

Count Down 100
10 Months



ROAR
Newsletter

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**BILOXI LIONS! BRING YOUR COLLECTED EYEGLASSES
TO THE APRIL 12 & 19 CLUB MEETINGS**



We have good news regarding all the eyeglasses that we have been collecting, either individually and/or from our collection boxes.

At the next two Biloxi Club meetings (April 12th and 19th) Lion Carl Nehlig will be collecting the glasses which will be donated to a local VA doctor and her colleagues making a mission trip in June. At their last mission trip over 2000 pairs were distributed and they could have used more. And the best news...you can leave the glasses in their cases.

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

APR 12	Open, Deadline for Mother of the Year Nominations
APR 13	Biloxi Lions Board Mtg, Cadence Bank, 2nd floor, noon, BYOL
APR 15	Mid-South Lions Visiting Day, Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis
APR 19	Open
APR 21-23	MS Lions/De L'Epee Deaf Center Deaf Camp, Camp Wilkes
MAY 3	Megan Tomsik
MAY 5-6	Lions of MS State Convention, Columbus, MS
MAY 10	Biloxi Lions Mother of the Year Award Ceremony
MAY 11	Biloxi Lions Board Mtg, Cadence Bank, 2nd floor, noon, BYOL
MAY 19-21	MS Lions Sea and Sun Visually Impaired Camp, Camp Wilkes

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

4.5.2023 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 4/5/2023 meeting.

President: Gerald Gardner

1st Vice President: Tadd Gabrielson

2nd Vice President: vote on 1

Austin Knue

Jaye Brice

Pete Wilson

Secretary: Joe McCormick

Treasurer: Suzette Duhe

Communications/IT: Greg Crapo

Lion Tamer: Carl Nehlig

Tail Twister: Glenn Quave

ROAR Editor: Penny Edwards

Membership: Dorothy Nehlig

3rd Year Director: vote on 2

Wayne Ross

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...

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.

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!

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 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

5th Cindy Bamburg

12th Melinda Freeman

19th Jerry Dodge

26th Penny Edwards

MAY

3rd Cindy Bamburg

10th Mary Jo Walsh

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.



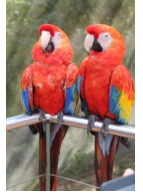
APRIL LIONS

Ronnie Cochran Elijah Mitchell

Bo Roberts

Jack and Jill...

Congratulations Katelyn Perry, Miss Biloxi, for your successful "Making a Difference Day" collection of Supplies for North Mississippi tornado victims April 8th. You Go Girl...



2 Lions of MS supported Camps are coming up soon. Jack and Jill will have photos and reports about the 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 15, 2023

Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Day

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

<http://www.biloxilions.org>
<http://m.facebook.com/BiloxiLions>

To enjoy back editions of the Biloxi Lions ROAR newsletter please visit our website.

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

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

As of 3/25/2023 the Lions of MS Sight Foundation was at 39% of its 2022-2023 Goal. Remember, only we can make a difference! Please join your clubmates, which have already made their contribution of \$25 and mail your contribution today.

Thank you Lion Judy for taking the lead and signing up so many Biloxi Members to make their \$25 contribution to White Cane!

April is World Autism Awareness Month

If you have been around the Biloxi Lions you may have had the opportunity to meet Donald Johnson, the son of Biloxi Lion Leslie Johnson. At a young age Donald was diagnosed with Autism Disorder Spectrum (ADS). Lion Leslie, while working in the administrative end of the medical field, made a huge difference on the Mississippi Gulf Coast by sharing hers and Donald's story to a local physician, Alfred McNair, M.D. (also a Biloxi Lion). This story led to the founding of the Mississippi Center for Autism and Related Developmental Disabilities. MCARDD was founded in 2005 with the center opening its doors in D'Iberville in 2011.

Donna Joachim, Education Enrichment Director at MCARDD, said that the friendship of a mother whose son was impacted by the Autism Spectrum with a physician who had a passion to make a difference in the lives of children and their families resulted in a much needed awareness and opened the door for families with developmental disabilities.

Kristin Webb, Registered Behavior Technician, has a special place in her heart for children with ADS. She has a brother with Autism and it is through her personal experience that Kristin strives to support families affected by ADS. She believes that adequate education is needed for families to support their ability to help improve the behavior and social interactions of their loved ones.

In the almost 12 years the center has been opened many achievements have occurred in the support of ADS. One of the most important is the fact that through the efforts of ADS awareness and legislative lobbying the Mississippi legislature in 2015 enacted HB 885, which mandates insurance coverage for various treatments for Autism and Autism Spectrum disorders, in addition to establishing a licensure process for certain providers of Autism services. This bill has since been codified under Miss. Code Ann. 83-9-26. In part states:

"Except as otherwise provided herein, a health insurance policy shall provide coverage for the screening, diagnosis, and treatment of autism spectrum disorder, ...No insurer can terminated coverage, or refuse to deliver, execute, issue, amend, adjust, or renew coverage to an individual solely because the individual is diagnosed with or has received treatment for an autism spectrum disorder."

Leslie Johnson serves on the MCARDD Board of Directors as 2nd Vice President. And Donald, he proudly serves as a Honorary Board Member and provides invaluable insight into the needs and services it takes to work with individuals on the Autism Spectrum and their families.



Lion Leslie Johnson presents a Lions Pen to Kristen Webb & Donna Joachim

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!!!

Courtyard by Marriott *	Fairfield Inn	Hampton Inn	Holiday Inn Express
\$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*



Biloxi's Mother of the Year 2022

Biloxi Lions Club
P.O. Box 182
Biloxi, Mississippi 39533



March 9, 2023

Nominate your Mom for 'Mother of the Year'

If your Mother lives or works in the City of Biloxi, she is eligible to be nominated for Biloxi's original 'Mother of the Year' Award. Started in 1955 by the East Harrison Lions Club, over 69 Wonderful Mothers have been recognized for their outstanding achievement. Last year's recipient was Mrs. Lauren Smith.

All you must do is write a letter telling us why she is a GREAT MOTHER! Be sure and include all the things she does.

The finalist will be honored with a luncheon in their honor at noon on Wednesday May 10, 2023, at the Maritime Seafood and Industry Museum.

Deadline for nominations is April 12, 2023. Please copy this letter as needed.

Please send nominations to: Biloxi Lions Club
C/O Mother of the Year
P.O. Box 196
Biloxi, Mississippi 39533

For more information, please call the following individuals.

Elijah Mitchell, (228)-234-2814
Jaye Brice, (228)-326-9758
Jerry Dodge, (228)-435-8670

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elijah Mitchell', written over a horizontal line.

Reverend Elijah Mitchell
Biloxi's Mother of the Year, Chairman



Mother of the Year 2023 Nomination Application Type or Print Legibly



Nominator's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Nominated Mother's Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Phone: _____

Mother's E-Mail: _____ Wife's Name: _____

Child 1: _____ Age: _____ School: _____

Child 2: _____ Age: _____ School: _____

Mother employed at: _____ Phone: _____

List all volunteering that your Mother has done in relation to the children, example: (Coaching, PTA, Scouts, etc.) Include dates of each volunteer effort. Use additional sheets as needed.

ATTACH: A short letter entitled: "My Mother is the Mother of the Year because..."

Nominations must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2023

Award Presentation on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 12:00 Noon
Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

Mail/Email applications and letters to: Biloxi Lions Club Mother of the Year Award
P.O. Box 196
Biloxi Mississippi 39533
BiloxiLions@gmail.com

** The Biloxi Lions Club is not responsible for applications not received on time or lost in transmission.*