

Count Down 100
7 Months



ROAR
Newsletter

8.2.2023
Edition

Chartered February 18, 1924

**2023-2024
OFFICERS
& BOARD**

PRESIDENT

GERALD 'JERRY' GARDNER

1ST VP

TADD GABRIELSON

2ND VP

AUSTIN KNUE

SECRETARY

JOE MCCORMICK

TREASURER

GREG CRAPO

**COMMUNICATION/
IT/MARKETING**

WAYNE ROSS

LION TAMER

CARL NEHLIG

ROAR EDITOR

PENNY EDWARDS

MEMBERSHIP

DOROTHY NEHLIG

TAIL TWISTER

GLENN QUAIVE

1 YR DIRECTORS

MARGOT SWETMAN
JERRY DODGE

2 YR DIRECTORS

MIRIAM MITCHELL

3 YR DIRECTORS

CINDY BAMBURG
BRANDY GUNTER

PAST PRESIDENT

MELINDA FREEMAN

**MID-SOUTH LIONS
L. B. BAKER
HALL OF HONOR**



**INDUCTION CEREMONY FOR
DR. EILEEN SMITH
GREG CRAPO
AUGUST 4, 2023**

MID-SOUTH LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING SERVICE
L. B. BAKER HALL OF HONOR
INDUCTION CEREMONY
FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2023
HAMILTON EYE INSTITUTE

6:30 PM - RECEPTION - 3RD FLOOR LOBBY

7:00 PM - DINNER AND INDUCTION CEREMONY

WELCOME - PAST PRESIDENTS CHAIR LISA ALEXANDER

INTRODUCTION OF HALL OF HONOR MEMBERS

INTRODUCTION OF PAST PRESIDENTS

DINNER

INTRODUCTION OF CEO BRAD BAKER

HALL OF HONOR INDUCTION PRESENTATION AND CEREMONY

DR. EILEEN SMITH

RESPONSE - DR. EILEEN SMITH

GREG CRAPO

RESPONSE - GREG CRAPO

CLOSING REMARKS - CEO BRAD BAKER

ANNOUNCEMENTS
PP CHAIR LISA ALEXANDER

ADJOURN



**L. B. BAKER HALL OF HONOR
INDUCTEES, CONTINUED...**



'HERB MARSHALL 2021 'BRIAN STARON 2022 HOWARD JENKINS 2022 BRAD & MONA BAKER 2022



'HARLEIGH BAXTER 2022 DR. EILEEN SMITH 2023 GREG CRAPO 2023

Tonight's honorees:

Dr. Eileen Smith - longtime director of and advisor for Mid-South Lions hearing program beginning at Methodist Speech and Hearing Center and continuing at University of Memphis Speech and Hearing Center.

Greg Crapo - Has held almost every office at Mid-South and been an ardent supporter since becoming a Lion in 1981 and continues to work for Mid-South throughout Mississippi. Greg serves as Secretary for Mid-South now.

Both inductees are highly deserving and we welcome them into the Mid-South Lions L. B. Baker Hall of Honor.



Biloxi Lion Greg Crapo was Inducted into the very prestigious Mid-South Lions Hall of Honor along with Dr. Eileen Smith, pictured left with Mid-South Lions CEO Lion Brad Baker.

Also attending the Mid-South Lions Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony from Biloxi were Lions PDG Cindy Bamburg, SVDG Penny Edwards and PP Wayne Ross. Lion Wayne serves as a Mid-South Lions Director and Lions Cindy and Penny serve on committees.



UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

AUG 9	Susan Hunt, Biloxi Excel By 5
AUG 10	BLC Board Meeting, Cadence Bank, 2nd Floor, noon, BYOL
AUG 11	Vision Screening, Shriner's Friday Night Steak Dinner, Woolmarket
AUG 16	Gerald Blessey
AUG 23	Michael Watson, Mississippi Secretary of State
AUG 30	FVDG Elijah Mitchel, International Convention
SEPT 16	Doug Bradford, Area Team Coordinator, Operation Christmas Child
SEP 21-23	USA/CANADA Forum, Reno, Nevada
OCT 4	Jessi A. James, MS Inland Cleanup Prog. Coastal Research & Extension Center

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

8.2.2023 Meeting Recap

Opening: Lion President Jerry Gardner called meeting to order at 12:05pm; The BLC Choir led us in God Bless America; Lion Star led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion Jerry D. offered the prayer

Guest(s): none **Zoom:** Lion Susan

50/50 drawing: \$20 was won by Lion Penny; **King of Clubs Progressive:** Lion Leslie drew the Jack of Spades, \$1506 to the winner if the King of Clubs was drawn. There are less than 30 cards left to draw...Will the winner of the King of Clubs Progressive be you?

Auction Item: none

Club Business and Announcements:

1. President Jerry G:

- a) August 10th Board Mtg, 13th at Cadence Bank on Howard Ave., 2nd floor, noon, bring your own lunch
- b) Vision Screening on Aug. 11 at Shriner's Steak night, more info and volunteer sign up next week

2. SVDG and Lions of MS Sight Foundation member Lion Penny explained the Foundation's fundraising project '20 Guns in 20 Days' Raffle Tickets and that she has 60 raffle ticket books to distribute to the Biloxi Club members. Each book has 6 tickets, tickets are \$20 each or the whole book for \$100. The drawing will start on Nov. 1st

3. District 30S LCIF Coordinator Lion Carl reported on the Moss Point tornado disaster relief grant. Approximately \$2000 of the \$10K grant was used for the ice chests, cooling towels and 2x4s. 15 ice chests are still available for distribution, however, the urgent need for assistance for the chests is dwindling down. There is still a need to distribute ice and water, all donated, and volunteers are still needed to see that ice and water is made available to those persons. With no further cause to purchase additional relief items, the grant was closed out last week and any unused funds are being returned to LCIF

4. Thank you Lion Kathryn for your fabulous spaghetti meal; and thank you to Lion Cindy for providing your version of the German Chocolate Upside Down Cake for dessert

5. **Program:** Pres. Jerry introduced today's guest speaker, Rick Burris, Chief Scientific Officer with the MS Department of Marine Resources. Photo below. Apologies in advance...the photo taken of Lion Jerry and Rick together was accidentally deleted and is not available

The MS Department of Marine Resources (DMR)

The last time Rick Burris, Chief Scientific Officer, of the DMR was able to speak to the Biloxi Lions Club was in 2019 on damage the algae-bloom was causing the coastal waters natural resources.

Today's slide-show program highlighted what the DMR is about and what programs it is undertaking through its mission. Created in 1994 by the MS Legislature with the mission to enhance, protect and conserve the state's marine interest.

Currently the department manages over 43,000 acres of sensitive coastal wetlands habitats; 5 trail systems within the 3 coastal counties; and coordinates the Wetlands Permitting process of over 800 applications annually for waterfront construction and wetland impact requests within the 3 coastal counties.

The department also administers the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) grant funding, which can be used for projects and activities for the purpose of coastal protection, conservation, restoration, hurricane protection and infrastructure directly affected by coastal wetland losses; Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife or natural resources; Implementation of a federally-approved marine, coastal or conservation management plan; Migration of the impact of activities through funding of onshore infrastructure projects; Planning assistance and the administrative costs of complying with this section of not more than 3%. DMR awarded more than \$10M in Tideland grants to enhance cities, counties, and state properties along the MS Gulf Coast.

The Marine Patrol force of 31 officers and 24 patrol boats cover over 14,000 square miles of waterways and through the Department of Homeland Security, the Office of Marine Patrol provides security to keep ports and harbors safe. Through the Office of Marine Fisheries DMR provides for the effective management of marine fisheries with 5 Bureaus: Artificial Reef; Finfish, Seafood Technology; Shellfish; Shrimp and Crab; and Aquaculture Hatchery. Funded by GOMESA a newly established Microbiology Laboratory to help with 2 types of Analysis: Fecal Coliform Analysis and HAB (Harmful Algal Bloom) Analysis.

In the Shellfish Bureau, DMR has completed the 2023 Reef Assessment by 75 1-minute dredge tows over approximately 160 acres, 70 farmers have graduated from MDMR training for Off-Bottom Oyster Aquaculture; 465 acres of currently available for commercial farming; 68 acres currently leased by 35 farmers; Off-Bottom oyster aquaculture commercial operations have harvested just over 1M oysters, equivalent to 3,925 sacks of oysters. Because of the damage to the oyster reefs in 2019 caused by Harmful Algae Bloom Senate Bill 2544 during the MS Legislature 2023 Regular Session update it On-Bottom Shellfish regulations. The primary overall goal of SB2544 is promote the prosperity of coastal communities and foster a thriving shellfish industry in the state.

The 2023 MS Crab Season revealed that through June 2023 over 398,000 pounds of crab were landed with a dockside value near \$1M.

Rick finished the presentation with the Aquaculture Hatchery slide. In 2006 the 23 acre of lined and earthen ponds Fish Hatchery, located in Lyman, was given to DMR. While it cost over \$100K annually in salt to turn the freshwater into a saltwater hatchery, in 2023 over 100K Spotted Seatrout were released in each of the 3 coastal counties, in addition, 4K 6"-8" and 2K 13"-15" Seatrout have been released.



Rick Burris
Chief Scientific Officer
MS Department of
Marine Resources

Don't forget you can ZOOM a meeting if unable to attend in person. Please contact Lion Wayne in advance at the number below if you plan to attend via ZOOM.

Direct Access to the Biloxi Lions Club weekly meeting is available on our website 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

***Issues Logging on...Please call or text Lion Wayne at 228.348.1334 (or Lion Greg 228.760.0239) for help.**



AUGUST LIONS

Melinda Freeman Miriam Mitchell

Brandy Champlin Jerry Gardner

David Stanovich Pete Wilson

Alan Serotta

Remember you can reach me c/o Lion Penny's email: lionpennyedwards@gmail.com to help spread any LIONS news you feel need sharing!



ARLO

20 GUNS in 20 DAYS RAFFLE starts Nov. 1st

Have you picked up your 20 Guns In 20 Days Raffle Tickets from Lion Penny yet?

By selling the raffle tickets you will be supporting the Lions of MS Sight Foundation's efforts to strengthen funding for an endowment.

The endowment is for 'rainy day' funding should the annual White Cane/ Avery McKinley fundraisers fail to meet their project goals in a particular year, such as what happened in the 2022-2023 year. The funds raised by White Cane/Avery McKinley fund the Lions of MS supported programs such as the Lions Eye Bank; Sea and Sun & Deaf Camps; Diabetes Awareness Programs, the Girls & Boys Leadership Conferences; Sight Screening Programs; and the Lions All-State Band. Unfortunately, because of the short fall of the 2022-2023 goal these programs funded by the state will be reduced for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

The endowment fundraising efforts is entering it's 3rd year and has grown each year. Come on BILOXI LIONS! Be the "I" that make this year another great year by getting a couple, or more, books of raffle tickets from Lion Penny. She will have the raffle tickets at the weekly meetings.



ROAR

Dessert Pledges

August-September



AUGUST

- 9th Carl & Dorothy Nehlig
- 16th Leslie Johnson
- 23rd Cindy Bamburg
- 30th Glenn Bremenkamp

September

- 6th Cindy Bamburg
- 13th Jerry Dodge
- 20th OPEN
- 27th Carl & Dorothy Nehlig

Only 1 left in September, Please sign Up! Your dessert does not need to be home made, we will enjoy store bought just as much. If you are not able to attend the meeting in which you have pledged a Dessert, please ask another member to cover your date.



Dates to Save

Sept. 16, 2023

Mid-South Lions Cooper-Young Festival, Memphis, TN

Sept. 21-23, 2023

USA/CANADA Forum, Reno NV

Jan. 2024

Mid-South Lions MECA Cataract-A-Thon, Details Coming Soon

Jan. 19-20, 2024

District 30S Mid-Winter Convention Hattiesburg, Location TBA

Feb. 2024

Biloxi Lions Club 100th Celebration Date and Location TBA

April 12-13, 2024

Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Week-end, Memphis, TN

April 28-29, 2024

Lions of MS State Convention Biloxi, MS, Additional Information TBA

June 7, 2024

Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament Olive Branch, MS

June 8, 2024

Mid-South Lions Cataract-A-Thon

June 21-25, 2024

Lions International Convention Melbourne, Australia

Lions Club of Biloxi

P.O. Box 196 Biloxi, MS 39533

228.424.7840

<http://www.biloxilions.org>

<http://m.facebook.com/BiloxiLions>

To enjoy back editions of the Biloxi Lions ROAR newsletter please visit our website.

LIONS STATE OFFICE HAS A NEW WEBSITE!!

LIONSOFMS.NET

"For LIONS" Tab

"New Lions Registration"

Follow prompts: Name, Club, Email, etc.

Submit

You will receive an email with instructions for setting or resetting your password

Good News! The Lions of Mississippi has a new website
LIONSOFMS.NET.

Any MS Lion in good standing can register on the website.

Go to the new website, click the "For Lions" Tab in the white heading, click on the "New Lions Registration" in the drop down. Follow the prompts and then submit. You will receive an email with instructions.

The ROAR Editor went to the new website today, a Sunday Morning, and found the site is so inviting and user friendly. I registered following the instructions given by the State Office shown on the left. I immediately received an email stating my request was being processed.

It was so easy...don't wait, register today. But, please remember, with the number of MS Lions also in the process of registering you may experience a short delay in having your registration being processed.

**Raffle Ticket Books are now available!
See Lion Penny for your books today!
\$20 per ticket or \$100 per book**

**JOIN IN ON THE
LIONS SIGHT FOUNDATION
20 GUNS IN 20 DAYS
RAFFLE**

Benefiting the Blind and Visually impaired, the Deaf and Hearing impaired and the youth of Mississippi

Drawing begins November 1, 2023

**BUY A
TICKET
WIN A GUN
A DAY FOR
20 DAYS**

Prizes: Savage Axis 6.5 CM, Bergara 300 Winchester, Tikka T3x 30-06, Remington 700 ADL 6.5 CM, Ruger 10/22 Carbine, Savage MKII FVSR .22 LR, Henry Lever Action .22 Magnum, Bergara BMR 22 Long Rifle, Browning A-Bolt 3 7 mm, Browning X-Bolt 6.5 CM, FN 509 Compact 9 mm Pistol, Glock 43X9 mm Pistol, Browning Buckmark 22 Pistol, Taurus G3C 9 mm Pistol, Maverick 12 GA, Beretta A300 20 GA, Stoeger M3020 20 GA, Benelli Nova Compact 20 GA, Winchester SXP 12 GA, Winchester SXP 20 GA

Tickets: \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Purchase from any Lions Club Member

A Second Amendment Weekend event to promote and sell the 20 Guns in 20 Days raffle tickets is being planned at for Saturday, August 26th. More information will be available at the August 16th meeting. Volunteers will be needed to help man the tent and sell refreshments.