

Count Down 100  
10 Months



ROAR  
Newsletter

4.12.2023  
Edition

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**2022-2023  
OFFICERS  
& BOARD**

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**3 YR DIRECTORS**

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**PAST PRESIDENT**

ELIJAH MITCHELL

Rarely does it happen that the Biloxi Lions not have a program or a speaker, but when it does...the President pitch-hits and asks a club member to step up to the plate. Lion President Melinda did just that and boy did she ask a homerun story teller, Lion Darrell Galey.

PP Lion Darrell is not only one of the Club's many vocalist, who along with fellow club members leads us in *God Bless America* at the start of our weekly meeting, but Darrell can keep you spelled bound at each of his words and songs. The best is when he does both in the same setting.

Today's program was a short story of his life beginning with a song entitled *Soldiers Again*. In between the verses Darrell told us of his boyhood friend, Jimmy, and their endless days of playing backyard soldiers and fighting a battle, but not with other friends but one particular day with a mess of red ants from the wood pile brush they were using as a hiding place. As the song progressed verse by verse Darrell insert a life story with this friend Jimmy ending with how the song ends, that one day he and his BFF Jimmy will one day be soldiers again in the army of the Lord.

I wished I had taken a video instead of a still photo of Darrell presenting his story. As a Lion we all have our moments with our Lion family and we will continue to fight the battle even after the final earthly battle is fought... Thank you Darrell...



**UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

<b>APR 21-23</b>	MS Lions/De L'Epee Deaf Center Deaf Camp, Camp Wilkes
<b>APR 26</b>	Loree Gilman RN, Merit Health Chest Pain and Stroke Coordinator
<b>MAY 3</b>	Megan Tomsik, Optometrist
<b>MAY 5-6</b>	<b>Lions of MS State Convention, Columbus, MS</b>
<b>MAY 10</b>	<b>Biloxi Lions Mother of the Year Award Ceremony</b>
<b>MAY 11</b>	Biloxi Lions Board Mtg, Cadence Bank, 2nd floor, noon, BYOL
<b>MAY 17</b>	Brett Montague, <i>EndItForGood</i> , Ending Drug Abuse in America
<b>MAY 19-21</b>	MS Lions Sea and Sun Visually Impaired Camp, Camp Wilkes
<b>JUN 8</b>	Biloxi Lions Board Mtg, Cadence Bank, 2nd floor, noon, BYOL
<b>JUN 14</b>	Father of the Year Award Ceremony

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

## 4.12.2023 Meeting Recap

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

**Guest(s):** Donald Johnson

**Zoom:** none

**50/50 drawing:** \$35 was won by Lion Elijah; **King of Clubs Progressive:** Lion Darrell drew the Ace of Diamonds; \$1130 to winner if King of Clubs card drawn today

**Auction Item:** none

**Club Business and Announcements:**

1. Lion Pres. Melinda:

- a) Thanked Lions Kathryn for her baked chicken and delicious green beans and Cindy for providing cake for dessert; Dessert sign-up sheet on table
  - b) the Slate of 2023-2023 Officers has been amended and, therefore, a new first reading **SEE BELOW**
  - c) the Lions of MS State convention is May 5-6 in Columbus, **registration form on page 5**
  - d) April board meeting will be April 12, Cadence Bank, Howard Ave., noon, BYOL. Lion Teresa will be attending to give update on 2024 State Convention possible venue and rates
  - e) MOY nomination deadline is April 12. Only 1 nomination to date. **Letter and form on pages 6 & 7 respectively**
2. Lion Elijah spoke on the importance of members attending the State Convention...we need members to get involved in the leadership of the Lions of MS, **Registration form on page 5**; also to contribute to White Cane so that vital funding is not cut on Lions State programs, **White Cane form on page 4**
3. Lion Greg said that the Biloxi Club will be making history at this convention. Never before has the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors been nominated from the same club at the same year, Lions Elijah and Penny need us to fill our delegate quota and vote
4. Lion Jaye announced that Miss Biloxi, Katelyn Perry, on April 8th is Making a Difference Day and will be collecting supplies for the recent tornado victims in North MS. Drop off sites are Bridal and Formal Boutique (Gpt), Quakes (Biloxi and Ocean Springs)
5. **Program:** Lion Leslie announced that April is World Autism Month and introduced Kristen Webb, Donna Joachim with the Mississippi Center for Autism and Related Developmental Disorders, her son Donald Johnson and Lion Jane Meynardie, legal advisor for the Center

### **Please Note: The following amended slate was presented at the 4//2023 meeting.**

**President:** Gerald Gardner

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Tadd Gabrielson

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** vote on 1

Austin Knue

Jaye Brice

Pete Wilson

**Secretary:** Joe McCormick

**Treasurer:** Greg Crapo

**Communications/IT:** Wayne Ross

**Lion Tamer:** Carl Nehlig

**Tail Twister:** Glenn Quave

**ROAR Editor:** Penny Edwards

**Membership:** Dorothy Nehlig

**3rd Year Director:** vote on 2

Cindy Bamburg

Brandy Gunter

Leslie Johnson

Star Ransonet

The slate of the 2023-2024 Officers will be read two additional times and a vote will be taken following the 3rd reading. Only Biloxi Lions Club eligible members will be allowed to vote.

## **Just In From the Lions of Mississippi State Office...**

### **Biloxi Officers...here's your chance to get your training**

This training is for **Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Zone Chairmen**. Spread the word. You do not need to let us know you will be attending; just be there!

Please let your club officers know, there will be **Office Training at the Lions State Convention** in Columbus, on Friday, May 5th beginning at noon.

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](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 Greg at 228.760.0239 for help**



## Dessert Pledges

April—May

### APRIL

26th Penny Edwards

### MAY

3rd Cindy Bamburg

10th Mother of the Year

17th Margot Swetman

24th open

31st open

There are a lot of openings for May & June....if you enjoy a dessert with your meal... please sign up.

The April-June Quarter Dessert Sign-Up Sheet is now available on the dessert table. Please sign up and showcase your special dessert. Dessert pledges are posted in the ROAR in case you forget your date.



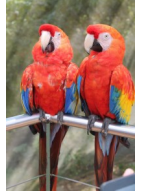
## APRIL LIONS

Ronnie Cochran Elijah Mitchell

Bo Roberts

### Jack and Jill...

Learned that 3 Biloxi Lions Traveled to Memphis for Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Day...**photos on page 4**



Upcoming Lions of MS Camps

April 21-23: the Lions Deaf Camp at Camp Wilkes

May 19-21: the Lions Sea and Sun Camp for Visually Impaired Children.

Keep a weathered eye out for us Me Mateys!



### Dates to Save

April 21-23, 2023

Lions of MS Deaf Camp, Camp Wilkes, Biloxi

May 5-6, 2023

Lions of MS State Convention, Columbus, MS

May 17-19, 2023

Lions of MS Sea and Sun Camp, Camp Wilkes, Biloxi

July 7-11, 2023

International Convention, Boston, MA

Lions Club of Biloxi  
P.O. Box 196 Biloxi, MS 39533  
228.424.7840

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

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**VISION IN BLOOM**  
*White Cane 2022-2023*



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ DIST \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed (\$25 each) \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Dt \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form, with contribution to: Lions Sight Foundation  
 431 Katherine Drive  
 Flowood MS 39232

Make Check Payable to: Lions Sight Foundation, indicate in memo area - Avery McKinley

**Thank you to the many Biloxi Lions which have signed up to make their \$25 contribution to White Cane! Lion Judy...You always come through on White Cane...THANK YOU for taking the lead for Biloxi and White Cane!**

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**It's Still Not too Late to make your 2022-2023 White Cane Contribution!**

**See Lion Judy Gavin to sign up**

**OR,**

**Complete the White Cane Form and mail to the Lions Sight Foundation at the address listed on the form. Your personally contribution will make a difference for our State projects!**



**Jack and Jill Sharing Photos of Biloxi Lions at the Mid-South Lions' April 15th Visiting Lions**



**Thank you Biloxi Lions for attending the Lions Visiting Day event. We look forward to hearing about your experience and for sharing what Mid-South Lions and the Hamilton Eye Institute does to help with vision impairments!**

**Photos copied from the Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Day Face Book postings**

It is not too late to register for the Lions of MS State Convention, May 5-6, 2023, in Columbus.

**LIONS OF MISSISSIPPI**



**2023 STATE CONVENTION**

Registration

May 5-6, 2023

Columbus, MS

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Cost**

**Registrants** (For each attendee over 12) \_\_\_\_\_ at \$25 each \_\_\_\_\_

**Hall of Fame Fiesta** (Friday) \_\_\_\_\_ at \$30 each \_\_\_\_\_

**District Governors Banquet** (Saturday) \_\_\_\_\_ at \$30 each \_\_\_\_\_

Total Remittance \_\_\_\_\_

*For credit card payment:*

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Dt \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature

***No refunds after April 15th***

Make checks payable to Lions of MS and return registration to:

Lions State Office  
431 Katherine Dr  
Flowood MS 39232

**HOTEL INFO - Make reservations by April 5th!!!**

<b>Courtyard by Marriott *</b>	<b>Fairfield Inn</b>	<b>Hampton Inn</b>	<b>Holiday Inn Express</b>
\$114/night + tax	\$104/night + tax	\$124/night + tax	\$109/night + tax
662-245-1540	662-241-1990	662-245-1085	662-245-6133

\* *Headquarter Hotel*