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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

March 10-13, 2023
Girls Leadership Camp
Lake Tiak O'Khata
Louisville, MS

May 4, 2023
Booneville Lions 75th
Anniversary Celebration
Old Booneville Hardware
6:00 PM

May 5-6, 2023
Mississippi Lions State
Convention
Columbus, MS
(see back page)

**We still have
PECANS!
Regular and a
few chocolate
covered for \$10
per bag.**

**Go by Rick
Wanner's office
at 208 S 2nd St.**



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MID-WINTER DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Lions year kicked off with a Mid-Winter District Convention at Lake Tiak O'Khata in Louisville, Mississippi, January 6-7, 2023. Lions and Leos from District 30M met to receive reports from the many committees and officers concerning the works of the members in the district (generally from Kosciusko and Philadelphia north).

About 80 members met Saturday morning to hear the reports and nominate Lions for positions on various boards and committees in the district and the state organization. Booneville Lion Veneshia Gillespie was nominated to serve a one-year term on the District Diabetes Awareness Committee and Lions Toni Stoop and Veneshia Gillespie will serve a three-year term on the Girls Leadership Committee. This committee plans and runs the Lions Girls Leadership Camp for girls in the 10th-12th grades. This year the Girls Leadership Camp will be at Lake Tiak O'Khata (hotel rooms!).

Lion Russ Lamb was nominated for Second Vice District Governor by Past Council Chairperson Lion Charlotte Dickson from the Clarksdale Evening Lions Club. There being no further nominations, Lion Russ was elected as the nominee for the state convention slate incoming officers July 1, 2023. He will serve as District Governor for

2025-2026. It wasn't all business at the Mid-Winter Convention. Friday night the Lions gathered for the Friday seafood buffet and live entertainment from Louisville Lion Tracy McCully who sang a great collection of classic country music hits and finished with wonderful rendition of "Amazing Grace."

The hospitality lounge was lively both nights and Saturday afternoon bingo raised over \$300.

Saturday night's banquet heard from International Director Ben Apeland from Bozeman, Montana and our current district governor, Lion Billy Joe Webb.



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

A NEW YEAR... NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Bring on 2023!

January marks the half-way mark of the Lions year! The past six months have been jam packed with activity. Catch your breath because the next six months promise to be just as exciting!

February kicks off our ticket sales for our 75th Anniversary celebration of the Booneville Lions Club, scheduled for May 4, 2023.

January, February and March our club is emphasizing Childhood Cancer as our global cause with a gift to the Ronald McDonald house in Memphis to purchase meals for families whose child is receiving treatment at St. Jude.

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

With the new year comes a challenge to grow our club by each member sponsoring ONE person who becomes a member! We have our giant poster with circles that we will cover with new member names on orange stickers. My hope is that the poster will glow with orange stickers and our next color of purple stickers by our 75th Anniversary on May 4th. Make this one of your New Year's Resolutions or your only resolution! We have watched our club become stronger and stronger with every new member. It lightens the load for service projects and it just plain makes it more fun.

Our Soapbox Derby donations for ads was double that of last year. Our pecan sales tripled that of 2022. Why? Because our membership doubled also!

We don't raise money to pad our checking accounts. We raise money to give it away! The board and the club made plans to donate funds to many charitable causes in our community. Our fundraising events guarantee that we can meet those obligations or even exceed them!

There is something exciting about a brand new start to the year! The Booneville Lions Club Foundation, Inc. has achieved a presence in our community by being present to serve in any way needed. 2023 provides more opportunities for our club to reach out to others in the community to work along side us in service to the community and to give them information on how to join Lions Club as members.

PARADE OF CHECKS

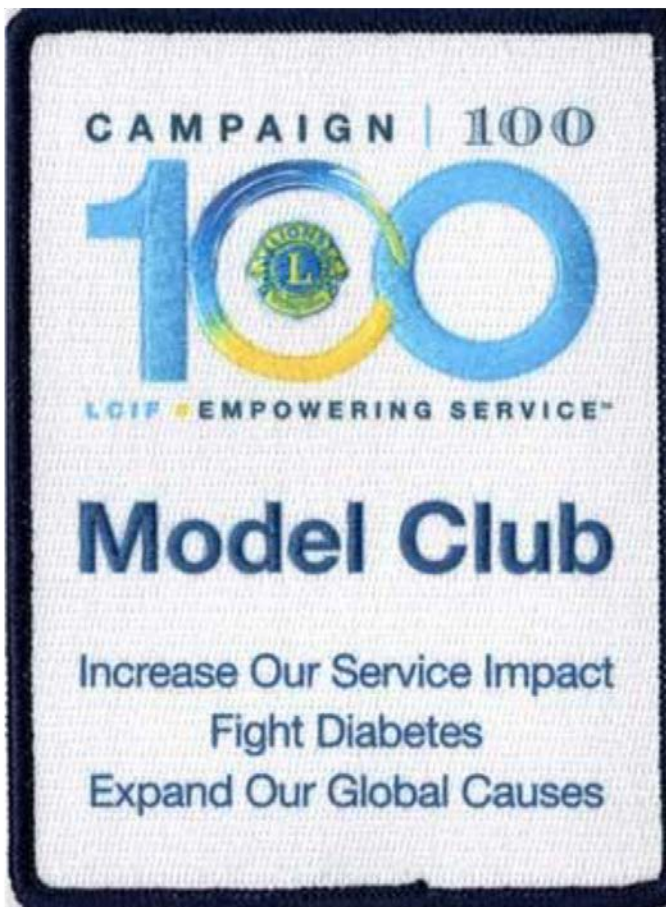
At the closing of the Mid-Winter business meeting, it is traditional for clubs to participate in the "Parade of Checks" presented to the District Governor.

Booneville Club President Lion Kathy Lamb presented District Governor Billy Joe Webb with a \$500 check to the Mississippi Lions Sight Foundation, a \$500 check to the Mid-South Sight and Vision Foundation, and a check for \$3,470 to LCIF. In previous months, our club presented a \$500 check to Leader Dogs to sponsor our Leader Dog, Lucky.



WE SERVE

GIVING IS SERVING



BOONEVILLE ACHIEVES MODEL CLUB STATUS

Completion of Booneville Lions Club's pledge for the Lions Clubs International Foundation Campaign 100 means the club is now a Model Club. That puts Booneville in an elite group of only 5,375 clubs out of 48,000 clubs worldwide or one of just eleven percent of clubs to achieve this honor.

The criteria to qualify as a Model Club was for our club to pledge to donate \$500 per member from 2017 to 2022.

Due to Covid, the campaign was extended, allowing clubs to complete their pledge by July 1, 2025. Booneville Lions Club completed our pledge at the Mid-Winter District Convention by presenting a check to LCIF for \$3,470 to complete our \$5,000 pledge.

Completing this pledge is a major accomplishment in the club's 75th Anniversary year.

GALEN GREER INSTALLED AS NEW LION

At the January 12, 2023 meeting of the Booneville Lions Club, Galen Greer was inducted by President Kathy Lamb as a new member. Galen's sponsor is his wife Lion Shelley Greer.

During the installation it was noted that the club will offer this new Lion an opportunity to experience our pride of service and the gift of lasting and meaningful friendship. This is truly a cause for celebration! We honor this new Lion because new members fill a very important role. . . they hold the key to our future.

As we celebrate this day, we must remember that no one becomes a Lion on his/her own . . . each new Lion is brought into our organization upon approval of the club's board of directors and on the recommendation of a very important Lion . . . the sponsor. These sponsors have had the foresight to see the qualities of a Lion in these promising new members. It may be outstanding leadership ability, a sincere commitment to serve others or maybe a special skill. This sponsor and sponsors of other new members, saw potential for these new Lions to do something truly great and to use their skills for the most important mission of all . . . **to help others.**



STATE CONVENTION SET MAY 5-6, COLUMBUS



NEW LOCATION

2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS AT 6:00 PM



**105 W COLLEGE STREET
BOONEVILLE, MS**

Mississippi Lions will meet closer to home this year for the annual state convention. This year we will meet in Columbus, Mississippi, about a 90-minute drive from Booneville.

Activity begins Friday afternoon with registration, then dinner, possibly some entertainment, and the hospitality lounge for just hanging out.

Saturday morning, we have our Lions of Mississippi State meeting to elect officers, and Saturday afternoon we have our District 30M meeting. Sometimes there are service projects you can join in.

Saturday night is the semi-formal dinner with our special guest international officer. This is where many awards are given including the revealing of the newest members of the Mississippi Lions Hall of Fame.

The convention is so close you could just drive down for the Saturday meetings. If you stay for dinner, you could get home by 11 or 12. The headquarters hotel is the location for the meetings, but there are several other hotels nearby which may be in your points program or may be less expensive.

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL:

Courtyard by Marriott, 1995 6th St. North, Columbus, MS

OTHERS, WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE:

Fairfield Inns and Suites, 2011 6th St. North, Columbus, MS

Hampton Inn and Suites, 1905 6th St. North, Columbus, MS

Holiday Inn Express, 2000 6th St. North, Columbus, MS



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