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BOONEVILLE LIONS CLUB FOUNDATION, INC.

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PO Box 1264  
Booneville, MS 38829

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



go green

#### Upcoming Events:

JULY 29, 2023

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



Birthdays  
This Month

JUNE 5, 2023  
Josh Shepherd



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## PLUSOPTIX VISION SCREENER FINALLY ARRIVE!

Three high tech digital vision screening devices arrived a few weeks ago and the future looks bright for helping kids get the vision care they deserve! The Booneville and Hernando Lions Clubs have been waiting ten months for the delivery of PlusOptix Vision Screeners. The two clubs partnered in applying for a matching grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to purchase the three pieces of equipment. The grant was approved in August of 2022 and the funds were all available in that same month. The three devices cost over \$22,000, half of which was raised by Lions locally.

Then came the news that our testers would be delayed due to the global computer chip shortage. How long? First, it was November, then it was late December or early January 2023. January came and went and the forecast for shipping slipped several more times until they finally arrived in late May 2023. All the while, Booneville Lions were helping Lions in other communities screen students in local schools in Columbus, Hickory Flat, and Ashland.

Now they are here and Lions Russ and Kathy traveled to Columbus so Lion Andy Kalinowski could help set all three devices up.

The Booneville Lions purchased two of the screeners and the Hernando Lions purchased one screener. Lion Russ delivered their screener June 15 and trained the Hernando Lions President Thomas McFarland to use the screener.

The amazing thing about the PlusOptix Vision Screener is that it can test a child's eyes in just 2-3 seconds without the child having to do anything but look at the funny clown face on the screener. If the student can't talk or doesn't know the alphabet, it doesn't matter. The screener can give a report of pass or refer for any child from 5 months to 18 years old. If the student is referred, a small printer prints out a label to be sent home so the family can take it to a vision doctor for a full vision checkup, referring to the results from the screening.

It can report nearsightedness, farsightedness, and possible vision problems of six different types that might require further testing by an optical professional. In Mississippi, Lions have detected cataracts in children as young as 5 years old with the PlusOptix Screeners.

The bottom line is corrected vision enables learning from 5 months to high school!

PRESIDENT: LION KATHY LAMB  
GLOBAL ACTION TEAM CHAIRPERSON

VICE PRESIDENT: LION SAM GRAY  
GLOBAL SERVICE CHAIRPERSON

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LCIF CHAIRPERSON

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GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON.

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MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRPERSON.

LION MARTHA GRAY  
ASSISTANT GLOBAL SERVICE CHAIRPERSON

LION RUSS LAMB  
ELECTED 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE  
DISTRICT  
GOVERNOR FOR  
DISTRICT 30-M



LION KATHY LAMB

APPOINTED  
CHAIRMAN FOR  
ZONE 3

Booneville, Corinth,  
Marietta, South-East  
Tippah



LION TONI STOOP

LION VENESHIA  
GILLESPIE

ELECTED TO 3 YEAR  
TERMS OF DISTRICT  
30-M'S GIRL  
LEADERSHIP  
COMMITTEE



New Order For  
Shirts

Sizes Men's S-2XL

\$20



## A Message from Club President Lion Kathy Lamb

### ANOTHER YEAR IN THE BOOKS

#### June Wraps Up Our Lions Year

What an exciting year it has been! I'm very proud of what our club has accomplished during the past year. Let me hit the highlights. We earned the Club Excellence Award (again). We qualified for the Model Club Award. We received the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from International President Brian Sheehan for our 75 years of service to the community. We have presented four Melvin Jones Fellows Awards and two Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows Awards, an Edwin Dalstrom Distinguished Service Award, an Achievement Award and 40-year chevron this year as well as celebrating a member with 29 years of service.

We celebrated our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with about 100 guests including a Past International President, the two District Governors, the incoming District Governor for 30M, the President of the Mid-South and Hearing Service, President of the Mississippi Sight Foundation and Lions from Biloxi, Clarksdale, Columbus, Corinth, Horn Lake, Louisville, Madison, Starkville, and Tupelo with more titles than I can list.

Over the past year, we have provided \$1,500.50 for eye exams and glasses to Prentiss County citizens. We have been sponsored by MaxxSouth for the past year which has greatly enhanced our club's ability to serve.

We have just recently received our two PlusOptix machines. Due to Covid and the chip shortage, our machines were delayed 10 months. With two screening machines, service to the children in our community can begin when school resumes.

Our membership has grown to 25 members to strengthen our service to our community. We had two members attend the Mid-Winter District Convention and two more attend the State Convention. We have four members serving on District or State Committees.

Our annual Soapbox Derby fundraiser was a big success as usual. Pecan sales gave our second half of the year charitable efforts a big boost.

We provided \$1,700 in funds to assist our two local band students who worked so hard to qualify for membership in the Mississippi Lions All-State Band. The band will march in a parade in Washington, D.C. on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July prior to the Lions Clubs International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts. On July 8, 2023, our Mississippi Lions All-State Band will march in the Parade of Nations.

During the month of June, the service committee planned and carried out their first service project distributing over 50 bags of food and toiletries to residents of August Circle and

it was a huge success. This marks the first committee to function autonomously and is a huge leap of growth for our club.

We were fortunate to continue our charity across the community, state, region, and world. Booneville Lions Club donated to the Mississippi Lions Sight Foundation, the Midsouth Lions Sight and Hearing Service, the Lions Clubs International Foundation, the Ronald McDonald House in Memphis, Boys and Girls Clubs of Booneville, Lions Boys and Girls Leadership Conference, and Lions Leader Dogs for the Blind,

It has been an honor to have served this club as president the last year. I look forward to our next year as we grow new leaders in our club and continue to serve our community even more in the coming years. Our opportunities appear to be increasing exponentially and with that comes even more responsibility to recruit new members with diverse backgrounds and skills. We want to keep our Lions Club in the public eye by constantly being present at events and by conducting service projects regularly. WE SERVE is more than a motto. It's a way of life!

SERVING A WORLD IN NEED





ENVIRONMENT



# MAKE THIS SUMMER GREEN

## HERE ARE SOME IDEAS TO TRY

1. GO DIGITAL—the more you do online, the less you need paper.
2. TURN LIGHTS OFF—
3. REUSE BEFORE RECYCLE
4. SHARE INSTEAD OF BUY—
5. CUT UNNECESSARY TRAVEL
6. SAVE WATER—turn it off when not needed (i.e. brushing teeth)
7. POWER DOWN COMPUTERS
8. SHOP LOCAL/SUPPORT LOCAL
9. USE REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES
10. USE CLOTH INSTEAD OF PAPER TO CLEAN YOUR KITCHEN



### DID YOU KNOW?

Raising animals for food requires feed, water, land, and transportation. When you add up these resources, animal products put a lot more strain on the planet than plant foods.

If you eat a lot of meat, you might try doing a meatless Monday. Then, slowly introduce more meatless meals into your life.

## BOONEVILLE LIONS CLUB DECREASES THE USE OF PLASTIC



Reusable cloth bags provided by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) have been placed at Walden's Grocery Store in Booneville. This will allow patrons to help reduce the number of plastic bags filling our landfills.

The blue bags have already been seen around the Booneville area as the club gifted residents at August Circle with food and toiletries last month. Lions Sam and Martha Gray present LCIF bags to Walden's Grocery Store manager, Bradley Walden.



Plant a Tree



For Our Planet

There are several sites online where you can purchase a tree to be planted in your own yard or a forest somewhere across the world.

One site to visit is the Arbor Day Foundation at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org) for great information about planting trees and shrubs and how doing so affects the carbon in the atmosphere.

According to the Arbor Day Foundation **ONE** Tree can remove more than **48** pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and releases oxygen in exchange.



# A TASTE OF BOONEVILLE 2023



Booneville Lions stepped up to help a local group raise scholarship money on Memorial Day weekend. The third annual Taste of Booneville was the best one yet! The annual fundraiser for Grace YP & E Foundation scholarships was a sold-out event and all enjoyed the tasting from a dozen or more restaurants and caterers.

Some of treats offered for tasting included philly cheese steak sliders, Italian stuffed shells, mini pecan pie tarts, tiramisu, chocolate covered strawberries, stromboli sliders, chicken hot wings, chicken and dressing, cornbread, fried green tomatoes, lemonade, and cheese balls.

The music flowed all night and at the end of the night there was a little karaoke happening. The raffle prizes kept the crowd seriously watching their ticket numbers.





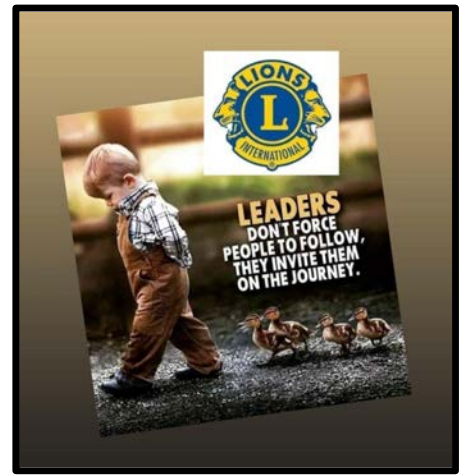
# LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Officers for 2023-2024 please visit The Lions Learning site ASAP and complete the training for your office. This includes all officers and chairpersons of the service, membership and leadership committees.

Log in to "Members Login" on lionsclubs.org. Click the "Learn" icon on the page after the login. Then click the yellow "go" button. If you haven't created a Learn account, you will do that on the Learn login page and then go back to log into Learn.

The next page with the courses will start with a popup box where you click the red "Continue to my Dashboard" button. On the left side of that page click "Content Library." The next page gives a list of "Learning Paths" where you select your office and begin the guided learning sequence for President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Membership Chairman. If you encounter training for District or Multi District levels, skip it. All you need is the club level training.

Print out your report of completion and give to Lion Russ.



## BUTTERFLY GARDEN NEWS

Our Booneville Lions Club is planting a butterfly garden as part of our summer celebration of the environment global cause. The historic Cunningham house behind the Depot will be the location for conserving butterflies as well as other native insects like honeybees and ladybugs. By planting a butterfly garden, we can help conserve butterflies as well as other native insects and help perpetuate native plant species.

Butterflies act as pollinators and can greatly benefit the environment. Their metamorphosis from egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly is a great teaching tool. School children often study them as an introduction to the wonders of nature. We hope the butterfly garden will benefit our community in a variety of ways.

Some plants that are being planted are: butterfly bushes, lantana, bee balm, black-eyed Susana, coneflowers, Rose of Sharon plants, butterfly milkweed and many other beautifully colored flowering plants that attract butterflies.

Our club looks forward to developing the butterfly garden and sharing it with the community for years to come. Our butterfly garden will be certified through North American Butterfly Association (NABA). Requirements are to plant at least three plants to benefit butterflies and three plants to benefit caterpillars. NAPA encourages gardeners to refrain from the use of pesticides.

We found out our state has a state butterfly, the spicebush swallowtail pictured above.



## COMMITTEES NEED MEMBERS

Booneville Lions Club has a need for a Lion to serve on the Marketing Committee who would like to use his/her talents to maintain our Facebook page. If interested contact Lion Veneshia.

Lion Sam is the chairman of the service committee and will be making recommendations to the board for ways we can serve the community. If you have an idea for a service project for the 2023-2024 year, please bring your ideas to a meeting or contact Lion Sam by text.

Every member has expressed an interest in serving in one capacity or another. We will be forming service teams to serve our town more easily. Be sure to fill out the service questionnaire to help us know where you'd like to serve and what days and times are best for you.

Whether it's working in our butterfly garden, cleaning up our neighborhoods, providing food to the community or participating in our fundraisers for the club's charitable donations...we need YOU!



## NEW LION DEGRATIOUS JENKINS



Degratious Jenkins was inducted into the Booneville Lions Club on June 8, 2023. He is sponsored by Lion Sam Gray. In 1991, Degratious was a member of the Lions All-State Band of Mississippi so he knew about the work the Lions Clubs International does.

Presently Jenkins is the Chief Executive Officer for the Boys and Girls Club of North Mississippi, a branch of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. This includes the Boys and Girls Club located in Booneville. We are so happy to add Lion Degratious “Dee” to our club as our 23<sup>rd</sup> member.



## \$1,500.50 EYEGASSES PROVIDED TO DATE

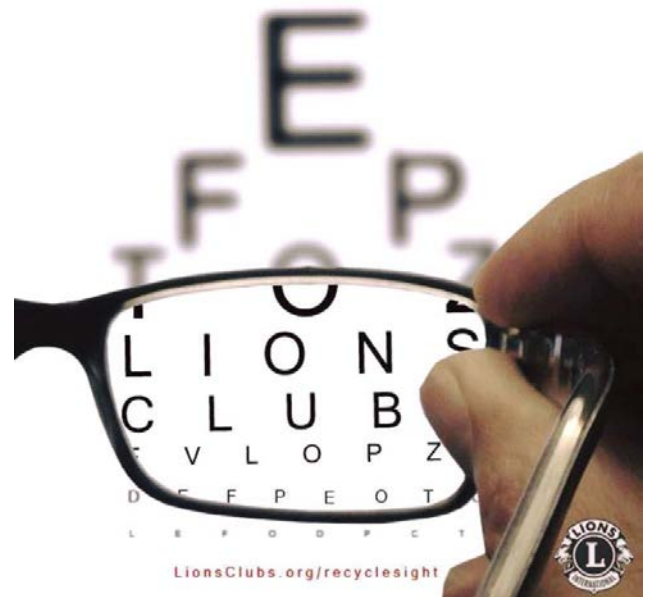
When Lions Clubs are mentioned, most people immediately associate the clubs and their work with vision needs in the community. Since 1925, when Helen Keller spoke at the Lions Club International Convention at Cedar Point, OH and made this request to Lions:

“I appeal to you, Lions—you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind—will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in my crusade against darkness?”

Ninety years later, Lions Clubs International is still honoring this request to champion preventable blindness. For seventy-five years, the Booneville Lions Club has provided eye exams and eyeglasses to children and adults in our community who could not afford these services. The club has provided necessary surgeries and items such as prosthetic eyes to community members who otherwise would have had to go without the services. The Booneville Lions Club did so by partnering with the Midsouth Lions Sight and Hearing Service located in Memphis, TN to which the club donates funds yearly.

Synonymous with Lions Clubs are collection sites for used glasses. Although these glasses cannot be utilized in the United States, they are frequently taken by the thousands to third world countries by medical mission teams.

Recently inmates at the Tallahatchie County Corrections Facility will clean, repair, and classify used glasses by prescription. This is a great resource for Mississippi Lions Clubs.





# Vision Screening Equipment provided by a grant from

Thank you

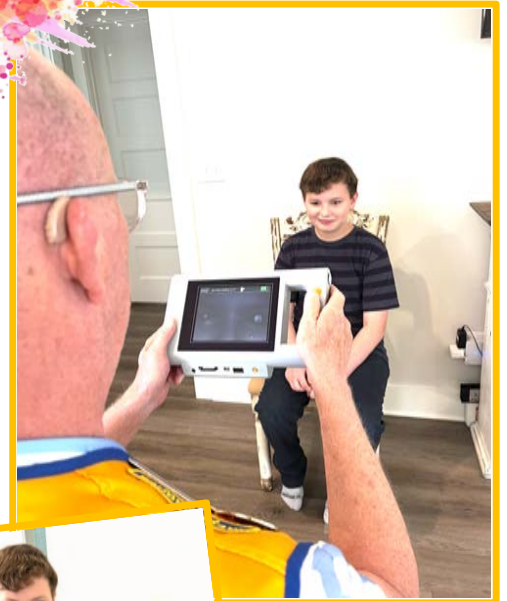


Lions Clubs International  
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and local donations by



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**Dues are due by June 30<sup>th</sup>!**

Individual \$49.00

Family (2) \$86.50

Student \$11.50



**For July 1 to December 30, 2023**

The portability and ease of the PlusOptix vision screener makes it possible to screen children in any environment as long there is dim enough light for the device to register the pupils of the eyes. The small printer provides a description of the results on a sticker to be given to the parent or school official. If referred, the parent can then take the child to a vision professional with the results. It's quick. It's painless. It's changing the way Lions Clubs can serve the community's vision needs. Screening covers ages five months to eighteen years of age. We Serve!

Visit us at [boonevillelions.com](http://boonevillelions.com)

# ORGANIZATIONS OUR CLUB SUPPORTS



## OUR LOCATION

2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup>  
THURSDAYS  
AT 6:00 PM



105 W COLLEGE STREET  
BOONEVILLE, MS



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Mississippi Lions Boys  
Leadership Conference

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