **KING!**

Biloxi Lion President Jerry Gardner was crowned King at the 2024 Krewe Of Harlequin Elvis Themed Mardi Gras Ball on Saturday, February 3, 2024.



Reigning along side King Jerry is his lovely bride Queen Karen. What better way to continue the '70s theme of his 2023-2024 Biloxi Lions President's term than being crowned King, not only King but the King of Rock and Roll themed event ...Elvis!

**Congratulations to King Jerry and Queen Karen!**



Biloxi Lions Elijah, Miriam, Juanita, Mary Jo, Cindy and Penny joined the King and Queen in their evening of merry making at the Harlequin Ball.

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## Dates to Save

**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.

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
7th	Cindy Bamburg
14th	No meeting
21st	No meeting
28th	Margot Swetman
<b>MARCH</b>	
6th	Cindy Bamburg
13th	Glenn Quave
20th	Jaye Brice
27th	Carl & Dorothy Nehlig

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<http://m.facebook.com/BiloxiLions>

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<b>Feb. 17, 2024</b> Biloxi Lions Club 100th Celebration Biloxi Visitor's Center, 6-10p	<b>June 7, 2024</b> Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament Olive Branch, MS
<b>Feb. 17, 2024</b> Mid-South Lions Cataract-A-Thon Memphis	<b>June 8, 2024</b> Mid-South Lions Cataract-A-Thon
<b>April 12-13, 2024</b> Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Week-end, Memphis, TN	<b>June 21-25, 2024</b> Lions International Convention Melbourne, Australia
<b>April 29-30, 2024</b> Lions of MS State Convention Biloxi, MS, Additional Information in upcoming Magnolia Publication	



**CHARTERED FEBRUARY 18, 1924**

Please join the Biloxi Lions Club as we celebrate our club's history over the past 100 Years of Lionism and as we welcome in a new century of

**"IN BILOXI WE SERVE!"**

**Date:** Saturday, February 17, 2024  
**Time:** 6-10 PM  
**Location:** The Biloxi Visitor Center, Second Floor  
1050 Beach Blvd.  
Biloxi, MS 39530  
**Attire:** Dressy or Cocktail

A gala celebration to remember with coastal cuisine, dancing, and a whole lot of memories. BYOB.

Limited number of reservations are available. Please make reservations by 2/10/2024.

Early reservations: \$40.00 per person.

Reservations after January 31, 2024: \$50.00 per person.

Payment Options:

- 1) Check: payable to the Biloxi Lions Club, P.O. Box 96, Biloxi, MS 39533
- 2) Biloxi Lions Website: [biloxilions.org](http://biloxilions.org) for Credit Card
- 3) Venmo: @BiloxiLions1924 (verifying phone # 7840)
- 4) CashApp: \$BiloxiLions

(There are no fees for using Venmo or CashApp services and are preferred to the credit card option)

Please include the first and last name of all persons in your party in respective memo fields.

Penny Edwards is the contact person for this event. Should you have any questions please email her at [lionpennyedwards@gmail.com](mailto:lionpennyedwards@gmail.com).

We look forward to your sharing the night with us!

***Biloxi Lions Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration***  
***Advertising/Sponsorship Form***

Advertising space is now available for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration program! Please show your support for Biloxi Lions Club's 100 years of service by placing an order. You may submit artwork, or just a business card will do. If you have any specific needs, please call Cindy Bamburg at (228) 424-3478 or email (cindy.bamburg@gmail.com) this order form, but please don't delay as the deadline is **February 9, 2024**,

Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

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1/2 Page	4 1/2 x 5 1/2	_____	\$60.00
1/4 Page	2 1/4 x 5 1/2	_____	\$40.00

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