



Biloxi Lions Club

Lions Roar



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Lions Sight Foundation

There are forms on all the tables for those who wish to donate to White Cane. For those of you that are curious about Avery McKinley, the following excerpt was in the Magnolia Lion, Winter 2019.

“Lion McKinley was a man that was dedicated to his community. He participated in Boy Scouts, Little League, the American Legion, and the Shriners. He was a Mason and a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church of Natchez. He received his Optometry Degree from the Northern Illinois College of Optometry, and served the Medical Corp during World War II.

Lion Avery McKinley was a member of the Natchez Lions Club from 1950 to 1996. Lion McKinley had served his Club in every office except Secretary and Treasurer. He had also completed his 46 years of service with a record of perfect attendance. Lion McKinley served as District Governor in 1958-59. He served as Council Chairman this same year. This was a period when the Chairman was selected from the sitting Council of Governors. In 1960, Lion McKinley received the International Presidents Award and was selected by the Natchez Lions Club as “Man of the Year”. In 1989, Lion McKinley was inducted into the Mississippi Lions Clubs “Hall of Fame” and was also honored as a “Melvin Jones Fellow”. In 1995, Lion McKinley was presented with a Life Membership by the Natchez Lions Club.

Lion McKinley helped to spearhead the founding of the Mississippi Eye Bank. He put many hours of service and miles of travel into this organization while serving as its chairman. The Mississippi Lions Eye Bank is recognized as one of the greatest

in the world. The status that it holds is a tribute to the great leadership provided by Lion McKinley in its early days. The 1996 30-I Mid-Winter Conference is one the Lions of Mississippi will never forget. Seated directly in front of the podium, waiting for the speaker to begin, “Doc” slumped over in his chair. All efforts to revive him failed. At the hospital, his wife, Francis, informed personnel that “Doc” was a donor. Because of “Doc’s” gift, two people received sight. Even in death he continued to serve.

In 1998, the Lions of Mississippi decided to honor Dr. McKinley with the creation of a pin that embodied his giving spirit. The pin’s design would change annually and proceeds from pin sales would be given to the Lions Sight Foundation in conjunction with White Cane, the major fundraising drive of the Lions Clubs of Mississippi.

The tradition lives on now in the form of a personal commitment that Lions are asked to honor each year. By doing so this year, they receive a unique pin that continues to honor “Doc” McKinley and help fund the state’s various service projects. This will be the first year that the progressive pin design will be available to those making an individual commitment. A new dangle will be designed and added to the pin to show the years of commitment made by a Lion. Please see the application below and start your progressive Avery McKinley today.”

The form to donate will be at the end of the ROAR for those of you that either had not made up your mind or missed the meeting.

Meetings are noon every Wednesday at the Maritime and Seafood History Museum

Guest Speaker

Today, our guest speaker was Allison Cook. She is the Communications Advisor at Chevron's Refinery in Pascagoula. A Gulf Coast native, Allison holds a bachelor's degree from The University of Alabama, and an MBA from William Carey University. Prior to joining Chevron, she was a reporter for The Mississippi Press, supported Hurricane Katrina recovery with the American Red Cross, and worked in public relations and marketing with Singing River Health System. She enjoys volunteering with several community organizations throughout Jackson County.

They started construction on the Chevron Refinery in 1961 and started operating in 1963. They have around 1600 employees and around 2000 contractors. They started out processing 100,000 barrels of crude oil a day and now process about 15 million barrels of crude oil a day to make various fuels (gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, etc.), specialized lubricants, petrochemicals for things like plastic, and petroleum coke that we ship to South America where it's used as heading fuel.

The Pascagoula refinery is Chevron's largest and is the 10th largest in the country. We have the contract to supply jet fuel to the Tampa airport and are the leading supplier of fuel to Panama. We supply fuel to about 100 gas stations along the gulf coast.

Some people refer to the process of breaking down crude oil into its components as "boiling oil". That's a bit of an over-simplification, but not far from wrong. The crude oil is fed into towers, kind of like silos, and heated to about 800 degrees. There are pipes at different levels from the bottom to the top that collect the various components that separate from the crude oil. The lightest components float to the top (gasoline, jet fuel, etc). Other components are heavier and float to various regions between the bottom and top. Diesel fuel is heavy so it is siphoned off somewhere closer to the bottom of the tower.

We also use chemical processes to break down the crude oil, sometimes with heat and sometimes with pressure. Using minerals, much like the catalytic converter in vehicles, we can extract the products we are looking for.

We get the crude oil from a variety of places. Some of the oil is domestic, some from South America, some from Southwest Asia (such as Arab countries), and some from African countries like Nigeria.

We export our finished products by water (ship or barge) (about 75%), by pipeline, by rail, and by truck.

Some fun facts are: we are the largest tax payer in Jackson County, we are one of Mississippi's largest tax payers, we are Mississippi Power's largest customer and Southern Company's second largest customer. We try to support local businesses by "buying local" as much as possible to the amount of about \$300 million.

For social investment, we place a lot of emphasis on education. We helped found the local "Excel by 5" program. We focus heavily on STEM programs (science, technology, engineering, and math). What started out as just a Jackson County FABLAB (Fabrication Lab) in Vancleave has grown to include a mobile FABLAB that serves Harrison County that goes to schools so they don't have to do a field trip to Vancleave.

To the east of our property is an estuary that is overseen by the DMR. It might be difficult to think that an oil refinery could share a border with an amazing estuary/ecosystem, but we do. We have about 3,000 acres of property, but have only developed about 2,000 acres. That leaves 1,000 acres which are undeveloped – natural.

Be sure to see the next page for the Avery McKinley White Cane donation form!

**2020-2021
Avery McKinley
Show your support
for White Cane!**



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