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1 Year 3 Months



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**Spotlight on a Lion
Austin Knue**

Austin Knue started out learning about the Biloxi Lions Club when he started dating Libby Ross, the daughter of Biloxi member Wayne Ross.

Because of Libby's being a Type 1 diabetic, Austin saw the good the Lions do for children programs and has volunteered at the Lion Destiny's Diabetes Camp and the Sea and Sun Camp for Visually Impaired Children, both held at Camp Wilkes in Biloxi.

Libby and Austin were married two years ago and were blessed with a son, Nathan Wayne Knue, born almost a year ago. He is employed in the banking industry as a loan officer.

Austin's father-in-law, Lion Wayne, became Austin's sponsor 2 years ago. Since then Lion Austin has been involved with the Biloxi Lions' Miss Gulf Coast and Miss Biloxi and the Miss Gulf Coast Teen Scholarship Pageants, chaired the Shucker's Baseball Tickets fundraiser, and was selected as the 2021-2022 Biloxi Lions Rookie of the Year. He was elected as a 3-Year Director for 2022-2023. Just ask and Lion Austin is there to help.



UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

NOV 30	Ingalls Shipbuilding
DEC 7	Brian Lamar, virtual live from Japan
DEC 14	Reserved for the Biloxi High School Choir Annual Christmas Program
DEC 21	NO MEETING CHRISTMAS WEEK
DEC 28	NO MEETING
JAN 4	PDG Carl Nehlig, District 30S FCIF Coordinator

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

11.16.2022 Meeting Recap

Opening: Lion President Melinda called the meeting to order at 12:05pm; Lions Miriam and Jerry led God Bless America; Lion Miriam led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion Jerry Dodge offered the prayer

Guest(s): Lion Teresa introduced 30M PDG Reba Bland; Lion Glenn Quave introduced George Azar, a prospective member; Lion Pres. Melinda introduced Nona Reynolds, who is a past Biloxi Club member; and Angela Lappe, Marking Dir. Southern Eye Group attended with our guest speaker

Zoom: none

50/50 drawing: \$30 was won by Lion Greg; **King of Clubs Progressive:** they was not a progressive drawing

Club Business and Announcements:

1. Lion Pres. Melinda read some fun facts on Thanksgiving
2. Lion Carl announced the bucket for contributions to LCIF for Giving Tuesday is being passed around once more. The funds collected are designated to assist with the Florida Disaster Relief caused by the hurricanes Florida has recently experienced. The total contributions collected was just over \$212.00 and will count towards the Biloxi Club's Melvin Jones contribution
3. Pres. Melinda stated the Nuts ordered have arrived and thanked Lion Greg for again for his assistance in having the nuts delivered to the Deaf Center for sorting. Members can pick up their orders M-F 8-4.
4. Lion Margot announced a signup sheet is being passed around for members wishing to assist on the vision screening event that will be at the Biloxi Christmas in the City on December 3rd
5. Thank you went out by Pres. Melinda to Lion Kathryn for the chili served today on this chilly day and to Lion Jaye for providing the tiramisu and the vanilla cake for dessert
6. Lion Sec. Joe read the board meeting minutes which had only 1 item on the agenda. The board voted to support Lion Penny Edwards for nomination for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor in 2023. The club agreed to the support Lion Penny for this position
7. Lion Austin Knue was the Spotlight on a Lion. photo front page
8. Lion Jerry introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Raymond Rojas, Ophthalmologist with Southern Eye Group, Biloxi. Photo below



Dr. Raymond Rojas receiving a Lions Ink Pen from Program Chair Jerry Dodge

Dr. Raymond Rojas, Ophthalmologist Southern Eye Group

Dr. Rojas trained at Tulane in New Orleans and has been with the Southern Eye Group in Biloxi for just over 4 months. He presented a power point presentation about the three of the most common diseases of the eyes and treatment options. A lively Q&A session followed his presentation.

Cataract 3.8 million surgeries a year in the United States

1. Symptoms: Cloudy/yellow/blurry vision; Glare/halos/night vision difficulty; Frequent glasses changes
2. Family History of earlier cataracts
3. Diabetes, Steroid Use

Glaucoma 3 million American affected

1. Disease of the optic nerve
2. Can be asymptomatic
3. Can be hereditary
4. Age is a big risk factor

Macular Degeneration

1. Leading cause of blindness >65
2. 48 million American affected
3. Disease of the Retina
4. Smoking, age, family history, women > men, light colored eyes

Don't forget you can ZOOM a meeting if unable to attend in person.

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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Dessert Pledges

November-December

NOVEMBER

30th Penny Edwards

DECEMBER

7th Teresa Wieck-Martin

14th Carl & Dorothy Nehlig

21st NO MEETING

28th NO MEETING

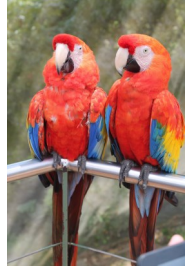
NEWS Flash!!!

Jack and Jill received the Following IMPORTANT Message:

Have you picked up your NUT Orders Yet?

AND...

Congratulation to Artie Desporte of Biloxi for being a winner in the MS Lions Sight Foundation's 15 Guns in 15 Days drawing. Artie's winning ticket was sold to him by Biloxi Club member Lion Penny Edwards.



The JANUARY-MARCH Quarter Dessert Sign-Up Sheet will be available in at the next meeting. Please sign up and showcase your special dessert. Dessert pledges will be posted here in the ROAR in case you forget your



Dates to Save

January 20-21 2023

District 30S Mid-Winter Convention,
Hilton Garden Inn, Madison, MS

Information and Registration in next Magnolia Lion

March 10-13, 2023

Girls Leadership Conference

March 24-26, 2023

Boys Leadership Conference

April 15, 2023

Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Day

May 5-6, 2023

Lions of MS State Convention, Columbus, MS

July 7-11, 2023



NOVEMBER LIONS

Jerry Dodge Leslie Johnson
Tom Quave Kathleen Talley
Brad Baker

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From Brad Baker, ED of Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service

MID-SOUTH LIONS DATES TO SAVE

March 17-18, 2023 - Mid-South Lions meeting in Hot Springs AR

Friday, March 17 at Oaklawn Gaming and Racing for buffet lunch in the Carousel Room
Plus the 3rd Race will be the Mid-South Lions Stakes Race

Saturday, March 18 will be quarterly meeting at the Hotel Hot Springs

Saturday, April 15 Visiting Lions Day at the Hamilton Eye Institute, Hospital tours, Doctor presentations, 8 am—2:30 pm.
Free but must register at www.midsouthlions.org. Space is limited, register now!

Go to www.midsouthlions.org for details

VISION IN BLOOM
White Cane 2022-2023



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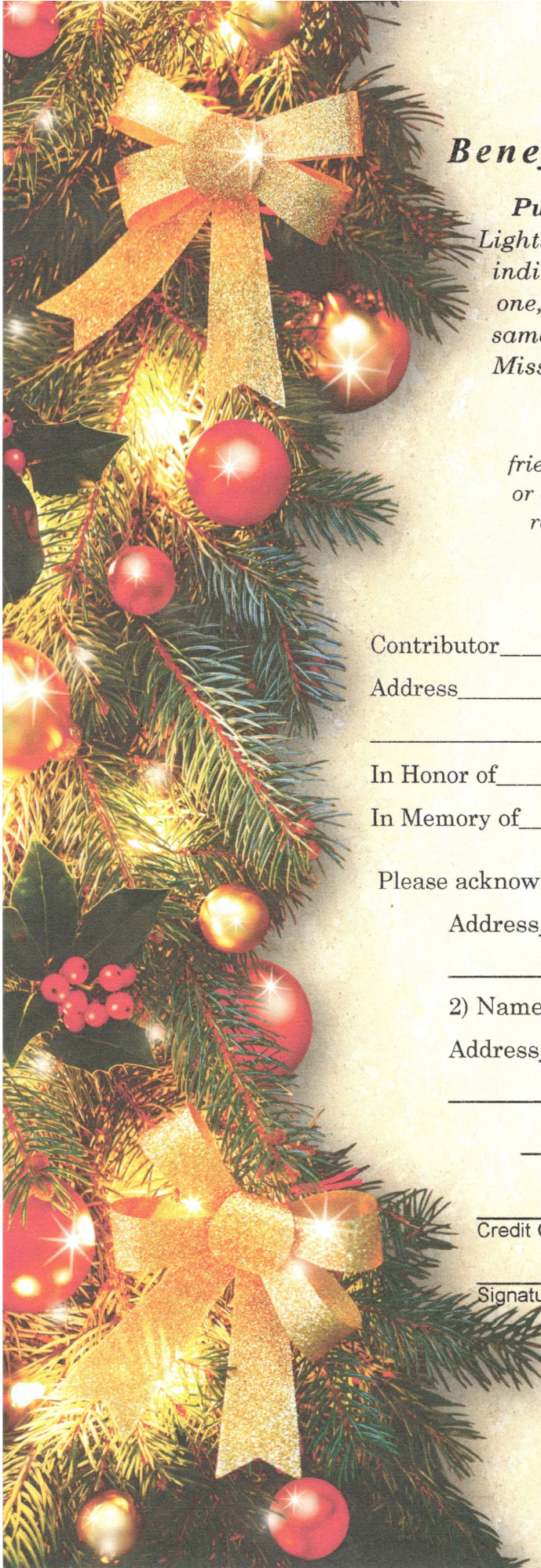
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Mail this form, with contribution to: **Lions Sight Foundation**
431 Katherine Drive
Flowood MS 39232

Make Check Payable to: **Lions Sight Foundation, indicate in memo area - Avery McKinley**



Lights for Sight

Benefiting Lions Sight Foundation

Purchase a Light in Honor of Someone Special

Lights for Sight is a program designed to allow clubs and individuals to recognize a friend, club member or loved one, living or deceased, throughout the year and at the same time show support for the White Cane Program of Mississippi by placing a light on the Christmas Tree in the state office building.

Please consider honoring an outstanding club leader, friend or family member or memorializing a deceased Lion or other loved one with a gift we feel is in keeping with the real meaning of the Christmas season. All gifts will be acknowledged with a card to whomever you choose.

(Duplicate as necessary.)

Contributor _____ Club _____

Address _____

In Honor of _____

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Please acknowledge: 1) Name _____

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_____ # of lights x \$25 = _____ Total

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