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**UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

<b>MAY 17</b>	Brett Montague, <i>EndItForGood</i> , Ending Drug Abuse in America
<b>MAY 17</b>	<b>Deadline for Biloxi Lions Club Hall of Fame Nominations</b>
<b>MAY 19-21</b>	<b>MS Lions Sea and Sun Visually Impaired Camp, Camp Wilkes</b>
<b>JUN 2</b>	<b>Deadline for Father of the Year Nominations, see pages 6 &amp; 7</b>
<b>JUN 8</b>	Biloxi Lions Board Mtg, Cadence Bank, 2nd floor, noon, BYOL
<b>JUN 14</b>	<b>Father of the Year Award Ceremony</b>
<b>JUN 21</b>	<b>Biloxi Lions Club Installation and Awards Dinner, evening event</b>
<b>JUN 28</b>	The Honorable Mike Ezell, Rep. 4th Congressional District of MS
<b>JUL 7-11</b>	<b>Lions Clubs International Convention, Boston, MA</b>

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

# 5.10.2023 Meeting Recap

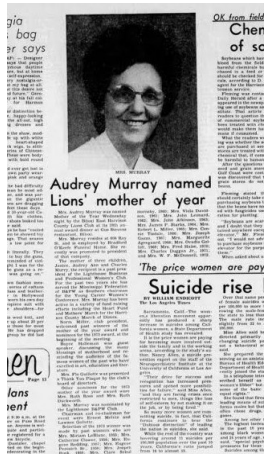
PROGRAM		RECIPIENTS	
Call to Order &	Lion Melinda Freeman <i>President</i>	2023 Mrs. Leslie Johnson	1987 Mrs. Vetsie Sekul Gabrich
Song: God Bless America	Lions Choir / All	2022 Mrs. Lauren Smith	1986 Mrs. Elizabeth Joachim
Pledge of Allegiance	Lion Penny Edwards <i>Past President</i>	2021 Mrs. Nancy Ross Rogers	1985 Mrs. Patricia Caillavet
Invocation	Lion Rev. Elijah Mitchell <i>Past President</i>	2020 Mrs. Melissa Batia Williams	1985 Mrs. Louella Arguelles
<b>PAUSE FOR LUNCH</b>		2019 Mrs. Heather Altman	1984 Mrs. Mary Margaret Wade
Introduction of Master of Ceremonies	Lion Rev. Elijah Mitchell <i>Emcee</i>	2018 Mrs. Alicia T. Tarrant	1983 Mrs. Lou Broussard
Welcome Remarks & Introductions	Lion Rev. Elijah Mitchell <i>Emcee</i>	2018 Mrs. Lehwmon R. Skrmetti	1982 Mrs. Betty Comstock
Introduction of Recipients in attendance		2017 Mrs. Paula April	1981 Mrs. Florris Savarro
Announcement of 2023 Mother of the Year		2016 Mrs. Amiee Gautreaux	1980 Mrs. Alena Sekul Cerenich
Key Note Address	Lion Dr. Alfred E. McNair Jr.	2015 Mrs. Helen G. Ross	1979 Mrs. Una Broussard
Proclamation	Honorable Andrew "FoFo" Gilich Mayor, City of Biloxi	2014 Mrs. Geraldine Blessey	1978 Mrs. Jacobina Sekul Gilich
Presentation of Crystal Vase	2022 MOY Mrs. Lauren Smith	2013 Mrs. Jeanette Capuano	1977 Mrs. Betty Sekul
Acceptance and Remarks	2023 MOY Mrs. Leslie Johnson	2012 Mrs. Gwen H. Gollott	1976 Mrs. Eula Switzer
Closing Remarks / Benediction	Lion Rev. Elijah Mitchell	2011 Mrs. Nicole Burgess Smith	1975 Mrs. Della McCaughan
		2010 Mrs. Cecilia Gollott Schmidt	1974 Mrs. Irma Parker
		2009 Mrs. Barbara Lyons	1973 Mrs. Audrey Murray
		2008 Mrs. Shannon R. Sablich	1972 Mrs. W. F. McDonnell
		2007 Mrs. Donna Cruso	1971 Mrs. Charles Duggan, Jr.
		2007 Mrs. Claudette Quigley	1970 Mrs. Fred Haise
		2006 No Award Given	1969 Mrs. Ovadia Gollotte
		2005 No Award Given	1968 Mrs. Marguerite Agreagard
		2004 Mrs. Pat Smolcich	1967 Mrs. Claudia Gazzo
		2003 Mrs. Rosemary Sabbatini	1966 Mrs. Connie Tisdale
		2002 Mrs. Clare "Susie" Bass	1965 Mrs. Robert L. Miller
		2001 Mrs. Charlotte Breal	1964 Mrs. James P. Starks
		2000 Mrs. Angelina Mihojevich	1963 Mrs. John Atkinson
		1999 Mrs. Margaret Pavlov Kuluz	1962 Mrs. John Leonard
		1998 Mrs. Georgia K. Lawrence	1961 Mrs. Viola Davidson
		1997 Mrs. Kay Simon Bankston	1960 Mrs. Clare Sekul Hornsby
		1996 Mrs. Ursula M.S. Skrmetti	1959 Mrs. Joseph Rusk
		1995 Mrs. Jacqueline L. Wilson	1958 Mrs. Eugene Perring, Sr.
		1994 Mrs. Michelle Gruich Logan	1957 Mrs. Eugene Redding
		1993 Mrs. Lillie Lancon	1956 Mrs. Catherine Clower
		1992 Mrs. Opal Fehr	1955 Mrs. Myriam LeBlanc
		1991 Mrs. Nellie Cobb	
		1990 Mrs. Theresa Fountain	
		1989 Mrs. Beverly Romeo	
		1988 Mrs. Juliet Wheeler	



2022 Biloxi 's Mother of the Year Lauren Smith presenting the 2023 Biloxi's Mother of the Year Crystal Vase to Leslie Johnson

Biloxi Lion Past President and 2023 Biloxi Mother of the Year Chair Lion Rev. Elijah Mitchell

The 1998 and 1973, the 25th and 50th Years Ago Honorees, Biloxi's Mother of the Year recipients Mrs. Georgia K. Lawrence and Mrs. Audrey Murray



Left: 1973 Biloxi's Mother of the Year recipient Mrs. Audrey Murray



Right: 1998 Biloxi's Mother of the Year recipient Mrs. Georgia K. Lawrence



Past Mother of the Year Honorees in attendance: L—R: 2022 Honoree Lauren Smith, 1986 Honoree Liz Joachim, and 2002 Honoree Claire 'Susie' Bass

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

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## Dessert Pledges

April—June

**MAY**  
**17th Margot Swetman**  
**24th open**  
**31st open**

**JUNE**  
**7th Cindy Bamburg**  
**14 Father of the Year**  
**21 Installation Banquet**  
**28 George Azar**

The only two dates left are May 24 & 31. If you enjoy a dessert with your meal... please sign up.

The month of June has pledges so we are set until the end of our physical year ending June 30th. Dessert pledges are posted in the ROAR in case you forget your date.

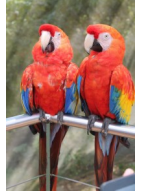


**MAY LIONS**  
**STAR RANSONET**

**DARRELL GALEY LARRY STURGIS**

## Jack and Jill...

Biloxi's Mother of the Year 2023 was very special to Lion Leslie Johnson! Photos of the 2023 Mother of the Year Program throughout the ROAR



Upcoming Lions of MS Camps  
**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*

**May 17-19, 2023**

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

**July 7-11, 2023**

International Convention, Boston,

**Sept. 21-23, 2023**

USA/CANADA Forum, Reno Nevada

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

<http://www.biloxilions.org>  
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To enjoy back editions of the Biloxi Lions ROAR newsletter please visit our website.

**Congratulations to the 2023 Biloxi's Mother of the Year Nominees**



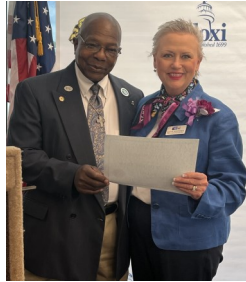
**Mrs. Shannon Todaro Guich  
Mrs. Leslie Johnson  
Mrs. Kelly L. Ross  
Mrs. Kathy Springer  
Mrs. Yasuko Wieck**



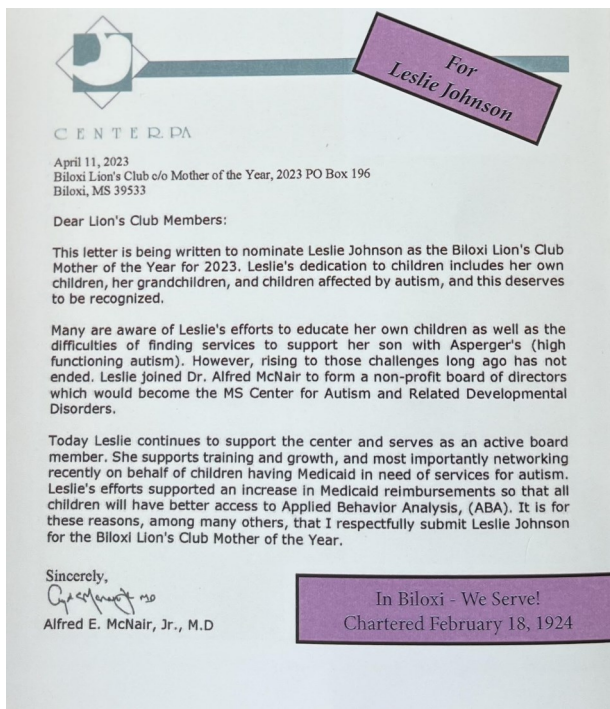
**Nominees Left to Right**

**Mrs. Shannon Todaro Guich  
Mrs. Kelly L. Ross  
Mrs. Kathy Springer**

**receiving Certificates of Nomination from Lion Rev. Elijah Mitchell, 2023 Biloxi's Mother of the Year Chair  
Mrs. Yasuko Wieck was unable to attend**



**Nominating Letter from Alfred E. McNair, Jr., MD  
and  
Proclamation from the City of Biloxi Mayor Andrew 'FoFo' Gilich**



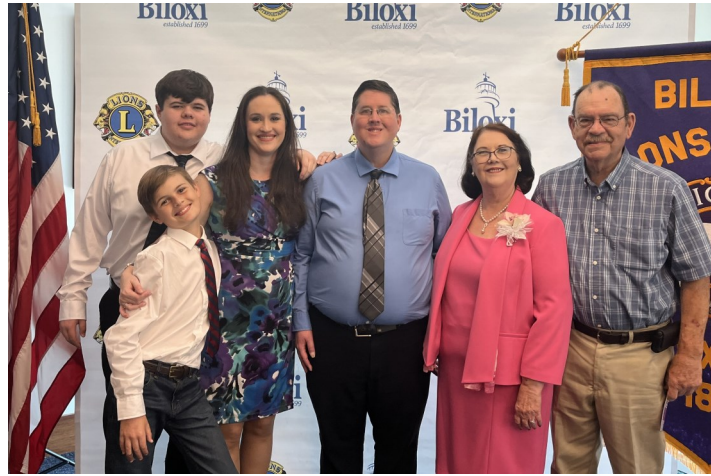
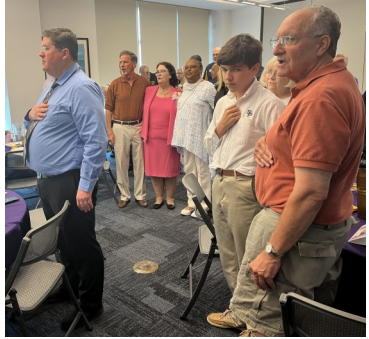
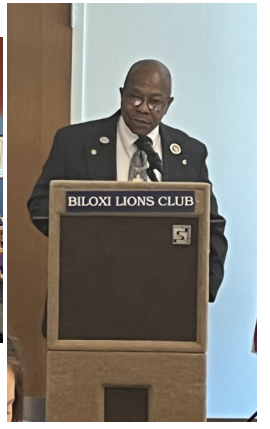
**2023 Biloxi's  
Mother of the Year**

**Mrs. Leslie Johnson**

**Keynote Speaker  
Dr. Alfred McNair**

**Proclamation  
City of Biloxi Mayor  
Andrew 'FoFo' Gilich**

Just a few photos taken throughout the 2023 MOY program





# Biloxi's Father of the Year 2023

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



May 11, 2023

## **Nominate your father for 'Father of the Year.'**

If your father lives or works in the City of Biloxi, he is eligible to be nominated for the Biloxi's 'Father of the Year' Award for 2023.

### **The father who receives this honor shall:**

- 1) Be a father who is currently acting in a fatherly capacity to children in his own household. From infants to college students, foster children, adopted children, stepchildren, biological children, grandchildren, etc.
- 2) Be a father who participates in and supports the activities of his children.
- 3) Be recognized as a father who cares about the youth in the community.
- 4) Be a father who puts his children first and helps create a unified family unit.

### **In addition:**

- 1) The character of the children should be considered as a testament of the father's guidance regarding ethics and morals generally accepted by the community.
- 2) The achievements of the most recent year will receive the highest consideration with achievements over the children's lifetime also being considered.
- 3) His involvement beyond his workplace and family unit in the community and the examples he sets for his children should be considered.

The finalist will be honored with a luncheon in their honor at noon on Wednesday June 14, 2023, at the Maritime Seafood and Industry Museum.

Deadline for nominations is June 2, 2023. Please copy this letter as needed.

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

For more information, please call the following individuals.

Reverend Elijah Mitchell, (228)-234-2814, Jaye Brice, (228)-326-9758, Jerry Dodge, (228)-860-4384

Sincerely Yours,

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



# Father of the Year 2023 Nomination Application Type or Print Legibly



Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Child 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Father employed at: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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ATTACH: A short letter entitled: "My Father is the Father of the Year because..."

Nominations must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday June 2, 2023.

Award Presentation on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 12:00 Noon  
Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

Mail/Email applications and letters to: Biloxi Lions Club Father 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.*