



# ROAR Newsletter

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## 2023-2024 OFFICERS & BOARD

### PRESIDENT

GERALD 'JERRY' GARDNER

### 1ST VP

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BRANDY GUNTER

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## BILOXI LIONS CLUB 2024-2025 OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

Elected April 3, 2024

**PRESIDENT** – TADD GABRIELSON

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### **DIRECTORS**

#### **FIRST YEAR** –

MIRIAM MTICHELL

LESLIE JOHNSON

#### **SECOND YEAR** –

CINDY BAMBURG

GLENN BREMENKAMP

#### **THIRD YEAR** –

PENNY EDWARDS

LARRY STURGIS

Congratulations to our 2024-2025 Officers and Directors elected by acclamation on April 3, 2024 by the majority of the members present. The Installations and Awards Presentation Banquet is to be held on July 10, 2024. President Elect Lion Tadd has selected as his theme: "Your Favorite Sports Team." More information will be given as we get closer to the date of the event.

## UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

<b>APR 10</b>	OPEN
<b>APR 11</b>	Board Meeting, Cadence Bank, Howard Ave., 2nd Floor, noon, BYOL
<b>APR 12-13</b>	Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Day at Hamilton Eye Institute Memphis
<b>APR 17</b>	Board Meeting Minutes Review
<b>APR 24</b>	Candace Wheeler, New Book Review, 'Sunset in the Sound'
<b>APR 29-30</b>	Lions of MS State Convention, Biloxi, DoubleTree Hotel & Biloxi Visitors Center
<b>MAY 1</b>	NO MEETING
<b>MAY 8</b>	Mother of the Year Presentation
<b>MAY 9</b>	Board Meeting, TBA
<b>MAY 15</b>	Board Meeting Minutes Review
<b>MAY 22</b>	OPEN
<b>JUN 12</b>	Father of the Year Presentation
<b>JULY 10</b>	Biloxi Lions Installation and Awards Banquet—Theme: Your Favorite Sport Team

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

## 4.3.2024 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 Darrell offered the prayer

**Guests:** none

**Zoom:** none

**50/50 drawing:** Lion Elijah—\$18; **King of Clubs Progressive Drawing:** Lion Glenn B drew the 7 of Spades. \$311 to the winner if the King of Clubs is drawn.

**Auction Item:** none

**Club Business and Announcements:**

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

- A) Board meeting is April 11th and will be held at the Cadence Bank, Howard Ave., at noon. It is a BYO Lunch
  - B) 3rd reading of the 2024-2025 Slate of Officers and Directors nominees. A motion was made and seconded that the slate be accepted by acclamation as presented. The vote passed by a majority of the members present
  - C) Seafood Museum's volunteer request for Wooden Boat Show May 18-19
  - D) Lion Melinda will be chairing the Mother and the Father of the Year Presentations. More information TBA
  - E) Today is the start of the new meal option for the BLC meetings. You can eat the meal provided for a donation of \$10 (cash, check, Venmo, CashApp); \$12 if you wish to be billed); or bring your own lunch
2. Lion Penny reminded members to please register for the State Convention. She gave a brief run down of the two day schedule and where volunteers would be needed. A sign up sheet was passed around
3. Thank you Lion Cindy for providing the chicken pot pie meal; thank you Lions Penny and Mary Jo for the cupcakes and cheesecake squares for dessert
7. **Program:** Lion Jerry D. introduced the speaker Mr. David Shifflet, mentor with the S.C.O.R.E. Organization. Photo below

### S.C.O.R.E. ORGANIZATION

Ok, what is this S.C.O.R.E. Organization? Mr. David Shifflet asked that question and not many of the BLC members raised their hands that they had heard of it.

It is an organization of 'Service Core Of Retired Executives' and according to its website their mission is to foster vibrant small business communities through mentoring and education with a vision to give every person the support they need to thrive as a small business owner.

David explained how he became involved while living in Florida and how he saw the need for the program along the MS Gulf Coast when he moved back to the coast.

S.C.O.R.E. is a volunteer mentoring service for persons who want to start a small business, or for those who are trying to grow and achieve new levels of success.

It was started in 1964 as a nonprofit resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration. With federal funding and mentoring volunteers most of the programs offered through S.C.O.R.E. is at no cost to the person requesting assistance.

There are more than 250 S.C.O.R.E. offices across the United States with chapters in locations where there are enough mentoring volunteers interested in forming chapters. However, currently there are no chapters along the MS Gulf Coast. David is promoting the ways S.C.O.R.E.'S free of cost benefits resources are still available to prospective small business owners locally.

"Without a local chapter for a face-to-face meeting," explained David "mentoring resources can be made available via phone, email, and video, with webinars and a library of online resources." You would just need to go to S.C.O.R.E.'s website and submit a request for mentoring.

A mentor will be assigned to directly work with you to identify areas on which to focus so that your business can be successful. The mentor will act as an accountability partner and provide you with the guidance you need to take the next step on advancing your business.

For more information on the S.C.O.R.E. organization, its mentoring program, resources, or to become a mentor volunteer go to [www.score.org](http://www.score.org).



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](mailto:lionpennyedwards@gmail.com) to help spread any LIONS news you feel need sharing! Please send in a separate email. Your email may be lost in the shuffle if sent as a reply in the ROAR email you receive.



# APRIL LIONS

Ronnie Cochran Elijah Mitchell  
Austin Krue

## Moving Forward on State Convention

The Biloxi Club will not be meeting on May 1, 2024. This is the day after the State Convention of Monday/Tuesday April 29-30.

The Convention will be considered the weekly meeting so please attend all events. Mail your Registration to the State Office today!

Final preparations are underway for the State Convention, which is 3 very short weeks away and the countdown to cover all bases!

At the April 3rd BLC meeting, a volunteer assignments and times signup sheet was distributed. If you have not signed up for a time, please do! You can make the difference!

The evening events (The Hall of Fame on Monday night and the Governor Dinner on Tuesday night) and the PDG Tuesday afternoon event are the areas that will need the most attention.

For those two days Biloxi will get to shine and promote what we do best....

IN BILOXI WE SERVE  
1924-2024

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## 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.

### APRIL

- 10th Miriam Mitchell
- 17th Jaye Brice
- 24th Mary Jo Walsh

May 29th is still available for a pledge on the April-June Dessert Sign Up

## ROAR



## Dates to Save

**April 12-13, 2024**  
Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Weekend, Memphis, TN

**April 19-21, 2024**  
Lions Deaf Camp, Biloxi, Camp Wilkes

**April 29-30, 2024**  
Lions of MS State Convention Biloxi, MS

**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

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