



# ROAR Newsletter

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### PAST PRESIDENT

MELINDA FREEMAN

## BLC Installation and Awards Banquet Wednesday, July 10, 2024 6-10pm Biloxi Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum

Biloxi Lions Club members...

If you plan to attend the Installation but did sign up at the June 26th meeting, and you will not be at July 3rd meeting, the Club needs you to please email Lion Penny by separate email at [lionpennyedwards@gmail.com](mailto:lionpennyedwards@gmail.com) with your RSVP to attend. (Please do not return reply to this ROAR newsletter email as it may get overlooked)

Please include your name in the body of the email (not all email address I have in my email contacts includes your name) as well as the total number of your guests for your party.

To ensure enough food for meal preparations, the **DEADLINE** to receive your email is:

**Wednesday July 3, 2024 by 6:00 pm.**

The following BLC members will be installed by 30S District Governor inducted in Australia Biloxi Lion DG Elijah Mitchell. Please come support these members elected to lead the BLC as we enter the start of the next 100 years!

IN BILOXI WE SERVE

### **PRESIDENT – TADD GABRIELSON**

**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE – AUSTIN KNUE**

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#### **FIRST YEAR –**

MIRIAM MTICHELL

LESLIE JOHNSON

#### **SECOND YEAR –**

CINDY BAMBURG

GLENN BREMENKAMP

#### **THIRD YEAR –**

PENNY EDWARDS

LARRY STURGIS

## UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

<b>JULY 3</b>	<b>The BLC WILL MEET on July 3rd, Program open</b>
<b>JULY 10</b>	<b>NO NOON MEETING!</b> <b>Biloxi Lions Installation and Awards Banquet—Theme: Your Favorite Sport Team Seafood Museum, 6-10 PM</b>
<b>JULY 17</b>	Open
<b>JULY 18</b>	Board Meeting, Community Bank Howard Ave., 3rd Floor, noon
<b>JULY 24</b>	Attorney Patti Golden, New book release
<b>JULY 31</b>	403rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron
<b>AUG 7</b>	Fallon Sisson, CNP, on Diabetes

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

## 6.26.2024 Meeting Recap

**Opening:** Lion President Gerald Gardner called meeting to order at 12:05pm; The BLC Choir led us in God Bless America; Lion President Elect Tadd led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion Darrell offered the prayer

**Guests:** Former Lion Carl Nehlig introduced his son, and former Lion, TJ

**Zoom:** none

**50/50 drawing:** \$11 to the winner Lion Jaye; **King of Clubs Progressive Drawing:** Lion Call drew the 5 of Diamonds. Amount to the winner if the King of Clubs was drawn was not available for this drawing but at last count it was over \$400. Lion Dorothy was not in attendance due to the passing of her brother-in-law (her twin sister's husband) in Louisiana. Our prayers to Lion Dorothy and family

**Auction Item:** none

**Club Business and Announcements:**

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

A) **The BLC WILL BE meeting on Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at noon**

B) Installation and Awards Banquet is 6-10pm event on July 10th. **NO MEETING AT NOON.** Sports themed and is BYOB. The Bar Tender Competition will be returning so bring you \$1(s) tip for your favorite entry. Lion Melinda spoke with each member at today's meeting signing them up if attending the Installation (and if a +1 or more). Also, she signed up contestants for the Bartender Competition. There is only 1 more meeting (July 3rd) to sign up to attend the Installation and Banquet. If you plan to attend the banquet but will not be attending on July 3rd please read the information on this ROAR edition's front page for the email deadline to sign up

2. Lion Penny added that if you know of members who may not read the ROAR on a regular bases please reach out to them to let them know to email her. Also, please reach out to your sponsor or members you have sponsored to urge them to attend

3. Thank you Lions Carl and Dorothy for the pulled port meal with all the trimmings; and thank you Lion Cindy for the so good dessert of pineapple cake and orange dreamsicle cheesecake

4. **Program:** Sara Guice and Nick Goyette with the Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain, photos below

### Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain

Sara Guice Executive Director with the Biloxi Office of the Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain, return today to share exciting news that has been in the development stages for over a year and a half.

She announced that an Environment Justice Grant through the US Environmental Protection Agency under the Clean Water Act will be available in April 2025 for each of the US Coastal States. The grant funding to each state will be 2.5 million dollars and Mississippi's grant funds will be administered by the Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain for the 6 Mississippi Coastal Counties of Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, George, Stone and Pearl River.

The grant will be distributed over 4 years in mini grants of \$25K up to \$250K. "The good news" Sara added "is that anyone can apply for the mini grants." The application process will be a simple one and a half page online application in a drop down questions format. The applications will be reviewed for award by a panel consisting of persons from the 6 counties.

Sara said she and the LTMCP Director of Stewardship, Nick Goyette, are reaching out to organizations, public and private officials, and other possible interested groups to share the news of the 2.5 millions that will be available for many different projects. She reviewed some of the possible project areas in which a grant can be applied for...

- 1) Community Garbage/Trash clean up
- 2) Hazzard Waste
- 3) Trail clean up in Public areas
- 4) Soil Remediation
- 5) Public Play Ground Equipment
- 6) Native Habitat projects
- 7) Repair/clean up of access for public piers
- 8) Environmental educational projects
- 9) And the are looking for additional good ideas from concerned citizens for other worthy projects

In closing with a lively Q&A, Sara reiterated the propose of the Land Trust to protect lands and property that have either been donated, or in a few cases, purchased by the Land Trust for perpetuity. No land in the Land Trust program can be sold. It can in some incidences be leased for purposed such as hunting leases or a right of way lease.

If you know of someone or an organization that may wish to apply for the mini grants please share the LTMCP.org website.



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

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# JUNE LIONS

Matt Boney Tadd Gabrielson Dorothy Nehlig  
Margot Sweetman Juanita Horton  
Tracie Craddock

BLC Members... What a FAR OUT year!

We celebrated the most important milestone of 100 year as the Biloxi Lions Club! 100 plus years with 100 plus Presidents, no one serving twice. A first with the 30S District Governor and the VDG being 'elected' from the same club. And, We have faced changes to make Biloxi Lions the best Club we as we continue In Biloxi We Serve!



ARLO

This is my last ROAR newsletter as Editor and it has been an honor for me to serve as the Biloxi Lions Club. My path is now to serve along side of DG Elijah Mitchell and SVDG Jim McKinnon to make District 30S the best it can be as we Make Our Mark...



Arlo bids all members Adieu! Pres. Jerry it's been FAR OUT!

BLC Annual Installation and Awards Banquet  
Wednesday, July 10, 2024  
6:00 PM, Seafood Museum

Don't forget to dig out your favorite sports attire, hat, or whatever, for the Sports Day Installation for President Elect Tadd Gabrielson and his 2024-2025 Board on the evening of July 10th. Yes, it will be an evening event so **no noon meeting** that day.

Feast on game day favorites of hot dogs, hamburgers, nachos, peanuts, popcorn and cracker jacks! Did I hear that a keg might show up, hint-hint? It is still a BYOB if you care for your own special favorite, but please provide your mixers for your BYOB if necessary.

It will be a honor for our own DG Elijah to install the 2024-2025 Officers and Board.

The Biloxi Lions Club will also recognize the members with Club Awards who have distinctly served the club in 2023-2024. Congratulations in advance to the honorees, who have yet to be named, for proudly embracing...

In Biloxi We Serve.



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*Dates to Save*

July 10, 2024

Biloxi Lions Installation & Awards

More Information TBA

Sept 5-7, 2024

USA/Canada Leadership Forum

Louisville, KY

## Dessert Pledges

### JULY

- 3rd Jerry Dodge
- 10th Installation Banquet
- 17th Jaye Brice
- 24th Open
- 31st Open



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.

### AUGUST

- 7th Jerry Gardner
- 14th Jaye Brice
- 21st Carl & Dorothy Nehlig
- 28th Melinda Freeman

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