



Annual Pick Awards Winners on Local Podcast!



Left to right: Jani Rad (WOYM Podcast Host), Landon Smith (The Guesthouse at Graceland), Leenie Knowlton (Babalu East), Bob Watkins (Edge Motor Museum), Kenon Walker (The Peabody Memphis), and Mary Schmitz (Executive Director, Welcome to Memphis).

Amazing local podcast What's On Your Mind gives guests a platform to share their stories. Host Jani Rad spoke with all four 2022 Pick Awards Winners for a round-table discussion on the aspects of their jobs that bring them joy, their passion for Memphis, what it was like during the pandemic lockdown, and much more. We are so excited about this opportunity to illustrate what makes Memphis so incredible from the point of view of these outstanding hospitality workers! You can tune into the [WOYM podcast here](#).

One of my fondest memories is marching the ducks with a St. Jude survivor named "Allison." Her family informed me a few days after the march that Allison completed her treatment and was 100% cancer-free. They also informed me that Allison felt that marching the ducks with me is what led to her complete recovery. I'll never forget that message.

Quote from 2022 Pick Award Winner Kenon Walker, Duckmaster at The Peabody Memphis.

The Quarterly Pick Awards are open for nominations! Help us recognize and celebrate hardworking hospitality professionals who go above and beyond to show **authentic Memphis hospitality** to their guests. Nominate a stellar Memphis-area hospitality worker at the link below!



The Quarterly Pick Awards recognize and reward an outstanding example of Memphis hospitality with a \$100 gift card every three months. Nominations for the first Quarterly Pick Awards are currently underway, but don't delay! Nominations will close at 5:00 p.m. on June 15, and the winner will be recognized on June 22, 2022. All nominees will be eligible for the annual Pick Awards. Annual winners are awarded a trophy and a \$500 prize, and runners-up are awarded a \$250 prize.

The Quarterly Pick Awards recognize the people who deliver the best, most authentic Memphis hospitality, are knowledgeable about Memphis, and have pride in our city.

Ideal nominees provide excellent customer service, are eager to share their knowledge of Memphis, and go the extra mile to exhibit hospitality. Anyone in the hospitality and tourism industry is eligible, including:

- Waitstaff
- Cleaning crew members
- Tour guides
- Hotel staff
- Ticket agents
- Meeting planners

For inspiration, check out some of the wonderful and uplifting stories we post on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

Make your nominations at the link below!

[Nominations](#)

Our [Be in the Know](#) section of the Welcome to Memphis website offers lists of major events and meetings coming to Memphis, news and announcements, and current job opportunities. If you know any job seekers, please direct them to this resource. We will continue to send a series of emails to hospitality professionals with a list of job opportunities and links for applications.

REMINDER: If you know of any job openings in the Shelby County area hospitality industry, please visit our [website here](#) and we will pass the information along. Thank you for your support!



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