



# Biloxi Lions Club

## LIONS ROAR

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*Congratulations  
Biloxi Lion  
Greg Crapo  
Honored as  
Biloxi's  
Outstanding Citizen  
2019*

### UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

FEB 26	Wayne Rodolfich, Pasc, Sch Dist; Board Minutes Review
MAR 4	Jessica Johnson, Infinity Science Center
MAR 11	Dr. Courtney Ray, Southern Eye Clinic; Sees Candy Deadline
MAR 18	Susie Harvill, Human Trafficking
MAR 19	Board Meeting, McAlister's Rest. noon
MAR 25	Marcus Boudreaux, Blx Sch Dist; Board Minutes Review
APR 1	Karma Snyder, Stennis Space Center Rocket Science
APR 8	Julian Ranking, Walter Anderson Museum


*Meetings are noon every Wednesday at One Thirty One Lameuse, Downtown Biloxi*

## February 19, 2020 Club Meeting Recap

The Lions of Biloxi  
presents

### Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen 2019

**90th Annual  
Award Presentation**



February 19, 2020  
One Thirty One Lameuse

PROGRAM		RECIPIENTS
<p>Call to Order / Introduction of Master of Ceremonies <span style="float: right;">Matt Boney <i>President</i></span></p> <p>Song: God Bless America <span style="float: right;">The Lions Quartet and All</span></p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance <span style="float: right;">Ronald Cochran</span></p> <p>Invocation <span style="float: right;">Rev. James 'Bo' Roberts</span></p> <p>Welcome Remarks / Introductions <span style="float: right;">Jerry Dodge <i>Emcee</i></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAUSE FOR LUNCH</b></p> <p>Shared Memories of our 75th and 50th-Anniversary Recipients</p> <p>Introduction of Recipients in attendance</p> <p>Announcement of 2019 Outstanding Citizen</p> <p>Remarks by Family and Friends</p> <p>Proclamation <span style="float: right;">Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilch</span></p> <p>Presentation of Traditional Loving Cup <span style="float: right;">2018 B.O.C. Lee Ann Dubaz</span></p> <p>Acceptance and Remarks <span style="float: right;">2019 B.O.C. Gregory K. Crapo</span></p> <p>Closing Remarks <span style="float: right;">Jerry Dodge</span></p> <p>Benediction <span style="float: right;">Rev. James 'Bo' Roberts</span></p>	<p><b>2019 Gregory K. Crapo</b></p> <p>2018 Lee Ann Dubaz</p> <p>2017 Errol Blessley Bradley</p> <p>2016 Susan Hunt</p> <p>2015 Joe Boney</p> <p>2014 Katherine Blessley</p> <p>2013 Dennis J. Burke</p> <p>2012 Jape Gilch Brice</p> <p>2011 Lt. Col Thomas A. Varble</p> <p>2010 Theresa A. Pavlov</p> <p>2009 Kathy Springer</p> <p>2008 Delmar P. Robinson</p> <p>2007 Arlene Canaan</p> <p>2006 Lt. Gen. Clark Griffith</p> <p>2005 Citizens of Biloxi</p> <p>2004 Paul J. Collins</p> <p>2003 Clara Watson</p> <p>2002 Sr. Mary Riordan R.S.M.</p> <p>2001 A. J. Stanovich</p> <p>2000 Jimmie W. Roy</p> <p>1999 Tommie Gaudé</p> <p>1998 Ron Paresich</p> <p>1997 Sandy Steckler</p> <p>1996 Liz Joachim</p> <p>1995 Tommy Munro</p> <p>1994 Chris Moore</p> <p>1993 Arlene Wall</p> <p>1992 Bill Holmes</p> <p>1991 Rusty David</p> <p>1990 Chevris Sweetman</p> <p>1989 Clare Hornsby</p> <p>1988 Dick E. Wilson</p> <p>1987 Dr. Olon Ray</p> <p>1986 Joseph Duffie, Jr.</p> <p>1985 Sherwood L. Fayard</p> <p>1984 Sen. Tommy Gollott</p> <p>1983 Ernest Melvin</p> <p>1982 Nina Schwartzman</p> <p>1981 L. J. "Blue" Callavet</p> <p>1981 Lloyd Moon</p> <p>1980 Bruce Stewart</p> <p>1979 Matte Pitalo</p> <p>1978 William R. Lyons</p> <p>1977 John Pettus</p> <p>1976 Albert L. Mangin, Sr.</p>	<p>1975 Austin Moritz</p> <p>1974 Rev. W. C. Wyatt</p> <p>1973 Harry J. Schmidt, Jr.</p> <p>1972 Glenn L. Sweetman</p> <p>1971 Rev. David C. Ehrenfeld</p> <p>1970 Walter F. Fountain</p> <p>1969 John F. McDermott, Jr.</p> <p>1968 Laz Quave</p> <p>1967 Leo K. Crapo</p> <p>1966 Jerry O'Keefe</p> <p>1965 Mosline Savarro</p> <p>1964 Emile Fallo, Jr.</p> <p>1963 Mathew P. Lyons</p> <p>1962 Daniel Guice</p> <p>1961 George C. Quint</p> <p>1960 John T. Collins</p> <p>1959 Frank "Yankie" Barhanovich</p> <p>1958 Frotscher R. Steckler</p> <p>1957 Dr. B.Z. Welch</p> <p>1956 Frank P. Corso</p> <p>1955 Dr. D. L. Hollis</p> <p>1954 Kline Coquet</p> <p>1953 Cosman H. Eisendath</p> <p>1952 Mrs. Dora E. Gilly</p> <p>1951 M'Gen. James Powell</p> <p>1950 Eugene Paresich</p> <p>1949 Mrs. Josephine W. Reicker</p> <p>1948 L.C. Corban</p> <p>1947 Msgr. Geoffrey O'Connell</p> <p>1946 Ross J. Fickes</p> <p>1945 Donald R. Fitz Roy</p> <p>1944 Maj. E.A. Hiller</p> <p>1943 Mrs. W. T. Bolton</p> <p>1942 F. H. Kimbrough</p> <p>1941 Mrs. J. H. Beeman</p> <p>1940 George Ditto</p> <p>1939 Mrs. W.E. McDonnell</p> <p>1938 Rev. J. A. Demiller</p> <p>1937 Louis J. Braun</p> <p>1936 Frank E. Bowes</p> <p>1935 Eugene P. Wilkes</p> <p>1934 Anthony V. Kuginis</p> <p>1933 Walter G. Wilkes</p> <p>1932 E. E. Moore</p> <p>1931 William F. Swan</p>

### Nominees for Outstanding Citizen of Biloxi - 2019

Mr. Gregory K. Crapo  
Mr. John G. Sullivan, U.S.A.F. Ret. Col  
Mr. Kenny Washington

### We are proud to present Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen 2019

**Mr. Gregory K. Crapo**

\*\*Excerpts from Nomination\*\*

It is difficult to list all the volunteer activities in which Greg has participated in his life. His efforts carry over into the entire community. He encourages people of all ages to reach their full potential and is a supportive friend to many. He undertakes all projects with the truest sense of altruism, serving above and beyond without remuneration and often without credit (which he does not seek).

Greg developed an interest in sign language in order to help those who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. As with everything he does, he met this challenge with enthusiasm, creativity, and a positive attitude.

Greg is a big fan of Jack Nicklaus, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday. Tributes to the Golden Bear's accomplishments and observations about his life make it clear why Greg looks up to him. Nicklaus' greatness, over time, are not only defined by numbers or records, but more by his character, such as his spirit of generosity and emphasis on what is best for the game.

But long before he knew about Jack Nicklaus, Greg was influenced in a large measure by his father, Leo K. Crapo, a recipient of the Citizen of the Year. Greg has been true to that legacy in his own way and his contributions and service are not limited to one year. I respectfully submit that he should be recognized (finally) as Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen. If only he could be a better golfer.

In Biloxi - We Serve!  
Chartered February 18, 1924

**Master of Ceremonies Lion Jerry Dodge joining 2018 Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen, Lee Ann Dubaz, as she presents the 2019 Recipient Greg Crapo with the traditional gold loving cup.**



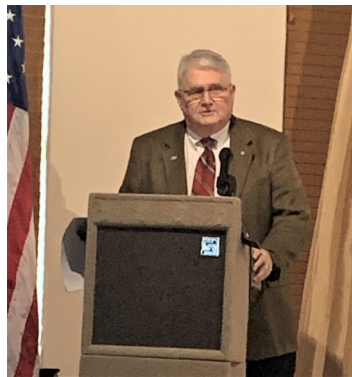
**More photos from the 2019 Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen Award Program...**



**Biloxi Mayor 'Fo Fo' Gilich declaring Gregory K. Crapo Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen 2019**



- 75th Anniversary Honoree  
1944 Major E.A. Hiller**
- 50th Anniversary Honoree  
1969 John P. McDermott Jr.**
- 25th Anniversary Honoree  
1994 Chris Moore**



**Testimonials for B.O.C. Greg Crapo**  
**Top: Charlie Hughes, Pres. Of the Board De L'eepe Deaf Center**  
**Left: Vicki Miller, Sec. of the Board De L'eepe Deaf Center**  
**Right: Melissa Batia Williams, niece representing the Crapo family**

Collage of photos of our Biloxi Lions Club members and guests enjoying the 2019 BOC Award Program...



Wish I had room for more photos!!!!

**MID-SOUTH LIONS NEWS**

April 24-25 is a combination of the Mid-South Lions Leaders Weekend 2020 and the "Give the Gifts" Dinner and Auction. As mentioned in an earlier ROAR Edition, Friday, April 24th, is the "Give the Gifts" Auction and Dinner, and Saturday, April 25th, is the tour of the Hamilton Eye Clinic and sessions on how you can learn how your money is benefiting those in need with sight and hearing services.

This year the Annual Auction will include online bidding, not only the night of the event, but has just been opened for early bidding. So, if you can not make the Dinner and Auction you can still bid by registering at: <http://www.biddingowl.com/midsouthlions>. For your convenience a 'QR Code' imagine was provided by Scott Shelhamer, however, the ROAR editor has been unable to get it to load to the newsletter at this time. Hopefully, that issue will be rectified for the next ROAR.

And, auction items are still being collected. If you have a gift closet with new items you feel will worthy of this awesome fundraiser please see Lions Greg, Penny, Wayne, Teresa. Lion Greg can take a small amount of items when he goes to the MidSouth Quarterly Mtg on March 14.

No, gift closet, no problem. If you have any size and type attractive woven, wicker, plastic, metal baskets or tubs that can be used in making gift baskets you can donate, we want them! Plus any gift basket making materials like crinkled paper, colored Easter straw, clear gift basket bags, ribbon, raffia, tulle, etc. to complete a basket would be greatly appreciated.

A Leaders Weekend 2020 registration form is on page 5 of the ROAR

Complete (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)  
and mail as soon as possible

(PLEASE NO RESERVATIONS BY E-MAIL or PHONE)

to Mid-South Lions, 930 Madison,  
Suite 101 Memphis, TN 38103

VDG / DGE     OTHER LION LEADER  
 HOST

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUEST \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, ST ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE RESERVATIONS BY APRIL 18, 2020**

**FRIDAY 4/24 ONLY**

PLEASE ENCLOSE \$120 CHECK OR CARD #

CARD # \_\_\_\_\_

EXP DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY 4/24-25**

PLEASE ENCLOSE \$220 CK OR CARD #

ROOM TYPE:     1 BED     2 BEDS

**NO ROOM NEEDED**

**ALL ROOMS ARE NON-SMOKING**

Dear Lion President: MID-SOUTH IS COMBINING THREE GREAT EVENTS INTO ONE WEEKEND: LION LEADERS WEEKEND, EXAM-A-THON AND OUR GIVE THE GIFTS DINNER & AUCTION WILL ALL BE HELD ON APRIL 24-25, 2020!

Please look over the enclosed 2020 Lion Leaders Weekend and auction brochure. It has information about a weekend that will enhance the way your Club serves your community.

Not only will you see the state-of-the-art facilities utilized by your Mid-South Lions Sight And Hearing Service, but you will be able to discuss service projects, fundraisers, activities and events with Lions from Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee. One of the tour stops this year will include our Exam-A-Thon in preparation for the 2020 Cataract-A-Thon! Plus, we will have great food, fun and excitement as we include our Give the Gifts Dinner & Auction on Friday night.

This special weekend will include live and silent auctions on Friday evening, and on Saturday, you will hear from some of the most renowned ophthalmologists in the world, see some of the absolute latest technology, walk through Exam-A-Thon with patients, as well as hear some of the miracle stories from patients who have been served plus you will learn about the long and illustrious history of Mid-South.

This is a once-a-year opportunity for leaders in your Lions Club to observe, learn and put into action methods and experiences that will help your Lions Club provide sight and hearing to those in need from your community.

What is the cost? 1) Your time and 2) Expenses for travel and lodging (see brochure for hotel rates). What is the benefit? 1) Your Lion leaders will bring back more enthusiasm and expertise for serving those in need 2) Leaders will have more ideas on what other clubs do to raise money and ways to serve better and 3) Attendees will actually see our medical facilities through the eyes of our doctors and actual patients as they are examined...and hear what a positive difference YOU are making through Mid-South Lions. **AND, everyone LOVES an AUCTION!**

Join me and the Lions of our four states at the 2020 Lion Leaders Weekend. You and the people you serve will be glad you did.

Complete the attached form and return it to Mid-South to make reservations. To secure your room and set our meal guarantees, we need your reservations no later than April 18, 2020.

Together in service,

*Art Ritter*

PDG Art Ritter, Mid-South Lions President 2019-2020