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BOONEVILLE LIONS CLUB FOUNDATION, INC.

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PO Box 1264
Booneville, MS 38829

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



EVENTS COMING UP

January 6 & 7, 2023
Mid-Winter District
Convention
Lake Tiak-O-Khata
Louisville, MS

Registration begins at
4:00 on Friday in
hotel lobby

Saturday registration
begins at 7:30 am in
the Pine Ridge Lodge

Pre-registration is \$20
each

Registration at the
door is \$25 each
Governor's banquet
Friday night \$35 each
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Birthdays This Month

December 1
Sam Gray

December 23
Monica Shepherd



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BOONEVILLE'S POLAR EXPRESS PARADE

Although the Booneville Christmas Parade had to be cancelled due to inclement weather on December 5, 2022 it didn't dampen the enthusiasm for the parade to occur at a later date. On Tuesday night, December 12th, the Polar Express roared into Booneville with sirens blaring. The Booneville High School Band playing, and beautiful floats ridden by adults and children happily waving to the crowds gathered along the parade route from NEMCC to the downtown overhead bridge.

Riding in a red convertible, Miss Erin Mattox represented the Booneville Lions Club as our Christmas Queen nominee. Erin is a senior at Booneville High School and is the daughter of Mike and Amanda Mattox.

Lion Brandon Palmer drove his truck and pulled the Booneville Lions Club signature bright yellow trailer with Lion Sam Gray, his granddaughter, Journey, and Lion Russ Lamb tossing candy to children lining the streets across town. As the parade passed in front of the historic Hardware Building, artificial snow fell outside. Inside the building, Lion Kathy Lamb, Lion Martha Gray, Lion Monica Shepherd and Lion Jim Lamb, were

spinning cotton candy and giving it out to eager children as fast as the machine would perform. Each person could choose the flavor of his or her cotton candy from grape, strawberry, blue raspberry or bubblegum. Hands down blue raspberry was the most requested!

At the conclusion of the parade what to our wondering eyes should appear but Santa and Mrs. Claus along with Rudolph the reindeer. They listened to the children's requests and posed for pictures.

Hot cocoa and hot cider were available along with popcorn provided by Gaston Baptist Church. It was a great family event with a huge turnout organized by Lori Tucker and the Booneville Main Street Association.

Down by the Depot, the ice-skating rink was the scene for even more excitement and fun.

The Booneville Lions Club is always happy to be involved in community events and being a part of the parade and after parade activities was no exception. Merry Christmas!

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



A message from Club President Lion Kathy Lamb

DECEMBER IS A TIME OF GIVING



LCIF Gifts Keep on Giving

Christmas is just around the corner! Be a part of something bigger this holiday season by donating to support LCIF's mission. LCIF's mission supports Lions clubs both locally and globally in a myriad of ways.

LCIF's Global Causes include: Vision, Hunger, Childhood Cancer, Humanitarian, Diabetes, Youth, Environmental and Disaster Relief.

With 100% donations going towards grants and programs, LCIF empowers the compassionate service of Lions and those in need of our help.

Did you know that when you give to LCIF, you can designate which cause you would like to support? There are many ways to give such as by check or online. There are many planned giving options. Just \$5 a week in

your name would put \$260 a year toward a Melvin Jones Fellow (MJF) award for yourself or someone you designate. Each time your gifts total \$1,000 you can receive another MJF award. After the first, they are called Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow awards.

If you designate a portion of an estate, a trust, or a life insurance policy you are designated a "Legacy Member" of LCIF.

Thousands of companies match employees' charitable donations. Shop with AmazonSmile and on eligible purchases, they will donate 5% of your eligible purchase to the charity of your choice. Other companies will also allow you to designate a charity of your choice: make it LCIF!

Giving to LCIF is truly a gift that keeps on giving. With an organization emphasizing service across the world, we can donate from home and impact lives everywhere.

Christmas is a wonderful time for giving to LCIF but as you know, LCIF's commitment is to the many global causes every day of the year. Would you consider giving to LCIF on a regular monthly basis? Our local club gives a substantial donation each year with each thousand dollars entitling the club to designate a Melvin Jones Fellow. This also applies to individual donations.

GIVING IS SERVING!

Make a difference. Give a LCIF gift.

LIONS CLUB FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2022 Lions Family Christmas party was held on Thursday night, December 8th at the BS Bar and Grill. Members ordered from the menu and the club provided red velvet cake for everyone.

After dinner, the group broke into two teams: Team Frosty and Team Rudolph and played each other in Christmas trivia. The questions were true/false but sometimes tricky. At the end of the evening, the teams were tied with the winning tie breaker point going to Team Rudolph!

Club president, Lion Kathy Lamb presented each member with the new global cause pin for vision. It's a one-of-a-kind pin designed to celebrate the global initiatives and the service we provide. Vision has always been a major emphasis for our club and this year's LCF matching grant to purchase two vision screening devices has only heightened our commitment to serve the vision needs of our community.

Sally Greer sent a Christmas card with a \$50 donation to the club presented by her son Lion Galen and daughter-in-law Lion Shelley.

SANTA SAYS DUES ARE DUE...NOW!

Booneville Christmas Parade

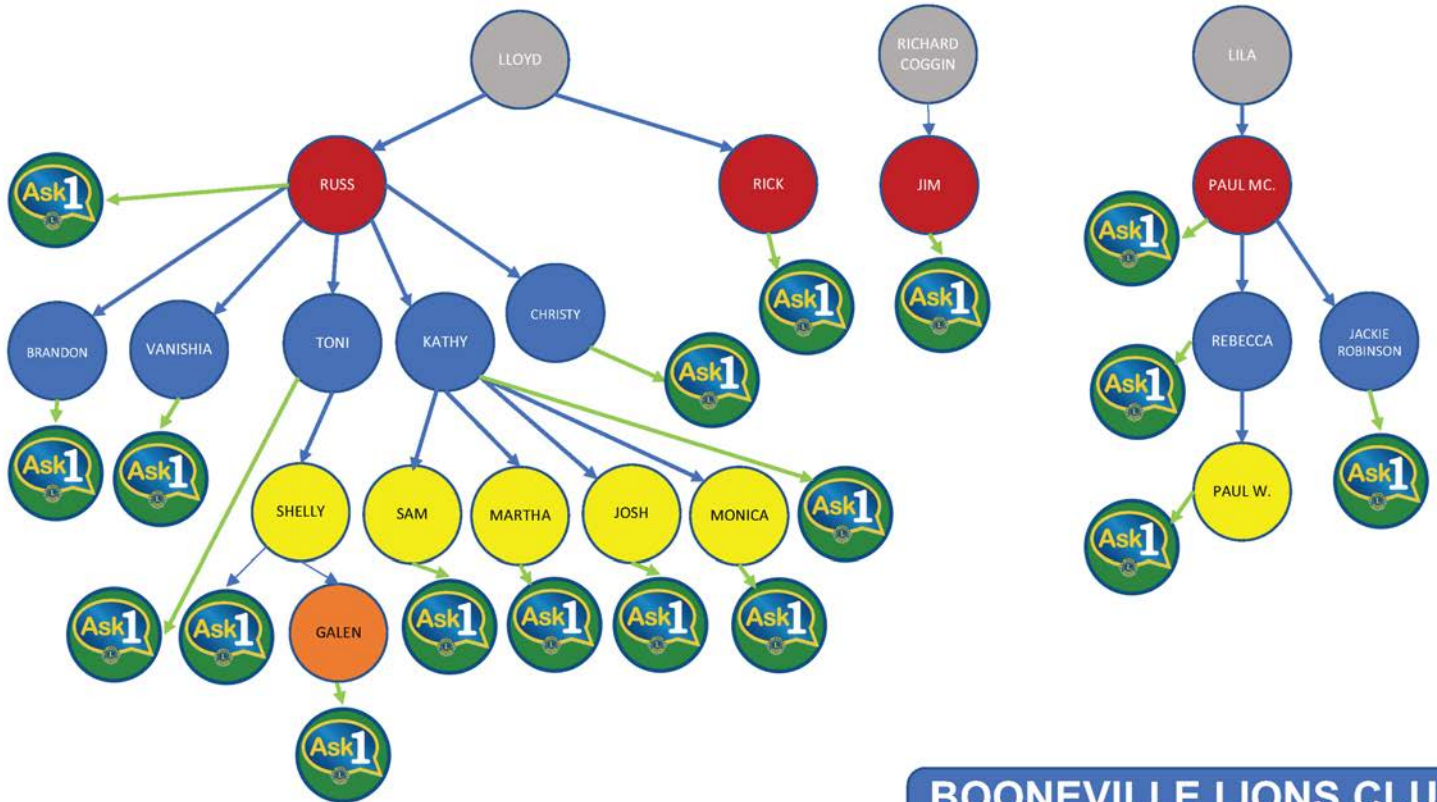




Booneville Lions Club Christmas Party



MAKE SPONSORING A NEW MEMBER YOUR 2023 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!



**BOONEVILLE LIONS CLUB
MEMBERSHIP GOAL**

EF-2 TORNADO STRIKES LOWNDES CO., AREA LIONS RESPOND WITH LCIF GRANT



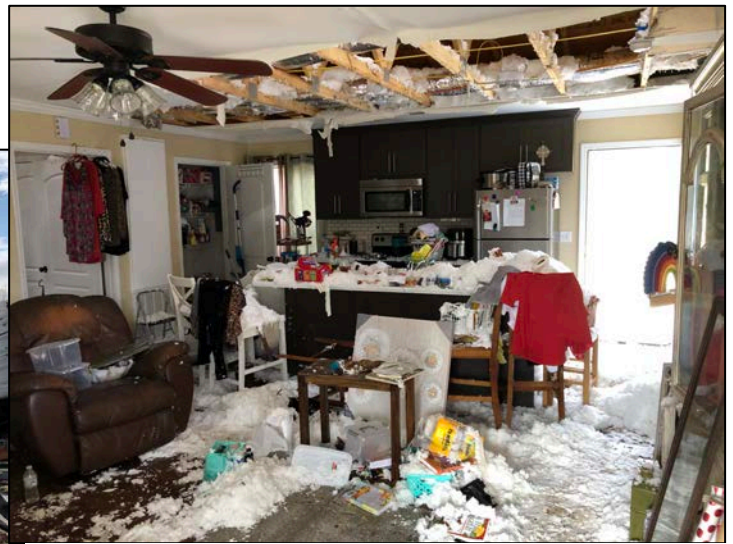
The warning sirens howled just as dusk settled near the small community of Steens, Mississippi, warning of tornados headed toward them. As the sky darkened at least two tornados twisted trees out of the ground, flattening homes and barns, lifting roofs off homes, and rolling cars like toys into the tree line. November 29, 2022, more than 34 families suffered damage to their homes. Early the next morning Mississippi Lions Multi-District LCIF Coordinator Andy Kalinowski, District 30M LCIF Coordinator Russ Lamb, and District 30M Governor Billy Joe Webb began collecting data to make an emergency disaster grant application to LCIF Lions Clubs International Foundation for \$10,000.

Within hours, the trio had the information to submit via email to pursue the emergency disaster assistance grant. About 6:20 p.m. December 1, 2022, came word via email that the LCIF Chairman, Immediate Past International President of Lions International Douglas X. Alexander had approved the grant.

Lions from the local and nearby Lions Clubs, East Columbus, Tupelo, Louisville, Starkville Multi-Cultural, and Booneville made plans to meet at the Dollar General in Steens to distribute cleaning supplies, water, and snacks for stricken families.

Ten Lions rotated out of the Dollar General store with carts full of cleaning materials and helped families load them into their cars. Families in need were verified from a list of damaged homes from the Lowndes County Emergency Management Director.

The swift, uncomplicated approval process for the disaster grant meant that local Lions could begin giving on-site support within 72 hours. Because Lions are worldwide, they can be the earliest support available in a disaster anywhere on the planet. One family benefiting from the aid said they had been “looking for help everywhere, and the first source of support was when a Lion brought a flyer about the disaster assistance the Lions were providing nearby.” The



comments aired on the local CBS television station, WCBI, at the opening of the 6:00 p.m. newscast on December 2nd.

Following the distribution on December 2nd, several families have received similar cleaning supply packages from the grant by contacting local Lions Clubs.

Having a financially capable Lions Club allowed the Lions from the nearby city of Columbus, Columbus East, to use club funds the first day while the funds were electronically transferred to the District 30M Treasurer from LCIF. Columbus East has been reimbursed through the grant.

The immediate gathering of service minded, committed Lions, provided the feet for the world of LCIF contributors that make emergency disaster grants possible. Mississippi has received over a million dollars in disaster grants in the past decade. Floods, tornados, and hurricanes frequently impact Mississippi. Our state is fortunate to have Lions in many Mississippi towns.

Responding to the call: Lions Russ Lamb (Booneville), Mary Larson (Tupelo), Lisa Hayes (East Columbus), Sammy Williams (East Columbus), Mike Dowd (Louisville), Jim Larson (Tupelo), Celia Carter (East Columbus), Andy Kalinowski (East Columbus), Jim Bush (Tupelo), and Amy Harrison (Starkville Multi-Culture).

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-Storm Victim





GRACE YP&E 5th ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Grace YP & E Foundation, Inc. celebrated its fifth anniversary with a gala at the Booneville Hardware building December 10, 2022. Booneville Lions once again supported the event by providing check-in and seating. Lions also ran the raffle for the evening.

Booneville Lions are proud to support this worthy foundation that provides scholarship money to college bound students for bedding, towels, room décor, and other initial expenses like gas money and food, that traditional scholarships don't.

Through a cooperative relationship with Grace and MaxxSouth Broadband, the Lions earn money

for the club administrative funds for awards and other club supplies.

The evening began with speakers Lion Veneshia Gillespie, CEO of Grace, and Pastor Tony Harris, board member and spiritual leader. Veneshia recounted the history of the non-profit foundation, and Pastor Tony spoke to the mission of the foundation. Next came a delicious Italian buffet complete with a selection of homemade desserts.

Entertainment was provided by a live band performing a Christmas song set and after a break, great rocking dance tunes.

While the dinner and music continued, raffle numbers were called for great prizes donated by local businesses and Grace patrons. Our Booneville Lions volunteers helped setup and clean up and included: Lions Sam and Martha Gray, Lions Josh and Monica Shepherd, Lion Russ Lamb, and Lions who happen to be Grace members, Lion Veneshia Gillespie (Founder), Lion Toni Stoops (Board Member), and Lions Shelley and Galen Greer (caterers).



PECAN SALES HAVE BEEN PHENOMENAL



\$10 per bag

Pecan sales began on November 3, 2022 with 50 cases of pecans. On November 21, 2022 we ordered 30 more cases! On December 15, 2022 we ordered 6 more cases of chocolate covered pecans! We have almost **TRIPLED** 2021 total sales of 30 cases.

Our second biggest fundraiser for our charitable work is led by Lion Rick Wanner who has chaired this event for numerous years. This year he is knocking it out of the park! Lion Rick makes sure all the banks have an ample supply of pecans at all times and is "Pecan Central" for Lion members to pick up pecans! Thank you, Lion Rick for all you do!





**NEW
LOCATION**

**2ND & 4TH
THURSDAYS
AT 6:00 PM**



**105 W COLLEGE
STREET**

BOONEVILLE, MS

WHY ATTEND THE 30-M DISTRICT MID-WINTER CONVENTION?

You meet great people that are Lions, too.

You have fun.

You get to know people who have been Lions longer than you and have lots of good guidance.

You develop leadership skills working with other Lions on doing things that a club alone would struggle with.

You get to know Lions from other clubs that may be nearby your club and could help your club with a project.

There is always good food!

And, a lot of Tailtwister foolishness!

Lions Club International is a giant force for good and it is truly international. Lions Clubs are found in over 200 countries and our reach for service starts at our doorstep and continues around the world.

The district convention is the first place you can begin to see this awesome organization run entirely by volunteers like yourself.

Decisions are from the local club membership to the district, the state, the region, the constitutional area (United States), to the world (International Directors, officers, committees, and International Presidents).

If you can get to Lake Tia-O'Khata (112 miles) late Friday afternoon the sixth of January, we will enjoy the seafood buffet and some entertainment at dinner.

Saturday is the business meeting starting at nine. Lunch, then a possible choice of trainings.

The District Governor's Banquet is Saturday night and is a dress up event usually keynoted by a visiting International Director.

Our club will reimburse the first 4 to commit to attending up to \$100 per member, attending either or both days. Speak to President Lion Kathy.

ROAR – The Booneville Lions Club Foundation, Inc. Monthly Newsletter EDITOR Lion Russ Lamb

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