

Count Down 100
8 Months



ROAR
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**2023-2024
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& BOARD**

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**WELCOME TO THE 2023-2024 BILOXI LIONS CLUB
OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

On June 21, 2023 the Biloxi Lions Club crossed another milestone with their 100th Installation of the Biloxi Lions Club Officers and Board of Directors.

We are humbled, and extremely delighted, that the Biloxi Lions Club accomplish the achievement of reaching the one hundred year mark.

Outside of 1 or 2 occasions were a 1st Vice President had to step up to fill unexpired term of a sitting president, we are proud to say that not one member has served 2 terms as President at any time in 100 years. This importance signifies that one hundred different community leaders have shared their talents and leadership to Lionism and gave the Biloxi Club the opportunity for one century to majestically ROAR....

IN BILOXI—WE SERVE!

The Biloxi Lions will officially observe it's 100 the Anniversary the week of February 2024 with a special event. The announcement of date of the event TBA.



President: Gerald 'Jerry' Gardner
1st Vice President: Tadd Gabrielson
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Jerry Dodge
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Brandy Gunter
Ex-Officio: Melinda Freeman

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND

JUL 5	James Pennington, Back Bay Mission
JUL 7-11	Lions Clubs International Convention, Boston, MA
JUL 12	Sara Guice & Nick Goyette, Land Trust for Mississippi Coastal Plain
Jul 13	Board of Directors Mtg, Cadence Bank, Howard Ave. 2nd floor, BYOL
AUG 9	Susan Hunt, Biloxi Excel By 5
AUG 23	Michael Watson, Mississippi Secretary of State
SEP 21-23	USA/CANADA Forum, Reno, Nevada

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

6.28.2023 Meeting Recap

Opening: Lion President Jerry Gardner called his first meeting to order at 12:05pm; The BLC Choir led us in God Bless America; Lion Tadd led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion Jerry D. offered the prayer

Guest(s): Lion Tadd introduced his guest Charles Roundtree; Lion Jerry D. introduced his guest Kevin Coggins **Zoom:** none

50/50 drawing: \$21 was won by Lion Tadd; **King of Clubs Progressive:** Lion Wayne drew the 8 of Spades, \$1338 won today if the King of Clubs drawn

Auction Item: none

Club Business and Announcements:

1. President Jerry G:

a) signup sheet for the next quarter of July-Sept 2023-2024 is now available on the back table

b) announced the winner of the Bartender competition at the Installation Banquet was the PEACH SHOOTER, provided by Lion Cindy

2. Lion Teresa gave an update on the State Convention and reported that convention dates are still pending on the hotel for a Sun-Tues or Fri-Sun convention attendees only rates. However, the Biloxi Visitor Center has been reserved for a Friday-Sunday convention site at this time but can be amended to the Sun-Tues if needed. She asked that members express their preference of days by emailing Lion Penny

3. Lion Carl announced that District 30S has applied for a \$10,000 LCIF disaster relief grant for the Moss Point tornado. The announcement of the grant should be soon. The grant funding will be used to help the clean-up crews and disaster victims with ice and water during the extremely hot temperatures the area is experiencing. We will be distributing ice chests, ice, water and cooling neck clothes to those needing them and we will need your help. He said the Woolmarket Club is also being asked to participate in helping in this disaster distribution. Once final info is obtained a sign up sheet will be available for member volunteer assistance

4. **Program:** Lion Jerry Dodge introduced today's guest speaker, U.S. Representative Mike Ezell, 4th Congressional District of MS. Photos below

The Honorable Mike Ezell, U.S. Representative 4th Congressional District of MS

It was indeed a pleasure for the newly elected U.S. Representative Mike Ezell, and 3 members of his staff, to join the Biloxi Club on June 28, 2023. However, he is 'Mike' when he shakes your hand and looks you in the eye. Joining the Congressman were his Chief of Staff Joe Nicholson, Press Secretary & Digital Director Josh Riggs, and his Deputy District Director Julie Miller.

Rep. Ezell represents the 4th Congressional District of MS which encompasses the southeast counties Jones, Wayne, Lamar, Forrest, Perry, Greene, Pearl River, Stone, George, Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson and accounts for approximately 742,632 constituents as of the 2020 census.

As a junior Congressman, Rep. Ezell has been assigned to serve on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (which handles jurisdiction over all modes of transportation in the United States and federal programs such as FEMA, NOAA, Army Corps of Engineers, and the US Coast Guard) and the House Committee on Homeland Security (which oversees issues of national security, border security, counterterrorism, emergency preparedness, and cybersecurity.) Both of these important House Committees have subcommittees which he serves on, such as the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and serves as the Vice Chair.

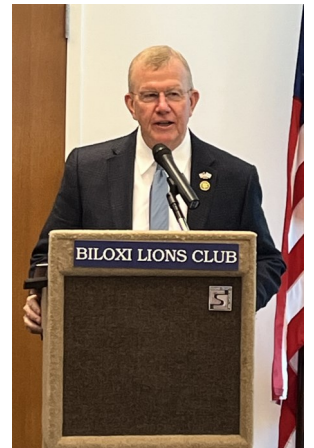
With over 40 years in law enforcement, most recently serving as the Sheriff of Jackson County prior to being elected to the House of Representatives in November 2022, Rep. Ezell's law enforcement knowledge and experience is essential in addressing the matters of Homeland Security for his constituency and for the citizens of the United States as a whole.

Locally, Rep. Ezell is already addressing a problem which plagued the coastal counties in 2019 when the Bonnet Carre Spillway in Louisiana was opened for an extended period of time for Mississippi River flooding management. Coastal businesses, especially those in the seafood industry, suffered huge financial loss at the extended opening. The long term intrusion of fresh water unbalanced the salt/fresh water ratio ecosystem resulting in an almost complete decimation of the seafood industry. The oyster industry was particularly hit hard as all coastal oyster beds were wiped out. The tourism industry also suffered financially from the toxic fresh water blue-green algae, which bloomed and thrived along the coastal shores all the way to Alabama, resulting in the closure of beaches and coastal waters recreation access at the height of tourist season.

During the disaster, Mississippi found it had a limited say with the Army Corp of Engineers when it came to discussions on when and how long the Bonnet Carre could be opened to control Mississippi River flooding. At a recent Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Meeting the Congressman questioned the Asst. Secretary of the Army for Civil Works regarding the lack of MS Coastal leaders and businesses being included in a study regarding the Bonnet Carre Spillway management. The Asst. Sec. responded that they would not just be working with the states and local parties but bringing in other agencies*. (*Report from WXXV Staff Washington 6/23/2023)

The ROAR editor specifically focused on the Bonnet Carre Spillway from the Congressman's visit for this ROAR edition, however, his other Key Issues are Agriculture, Crime & Public Safety, Immigration & Border Patrol, Jobs & the Economy, National Security, Transportation & Infrastructure, and Veterans.

Rep. Ezell's time past quickly and he surely had more to share. Should you have any concerns or issues you feel are needing to be addressed at the Federal Level you can go to the Congressman's webpage www.ezell.house.gov to see what Constituent Services his office offers.



U.S. Representative Mike Ezell receiving a Lion Pen from Lion Jerry Dodge

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>

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Dessert Pledges

July– August

JULY

5th Penny Edwards

12th Brandy Chaplin

19th Teresa Martin

26th Open

AUGUST

2nd Cindy Bamburg

9th Carl & Dorothy Nehlig

16th Leslie Johnson

23rd Cindy Bamburg

30th Glenn Bremenkamp

The 2023-2024 1st quarter sign up sheet (July-Sept) is now available at the meetings. Please consider your dates and sign-up. Your dessert does not need to be home made, we will enjoy store bought just as much. If you are not able to attend the meeting in which you have pledged a dessert, please info Lion Penny prior to your date. Hopefully, your date can be picked-up by another member.



JUNE LIONS

Matt Boney Tadd Gabrielson Dorothy Nehlig

Margot Swetman Tracie Craddock

Juanita Horton

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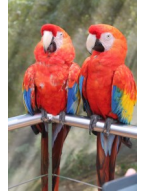
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Jack and Jill...

Say Goodbye

We have a great time helping Lion Penny cover some of the events and happenings of the Biloxi Lions Club members.



This will be our last appearance in the Biloxi Lions Club's ROAR newsletter. It is our understanding that some hippie type dude starts next week for the 2023-2024 year.

Thank you for sharing your news with us and good luck to Lion President Jerry Gardner and to his board in the upcoming 100th Anniversary Year. It was a pleasure...

Jack & Jill



Dates to Save

July 7-11, 2023

International Convention, Boston,

Sept. 21-23, 2023

USA/CANADA Forum, Reno Nevada