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He's More Than Just a Lion

Lion Greg Crapo was recently honored as the WXXV Television's Viewers Choice Awards Best Community Volunteer of the Year for 2022. Greg was nominated in August for the award by Libby Ross Knue, daughter of Biloxi Lion Wayne Ross and wife of Biloxi Lion Austin Knue.

The Viewer Choice Award process had a vast number of categories including the Best Community Volunteer. Viewers were invited to go the station's website and vote daily for their choice. Greg was one of the top 5 nominees and eligible for the final viewer voting process to determine the Best Community Volunteer. And, the rest is history.

We, of course, know what Lion Greg does for the Biloxi Lions Club, for our District 30S, at the state level for Lions of Mississippi, and for Mid-South Lions. However, to go into all he does for his community, his church, and his passion to help others it would take more than this small limited space allows.

Greg has stated many times "after my father passed away when I was just 13 I knew that I would honor him by carrying on what as he had lived...by helping others in need."

In addition to recognizing Lion Greg's Best Community Volunteer Award at the November 30th meeting, Lion President Melinda Freeman presented Greg with a Certificate of Appreciation from 30S District Governor Greg Palmer. Lion Greg was unable to attend the club meeting when DG Greg visited on November 9th.

As mentioned, we know what Lion Greg does...In Biloxi-He Serves! Congratulations Lion Greg for the well deserved recognition by the WXXV viewers.



UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

DEC 14	Biloxi High School Choir Annual Christmas Program
DEC 21	NO MEETING CHRISTMAS WEEK
DEC 28	NO MEETING
JAN 4	PDG Carl Nehlig, District 30S LCIF Coordinator
JAN 20-21	District 30S Mid-Winter Convention, Madison MS

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

12.7.2022 Meeting Recap

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

Guest(s): Lion Glenn Quave introduced George Azar, a soon to be inducted new member

Zoom: Lion Wayne

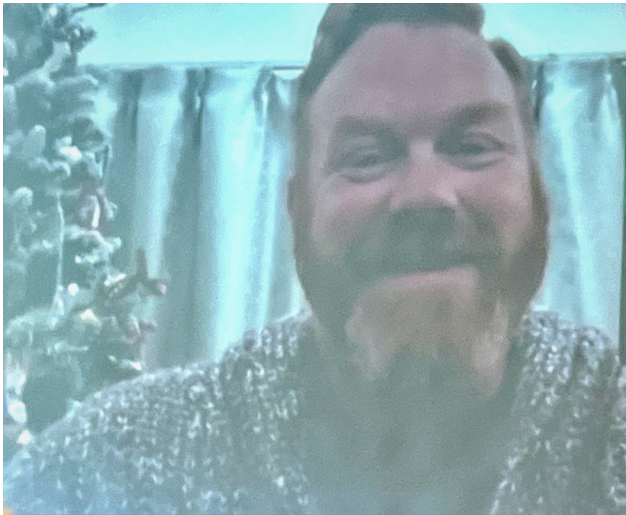
50/50 drawing: \$30 was won by ?; **King of Clubs Progressive:** there was not a progressive drawing

Auction Item: a goodie gift basket was donated by T.J. Nehlig and was won by Lion Teresa Wieck-Martin for \$25

Club Business and Announcements:

1. Lion Pres. Melinda recognized Lion Greg as the WXXV Viewers Choice Award Best Community Volunteer for 2022. She also presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation from DG Greg Palmer, left from the DG's visit. Lion Greg was not able to attend the District Governor's visit meeting on Nov. 9th. Pres. Melinda also presented Years of Service Chevrons to Lions Teresa Wieck-Martin (10 years) and Lion Jaye Brice (35 years). Lion Miriam Mitchell was presented her 15 year chevron on 11/30. Photos on front page and page 4
2. PP Elijah gave the following reports: (1) vision screening at the 12/3 Biloxi's Christmas in the City, 36 children were screened with 1 referral. Members attending were Lions Melinda Freeman, Suzette Duhe, Tadd Gabrielson, Elijah Mitchell, Glenn Quave, Margot Swetman, and Santa and Mrs. Claus (Carl and Dorothy Nehlig). Prospective member George Azar also help with setup and cleanup. Special recognition to PDG Charles Cruthirds for bringing the tent, table and chairs under this continued joint venture with the Woolmarket Lions Club. (2) a vision screening on Dec. 10th at the Seafood Museums Christmas open house with signup sheet was once again passed around for volunteers (3) the car donated to the CARS for MOMs is inoperable. A recipient can not be selected until another vehicle is donated (4) asked for votes through 12/22 for the wreath submitted by the Seashore Mission to IP Casino's Wreath of Hope. Winner gets a small contribution from IP for the holiday season (4) he has the Outstanding Citizen applications with a deadline is Jan. 23, 2023. Photos on page 4 curtesy of Biloxi Lions FB page
3. Pres. Melinda thanked Lion Kathryn for the delicious Mexican casserole meal and Lion Teresa for the cookies and petit fours she provided for dessert
4. Lion Jerry introduced our guest speaker via zoom directly from Okinawa, Japan, Brian Lamar.

Greetings from Brian at 3:00 am—Okinawa time



Brian Lamar
Deputy Public Affairs Officer—10th Support Group
Okinawa, Japan

Brian Lamar is a well-known guest speaker. But who else do we know who would get up before 3 AM to set up for a virtual speaking engagement for Club but Brian.

Brian presented programs to the Biloxi Club for over 6 years during his time in the Public Affairs Office at the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport. The NCBC is a vital military component on the MS Gulf Coast and Brian kept us updated regularly on what was happening at the center.

Then an opportunity came up earlier in the year that Brian, and his family, could not resist...a chance to go to Okinawa, Japan. As the grainy photo indicates the photo was taken from the big screen the zoom was projected onto. A Christmas tree stands decorated behind his right shoulder. It's Christmas at the Lamar household.

Brian shared his family's travel to Japan and how they are settling in over the past 90 days since they arrived. From living 'off-base' on the local economy, to the local school system, and Brian's English-to Japanese-to English exchange with the local Japanize residents has been an experience. He emphasized that the locals to not tolerate anti-social behavior and there is no exhibiting aggressiveness. However, back in the 1980s there was some unpleasantness between the military personnel and the locals resulting in the necessity of community relations mediation. Thus, this is where the Office of Public Affairs comes in...to continue the healthy relationship between the military and the residents. His office has helped with beach and park cleanup and the department is pleased to help but Brian stated that there is still some resentment from these proud peoples. However, there are still some local organizations that do need assistance and his office does as much as they can.

He closed by describing the beautiful island country and how he feels blessed by being able to experience the aspect of the culture, both ancient and modern, rural and urbanized.

We wish him the best and look forward to hearing more about his venture in Okinawa.

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

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Log on a few minutes prior to our 12 noon meeting to assure your connection

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Dessert Pledges November-December

DECEMBER

14th Carl & Dorothy Nehlig

21st NO MEETING

28th NO MEETING

JANUARY

4th Penny Edwards

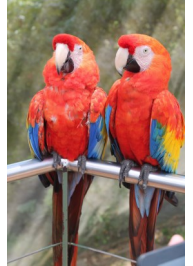
11th Leslie Johnson

18th open

25th Cindy Bamberg

NEWS Flash!!!

While Jack and Jill were flying around Biloxi this holiday season they saw our two beautiful young ladies, representing the Biloxi Lions well, with Biloxi Mayor FoFo Gilich at the Light-house Christmas Lighting on Nov. 29th. Photo on page 4 curtesy of Jaye Brice



Then on Dec. 10th Santa and Mrs. Claus help at the Lions vision screening during the Maritime and Seafood Industry's open house. Photos on page 4 curtesy of Margot Swetman and the Biloxi Lions FB page

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



DECEMBER LIONS

GREG CRAPO MILTON GRISHMAN

JUDY GAVIN JOE McCORMICK

SANDRA MORRISON GLENN QUAVE

BRANDY GUNTER



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

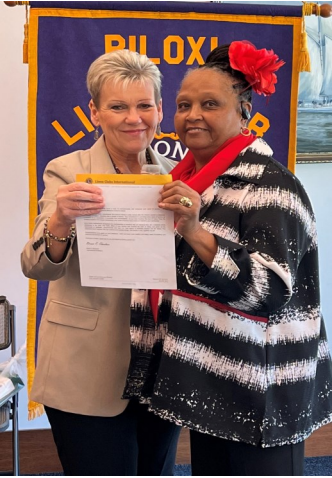
Lions of MS State Convention, Columbus, MS

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Photos from the November 30, 2022 Biloxi Lions Club meeting



Lion Miriam Mitchell receives her 15 year Chevron from President Melinda



Jonathan Brannan was the Nov. 30, 2022 guest speaker. Jonathan, well known to the WLOX television viewers and to the local Gulf Coast entertainment scene, is currently serving as the Digital Strategist at Ingalls Shipbuilding HII. Note: the ROAR Editor was unable to stay to hear Jonathan's program on Ingalls Shipbuilding but was able to get Jonathan to pose for photos prior to the start of the club meeting



Lion Jerry Dodge presenting the Lions Ink Pen to speaker Jonathan Brannan



L-R: Miss Gulf Coast Teen Sonia Ross, Biloxi Mayor 'FoFo' Gilich, Miss Biloxi Katelyn Perry pose beside the historic Biloxi Lighthouse

Right: President Melinda presenting Lion Teresa with the auction item she won. Unfortunately, the photo with Pres. Melinda presenting Teresa with her 10 Yr Chevron photo is not available.



Far Right: President Melinda presenting Lion Jaye Brice with her 35 Yr Chevron



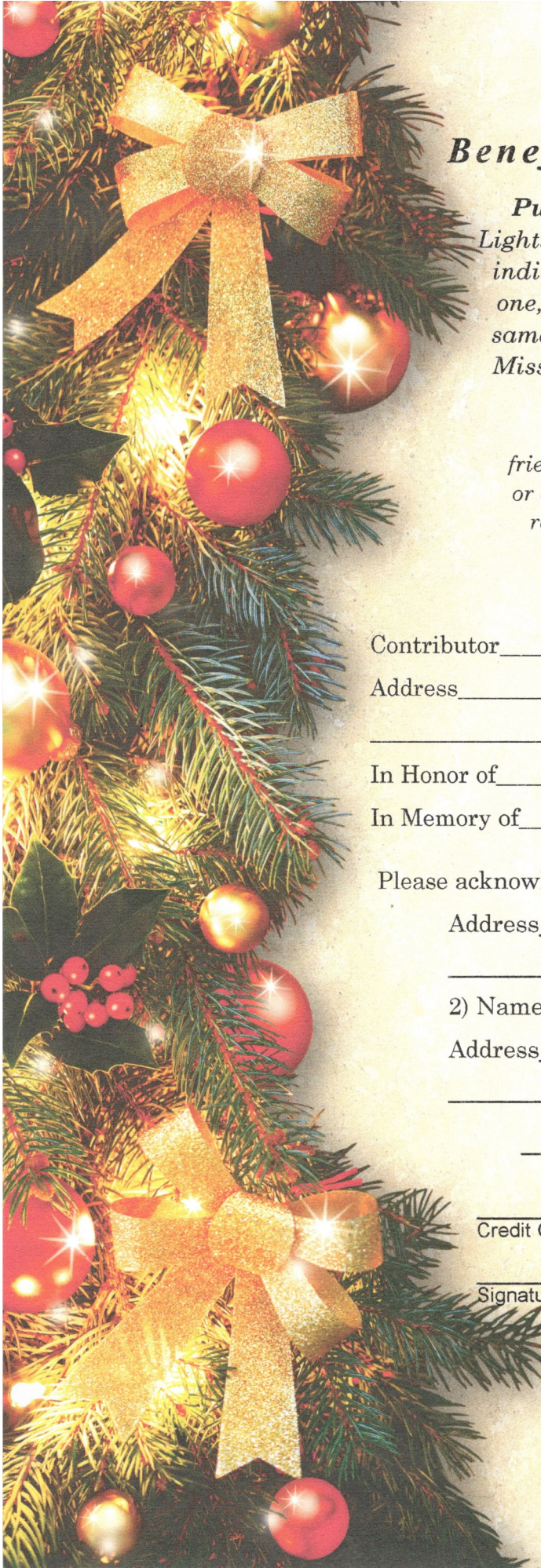
Left: Santa and Mrs. Claus (Lions Dorothy and Carl Nehlig) welcoming all the good boys and girls to encouraging vision screening.



Above: Lions Joe McCormick, PP Elijah Mitchell, and Glen Bremenkamp waiting for the next screening participant. The small orange screening in the middle of the table is the digital PlusOptix screener.

Right: Lions Elijah and Glen take a break from the busy screening on Dec. 10 at the Maritime and Seafood Industry's open house.





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.)

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Address _____

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