

Here's to the Next 100



**ROAR  
Newsletter**

**2.17.2024  
Special  
100th Anniversary  
Edition**

**Chartered February 18, 1924**

**2023-2024  
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**Biloxi Lions Celebrate One Hundred Years 1924-2024**



**Biloxi Lions President Gerald Gardner cuts a Blue Ribbon to start the celebration of remembering 100 years of IN BILOXI WE SERVED**

**And, to usher in the next 100 years of IN BILOXI WE SERVE**

**What a wonderful way to start a new century of Service than with a reaffirmation of commitment by the Biloxi Lions Club. Thank you to the Biloxi Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tina Ross Seamans and to her Administrative Assistant Dawn Ross for performing a Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.**

**UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

<b>FEB 28</b>	Kevin Coggin, CTA (East/West Corridor Project)
<b>MAR 2</b>	Diabetes Foundation of MS Walk, Jones Park, 9:30
<b>MAR 6</b>	Outstanding Citizen Nomination Deadline, 5:00 pm
<b>MAR 13</b>	<b>Biloxi Outstanding Citizen Award Presentation, Seafood Museum, noon</b>
<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

## 2.17.2024 Biloxi's 100th Celebration



Guest Speaker, Lion Brad Baker  
Executive Director Mid-South Lions



City of Biloxi Mayor Andrew 'FoFo' Gilich Present a  
Proclamation to Biloxi Lions President Gerald Gardner



Lion President Gerald Gardner accepting a U.S.  
Flag from U.S. Representative Mike Ezell



100th Celebration Emcee  
Biloxi Lions PDG Greg Crapo



Reminiscing stories  
from their years as Lions

L: Lion David Stanovich  
B: Lion Rev. Bo Roberts  
R: Lion Jerry Dodge



**CONGRATULATIONS  
LION GLENN BREMENKAMP  
100th Anniversary  
MELVIN JONES FELLOW**  
All the Melvin Jones Fellows attending the  
Biloxi Lions 100th Celebration  
welcomes Lion Glenn Bremenkamp  
to the Melvin Jones Fellowship.  
Presenting the Melvin Jones Plaque to  
Lion Glenn in recognition for his many years  
of collecting and transporting  
collected eyeglasses is  
Biloxi Lions Immediate Past Melvin Jones  
Recipient, Lion Darrel Galey.



### Important Notice

All Biloxi Lions Club Melvin  
Jones Fellows please plan to  
stay a few minutes following  
the Wednesday, Feb. 28th  
Club meeting.



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

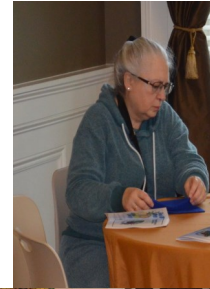


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A BIG SHOUT TO THE BEHIND THE SCENES FOLKS...



Special Shout Out to Lion Teresa Wieck-Martin and the St. Patrick's HS Exchange Student volunteers



## FEBRUARY LIONS

Cindy Bamburg    Tom Wicks

Tina Gillich    Kathryn Holden

### 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.

### FEBRUARY

28th Margot Swetman

### MARCH

6th Cindy Bamburg  
13th Glenn Quave  
20th Jaye Brice  
27th Carl & Dorothy Nehlig

## ROAR



### Dates to Save

**April 12-13, 2024**

Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Week-end, Memphis, TN

**April 19-21, 2024**

Lions Deaf Camp, Biloxi, Camp Wilkes

**April 29-30, 2024**

Lions of MS State Convention Biloxi, MS, Additional Information in upcoming Magnolia Publication

**May 17-19, 2024**

Lions Sea and Sun Camp, Biloxi, Camp Wilkes

**June 7, 2024**

Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament Olive Branch, MS

**June 8, 2024**

Mid-South Lions Cataract-A-Thon

**June 21-25, 2024**

Lions International Convention Melbourne, Australia

Lions Club of Biloxi

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**Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen 2023**  
**Biloxi Lions Club**  
**P.O. Box 182**  
**Biloxi, Mississippi 39533**



February 8, 2024

For the past ninety-one years, the Biloxi Lions Club has sponsored the highly coveted **Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen Award**. Since 1931, nominations have been solicited from churches, fraternal and business organizations throughout Biloxi. Our goal is to locate the Biloxi citizen who has made the greatest contribution to the advancement and improvement of our community during the preceding year.

You are invited to nominate. Nominations must be received by Email, U.S. Mail or hand delivered, no later than 5:00 P.M. March 6, 2024. The Biloxi Lions Club is not responsible for any nomination not received for any reason whatsoever.

*Guidelines to consider when making your nomination.*

1. *Primary consideration should be given for outstanding service to the Biloxi community during the calendar year 2023.*
2. *His or her service should be considered based on altruism and not as a part of his/her regular employment duties. This award is intended for service above and beyond without remuneration, the nominee's personal satisfaction being its own reward.*
3. *Your nominee should have an ongoing history of community service, not a one-time service.*
4. *Please remember, this is **The Outstanding Citizen of Biloxi** and as such, the nominee shall either live or work in the city of Biloxi.*
5. *Lastly, the award is for overall community service and not the reputation derived from the service for any one club, organization, church, or school. We feel each organization has an appropriate way to honor their own members for that special service.*

Please complete the enclosed **Official Nomination Form**. Because this is a confidential nomination, it is requested that you not publicize your nomination. All nominees will be contacted at the conclusion of the voting. Voting will be by a special non-partisan delegation including past recipients and members of the Biloxi Lions Club. Your nomination may include up to five letters of recommendations, which must be submitted with the application. The letters are not required, and the voting committee may choose not to consider them. Letters of recommendations should be limited to one page each or less.

The Award presentation will be Wednesday March 13, 2024, at the Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum, 115 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Biloxi, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 12:00 Noon. The luncheon will be open to the public. Reservations are suggested due to limited seating. Luncheon tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door for \$25.00. We will encourage all nominees to attend and be recognized for this honor.

We are eagerly awaiting your reply. If you have a question or comment, you may reach me at (228)-234-2814. A list of past recipients is included for your review.

Sincerely Yours,

Reverend Elijah Mitchell  
Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen Committee  
Biloxi Lions Club



**BILOXI LIONS CLUB  
BILOXI'S OUTSTANDING CITIZEN FOR 2023  
OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM**

**Nominations Close March 6, at 5:00 p.m.**

Nomination submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINEE'S BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Biloxi Resident since (date): \_\_\_\_\_ Church Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINEE'S CAREER**

Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**NOMINEE'S COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Organization Participation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Civic Participation: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Citizens of the Year Past Recipients

2021 Dr. Paul A. Tisdale  
2020 Col John G. Sullivan  
2019 Gregory K. Crapo  
2018 Lee Ann Dubaz  
2017 Errol Blessey Bradley  
2016 Susan Hunt  
2015 Joe Boney  
2014 Katherine Blessey  
2013 Dennis J. Burke  
2012 Jaye Gilich Brice  
2011 Lt. Col Thomas A. Varble  
2010 Theresa A. Pavlov  
2009 Kathy Springer  
2008 Delmar P. Robinson  
2007 Arlene Canaan  
2006 Lt. Gen. Clark Griffith  
2005 Citizens of Biloxi  
2004 Paul J. Collins  
2003 Clara Watson  
2002 Sr. Mary Riordan R.S.M.  
2001 A. J. Stanovich  
2000 Jimmie W. Roy  
1999 Tonsie Gaudé  
1998 Ron Peresich  
1997 Sandy Steckler  
1996 Liz Joachim  
1995 Tommy Munro  
1994 Chris Moore  
1993 Arlene Wall  
1992 Bill Holmes  
1991 Rusty David  
1990 Chevis Swetman  
1989 Clare Hornsby  
1988 Dick E. Wilson  
1987 Dr. Olon Ray  
1986 Joseph Duffie, Jr.  
1985 Sherwood L. Fayard  
1984 Sen. Tommy Gollott  
1983 Ernest Melvin  
1982 Nina Schwartzman  
1981 L. J. "Blue" Caillavet  
1980 Bruce Stewart  
1979 Matre Pitalo  
1978 William R. Lyons  
1977 John Pettus  
1976 Albert L. Mangin Sr.  
1975 Austin Moritz  
1974 Rev. W. C. Wyatt  
1973 Harry J. Schmidt, Jr.  
1972 Glenn L. Swetman  
1971 Rev. David C. Ehrenfeld  
1970 Walter F. Fountain  
1969 John P. McDermott, Jr.  
1968 Laz Quave  
1967 Leo K. Crapo  
1966 Jerry O'Keefe  
1965 Mosline Savarro  
1964 Emile Fallo, Jr.  
1963 Mathew P. Lyons  
1962 Daniel Guice  
1961 George C. Quint  
1960 John T. Collins  
1959 Frank "Yankie" Barhanovich  
1958 Frotscher R. Steckler  
1957 Dr. B.Z. Welch  
1956 Frank P. Corso  
1955 Dr. D. L. Hollis  
1954 Kline Coquet  
1953 Cosman H. Eisendrath  
1952 Mrs. Dora F. Gilly  
1951 M/Gen. James Powell  
1950 Eugene Peresich  
1949 Mrs. Josephine W. Reicker  
1948 L.C. Corban  
1947 Msgr. Geoffrey O'Connell  
1946 Ross L. Fickes  
1945 Donald R. FitzRoy  
1944 Maj. E.A. Hiller  
1943 Mrs. W. T. Bolton  
1942 F. H. Kimbrough  
1941 Mrs. J. H. Beeman  
1940 George Ditto  
1939 Mrs. W.F. McDonnell  
1938 Rev. J. A. Demiller  
1937 Louis J. Braun  
1936 Frank E. Bowes  
1935 Eugene P. Wilkes  
1934 Anthony V. Ragusin  
1933 Walter G. Wilkes  
1932 E. E. Moore  
1931 William F. Swan