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> PO Box 1264 Booneville, MS 38829

Meeting Every

2nd & 4th Thursday

6:00 PM

BS Bar, Grill & Market



Upcoming Events:

JULY 29, 2023

Meet the Scholars Grace YP&E Corinth Crossroads Arena 6:00 PM



Lion Shelley Greer

July 7

Lion Veneshia Gillespie

July 18

Lion Kathy Lamb

July 31

PRESIDENT: LION KATHY LAMB GLOBAL ACTION TEAM CHAIRPERSON





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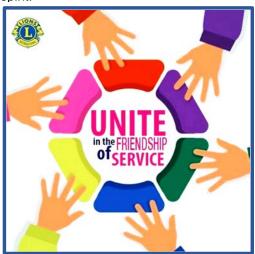
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Neighborhood 4th of July Parade Turns 50

What happens when a small group of young children and two families decide they want to celebrate the 4th of July with a "home-made parade"? Well, it catches on and year after year, local families have decorated anything with wheels in bright red, white and blue and celebrated freedom right here at home. It always starts by lining up at seventh street and then spills over onto eighth street. It finishes at Foster Park with lemonade and apple pies presented by the DAR to participants who display the most patriotic spirit.



Residents line parade route with lawn chairs and the epitome of what it means to live in a small town is on display. You can't beat it and we appreciate our own Lion Jim Lamb's dedication to this project for 50 years. Lions serve our communities in a myriad of ways.

Pictured above are some of the first generation to celebrate with the Neighborhood Fourth of July Parade: L to R, Kristy Lindsey (holding grandson Elliott), Lori Bolen Horn, Lion Jim Lamb, Claire Stone, and Cindy George Ford.

Helping other people is the cornerstone of Lions Clubs across the world. When you join a Lions club, you make friends. Often these friendships last a lifetime.

Working shoulder to shoulder with others who share your vision of making the community a better place turns service into fun. Unite with the Booneville Lions Club in the friendship of service. You will be glad you did.

1st VICE PRESIDENT: LION MARTHA GRAY GLOBAL SERVICE CO-CHAIRPERSON

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: LION BRANDON PALMER PEACE POSTER CHAIRMAN

LION JIM LAMB TAILTWISTER, LION TAMER, LCIF CHAIRPERSON

TREASURER LION RUSS LAMB GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY LION. SHELLEY GREER

LION TONI STOOP
GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON.

LION VENESHIA GILLESPIE
MARKETING COMUNICATIONS CHAIRPERSON.

LION SAM GRAY
GLOBAL SERVICE CO-CHAIRPERSON



Lion Martha Gray, 1st VP



Lion Brandon Palmer, 2nd VP



Lion Shelley Greer, Secretary



Lion Russ Lamb, Treasurer



Lion Jim Lamb, Tailtwister & Lion Tamer



A Message from Club President Lion Kathy Lamb

CHANGING THE WORLD

For over 75 years

Past International President Brian Sheehan's theme of "Together We Can" is being followed by Lion Dr. Patti Hill's theme—"Changing the World". Do you see a message in the two most recent themes? Together we can change the world! As Lions we can and we do!

I'm super excited about the beginning of the brandnew Lions year. It's like the new year in January when we sort of regroup with new goals and aspirations. Our club has elected a great group of officers and global chairpersons to guide the work our club will do in the coming year. As president of the club, I am surrounding myself with people who challenge, inspire, and encourage me in my quest to change our community through service. On each side of the page, you see our officers for 2023-2024 and those who will be leading the club in the future as president.

To quote International President Dr. Patti Hill, "Change doesn't happen all at once. It happens through many small choices. With every act of kindness, we change a life. With every Lions club and Leo club, we change a community. When we change our communities, we change the world!"

Put on your gold vest or tee shirt and continue to step out into our community making small changes every day that have a ripple effect on changing our state, nation, and world. Our communities, both locally and globally need kindness and service today more than ever. When you live out the Lions motto of "WE SERVE", you never know the impact you may be having on a person's life. Our Lions emblem is synonymous with selfless service. Our club has grown to 30 members, and we are actively seeking new members to join our ranks to better provide service in the global cause areas of vision, youth, diabetes, environment, disaster, childhood cancer, humanitarian needs, and hunger. Regardless of what you are most passionate about there is an avenue of service for you in the Booneville Lions Club with our members who range in age from 18 to 82!

Join the largest service organization in the world. Become a Lion today! WE SERVE!



Lion Sam Gray, GST Chai



Lion Toni Stoop, GMT Chair



Veneshia Gillespie, Marketing



On the club level, the Global Action Team serves as chairpersons for the three areas of leadership, membership and service.

Lion Russ Lamb serves as GLT Chair, Lion Martha Gray serves as Co-GST chairperson, and Lion Kathy Lamb serves as Global Action Team Chair.

There is a district Global Action Team (GAT) as well as an international GAT team.

In addition, Lion Jim Lamb serves the club as chairman for Lions Club International Foundation, (LCIF), the charitable arm of LCI.

CONGRATULATIONS DISTRICT GOVERNOR

AMANDA HARRISON

This is her year! District Governor Amanda Harrison officially started July 1, 2023, but the path to District Governor began two years ago when she became our Second Vice District Governor.

While working full-time at Mississippi State University in Starkville, Amanda was a key member of the district 30-M leadership team. She also attended many high-level trainings along the way. The most important was her District Governor Elect trainings. A full week in Oakbrook, Illinois culminating in an exciting final day of training at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Boston.

She held her first cabinet meeting, just days after her return from Boston, where she received reports from Lions from all over the northern Mississippi district.

District Governor Amanda Harrison has set the Mid-Winter District meeting for the last weekend in January 2024. She is scheduled to speak at the Booneville Lions Club on April 11, 2024.





Lions Club International began in 1917 when Melvin Jones solicited fellow businessmen in Chicago to improve the community through personal service.

106 years later, Lions are still serving their communities in over 200 countries and territories. We are the largest charitable organization in the world with over 1.4 million members.

The Booneville Lions Club is busy with multiple service projects in the community. We invite you to inquire about the club or visit a meeting on the 2nd or 4th Thursday nights at 6:00 PM at the BS Bar & Grill in Booneville, MS.

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SOAPBOX DERBY ADS & DONATIONS

Fall Festival is scheduled for October 21, 2023 in our usual spot in front of the courthouse. This is our biggest fundraiser AND our largest event to sponsor. We will run the races, sell cotton candy, perform vision screenings for children with our two new PlusOptix Vision Screeners and display the artwork of the participants in the Lions Peace Poster Contest. *Please* mark this important date on your calendar right now! We need every Lion in the club to help...and bring friends! Oh, and you are needed to sell ads for the event. Ad sales are already underway!

Christmas in July

It's never too early to start thinking about Christmas! Especially if your club is planning to create a float to enter in this year's Christmas Parade on December 4, 2023.

This year's theme is: Frosty's Winter Wonderland!

Begin to think of great ideas to bring the theme to life!





Steps on how to make the World a better place:

- 1. Join a Lions Club.
- 2. Stay in Lions Club.
- 3. Get others to join Lions Club.





BOONEVILLE CELEBRATES

On June 25, 2023 Booneville celebrated Juneteenth with a parade that began at the East Booneville Baptist Church and ended at the Eastside park.

The Booneville Lions Club had planned to sell cotton candy at the event but due to the extreme heat and humidity the plans changed. Still ready to serve, club members helped Lion Veneshia set up her booth for MaxxSouth and Grace YP&E. There were many people present and multiple food vendors participated.

Juneteenth is derived from the word June and the 19th; commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans when General Granger proclaimed freedom for enslaved people in Texas on June 19, 1865. This was two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued. It has been broadly celebrated in the United States since 1866 and declared a national holiday in 2001 when President Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law.

The Booneville Lions Club was proud to participate in the day.





Pictured L to R: Lions Martha Gray, Veneshia Gillespie, Galen Greer, Shelley Greer, and Angelique Jumper. Also present, Lion Sam Gray.



Congratulations to Lion Dr. Patti Hill who is our new Lions Clubs International President for 2023-2024. She is from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She has over 30 years of experience as a psychologist and has championed the rights of children and youth who are deaf and/or blind.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT









Pictured L to R: Eugenia Benigni, Lion Russ Lamb & Alan Lamb (son of Lion Jim Lamb)

Recently Eugenia Benigni from Udine. Italy visited with Alan Lamb at his father's home (our Lion Jim).

Eugenia and Alan met in 1984 at Lions International Youth Camp and Exchange in Klagenfurt, Austria. They have been friends ever since. Alan attended the program through the Booneville Lions Club and the district at

YCE is designed for young people between the ages of 15 and 22 to create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world.



Did you know that the YCE program has been a part of Lions International for over 60 years?

Eugenia's parents have been very involved with Lions Clubs International in Italy for many years.

Lion Jim's daughter Claire also participated in the exchange program living in Canada. If you would like to read more about this program visit lionsclubs.org and search Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE)



Our club is growing because we have gotten excited about being Lions. When there's something worth celebrating, we want to share it with our friends and family. Being a Lion opens many doors of service.

Our new international president, Dr. Patti Hill has issued a challenge to Lions across the world to increase our global membership to 1.5 by the year of 2027.

It starts at the club level and the Booneville Lions Club accepts IP Lion Patti's challenge! Ask one today!



Where Do My Dues Go?

Your Lions Club dues are used for administrative costs on a district, state, and international level of the organization. By providing this financial support, the Lions Clubs International can donate 100% of the charitable contributions made to our clubs.

Each club maintains two separate bank accounts; one for administrative costs that benefit Lion members (awards, etc.) and one for charitable funds for projects benefiting the community.

DUES ARE DUE!

Individual \$49.00 Family (2) \$86.50 Student \$11.50



LIONS ALL-STATE BAND OF MISSISSIPPI CHAMPIONS AGAIN!



The Booneville Lions Club is so proud of our two participants: Sarah Kate Wood and Tori Glenn.



Sarah Grace Wood Tori Glenn

For the 37th time, the Lions All-State Band of Mississippi won the international championship at the Lions Clubs International Parade of Nations!





VISION SCREENERS ARRIVE

Lions KidSight USA is a nationwide program that brings Lions clubs across the country together to ensure our children receive eye screenings and follow-up care when needed. One-in-three young children have poor but correctable vision—often just needing eyeglasses.

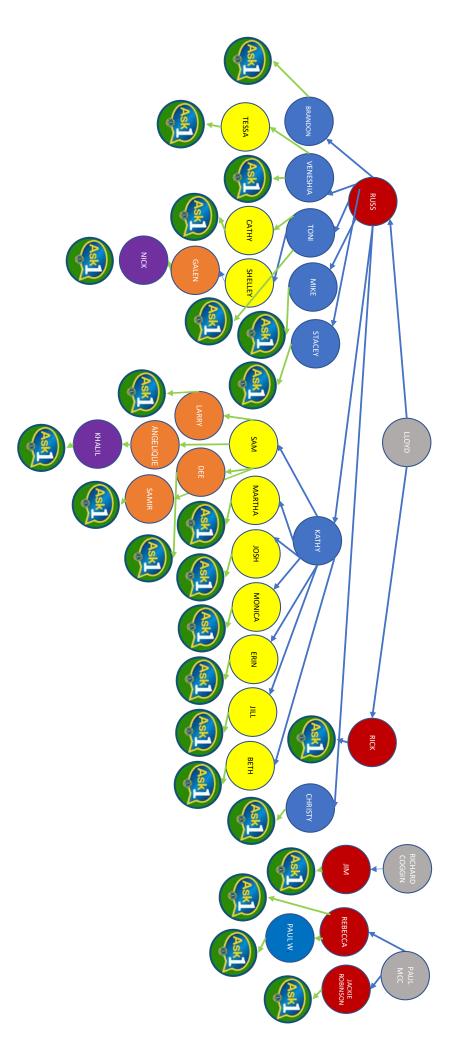
However, young children—preschoolers—may have visual conditions that are life threatening. The most common is amblyopia, or lazy eye. This is a condition in which the vision of one eye just doesn't develop the same as the other. If not detected and treated by age 6, the chances of successful outcomes drop off dramatically. This can affect a child throughout their life.

The simple, safe, touchless screening can detect risk factors for this condition in less than 1 second in children ages 5 months to 18 years of age. A sticker is printed for the parent to take to an eye care professional.

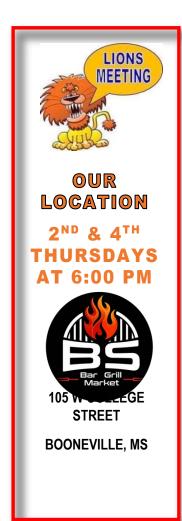
The PlusOptix screening device is a game changer for testing very young children or children with disabilities that prevent them from verbally responding to a typical eye exam.

The Booneville Lions Club will be screening children in daycares, preschools, head start and schools. If you know of an agency that would like to have Lions screen children, contact Lion Russ at 662-554-8995. We Serve and are happy to do so.





BOONEVILLE LIONS CLUB
MEMBERSHIP GOAL
2023-2024



ORGANIZATIONS OUR CLUB SUPPORTS











Mississippi Lions Boys Leadership Conference

Mississippi Lions Girls Leadership Conference





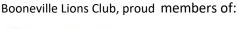








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