



Meeting Every
2nd & 4th Thursday
6:00 PM
El Veracruz Restaurant

EVENTS COMING UP

August 12, 2022
Friday
Meet the Scholars
Banquet Set-Up for
Grace YP & E
Spring Hill M.B.
Church

August 13, 2022
Saturday
Meet the Scholars
Banquet
Volunteers needed for
service.
Selling tickets,
greeting, auction, and
generally being helpful

August 25, 2022
Thursday in lieu of
meeting
Back-to-School Block
Party
Downtown Triangle
Giving away cotton
candy

Birthdays This Month

July 1, 2022
Lila Brasel

July 18, 2022
Veneshia Gillespie

July 20, 2022
Paul McCutchen

July 31, 2022
Kathy Lamb



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LCIF Grant Application Finalized at District

The final steps are lining up for Booneville Lions Club Foundation, Inc. to receive two PlusOptix vision screening devices and begin screening vision at day cares, preschools, and elementary schools. The new PlusOptix vision screeners will allow Lions to screen children as young as six months old up to 18 years old. Since the children don't have to talk or read, the vision tests are perfect for evaluating the vision of babies, students with special needs (especially non-verbal students) and other students who don't speak English yet.

The chance to refer children to an eye professional with specific notes from the screening will give them the best chance at developing reading skills unencumbered by visual difficulties that often go undiagnosed. The early years (age 3-5) are the most critical developmentally to gaining the educational prerequisites for learning to read skillfully and comfortably.

The PlusOptix vision screening takes only a couple of seconds, can instantly tell if a child is near or far sighted and provide a referral if any of six different eye diseases may be indicated. If any of those conditions exist, the

PlusOptix system will print out a referral with diagnostic codes for possible conditions the doctor will know how to further investigate.

Testing will begin immediately following the training of Lions Club members on how to use the PlusOptix screener.

At the District 30M Cabinet meeting in Grenada, MS on July 16, 2022, Booneville Lion Russ Lamb presented the grant application that was filed May 2, 2022 with the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The cabinet approved the joint application with the Hernando Lions Club with newly elected District Governor Billy Joe Webb of the Louisville Lions Club presiding. When the minutes and District Governor Billy Joe's signature are forwarded to LCIF, the completed grant application package will be presented to the LCIF Board for approval.

If approved at the August LCIF board meeting they will forward \$7,400 toward the \$14,800 cost of the two PlusOptix devices.

PRESIDENT: LION KATHY LAMB
GLOBAL ACTION TEAM CHAIRPERSON

VICE PRESIDENT: LION SAM GRAY
GLOBAL SERVICE CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY/TREASURER: LION RUSS LAMB
GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

TAIL TWISTER: LION JIM LAMB
LCIF CHAIRPERSON

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GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON.

LION VENESHIA GILLESPIE
MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRPERSON.

LION MARTHA GRAY
ASSISTANT GLOBAL SERVICE CHAIRPERSON

CLUB ADOPTS LEADER DOG PUPPY

Leader Dogs for the Blind have partnered with Lions International Clubs since 1939. The slogan "In every Leader Dog lies the heart of a Lion" speaks to the powerful connection Lions have to the organization that trains teens and young adults to move freely in their world with the service of an expertly trained guide dog.



Booneville Lions Club chose to symbolically sponsor a puppy with a gift of \$500. The club will receive a picture, a profile and an official certificate of our sponsored Leader Dog.

Our chosen puppy pictured above, is "Lucky." He was chosen by votes during our July 7 club meeting.

LeaderDog.org/Sponsor-a-puppy



LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND



A message from Club President Lion Kathy Lamb.

Welcome to our first full color club newsletter! We have lots to share here with our members, friends, and donors!

The Booneville Lions Club is beginning the 74th year of service to our community. Throughout the years the club has experienced many successes and has always been a vital charitable organization in our community. As our societal values have changed somewhat throughout the recent years and with Covid, we have seen a decline in membership of not only the Lions Club in Booneville but many other charitable clubs in town.

During the past year we have experienced a growth in membership and want to keep this momentum going. For the 2022-2023 year we will have enough members to begin to utilize committees again.

Committee Chairpersons for Marketing Communications, Membership, Leadership, and Service were voted on by the membership and will serve as officers of the club. It will be necessary for every member to help recruit

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members to serve on the various committees. It's through service that we see our best retention of members. Our goal is 100% retention beginning in July with our new year.

We will again utilize a Board of Directors since the Booneville Lions Club Foundation, Inc. has

been formed. The board is comprised of all elected officers plus the immediate past president and one board member (2 year term).

The Global Action Team Chairperson, the Global Membership Chairman, the Global Service Chairman & Assistant Chairperson along with the Marketing Communications Chairman will comprise the Booneville Lions Club Global Action Team. This group of members may meet together outside of and prior to the scheduled Board of Directors meetings.

We are expecting great things to happen! Together we can and together WE WILL.

Sarah Kate Wood (left), daughter of Lions Paul and Rebecca Wood and Tori Glenn, daughter of Adam and Jill Glenn. Both students are rising Juniors at Booneville High School. Both girls will be at our July 28th meeting to tell us about the Mississippi All-State Lions Band experience.





Club Adds Global Action Team

For the first time in the history of the Booneville Lions Club, members were elected to positions of the Global Action Team. The board and club membership approved the plan to divide the year into quarters with emphasis on a specific global cause each quarter.

July-September is devoted to Vision. For the past several months, Lion Russ has pursued an LCIF matching grant to purchase two PlusOptix machines for vision testing. He has tirelessly raised the necessary matching \$7,400 from Walmart, Walmart Distribution Center, ProVia, Marathon Cheese, Caterpillar, New Way, and Modern Woodmen. Last year the club paid \$1,781.75 for eyeglasses or hearing aids for the community.

For the months of September-December, the global cause of Hunger was chosen with plans to donate to

the Northeast Mississippi Community College TIGER D.E.N. pantry and to local schools for the backpack food program in the local public schools. A check will be donated to the Booneville Boys and Girls Club to be utilized for snacks.

There will probably be more opportunities for service during the months of November and December.

January-March will find the club emphasizing Childhood Cancer with a gift to the Ronald McDonald House in Memphis, TN to purchase a special event meal for all the families who are staying at the Ronald McDonald House. We hope to sponsor an Alex's Lemonade Stand for childhood cancer research.

The global cause for April-June is Humanitarian with the emphasis of disabilities. A donation will be made to

the local Special Olympics. We are still pursuing the possibility of an LCIF matching grant to acquire an awning for the wheelchair accessible swings at the Swift Park in Booneville.

2022-2023 will be an exciting time for our club as we expand our team and therefore our opportunities to serve the citizens of Booneville and surrounding areas.

Serving on the Global Action Team: Left to right front: Vaneshia Gillespie, Marketing and Communications Chairperson; Kathy Lamb, Global Action Team Chairperson; Toni Stoop, Global Membership Chairperson; Back row: Russ Lamb, Global Leadership Chairperson; Martha Gray, Assistant Global Service Chairperson; and Sam Gray, Global Service Chairperson.

Club Awards Past-Due Chevrons

Lion Jim Lamb 35 Year Chevrons

Lion Jim Lamb is the longest serving Lion in the Booneville Lions Club. He has been a dedicated member for 39 years



to-date and next year during our 75th anniversary he will be awarded his chevrons for 40 years of service. Lion Jim has been the club Tail Twister for almost all of his tenure. He has also served as President, Secretary, Treasurer, Lion Tamer, and chairman of many club fundraisers and service projects. Congrats, Lion Jim!

Lion Rick Wanner 25 Year Chevrons



Lion Rick Wanner was awarded his 25 year chevrons in recognition of his 28 years of service to our community through his active work in the Booneville Lions Club. Lion Rick has served as President, Pecan Chairman, and other club leadership positions, most importantly as the point of contact for glasses requests. If he ever misses a meeting, check the sidelines of his grandson's or granddaughter's sports event!

Installation and Awards Night

Our Lion Guests

The slate of 2022-2023 officers of the Booneville Lions Club were installed at a special night at Catfish Country in Booneville. Lions District 30M Administrator and Grenada Lions Club President, Lion Pamela Hubbard came to Booneville to administer the installation of officers for the new year on June 30, 2022.

She was accompanied by her husband, Lion Mo Hubbard. During the evening recounting the Booneville Lions achievements, donating to local members of Mississippi's All-State Lions Band, Lion Pamela noted Lion Mo is probably the oldest surviving alumnus of the Mississippi Lions Band.

Tail Twister Lion Jim Lamb received an award of recognition and appreciation for his decades of service as the fun guy in the room. Lion Jim has led the club to donate all Tail Twister fines to LCIF. Naturally, he is the club's longest serving LCIF Coordinator.

Lion Jim also serves as a co-chairman of the only 4th of July Parade in Booneville for the past 30 plus years. He is a founding member and board member of the Rail and Trails Museum in Booneville.



Past President Lion Russ Lamb presented Past President Lion Paul McCutchen who led the Thrasher Branch Club for two years with a plaque for his "Outstanding Leadership and Dedicated Service as President" 2020-2022.

Lion Roy Taylor also received a plaque for his 4 years as club secretary and Lion Lila Brasel was awarded a Women in Lions pin and her 10 year chevrons. Neither were able to attend but received their awards personally delivered the next morning by Lion Russ.



2022-2023 Upcoming Events

- September - Ad Sales for Soap Box Derby Race
- October 15 - Fall Festival Soap Box Derby Race
- November (middle of month) Pecan Sales Begin
- December 5 - Booneville Christmas Parade & Cotton Candy after parade
- December 8 - Club Christmas Party
- December 10 - Grace YP&E 5th Anniversary Banquet
- January 6-7 LIONS Dist. 30M Midwinter Convention - Louisville
- February-April 75th Anniversary Ticket Sales
- May 4 - 75th Anniversary of Booneville Lions Club Banquet
- May 5-6 LIONS State Convention - Columbus



Cotton Candy Machine Soon

With two dates for cotton candy set with the Booneville Main Street Association, Booneville Lions will soon receive our cotton candy machine and supplies.

The new machine will also be a feature during the Fall Festival, the day of our Annual Soap Box Derby Races.

What's your favorite flavor of spun sugar?



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