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12 Months



## ROAR Newsletter

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### Wisconsin Lions Visit Biloxi

During the 2022 Montreal Lions International Convention Biloxi Lions Penny and Cindy met Lions Betty Ingwell and Phil Howell after noticing "Wisconsin" on their name badges. When Penny mentioned that Wisconsin Lions helped in Biloxi at Camp Wilkes after Hurricane Katrina a big smile came on their faces... "we were there" \.

Following the hurricane District Governor Judy Gavin and Council Chair Vicki Bond applied for a grant through LCIF to help Camp Wilkes rebuild. The \$180,000 funding received went to build the Lions and AJ Cabins and the O/A Building. Numerous Wisconsin Lions Clubs traveled to Biloxi and volunteered their time in the construction of the 3 buildings.

Betty and John travel to Mississippi often to see their son and family who reside on the coast. We hope they can make time to visit the Biloxi Club on their next visit.



Wisconsin Lions Betty and Phil

### UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

<b>FEB 8</b>	Whitney Ott & Kellie Lamb, American Cancer Society
<b>FEB 15</b>	<b>Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen Award Luncheon</b> , please arrive early so program can begin promptly
<b>FEB 16</b>	Biloxi Lions Board Mtg, Cadence Bank, noon, BYOL
<b>FEB 22</b>	Lion Greg Crapo, update on BLC website
<b>MAR 1</b>	Bryan Wallace, Biloxi Police Dept., Community Relations
<b>MAR 8</b>	Dr. Marie Danforth, USM, Local discovery "Mexican-American War" remains
<b>MAR 10 -12</b>	Girls Leadership Conference, Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville, MS
<b>MAR 17 -19</b>	Boys Leadership Conference, Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville, MS
<b>APR 15</b>	Mid-South Lions Visiting Day, Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis

## 2.1.2023 Meeting Recap

**Opening:** President Melinda Freeman called the meeting to order at 12:05pm; Lions Jaye, Miriam, Jerry D. and Darrell led us in God Bless America; Lion

Gerald led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion Jerry D. offered the prayer

**Guest(s):** Lion Mary Jo introduced prospective member Debbie Bailius. Debbie's application has been submitted. Lion Penny introduced guests Wisconsin Lions Betty and Phil, story and photo front page

**Zoom:** no zoom attendance

**50/50 drawing:** \$22.50 was won by Mary Jo; **King of Clubs Progressive:** Lion Jerry Dodge drew the 6 of Diamonds

**Auction Item:** none

### Club Business and Announcements:

1. Pres. Melinda presented a 2022-2023 Avery McKinley "A Vision In Bloom" White Cane pin to Lions Glenn Bremenkamp, Juanita Horton, Miriam Mitchell and Elijah Mitchell for making a personal \$25 contribution to the Lions Sight Foundation. Photo page 4
2. PP Elijah said the selection for 2022 Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen has been made and the recipient will be recognized and honored at the Feb. 15th meeting. Lion Elijah also thanked the members for the thoughts, prayers and card he received following his brother's passing.
3. Lion Gerald stated that the 100th Anniversary 2003 Harley Davidson Widebody Motorcycle which was donated by Club member Mary Jo's husband has been checked over and was found to be in very good condition with less than 4500 miles. The club is looking at out-right selling versus a raffle.
4. Pres. Melinda stated Lion Kathryn was still not feeling well and asked we keep her in our thoughts, thanked Lion Mary Jo for setting up the room, and thanked Lion Penny for the cake provided for dessert. The signup sheet on the back table is in need of desserts pledges
5. The February board meeting will be Thursday Feb. 16 at Cadence Bank on Howard at noon, 2nd floor, BYOL
5. Lion Jerry Dodge introduced our speaker, Woody Baily, ED Cruisin' the Coast. Photo below

Correction: My sincere apology for incorrectly identifying International President Brian Sheehan as 'Ed' Sheehan in the 1.25.2023 Meeting Recap.

A brain fog moment for sure,,,

## ARE YOU READY FOR SOME CRUISIN' ?

If you were on the MS Gulf Coast in 1996 you may remember the new fall event being promoted as 'Cruisin' the Coast'. For 4 days in October it was so cool to see vintage car and truck enthusiast cruising their pride and joys up and down Hwy 90 along the beach.

But according to Woody Bailey, the Executive Director of Cruisin' the Coast, it wasn't just a fluke that vintage vehicles showed up on the Coast for those 4 days in October. It was a year in the making by local businessmen and the tourism folk to bring an event here that would help boost the coast economy slowed after the Labor Day weekend. The organizers loosely patterned this event off a vintage car event held in Reno, Nevada.

That first year 374 vehicles were registered and fast forward to 2022 where the registration number went over 9600 registered. And, add at least 5000 plus vintage vehicles arrive to cruise that are not registered. Then add the people who come to the coast just to see all those vintage cars and trucks at the many different scheduled events from Bay St. Louis to Pascagoula and Moss Point.

But with any major event that is spread out over 40 miles through 3 counties and involves all counties' major cities there is going to be growing pains, particularly in traffic congestion. Woody said that it is a huge concern but that his committee, the Cruisin' Krewe, addresses the issue by scheduling the cruise-in events for each city on specified days so that the participants and viewers can pick and choose which location they want to attend on a particular day.

Would you say that in 26 years this event has added an economic impact to the three MS Coastal counties? Woody says that the impact study that is taken every 5 years of the event indicates a growth of 27% increase. In 2021, the 25th Cruisin' Anniversary year, the revenue for the three coastal counties was \$33.1M. Many would answer with a resounding YES!

So are you ready to be part of America's largest block party? If so, put October 1-8 on your calendar and be prepared to party hardy with 9600 plus other vintage car and truck enthusiast and visitors to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.



Lion Jerry Dodge presenting Woody Baily with a Lions Ink Pin

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>

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

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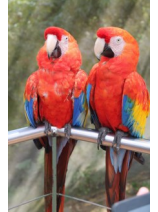
## Dessert Pledges January-February

### NEWS Flash!!!

Biloxi Lions

Jack and Jill is still on vaca!

Can't wait to fly back to the beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast!



FEBRUARY	MARCH
8th Mary Jo Walsh	1st Jaye Brice
15th Melinda Freeman	8th open
22nd open	15th Glenn Bremenkamp
	22nd open
	29th open



### Dates to Save

There are a lot of openings....if you like dessert please sign up. The JANUARY-MARCH Quarter Dessert Sign-Up Sheet is available at every meeting on the dessert table. Please sign up and showcase your special dessert. Dessert pledges are posted in the ROAR in case you forget your date.

#### March 10-12, 2023

Girls Leadership Conference, Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville MS

#### March 17-19, 2023

Boys Leadership Conference, Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville, MS

#### April 15, 2023

Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Day

#### April 21-23, 2023

Lions of MS Deaf Camp, Camp Wilkes, Biloxi

#### May 5-6, 2023

Lions of MS State Convention, Columbus, MS

#### May 17-19, 2023

Lions of MS Sea and Sun Camp, Camp Wilkes, Biloxi

#### July 7-11, 2023

International Convention, Boston, MA



## FEBRUARY LIONS

Cindy Bamberg Tom Wicks  
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L-R: Lions Glenn Bremenkamp  
 Juanita Horton  
 Miriam Mitchell  
 Elijah Mitchell

Each received a Avery McKinley "Vision In Bloom" White Cane pin for their personal \$25 contribution to the Lions of Mississippi Sight Foundation.

Biloxi Lion Cindy Bamburg is the 2022-2023 Lions of MS White Cane Chairperson. Let's be a 100% Club by joining Lions Glenn, Juanita, Miriam and Elijah with your personal \$25 Contribution. Mail your Vision In Bloom form today!



***VISION IN BLOOM***  
*White Cane 2022-2023*



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Amount enclosed (\$25 each) \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

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