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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

Ticket sales for May 4
75th Anniversary
banquet now through
April 17, 2023

Girls Leadership
Conference on March
10-12, at Lake Tiak
O'Khata

State Convention May
5-6, 2023, in
Columbus, MS
**Make Plans to Attend
NOW**

Officers for 2023-
2024
March Nominations
April Voting
June Installation



Birthdays This Month

FEBRUARY 23
Paul Wood



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75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Reaching the 75 year milestone deserves a celebration and we are planning to do it in grand style! On May 4, 2023 friends of the Booneville Lions Club will gather at the Historic Booneville Hardware Building at 6:00 pm for a delicious meal catered by Leah Galloway Catering & Event Florals, live music, and fun catching up with other Lions and their families.

There's a lot of pride when a club has been in continuous service for 75 years! We feel it in our club. Any successes we have experienced throughout the years is tied directly to the foresight of our charter members in 1948 and to the Corinth Lions Club who sponsored our club.

If you have lived in Booneville since childhood as I have, you may recognize the names of many of our Lions Club Charter Members listed below.

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.

We hope that family members of our charter members will attend the celebration as well as members of our sponsor club, the Corinth Lions Club and former members and their families. We want to recognize you all. We invite the community to come and enjoy the celebration and rich history of Lionism in our own community built through 75 years of commitment!

ADMIT ONE

Celebrating

Booneville Lions Club



Thursday, May 4th, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Dinner by

*Leah Galloway
Catering & Event Florals*



Forty Dollars - Semi Formal
112 South Main Street, Booneville, Mississippi

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



During the months of January through March, our global emphasis is childhood cancer.

Our community has had several families touched by cancer and have received treatment at St. Jude.

Will Tennison, of Booneville, has been fighting Osteosarcoma since February 8th, 2021. His most recent scans this February, were all clear and he will have an extended break from chemotherapy. This is Will and his physician, Dr. Bishop. We're with you, Will!



Booneville Lions Club is donating \$1,000 to the Memphis Ronald McDonald House to be used to provide meals for families living there while their child receives critical cancer treatments. Our club is honored to be able to help families during a difficult time.



Congratulations to our own Lion Brandon Palmer for being awarded The Booneville Main Street Bloom With Us Community Engagement Award on January 17, 2023



A message from Club President Lion Kathy Lamb

CONFESSIONS OF A CLUB PRESIDENT

I love charities who promise to keep the funds raised locally for needs of that community. I suspect some of you feel the same. It just seems like the fair thing to do, right?

When I first joined Lions a few years ago, I have to admit I was a little confused and somewhat bothered that the money I was paying for dues went to the district and to the international entity of Lions Clubs International.

I was told there was no portion of my dues that stayed in the club to be used for the Booneville Lions Club dues. That didn't seem very fair to me. Besides, how did the club operate without local dues to do all of the charitable deeds that Lions Clubs were known for?

I puzzled over this for some time until I heard about LCIF. I have to admit though all of the initials were confusing, too. LCI and LCIF??? What's the difference?

Everyone at the first district convention I attended threw these acronyms around freely and I was clueless. Apparently, I was the only person there who couldn't speak fluent acronyms or name the global causes LCIF promoted. I was so far behind.

Well, fast forward a few years and I can now speak fluent acronyms. I've learned that LCI stands for

Lions Club International which is basically the administrative branch of our global Lions organization and that LCIF stands for Lions Club International Foundation which is 100% donor funded charity funds for our causes globally, including Mississippi.

So, let's go back to my original premise that I love organizations that keep funds in our community. What I've learned about being a part of an international organization, is that my "community" is global.

The Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) provides many grants globally for the global causes identified: vision, hunger, childhood cancer, disaster relief, diabetes, youth, environmental and humanitarian concerns.

With grants from LCIF, our state has received \$389,432 since 2017 for such things as disaster relief for tornados and hurricanes. Local clubs provided feet on the ground to help but there's no way one local club could provide the support provided by our charitable branch...our LCI Foundation.

A global partnership is an amazing thing to benefit our local communities. So, I confess I've changed my mind as I've watched our state repeatedly

benefit from funds provided by LCIF. What a difference it would be if LCIF adhered to the policy that only local funds raised could only be used to benefit communities it came from. Instead, LCIF steps up in times of need after the hurricanes and tornados that frequently devastate our Mississippi communities. Our state receives much more than we could ever give locally to respond to such immediate needs.

Monies raised in Booneville to purchase two Plus Optix vision screening machines DID stay in our community however LCIF matched the money raised in the form of a grant! So, what I guess I'm saying is I have a much larger view of funds raised for Lion Club projects and my community now.

We raise money to fund glasses and eye exams for local citizens in need, but we also raise money to respond to larger needs like the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, or grants for vision testing equipment that LCIF granted us \$7,400 to match local funds donated for the cause of vision testing in our community.

Consider a monthly automatic donation to LCIF of \$5, \$10, or \$20. I have the donation forms and Lion Russ can answer any questions you may have.

We need **every** member to sell tickets for our 75th Anniversary Celebration!

VICTORIA GILLESPIE LIONS NOMINEE



The Booneville Miss Hospitality competition is scheduled for February 26, 2023 and the Booneville Lions Club is pleased to announce that Miss Victoria Gillespie will be representing us in the competition. Victoria is a senior at Mississippi State University majoring in Social Work. Upon graduation May 12 of this year she will be a licensed social worker. She is the daughter of our own Lion Veneshia Gillespie.

Victoria has led the Booneville Vo-tech Future Business Leaders of America chapter as its president, both her junior and senior years of high school.

As a founding member of Grace Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs Foundation, Inc., she has been a creative force in fund raising and selecting candidates for the foundation's annual college scholarship recipients.

Victoria is currently interning with the Returning Citizen's Program of the Mississippi Department of Corrections, while completing her final degree requirements at Mississippi State University.

The Booneville Lions Club is proud to have such a dynamic, energetic, leader as our nominee for Booneville Miss Hospitality. Good luck, Victoria! Booneville Lions are here to support you all the way!

DID YOU KNOW?

Lions Clubs have been around for 106 years!

The oldest existing Lions Club in Mississippi is Biloxi, celebrating its 99th anniversary this year!

There are 48,000 Lions Clubs in the world!

1.4 million members including LEOs!

In over 200 countries and geographic areas

LIONS SERVE GRACE YP&E VALENTINES

What's better on a Saturday night before Valentines day than a Valentines party! Grace YP & E Foundation had a great event to raise scholarship funds and our Lions Club was well represented.

Tables with white linen table cloths and candle arrangements on all of them, provided space to fellowship with friends. A large selection of sweets and hot hors d'oeuvres were laid out on a long table with over the top decorations and candles.

A live DJ kept the night moving with several line dances in the mix.

Each person attending got a free raffle ticket for several door prizes and then the big raffle was held live on Facebook. The \$150 prize package raffle tickets sold in advance didn't require attendance to win. However, the winning ticket drawn was for a patron of the event in attendance. She was thrilled with winning on the spot!

Booneville Lions serving another great community charity to build strong support for our college bound students with Grace YP and E Foundation. Our Lions helped setting up tables, putting out food, holding the raffles, and helped to clean up at the end of the night.



From left to right: Lion Sam Gray, Lion Martha Gray, Lion Veneshia Gillespie, Lion Toni Stoop, Lion Kathy Lamb, and Lion Russ Lamb.



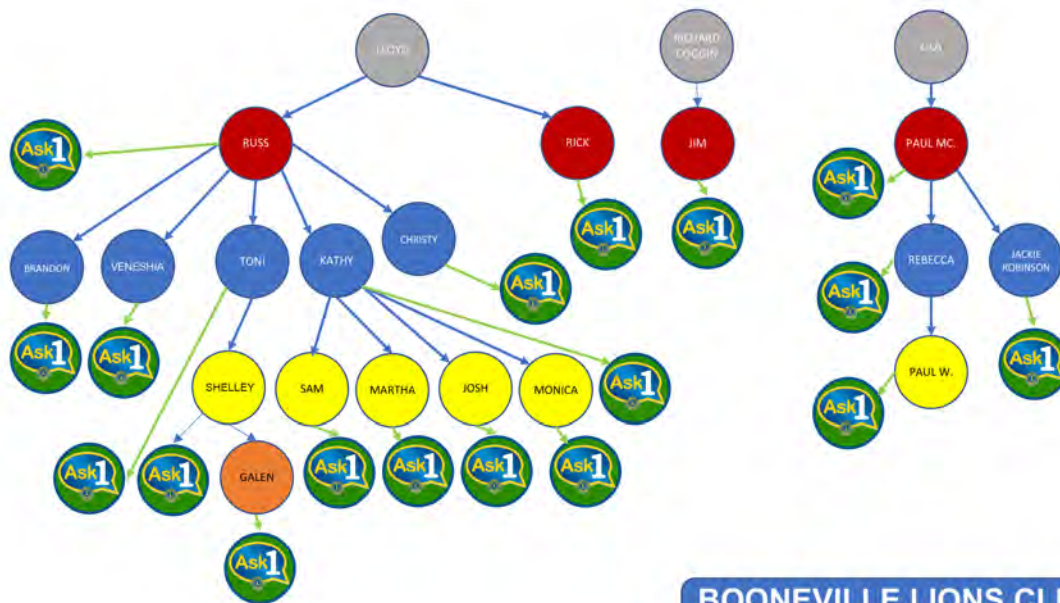
NEW LOCATION

2ND & 4TH
THURSDAYS
AT 6:00 PM



105 W COLLEGE STREET

BOONEVILLE, MS



**BOONEVILLE LIONS CLUB
MEMBERSHIP GOAL**



A big shout out to: Lion Galen, Lion Shelley, & Lion Veneshia who have commitments on family members joining soon! That will bring our number to 20! Come on everybody...we can each sponsor at least ONE new Lion!
Remember student membership dues are minimal

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