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BOONEVILLE LIONS CLUB FOUNDATION, INC.

A 501(c)3 Non-Profit Charity Volume I No. 10
APRIL 20, 2023

PO Box 1264
Booneville, MS 38829

Meeting Every
2nd & 4th Thursday
6:00 PM
BS Bar, Grill & Market



EVENTS COMING UP

MAY 4, 2023
75th Anniversary
Celebration 6:00 pm
Old Hardware
Building
403 E Church Street
Booneville, MS

No Tickets Sold at
Door

May 5-6, 2023
State Convention
Courtyard by
Marriott
Columbus, MS



Birthdays This Month

April 26
Galen Greer



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LORI TUCKER CHALLENGES LOCAL LIONS

Lori Tucker, Director of Community Development for the City of Booneville as well as the Director of the Booneville Mainstreet Association recently spoke to the Booneville Lions Club.

Lori began working for Booneville Main Street Association in 2008 and has taken the city by storm. If ever there was a person who could truly “be everywhere”, it’s Lori. Her leadership in developing a vision for Booneville is astounding and she and her volunteer board of directors eat, sleep and breathe making Booneville the very best it can be!

Lori detailed grants in progress for Booneville as well as progress of the phases of sidewalk connections downtown that extend to the Northeast Mississippi Community College campus.

Discussion about the Depot and the development of native plants around the Cunningham house was met with enthusiasm by Lion Jim Lamb, as well as other members.

The Booneville Lions Club Foundation, Inc. is a member of the Booneville Mainstreet Association and endeavors to be a volunteer presence at any and all events in our community.

Lori has grown our Fall Festival to blocks and blocks of vendors and it’s still growing. The Hospitality Arts Festival, April 22, 2023 will find Lions being the exclusive cotton candy vendor for the event. The club donated books to Lion Brandon Palmer and Modern Woodman to “hide” for the *Look for a Book* project during the Hospitality Arts Festival. Our Lions club has accepted Lori’s challenge to grow with Booneville!

Do something today, for a better tomorrow.



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

LION TONI STOOP
GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON.

LION VENESHIA GILLESPIE
MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRPERSON.

LION MARTHA GRAY
ASSISTANT GLOBAL SERVICE CHAIRPERSON

DID YOU KNOW?

The Booneville Lions Club has had two District Governors?

Dr. W.W. Strange, 1958-1959

LCI Convention in New York, NY, USA

Dr. Strange was also a charter member of the 1939 club as well as a charter member of the 1948 club

Billy Hester 1970-1971

LCI Convention in Atlantic City, NJ, USA

Russ Lamb has been nominated as 2nd Vice District Governor to serve as Governor in 2025-26

LCI Convention Mexico City, Mexico



A message from Club President Lion Kathy Lamb

CELEBRATING BIG!

Booneville Lions Club Established TWICE

The Booneville Lions Club was organized and held its first meeting May 12, 1939. The first meeting place for the club was Blue Moon Café which was located on the present sight of Cadence Bank and the weekly meeting date was Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

The formal presentation of the charter to the Booneville Lions Club was made at the Charter Night Celebration at 8:00 P.M. August 20, 1940, in the Dining Hall of the First Methodist Church of Booneville with the charter being presented by District Governor Sam E. Lumpkin of Tupelo. The charter was accepted by the newly elected president and master of ceremonies for the occasion, J. Arthur Downs.

World War II had an impact on the functioning of the Booneville Lions club due to the demands of the military. The membership roll of the

club was almost depleted and for this reason the club suspended operations.

Fast forward to April 12, 1948 when the club was re-activated and a new charter authorized for the Booneville Lions Club with twenty-two new members and three re-installments of former members.

The charter officers for the club organized April 12, 1948 were: Donald Franks, President; George W. Rutherford, Jr., Secretary. The weekly meetings were fixed at noon Thursday at Jim's Restaurant in Booneville. The club was sponsored by the Corinth Lions Club.

The club has been in continuous existence since 1948 and will celebrate its 75th Anniversary on May 4, 2023.

The community and the Booneville Lions Club Foundation, Inc., now a 501(c) 3 non-profit charity owe a tremendous debt of gratitude for both groups of men who chartered the Booneville Lions Club. Their vision has continued to shine a way for service to be rendered to our community, state, and world.

Prices have sure changed since 1948—the cost of a gallon of gasoline was 16 cents; a loaf of bread was just 14 cents; a movie ticket was 60 cents but here in town they were only a dime. The average cost of a new house was \$7,700.00 with the average wages per year of \$2,950.00.

Yes, times have changed but one important thing has stayed the same...and that is that where there's a need, there's a Lion!

CHARTER MEMBERS FROM 1948 BOONEVILLE LIONS

Jim S. Alexander, J.S. Bishop, Pascal Box. Thomas H. Carter, William L. Caver, Jr., Herbert Clayton, William (Billy) Cox, James Cunningham, Jr., Joseph Duckworth, Donald Franks, H. T. Goodwin, Kyle Lindsey, Audie B. Marlar, Harley O. Moss, Luther Moore, Phillip Mitchell, Kenneth Pounds, William Richard Miskelly, Oswald Pounds, George W. Rutherford, Jr., R.E.L. Southerland, Dr. W.W. Strange, Carroll W. Yarber, J. Benny Yeager, and Charles Young.



CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

APRIL IS...



Leo Club
Awareness Month
#LeoAwareness

April is Leo Club Awareness Month! It's the time that Leos and Lions around the world share the great work of the Leo Club program!

Booneville Lions Club voted at the March 23, 2023 meeting to charter a LEO club in our community. This Leo club will be an Alpha club which is composed of students from 12-18 years old and will be community based. We invite students from Booneville as well as neighboring communities to join,

The Leo club encourages youth to develop leadership qualities by participating in social service activities. Leo is an acronym for Leadership, Experience, Opportunity. Leos and Lions work side by side to serve. The Booneville Lions Club is proud to be able to charter a Leo club in celebration of the club's 75th Anniversary!

**"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much."
-Helen Keller**

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION



LCIF stands for Lions Clubs International Foundation. It is the charitable side of our global organization.

LCIF is totally funded by individual Lions and Lions Clubs. All the donations are used to fund grants in all of the eight areas of action displayed on the left. No money is used for administration so 100% of all donations go to the charitable efforts manned by local Lions world-wide.

Childhood Cancer and Hunger are the two newest grant programs initiated by the success of Campaign 100 raising over \$325 million!



ORGANIZATIONS OUR



Ronald McDonald House Charities® Memphis

Ronald McDonald House Charities has welcomed children & families across the world. Since opening in 1991, the Memphis RMH has hosted 11,200 families from all 50 states and 70 countries. Every day, the House and staff provides support and comfort to families going through the hardest days of their lives. Our club gives to the family food program.



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®

Finding cures. Saving children.



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a pediatric treatment and research facility located in Memphis, TN. It was founded in 1962 by Danny Thomas and is a 501(c)(3) designated nonprofit medical corporation which focuses on children's catastrophic diseases, particularly leukemia and other cancers. In the 2021 fiscal year, St. Jude received \$2 billion in donations. Daily operating costs average \$1.7 million, but patients are not charged for their care. St. Jude treats patients up to age 21, and for some conditions, up to age 25.

Booneville has had numerous children who were treated at St. Jude in recent years. How blessed we are to have this facility so close to our town.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI

Club programs and services promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence. Boys and Girls Clubs are a safe place to learn and grow—all while having fun. It is truly The Positive Place For Kids.



Mississippi Lions Girls Leadership Conference 2023



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The Mississippi Lions All-State Band is the state's premier honor band. Each year over a hundred high school students are selected by audition to participate in a week long camp culminating in a concert. Then the band travels to compete in the Parade of Nations at the Lions Club International Convention. To date the Mississippi band won thirty-four competitions!!



Lions Boys and Girls Leadership Conferences serve students in the 10th – 12th grades. Students selected to participate are high achieving individuals who have demonstrated traits of a good leader.

Two week-ends during March students enjoy inspiring speakers, participate in talent contests and have a great week-end of fun and learning.



CLUB SUPPORTS



LEADER DOGS
FOR THE BLIND

Leader Dogs for the Blind was founded by Lions Clubs International in 1939. Located in Rochester Hills, Michigan, Leader Dog is the answer for thousands of people who are blind or visually impaired to gain independence in navigating their world. All services are provided at no cost, covering expenses for training, room and board and travel to the campus from anywhere in North America.



Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Services provides comprehensive care to the sight and hearing impaired at no cost to patients from AR, MS, MO, and TN. It is a 501(c)(3). Administrative offices are in Memphis, TN. Since 1942, Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service has been restoring quality and independence to the lives of men, women and children.



Lions Sight Foundation of Mississippi is a charitable organization headquartered in Flowood, MS. The mission is to provide aid and assistance to the blind and hearing-impaired people in Mississippi. The Mississippi Lions Eye Bank is funded in part by the Lions Sight Foundation of Mississippi and provides corneal tissue for transplants in Mississippi and throughout the world.



NORTHEAST
MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Tiger D.E.N. Food Pantry

DELIVERING EVERY NEED

The focus of the Tiger D.E.N is to provide food security to students on campus. The pantry is located in Hargett Hall. Requirements are that a student be enrolled for at least 3 hours and receiving FASFA at NEMCC.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Lions Club International Foundation is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International donating 100% of funds raised to our identified global needs in the form of grants. North Mississippi has received \$389,000 in grants since 2017. LCIF has sent \$200,000 to Lions in Turkey to support disaster relief after the earthquake there.



Booneville Lions Club, proud members of:



Booneville Main Street Association
100 West Church Street Booneville, MS 38829



PRENTISS COUNTY
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

LCIF DISASTER GRANTS FUND LIONS' RESPONSE TO TORNADOES

The forecast for bad weather had been predicted all week focused on Friday night, the 24th of March. Beginning at 8 pm a powerful EF4 tornado struck Rolling Fork, Mississippi and another struck just a few miles away in the tiny town of Silver City. From that point, the rest of night was an endless trail of tornado warnings and damage and death across the state. By 11 p.m. it was over, but the destruction was barely visible due to power failures along the path of the tornadoes.

As sunlight began to warm the morning air, the destruction was beyond comprehension. In Rolling Fork, Silver City, Winona, Wren, Amory, and Smithville, emergency teams worked to rescue survivors trapped in the rubble.

Lions began making calls and sending emails to mobilize assistance to all three areas. Leland Lions had just finished a Boston Butt Barbeque sale Friday

and had seven left. Saturday morning, they turned that into pulled pork, added some beans and chips, loaded up a tent and tables and headed to Rolling Fork to serve lunch to workers and residents.

An email and several voice mails were sent to LCIF Saturday morning to start the work on

*... three areas affected across
a 200 mile span.*

an Emergency Relief Grant. A response came quickly, and a team began writing the grant proposal, first gathering data from all the affected areas in our Lions district. It was completed with the final details of data and submitted Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon came the word the Emergency Grant had been approved for \$10,000.



Clubs were selected to lead the response in each of the three areas affected across a 200 mile span. Tupelo Evening Lions coordinated the response in the Monroe County area around Amory. Grenada Lions spearheaded the work around Winona and Carroll County. In the delta, Leland Lions, who served barbeque the morning after the disaster, led the response to Rolling Fork and Silver City.

Monday morning an email arrived that told district leaders that LCIF had awarded a second grant to the disaster. It was a \$50,000 Major Catastrophe Grant to help empower local Lions' service to the disaster zones.



DISASTER
RELIEF



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION





NOMINATIONS 2023-2024

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| President | Kathy Lamb |
| 1 st Vice President | Martha Gray |
| 2 nd Vice President | Brandon Palmer |
| Secretary | Shelley Greer |
| Treasurer | Russ Lamb |
| Tailtwister/LCIF | Jim Lamb |
| Membership Chair | Toni Stoop |
| Service Chair | Sam Gray |
| Leadership Chair | Russ Lamb |
| Club Marketing Chair | Veneshia Gillespie |

We will vote at the April 27, 2023 meeting



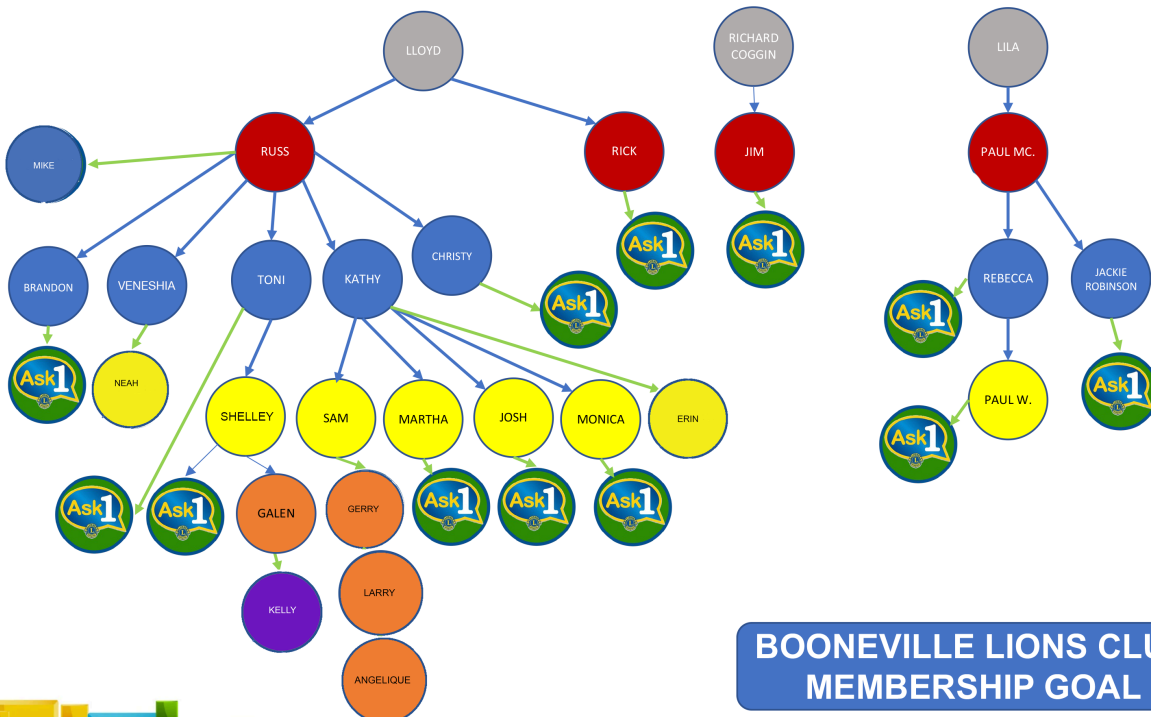
BOOKS FOR MODERN WOODMEN *Hospitality Arts Festival*



YOUTH

Booneville Lions Club donated 20 children's books to Lion Brandon Palmer to be hidden for the children to find at the Hospitality Arts Festival on April 22, 2023.

Our club was excited to be able to participate in this great project. During the Hospitality Arts Festival, Booneville Lions will also be selling cotton candy which will help fund other charitable donations in our community.



**BOONEVILLE LIONS CLUB
MEMBERSHIP GOAL**



LIONS KATHY LAMB AND JIM LAMB HOLD CHARTER FROM 1948



OUR LOCATION

2ND & 4TH
THURSDAYS
AT 6:00 PM



105 W COLLEGE STREET

BOONEVILLE, MS

Booneville Lions Club is celebrating 75 years of service in our community but in a way, we are just getting started! The club membership has ebbed and flowed during the past 75 years. The club that began with only businessmen now includes women and will sponsor a group of young men and women between the ages of 12-18 called Leos.

Primarily the emphasis in 1949 was on vision as challenged by Helen Keller at the 1925 Lions Club International Convention. In 2023, Lions support eight major global causes including vision.

Technology has changed the way we can reach both members and non-members instantly but one thing remains the same. Lions Clubs are made up of caring people who work to make their communities better places to live and work. The motto is still the same: **We Serve.**

In 1948, Booneville Lions Club was recruiting members to charter a new club.



Today our club is still recruiting members to join us in continuing the heritage of service begun 75 years ago. We need YOU. We meet two times a month, however if you can't attend meetings but can contribute to the club through service on week-ends or other events...*you* are who we need! Our club is ever evolving and changing to keep up with "the times". Reach out to a Lion to see how you can join and visit www.boonevillelions.com to view how we are serving.

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"WE SERVE"

