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

EVENTS COMING UP

August 25, 2022
INSTEAD OF OUR
REGULAR MEETING!
Meet at the TRIANGLE
downtown at 6:00 p.m.
Wear Lions t-shirt or vest
and help pass out Cotton
Candy at BACK TO
SCHOOL BLOCK
PARTY!

September 3, 10, 17, 24,
2022
HELP WITH GRACE
MOVIES AT THE TWO
ACTIVITY CENTERS
3PM-5PM,
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR ALL FOUR
EVENTS



**Birthdays
This Month**

August 16, 2022
Rebecca Wood



NEW MEMBER INDUCTIONS

It's always exciting to add new members to our club so having four new members within a few weeks has us pumped!

Lion Christy Schell is the branch manager of the local BancorpSouth location and is married to Eric. They have two children. Lion Brandon Palmer is an agent for the local Modern Woodman Fraternal Insurance Agency. He is married to Casey and they have two daughters. Lion Russ is the sponsor for Lion Christy and Lion Brandon.

Lion Monica and Lion Josh Shepherd bring our membership number to 19! Lion Monica is a hairstylist at Merle Norman and Lion Josh works for Marathon Cheese Corporation. Since Josh works the 2-10 shift, he and Monica were inducted on Saturday. Although Lion Josh will not be able to attend Thursday night meetings, he is already on board with Lion Russ to help test children's eyes with our new PlusOptix machines in the mornings. Lions Josh and Monica are sponsored by Lion Kathy.

The Booneville Lions Club Foundation, Inc. has doubled its membership and continues to grow! We are 74 years strong in serving Booneville and the surrounding communities. With every new member comes a unique set of talents and abilities to strengthen our club. Each member of the Booneville Lions Club is a member because someone asked them if they would like to join the largest charitable organization in the world. We all are here because someone decided to ask. Remember the old saying "You'll never know until you ask?"



If each member asked just one person who joined our club...we would be at 38 members! What do you have to lose? Ask one! Bring one! Sponsor one!

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 PAUL McCUTCHEN
DIRECTOR

LION TONI STOOP
GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON.

LION VENESHIA GILLESPIE
MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRPERSON.

LION MARTHA GRAY
ASSISTANT GLOBAL SERVICE CHAIRPERSON

SOAP BOX 2021



A message from
Club President
Lion Kathy Lamb.
On your mark...get
ready...GO!

Soapbox Derby Races
2022!

The tradition of the Fall Festival Lions Club Soapbox Derby Races continues!

The boys and girls strap on helmets and climb into one of three wooden soapbox cars to race enthusiastically down the street in front of City Hall.

Prior to the big event, many hours of service have already been given by members of the Booneville Lions Club Foundation, Inc. This is our largest fundraiser through ads and donations by local businesses throughout Booneville. Year after year, business owners donate to the Soapbox Derby Races to help the Booneville Lions provide

eye exams and glasses to children and adults in our area who cannot afford to do so on their own. The day of the actual event takes many volunteers to run safely. This year we will be testing the vision of children with our new PlusOptix machines. Simultaneously Lions will be selling cotton candy. It's going to be much like a juggling act but with everyone pitching in, we can do it!

We will have signup sheets for all of the tasks necessary for the race. There is some setup the night before and lots to get ready early on the day of the race. We need every Lion member as well as your friends! It definitely will take a village to man the race.

Beginning in July, Lions have hit the streets to visit with local business to secure their support through ad sales/donations. We have begun earlier this year because we often find that we are in competition with many other organizations when school starts back. This year is no exception so please don't wait to get out and sell ads. Any new business will require Russ to design a sign with their logo so that Print Villains can print them.

The funds we raise will allow us to donate to many charitable organizations for 2022-2023.

Our Strategic Objective

Prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired.

We have a long history of serving the blind and visually impaired and remain committed to continuing this mission into our next century of service.

Did you know?

253 million people are blind or have moderate to severe distance vision impairment (MSVI)

1.1 billion have near-vision impairment simply because they don't have a pair of glasses

>75% of all blindness and MSVI is avoidable

89% of people with visual impairment live in developing countries

Over the last 100 years, the kindness of Lions has multiplied across borders, oceans, and continents. With over 1.4 million members, we now have an opportunity to truly change our world



VISION



L-R Multi-District LCIF Coordinator Columbus Lion Andy Kalinowski, Tupelo Lions President Lion Jim Larson, Tupelo Lion Jim Best, and Booneville Lion Russ Lamb.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

District 30 M LCIF Coordinator Named From Booneville Club

The district has a new LCIF coordinator appointed by the international LCIF Chairman. Lion Russ Lamb will serve as the District 30M LCIF Coordinator and plans to visit all 47 Lions Clubs in the district this year. As district LCIF Coordinator he will encourage LCIF giving, consult with clubs on LCIF grant opportunities, and help spread the word on all the good that we do through LCIF!

Screening Benton County Head Start

Three Lions Clubs from North Mississippi joined together to screen pre-school students at Hickory Flat Head Start Center and Ashland Head Start Center August 15, 2022. The team of four Lions using two PlusOptix vision screeners screened a total of 119 students. Twenty-three were referred to their family to seek additional testing and care by an optical professional.

One class at a time, the four and five year old children entered the multipurpose room and were directed to the two darkened screening positions. Most screenings took just a few seconds to determine if the child passed the screening with no detectable vision problems. Occasionally some referrals took a minute or two to record the necessary information to print out for the referral.

unfamiliar faces they were seeing. A few tears make it hard for the PlusOptix to sense the pupils and make a definitive evaluation. However, Lions will be back next school year and retest all the same children then. Hopefully that will be soon enough to follow up, should any vision problems be detected then.

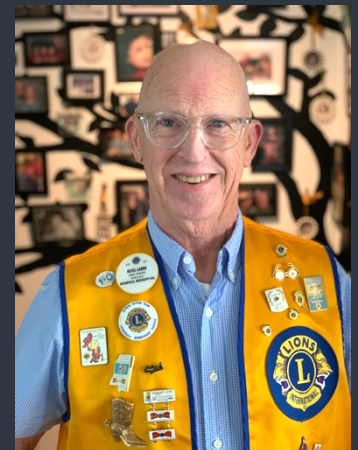
Lions Russ Lamb, Booneville, Andy Kalinowski, Columbus, Jim Best, Tupelo and Jim Larson also from Tupelo Lions Club met at the Hickory Flat Head Start Center at 9:15 in the morning to set up for the screenings.

A small sticker was printed with specific codes indicating the vision anomalies detected and was handed to the teacher to forward to the family.

The staff at both centers were very appreciative of the Lions work and helped tremendously by lining up the students and sending them to the screening setups.

Almost all of the preschoolers breezed through the experience, but a few had some tears, fearing the four

The final screenings finished about noon and the team headed to Ripley for a Mexican lunch out. All four commented what a "great day" it had been start to finish.



Lions become "Knights of the Blind"



1925: Helen Keller challenged Lions to be "knights of the blind"



1930: Lion George Bonham painted a cane white with a red band



1939: The Detroit Uptown Lions Club started a guide dog school



New District 30M Leader Dog Chairperson, Lion Kathy Lamb will represent Leader Dogs For the Blind to the clubs in District 30M, encouraging club participation.





WE NEED YOU!

Brian E. Sheehan, 2022-2023 International President of the Lions Club International has chosen TOGETHER WE CAN as the theme for the coming year.

YOU ARE NEEDED FOR MANY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES!

Together we can...and together we will!

Club Hears From Booneville Lions All-State Band Members

We had an awesome turnout to hear from our two Lions Band members fresh back from Montreal and the Lions International Convention. Sarah Kate Wood and Toni Glenn brought pictures and videos to share with the club. We also had new Lions Christy Schell and Brandon Palmer, and Lion Rick's guest, Bonnie Wanner, his daughter.



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