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7 Months



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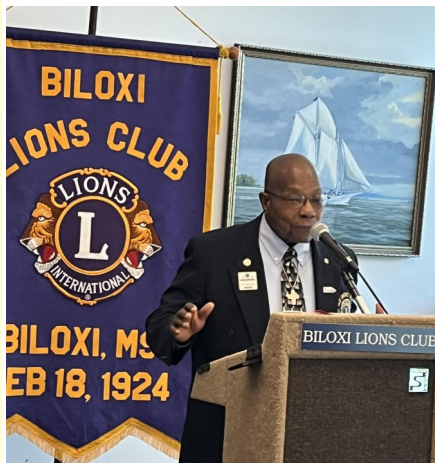
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**First District Governor, District 30S  
2023 Boston International Convention Experience**



Lions of Mississippi  
District 30S  
First District Governor  
Lion Reverend Elijah Mitchell

The Lions International Convention is an event that every Lion should experience at least once, and hopefully more than once. As the event is properly titled, International is the key word. Every year the convention is held in one of the more than 200 countries that the Lions Clubs International currently has clubs registered. Countries bid years in the future for the honor to host a International Convention.

The 2023 was very convenient for many USA and Canadian Lions as held in Boston, MA July 7-11, 2023.

The Boston LICCon held a special meaning for one particular Biloxi Lion as he was attending as a District Governor in training. Biloxi's Past President Elijah Mitchell became the Lions of MS District 30S First Vice District Governor on July 1 and was recognized with the other First District Governors from around the world on Boston.

Usually, Lions members find International Conventions a time of travel to a new country, greeting old friends and meeting new ones, taking in the culture of the particular location though planned excursions, enjoying the host countries planned Convention events such as entertainment, watching or participating in the International Parade, attending the general business sessions, being a delegate to vote, participating in a service project, or a host of other

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**UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

<b>SEPT 9</b>	<b>Vision Screening, Train Museum, 9:30-5</b>
<b>SEPT 13</b>	<b>Doug Bradford, Area Team Coordinator, Operation Christmas Child</b>
<b>SEPT 14</b>	<b>BLC Board Meeting, Cadence Bank, noon, BYOL</b>
<b>SEPT 20</b>	<b>BLC Board Meeting Minutes Review</b>
<b>SEPT 16</b>	<b>Maritime &amp; Seafood Industry Museum Annual Drawdown</b>
<b>SEPT 16</b>	<b>Mid-South Lions Cooper-Young Festival, Memphis</b>
<b>SEPT 21-23</b>	<b>USA/CANADA Forum, Reno, Nevada</b>
<b>SEPT 27</b>	<b>Patrick Pearson, Mississippi Aquarium</b>
<b>OCT 4</b>	<b>DEADLINE FOR NUT SALES, Form on Page 4</b>

## 8.30.2023 Meeting Recap

**Opening:** Lion President Jerry Gardner called meeting to order at 12:05pm; The BLC Choir led us in God Bless America; Lion Sec. Joe led the Pledge of Allegiance; and FVDG Elijah offered the prayer

**Guests:** none **Zoom:** Lion Susan

**50/50 drawing:** \$21 was won by Lion Penny; **King of Clubs Progressive:** Pres. Jerry G. drew the Ace of Clubs, \$1679 to the winner if the King of Clubs was drawn. There are 25 cards left to draw...Will the winner of the King of Clubs Progressive be you?

**Auction Item:** none

### **Club Business and Announcements:**

1. Pres. Jerry's Announcements:

A) 20 Guns in 20 Days Raffle Ticket sales for 8/25 & 26 were \$460 and 34 \$10 meals were sold. Drawing starts Nov. 1. \$20 per ticket/\$100 for book of 6. Penny has over 20 books that need to be sold

B) A vision screening will be held on Sept 9th from 9:30-5 at the Train Museum. Lion Margot has the sign up sheet for volunteers

C) A sign up sheet is going around for 4 volunteers for the Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum's Annual Draw Down on Sept 16. Lions Cindy and Penny was already recruited to assist at the registration table for the event

2. Lion Melinda distributed the 2023 Biloxi Lions Club Annual Nut Sales forms. Deadline for orders is October 4th. Members are asked this year to please try and collect your nuts sales money in advance if possible.

3. Lion Carl is raffling off Saints tickets to benefit the purchase of a trailer for the Boys Leadership

4. Thank you Lion Kathryn for the great meal of baked chicken breast and your green beans; and thank you to Lion Glenn B. for providing the cake and cookie assortment for dessert

4. **Program:** Lion Jerry D. introduced our speaker District 30S FVDG Elijah speaking on his experience at the 2023 LICCon held in Boston

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activities conventioners find to do on their own.

However, if you are one of the many Lions that are taking part in leadership roles, such as the District Governor training, then the above description of a typical convention may still hold true but with the added activity of attending meetings with your peers.

FVDG Elijah shared his Boston LICCon experience by saying "it's hard to put 6 days into 20 minutes." He stated that the road to get there was a bit bumpy starting with making the reservations, the flight delays, and finally arriving at his hotel later in the evening than planned only to find that his assigned room had not been cleaned.

The next morning after a good evening meal, a clean room, and a good night sleep Lion Elijah said the host welcoming committee assigned to meet the visiting Lions were outstanding. "The convention center was huge and without Lion guides stationed in strategic locations it would have been hard to get where you needed to go on time." He expanded on the subject by saying "I learned the hard way when I was contacted by District 30S District Governor Tom Corlett asking 'where are you? You're supposed to be in this meeting now.' The facility was so large golf carts were used to transport from one area to another, and I had to have a golf cart transport me to the meeting room on the other end of the facility, nearly a mile away." But this convention was "A tremendous Blessing for me...inspirational, educational and fun!"

Next he had a couple of questions for BLC members (club members in leadership positions were not to answer)

- 1) The Name of the New International President Is? After a few hints, it still wasn't answered... A: Dr. Patti Hill
- 2) What is the President's theme? Several great answers but none completely correct...A: Changing the World

FVDG Elijah continued by explaining as the world's largest service organization with 1.4m members we have to adapt to make changes for future membership growth so that the Lions Clubs International can Change the World. We need to tell our story to the world about our work in the LCI Eight Global Causes: DIABETES, VISION, HUNGER, ENVIRONMENT, YOUTH, DISASTER RELIEF, HUMANITARIAN and CHILDHOOD CANCER. We need to be bold with calculated risk and be brave, to have the courage to change things we can change.

A new question was asked: What is the President's goal for 2023-2024? A: Her goal Mission 1.5 A Mission Challenge for members to achieve a global members of 1.5 million members by 2027.

A short You Tube video of International President Patti Hill on Mission 1.5 was to be shown at this time. However, the Seafood Museums internet refused to cooperate with our laptop in providing sound to the video.

You can watch the video on your own by going to You Tube for "LCI Mission 1.5 || Dr Patti Hill International President". You will be glad you watched this video. As a member you will want to take up her Challenge of Mission 1.5.

In closing, FVDG Elijah reiterated that for the action plan for Mission 1.5 to be successful:

- 1) All members need to engage and invite (ask) people to become new members
- 2) Clubs are dying, whether due to age, health, employment, or lack of commitment, we need to keep those alive and also form new clubs
- 3) Bottom Line: JUST ASK!
- 4) The BIGGEST change starts with YOU and ME, Right Here! Right Now!

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

**\*Issues Logging on...Please call or text Lion Wayne at 228.348.1334 (or Lion Greg 228.760.0239) for help.**

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## AUGUST LIONS

Melinda Freeman    Miriam Mitchell  
 Brandy Champlin    Jerry Gardner  
 David Stanovich    Pete Wilson  
 Alan Serotta

Remember you can reach me c/o Lion Penny's email:  
[lionpennyedwards@gmail.com](mailto:lionpennyedwards@gmail.com)  
 to help spread any LIONS news you feel need sharing!



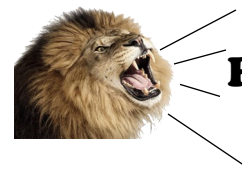
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**20 GUNS in 20 DAYS RAFFLE** starts Nov. 1st  
 Biloxi Lions, please step up to support the Lions of MS  
 Sight Foundation on this important endowment fundraiser  
 by taking a book, or two, of tickets...We do not want to  
 return 20 books...that's \$2000 plus of unsold tick-  
 ets...Kudos to Lions Tadd and Greg for turning in ticket \$\$  
 and taking more tickets! If you have \$\$ to turn in please  
 get it to Lion Penny as soon as you can, and don't forget to  
 get another book of tickets!!!

**JUST IN FROM LION TERESA WIECK-MARTIN  
 (State Convention Coordinator)**

DoubleTree Hotel has provided the hotel reservation link for the State  
 Convention in Biloxi April 29-30, 2024. Lion Teresa wanted you to have it  
 ASAP.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=BIXDTRDT&groupCode=CDTBLC&arrivaldate=2024-04-28&departuredate=2024-05-01&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>,



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*Dates to Save*

<b>Sept. 16, 2023</b> Mid-south Lions Cooper-Young Fest. Memphis	<b>April 29-30, 2024</b> Lions of MS State Convention Biloxi, MS, Additional Information TBA
<b>Sept. 21-23, 2023</b> USA/CANADA Forum, Reno NV	<b>June 7, 2024</b> Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament Olive Branch, MS
<b>Jan. 2024</b> Mid-South Lions MECA Cataract-A- Thon, Details Coming Soon	<b>June 8, 2024</b> Mid-South Lions Cataract-A-Thon
<b>Jan. 19-20, 2024</b> District 30S Mid-Winter Convention Hattiesburg, Location TBA	<b>June 21-25, 2024</b> Lions International Convention Melbourne, Australia
<b>Feb. 17, 2024</b> Biloxi Lions Club 100th Celebration Biloxi Visitor's Center, 6-10p,	
<b>April 12-13, 2024</b> Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Week-end, Memphis, TN	

**Dessert Pledges**



Remember, 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 ask another member to cover your date.

**September-October**

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|      | <b>September</b>      |
| 6th  | Cindy Bamburg         |
| 13th | Jerry Dodge           |
| 20th | Penny Edwards         |
| 27th | Carl & Dorothy Nehlig |
|      | <b>October</b>        |
| 4th  | Cindy Bamburg         |
| 11th | Open                  |
| 18th | Open                  |
| 25th | Open                  |

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**We Serve**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

LION NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PREPAID AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

## GOURMET NUTS ORDER FORM

### **NEW - PUMPKIN SPICE PECANS**

*1 lb., bag naturally flavored pumpkin spice seasoning* \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15.00 per bag)

### **COLOSSAL NATURAL PISTACHIOS**

*1 lb. bag roasted and salted in shell* \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15.00 per bag)

### **FANCY MAMMOTH PECAN HALVES**

*1 lb. bag, natural* \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15.00 per bag)

### **GIANT SALTED WHOLE CASHEWS**

*1 lb. bag roasted and salted* \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15.00 per bag)

### **HONEY ROASTED CASHEWS**

*1 lb. bag* \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15.00 per bag)

### **CHOCOLATE COATED CASHEWS**

*1 lb. bag* \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15.00 per bag)

### **PRALINE PECANS**

*1 lb. bag* \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15.00 per bag)

### **CHOCOLATE COATED PECANS**

*1 lb. bag* \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15.00 per bag)

### **CHOCOLATE COATED ALMONDS**

*1 lb. bag* \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15.00 per bag)

### **GIANT WHOLE CASHEWS – 16 OZ. GOLD TIN**

*Salted* \_\_\_\_\_ (\$23.00 per tin)

### **DELUXE MIXED NUTS – 16 OZ. GOLD TIN**

*Salted, no peanuts* \_\_\_\_\_ (\$23.00 per tin)

**Please return to Lion Melinda Freeman no later than Wednesday, October 4th. My email address is [melinda.freeman@cadencebank.com](mailto:melinda.freeman@cadencebank.com). Orders should be in by the 3rd week in November.**