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SPOTLIGHT ON A LION

Club Communications/IT/Marketing Director Greg Crapo

If you have ever been on a long road trip with Lion Greg you will know that he has very unique stories to tell about his years as a Lion. He joined the Biloxi Club in 1981 and is a Past President and Treasurer. In 1988-89 he served as District Governor and has served as treasurer and secretary for the District. He is currently a member of several state level committees and is a past Mid-South Lions organization president.

Today he chose to share his memories of the longest known friendship with three Biloxi Club memories. At age 12 at Michel Jr. High School, he and Lion Jane Wallace Meynardie were kicking around school buddies. Then age 13 Lion Ronnie Cochran became his 'I've got your back' buddy. And, his final story is how he met Lion Larry Sturgis. Lion Greg explained how "dating can be very stressful" especially if you are in the wrong place at the wrong time. Ok...It's not what you are thinking...it was a very humorous story. I am sure Lion Greg or Lion Larry, who was smiling during the telling of it, will give you their version in person.

Apologies to Lion Greg for the reusing of the photo on the right. The photo I took during his Spotlight presentation was blurry. ROAR editor



In Biloxi-We Serve!

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

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| AUG 31 | No Speaker, Board Meeting Minutes Review |
| SEP 7 | Mississippi Aquarium, Kurt Allen |
| SEP 10 | Camp Wilkes 80th Anniversary Fundraiser. Tickets now available. |
| SEP 14 | Julien Rankin, WAMA |
| SEP 15 | Biloxi Lions Board Meeting, BancorpSouth Biloxi, 2nd Floor Dukate Rm, noon |
| SEP 17 | Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum Draw Down Fundraiser |
| SEP 21 | No Speaker, Board Meeting Minutes Review |
| SEP 25 | David Houston, Ohr-O'Keefe Museum |
| Oct 8 | Miss Gulf Coast/Biloxi/Gulf Coast Teen Pageant, Slavonian Lodge, Biloxi |

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

8.24.2022 Meeting Recap

Opening: Lion President Melinda called the meeting order at 12:05pm; Lions Jaye, Pete, Jerry and Darrell led God Bless America; Lion Pete led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Lion Darrell offered the prayer. A special prayer for Lions Miriam and Troy were offered. Lion Miriam had triple by-pass surgery this morning, and Lion Troy had a heart cath procedure.

Guest(s): President Melinda's guest is Brandy Gunter, a prospective member. **Zoom:** there were no members via zoom.

50/50 drawing: \$15 was won by Lion Jerry; **King of Clubs Progressive:** Lion Wayne drew the 4 of Clubs.

Club Business and Announcements:

1. Lion Greg, Communication/IT/Marketing Chair was this week's Spotlight on a Lion. Photo front page
2. Pres. Melinda read a Thank You note from PDG and Patsy Wilkerson for the great time they had at the Club's Installation and for the thoughtful gift of a framed print of the Biloxi Lighthouse.
3. Lion Austin still has Shucker tickets for the 8/27/22 game. We are short about \$150 from breaking even. We need to push the last of the tickets. He also distributed tickets which had been purchased. A final detailing will be given at the next meeting.
4. Pres. Melinda reported The Miss Gulf Coast/Biloxi/Teen Pageants Ad Sale sheets you had from last year will be available at next meeting so you can contact your customers about the Oct 8 Pageants.
5. Pres. Melinda announced Lion Greg needs your vote as one of the top 5 finalists for the WXXV Best Community Volunteer. You can vote daily.
6. A sign-up sheet was passed around for the members who wish to volunteer for the Seafood Museum's Annual Drawdown on Sept 17
7. Lion Penny reminded members of the Camp Wilkes 80th Dinner/Dance/Drawdown on September 10 at Camp Wilkes. Tickets are \$40. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be available at next week's meeting.
8. Lion Margot reported that the eye screening planned for Sept. 4 has been canceled. Dec. 10 is the next planned screening event.
9. Thank you to Lion Kathryn for the wonderful red beans and rice meal, and to Lion Jaye for providing the dessert of Tiramisu. Dessert sign up for the months of Oct-Jan 2023 was on the dessert table. All of September has been pledged. See page 3.
10. Today's program was Joe Pace, the Mississippi Sea Wolves Hockey team's CEO/Director of Operations. Joining Joe was Team Owner Barry Soskin and Chris (my apologies on Chris's last name, I can't read my scribble). The Sea Wolves' 1st home game will be Oct 28. A lively Q&A session followed his presentation. Photo page 2.



The Mississippi Sea Wolves Are Back In Town

Do you remember the when you heard a professional hockey team would be based on the Mississippi Gulf Coast? The Mississippi Sea Wolves won our hearts with their action packed games from 1996-2009, during which they won the Kelly Cup League Championship in 1999. But, they also experienced devastation brought by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Their home, the Mississippi Coast Coliseum, received major damage and the hockey seasons of 2005-2009 were suspended.

On December 31, 2021 the Federal Prospects Hockey League announced the Sea Wolves would return in 2022. Today the C.E.O./Director of Hockey Operations, Joe Pace, shared what it took to bring the Sea Wolves back to the Mississippi Coast. Joe, a former professional hockey player, is from Northbrook, IL. His bio included that he amassed 960 penalty minutes and 101 points in 347 games. Joining Joe was the Sea Wolves' owner, Barry Soskin.

Joe gave a brief history of the Sea Wolves on the coast. With their current agreement with the Mississippi Coast Coliseum the team has a 5 year lease with options to renew. Their regular season will be from October through April, then playoffs in April and May. The first game is October 10th, however, the first home game will be played on October 28th. A lively question and answer session followed Joe's presentation.

Photos: Top Left: Joe Pace. CEO/Director of Hockey Operations
Bottom Left: Lion Jerry Dodge presenting Joe with a Lions Pen



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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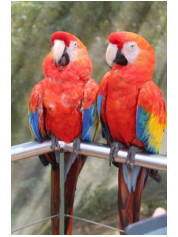


Dessert Pledges August—September

my new parrot friends, brought me the following news:

NEWS Flash!!!

The Club members who attended the Shuckers' game had a great time...but we missed you!
See our fun photos on page 4



AUGUST

31st Lion Glenn Bremen-kamp

SEPTEMBER

**7th Lion Cindy Bamburg
14th Lion Penny Edwards
21st Lion Margot Swetman
28th Lion Glenn Quave**

My New Friends Need Names:

Please be thinking of unique names for my "little birdies." Jot your name suggestions down on a piece of paper and give to me by Sept 14th. Names selected will be announced on the 14th. Thanks Penny...ROAR Editor

The October-December Quarter Dessert Sign-Up Sheet is now available. Please pledge now. Dessert pledges will be posted here in the ROAR in case you forget your date.



AUGUST LIONS

*Melinda Freeman Gerald Garner Miriam Mitchell
Cheryl Berry-Smith Alan Serotta
David Stanovich Pete Wilson Brandy Champlin*



Dates to Save

- Sept. 17, 2022** Mid-South Lions: Kids area at the Cooper-Young Fest.—Memphis
- Oct 29, 2022** Lions of MS Sight Foundation Mtg 1 pm Lions State Office, Flowood
- January 2023** District 30S Mid-Winter Convention, Date TBA

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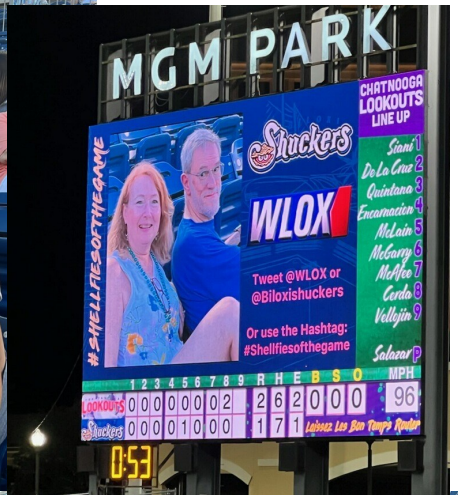
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AUGUST 27, 2022

Biloxi Lions, family and friends at the Biloxi Shuckers Baseball Game

Photos: Courtesy of Lion Greg



Thank you Lion Jane for submitting photos that were featured on the Shuckers Big Screen

