

Count Down 100  
9 Months



**ROAR**  
Newsletter

**5.3.2023**  
Edition

**Chartered February 18, 1924**

**2022-2023  
OFFICERS  
& BOARD**

**PRESIDENT**

MELINDA FREEMAN

**1ST VP**

STAR RANSONET

**2ND VP**

GERALD GARDNER

**SECRETARY**

JOE MCCORMICK

**TREASURER**

SUZETTE DUHE

**COMMUNICATION/  
IT/MARKETING**

GREG CRAPO

**LION TAMER**

WAYNE ROSS

**ROAR EDITOR**

PENNY EDWARDS

**MEMBERSHIP**

CINDY BAMBURG

**TAIL TWISTER**

GLENN QUAVE

**1 YR DIRECTORS**

JAYE BRICE  
LESLIE JOHNSON

**2 YR DIRECTORS**

MARGOT SWETMAN  
JERRY DODGE

**3 YR DIRECTORS**

AUSTIN KNUE  
MIRIAM MITCHELL

**PAST PRESIDENT**

ELIJAH MITCHELL



**Past International President  
Frank Moore III  
Guest Speaker**

**Lions of Mississippi State Convention  
May 5-6, 2023  
Columbus, MS**

Past International President Frank Moore III was the guest speaker for the Lions of MS Convention. PIP Moore was elected at the 84th International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 2-6, 2001.

Hailing from our neighboring state of Alabama PIP Moore is an educator by profession and a former superintendent of education for Daleville City Schools in Daleville, AL.

During his time as a Lion, PIP Moore has received numerous awards in recognition of his service including the Friends of Humanity Award, presented by the Lions Club International Foundation, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members.

PIP Moore and wife, Rita, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters and a son— who also are Lions—and seven grandchildren.

**UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

<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 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>MAY 24</b>	Cynthia Sutton & Danny Walton, Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce
<b>MAY 31</b>	Mike Lacy, Beloved Coast Journalist
<b>JUN 7</b>	Adele Lyons, ED, Mississippi Coast Chamber of Commerce
<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</b>
<b>JUN 28</b>	<b>The Honorable Mike Ezell, Rep. 4th Congressional District of MS</b>

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

## 5.3.2023 Meeting Recap

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

**Guest(s):** none    **Zoom:** Lion Wayne Ross

**50/50 drawing:** \$18 was won by Lion Carl; **King of Clubs Progressive:** no drawing was held

**Auction Item:** none

### Club Business and Announcements:

1. Lion Pres. Melinda:

a) thanked Lion Kathryn for the meal and Lion Cindy for providing dessert; Dessert sign-up sheet on table. 2 dates in May are still available

b) the Lions of MS State convention is May 5-6 in Columbus, **registration form on page 4. Remember we have 2 Biloxi Lions, Lions Elijah and Penny, nominated for 1st & 2nd Vice District Governors, respectively, for District 30 S**

(c) the Biloxi Club Hall of Fame Committee will meet briefly following today's club meeting. Deadline for Hall of Fame nominations is May 17 at noon

2. Lion Elijah announced MOY program is May 10th at noon. He asked that the members please arrive before noon so that the meeting can begin promptly at noon. Also, we are planning for 50 people, members please allow the guest to have a seat/meal should there be more than 50 in attendance

3. Lion Margot said the vision screening at Fatima's SpringFest on May 12th 4-8pm & 13th 10 am-4 pm. A sign up sheet will be passed around for volunteers

4. Lion Penny reminded members the need of silent auction items for the State Convention

5. **Program:** Lion Carl introduced today's guest speaker, Megan Tomsik, Optometrist, photo below

## Early Vision Screenings Make a Difference



Lion Carl presents Megan Tomsik with a Lions Pen.

Lion Carl Nehlig introduced today's speaker, his Optometrist, Megan Tomsik, OD, FAO. Megan is a native from the Mississippi Gulf Coast and is currently working through the VA Medical Center in Biloxi.

Even though it has been a while since Megan has treated children she understands the Lions focus of our vision screening children. To give our Lions members a better understanding of what we are screening during the vision screening process she provided a slide show presentation focusing on common eye conditions for pediatrics along with the common conditions of adults.

The six most common pediatric eye conditions she shared were: Amblyopia (Lazy Eye), Strabismus (Crossed Eyes), Congenital Cataract, Nystagmus (Dancing Eyes), Congenital/Pediatric Ptosis, and Pediatric Glaucoma. Many of the above conditions are correctable if detected early, thus the importance of early childhood screenings. Some, if not caught in the early stage could possibly cause permanent damage to the eye and possible loss of vision.

The adult conditions are many we associate with the aging process, such as Cataracts, Macular Degeneration, and Glaucoma. However, these conditions can be present at any age as the pediatric presentation explained. Posterior Vitreous Detachment and Diabetic Retinopathy are at the top of causing permanent damage and blindness if medical treatment is not sought out immediately.

Megan went on to say that the vision screenings the Lions hold in their efforts to reach out to as many children as possible does make a difference to the child. Parents may not know their child, or children have vision issues until it's too late and the early screening may inform the parent their child's vision needs additional screening by a professional eye doctor.

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—June

### MAY

**3rd Cindy Bamburg**  
**10th Mother of the Year**  
**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.

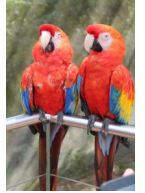


**MAY LIONS**  
**STAR RANSONET**

**DARRELL GALEY LARRY STURGIS**

### Jack and Jill...

Made a quick fly through at the Lions of MS State Convention. Congratulations to 1st VDG Lion Elijah Mitchell and 2nd VDG Penny Edwards. Whew...history was made!!!



Also, a few photos of the convention are on page 4

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

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

**BOONEVILLE LIONS CLUB 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

7 Biloxi Lions traveled to Booneville to help them celebrate their 75 Years of Service



Lions Juanita Horton,  
1st Vice District Governor Elijah Mitchell  
Miriam Mitchell



PDG Carl Nehlig  
Dorothy Nehlig



2nd VD Governor Penny Edwards  
District Governor Greg Palmer



PDG Cindy Bamburg  
2nd VD Governor Penny Edwards



**Photos promised by Jack and Jill of Booneville Lions Club 75th Anniversary Celebration, The Lions of MS State Convention's Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Night and the Governors' Banquet.**

9 Biloxi Lions in attendance...1st Vice District Governor Elijah Mitchell, Miriam Mitchell, Juanita Horton, PDG Cindy Bamburg, Joe McCormick, PDG Carl Nehlig, Dorothy Nehlig, PDG Greg Crapo, and 2nd Vice District Governor Penny Edwards



Biloxi Lions enjoying the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta night/ and the Lions of MS Hall of Fame Awards

Left: Joe McCormick and Cindy Bamburg

Right: Carl and Dorothy Nehlig

Below: Juanita Horton, Miriam and Elijah Mitchell



Lion Penny Edwards being totally surprised at receiving a Presidential Certificate from Past International President Frank Moore. District 30M District Governor Billy Joe Webb shared in the presentation.



Remember Biloxi will be hosting the 2024 Lions of MS State Convention...and we are **Over the Moon for Our 100th...**

Right: Biloxi Lions past out Moon Pies at the morning session & attendees enjoyed the treat. Each moon pie had the above stickers, one on each side.



Lion Greg getting the music started for the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta



Photos courtesy of Lion Cindy Bamburg and Lion Penny Edwards