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PO Box 1264
Booneville, MS 38829

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



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BIG 75TH CELEBRATION FOR BOONEVILLE LIONS!

The Booneville Lions Club celebrated with close to one hundred guests! We were humbled that we had district friends from both 30-M and 30-S. Lions from Biloxi, Clarksdale, Columbus, Corinth, Horn Lake, Louisville, Madison, Starkville, and Tupelo honored us with their attendance.

Three Melvin Jones Awards were presented to Lion Veneshia Gillespie, Lion Sam Gray and Lion Kathy Lamb from club contributions to LCIF.

An Edwin Dolstrom Distinguished Service Award was presented to Lion Rick Wanner and his 29 years in Lions was recognized.

A Lions Achievement Award was presented to Lion Jim Lamb along with his 40 year chevron.

Past International President Frank Moore, III presented Lion Kathy Lamb with the President's Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of International President, Brian Sheehan. He noted that this is the third highest award given in the Lions Club.

In addition, PIP Moore, presented President

Kathy Lamb with a President's Certificate of Appreciation to the Booneville Lions Club for their 75 years of service to the community!

Mayor Chris Lindley signed a proclamation that was presented to the Lions Club by Alderman Tara Green Lauderdale. Alderman Carolyn Miller attended the event sitting with Booneville Main Street Association Director Lori Tucker.

The Honorable Tracy Arnold presented a Mississippi House of Representatives Resolution congratulating Booneville Lions on their 75th anniversary of service to Booneville. It was signed by Speaker of the House, Philip Gunn; Lieutenant Governor and President of the Mississippi Senate, Delbert Hosemann; and our local Third District State Representative William Tracy Arnold.

The elegant evening included dinner of hamburger steak, gravy and onions, parmesan chicken tenders, bacon wrapped green beans, roasted vegetables, loaded mashed potatoes, green salad, and a choice of three desserts, by Leah Galloway Catering and Event Florals.

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

MELVIN JONES AWARDS



Lion Sam Gray presented Melvin Jones Award by PCC Andy Kalinowski



Lion Veneshia Gillespie presented Melvin Jones by PIP Frank Moore, Lion Jim Lamb & PCC Andy Kalinowski



Lion Kathy Lamb receives Melvin Jones from PIP Frank Moore & PCC Andy Kalinowski



A Message from Club President Lion Kathy Lamb

GROWTH OF A CLUB More Than Just Numbers

What can I say about our 75th Anniversary Celebration? It was wonderful to celebrate this remarkable milestone with our community. I wish I knew how many Lions we've had during that period of time.

Our club after Covid could have been characterized as a fledgling club. When we signed our Model Club contract in 2020 we had ten members. Of those, only four were active. We were going under but the four remaining Lions refused to give up. We began an "everyone ask one person campaign" and charted it to watch the progress. We are now at 22 members and still growing. The average age of our club has changed from 72.2 to 54.2! The diversity and energy new members have brought

into our club is revitalizing. I hope we double our numbers!

Do you know what I'm equally thrilled with that has happened during the past year? I've watched the officers and committee members work as a team. I've seen the service committee organize and carry out a food drive independently. I've watched as two committee chairpersons attended our district convention for the first time and join committees on the district and state levels. Two more members attended the state convention for the first time! We are growing! We are learning and we are indeed serving a world in need!

Each member of our club is valued for unique talents and abilities. We have members with age and experience who are actively training the upcoming officers to seamlessly step into their new positions. We are growing and planning for the future of our club.

Number are important! We want to grow our club but equally ...we want to retain our members as we grow.

We are already making plans for 2023-2024 as July quickly approaches. New budget. New global causes to champion. New opportunities to serve. Join us for fun and fellowship and make a difference! WE SERVE!

WHAT IS A MELVIN JONES AWARD?

For people who haven't been around Lions much, the Melvin Jones Fellow award may need some context. Melvin Jones started Lions Club International by asking businessman clubs around the country to cooperate in serving others to improve life in our communities and globally.

The Melvin Jones Fellow award was created to honor a Lion's dedication to humanitarian service, exhibited by their support for the Lions mission through the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

A Lion or a community member is named a Melvin Jones Fellow after a donation of \$1,000 to the work of the foundation. That type of donation is the single largest source of money sent out to Lions working in their communities. Since 1968, LCIF has awarded \$1.2 billion in grants for humanitarian service by Lions.

A Melvin Jones Fellow award makes a statement to the world of Lions that this is someone who cares and is contributing to the needs of their fellow man day after day, year after year! We salute our new Melvin Jones Fellows!

SERVING A WORLD IN NEED

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



NEW OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024

President	Kathy Lamb
1 st Vice President	Martha Gray
2 nd Vice President	Brandon Palmer
Secretary	Shelley Greer
Treasurer	Russ Lamb
Tailtwister/Lion Tamer/LCIF	Jim Lamb
Membership Chair	Toni Stoop
Service Chair	Sam Gray
Leadership Chair	Russ Lamb
Club Marketing Chair	Veneshia Gillespie



What an enormous privilege it was to have Past International President Frank Moore, III perform the installation ceremony for our 2023-2024 Booneville Lions Club officers.

Before many members of the community, Lions Club officers for the upcoming year pledged to perform each

respective office to the best of his or her ability.

This group of Lions members is a team that leads the club in many charitable endeavors. Each committee chairperson needs club volunteers to serve.

July 1, 2023 starts the Lions new year.

L to R Front: Lion Sam Gray, Lion Kathy Lamb, Lion Veneshia Gillespie, Lion Toni Stoop, Lion Shelley Greer, Lion Martha Gray

Back: Lion Russ Lamb, Lion Jim Lamb

Not pictured: Lion Brandon Palmer

We Love Our New Members



Lion Angelique Jumper was installed by Lion Jim Lamb on April 13, 2023. Angelique is sponsored by Lion Sam Gray.



Lion Sam Gray has been busy recruiting new hardworking Lions. President Kathy Lamb with Lion Larry Mink, sponsor Lion Sam and Lion Semar Vaughn.



Stacey Posey decided she wanted to become a Lion at the 75th Anniversary dinner. Pictured with her husband Lion Mike, Lion Russ (Mike's sponsor) and Lion Kathy.

FOOD AND TOILETRIES GIVEN TO AUGUST CIRCLE RESIDENTS



Global Service Chairman, Lion Sam Gray spearheaded a food and toiletries giveaway at the August Circle Apartments in Booneville. Volunteers worked to purchase items for the bags provided by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Lion Rick Wanner packed the 55 bags, ready for distribution. It was a great afternoon visiting with the residents. One lady told us we had helped her mother obtain new glasses. These are the moments to cherish.



Celebrate Good Times!

Lion Rick Wanner was presented an Edwin Dolstrom Distinguished Service Award by PCC James Wilkerson who is the current president of Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service.



District Governor Billy Joe Webb presented the Achievement Award to Lion Jim for outstanding service in the community and the Booneville Lions Club.

Lion Jim received his 40 year chevron. He is the longest tenured member in the Booneville Lions Club.



Lion Rick celebrated 29 years as a Lion and was recognized for his work as the club Sight Committee chairman.



Past International President Frank Moore surprised Lion Kathy Lamb with a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of International President Brian Sheehan.

Booneville Lions Club received a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation for the excellent service to the community over the past 75 years!



Past District Governor Billy Hester (1970-1971) was recognized and honored for his past leadership in both the Booneville Lions Club and the district. Lion Billy is pictured with the pins collection he donated to the Booneville Lions Club.

Cinco de Mayo

State Convention



During the afternoon 30-M District meeting District Governor Billy Joe Webb recognized District 30-M Leader Dog for the Blind chairperson, Lion Kathy Lamb, with a certificate for her passion for her work in Lions.



30-M District Governor Billy Joe Webb and his wife, Lion Judy



30-S District Governor Greg Palmer



Lions Kathy and Russ Lamb



Council Chairman, Tommy Ragan



Lots of folks grabbed their best Derby Day attire to board the tour bus of Columbus.



2023 Governor's Banquet



During the Governor's Banquet, Past International President Frank Moore presented the President's Certificate of Appreciation to Lion Russ Lamb (Booneville) on behalf of International President Brian Sheehan. This is the third highest award given by Lions Clubs International. Lion Russ serves as the 30-M District Lions Club Foundation coordinator and has been instrumental in securing multiple LCIF disaster grants for tornado torn towns in our district.



Lion Celia Carter (Columbus East) receives the Progressive Melvin Jones award.



Lion Martha and Sam Gray (Booneville) attend their first Lions Clubs State Convention for Multi-District 30 in Columbus, Mississippi.



Lion Betty Swanzy (Greater Columbus) receives the President's Certificate of Appreciation.



Lion Annette Bannerman (Tupelo Evening) receives Melvin Jones Award.

HOSPITALITY ARTS FESTIVAL GROWS WITH BOONEVILLE LIONS



9AM Rheagan Skelton
 10AM CRUSH Studio
 1015AM Campus Country
 11AM Karley Spires
 Noon Brandon Ledbetter
 1PM Southern Fried Sushi
 2PM Eric Nanney and 20 Mile
 3PM Major VibeZ

April 22 9AM-4PM
 Historic Downtown Booneville
www.visitbooneville.com



Downtown Booneville was basking in the warm sunny day at the Hospitality Arts Festival, April 22. Booneville Lions made cotton candy for crowd shopping vendors and caterers.

The Modern Woodmen organization put together a book hunt for the kids. "Look for a Book" placed donated children's books in plastic bags and hid them all over downtown (in plain sight!). Booneville Lions donated 20 hardback children's books to the hunt.

The kids loved finding a free book and the cotton candy was as sweet as ever!



KATHY LAMB NEW ZONE 3 CHAIRPERSON

Lion Kathy Lamb has been appointed by 30-M Governor Elect, Amy Harrison to serve as the new zone chairman for zone 3, effective July 1, 2023.

Zone 3 is comprised of the clubs in Booneville, Corinth and Marietta. The zone chairman, club presidents and club secretaries of the clubs comprise the District Governors Advisory Committee.

The zone chairman is the link between the clubs and the district and is a member of the Global Action Team (GAT) for District 30-M.

RUSS LAMB ELECTED 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR DISTRICT 30-M

Lion Russ Lamb, our club treasurer, will become the District 30M Second Vice District Governor. This the threshold to becoming District Governor in 2025-2026.

Russ will be very involved in the work of the district (north half of Mississippi) and Lions of Mississippi statewide.

Lion Russ was nominated and elected at the Mid-Winter Convention of District 30M. He will officially take office effective July 1, 2023, serving until July 1, 2024, when he will rise to First Vice District Governor.



ABOVE AND BEYOND SERVICE; LIGHTING DESIGNER ED



Ed Ernest served as the videographer for our 75th Anniversary Celebration. He is very talented and will be editing a short video of that spectacular celebration.

Ed went over and beyond when he offered to string Edison lights in the ceiling so we wouldn't have to use the harsh florescent lighting in the Hardware Building AND he provided blue and gold up lighting for our event. Ed made Leah Galloway's beautifully decorated tables with lighted candles sparkle in the ambient lighting.

This isn't the first time we've called on Ed to help the Booneville Lions, Ed and his daughter Anden and son Gray along with other youth from East Booneville Baptist Church served as volunteers at our 2021 Soapbox Derby Race.

In 2022, Ed served as videographer for the Soapbox Derby and created a wonderful promotional video for the club.

Always ready to help our club in a myriad of ways, Ed certainly has the heart of a Lion and we are so appreciative that he shares his time and talent with our club.

MAXXSOUTH SPONSORSHIP APPRECIATION AWARD

For the past year, the Booneville Lions Club has received financial donations from Maxx South through sponsorships for the 2022 Soapbox Derby and the 75th Anniversary Celebration. This has enabled the club to provide more service to the community.

Three Maxx South employees have gone a step beyond and became members of the Booneville Lions Club. These three ladies have brought youth and energy to our club and have stepped into leadership roles in the club.

In March, the three Lions along with Lion Rebecca Wood took five girls to the Girls Leadership Conference in Louisville, Mississippi and stayed the week-end to volunteer.

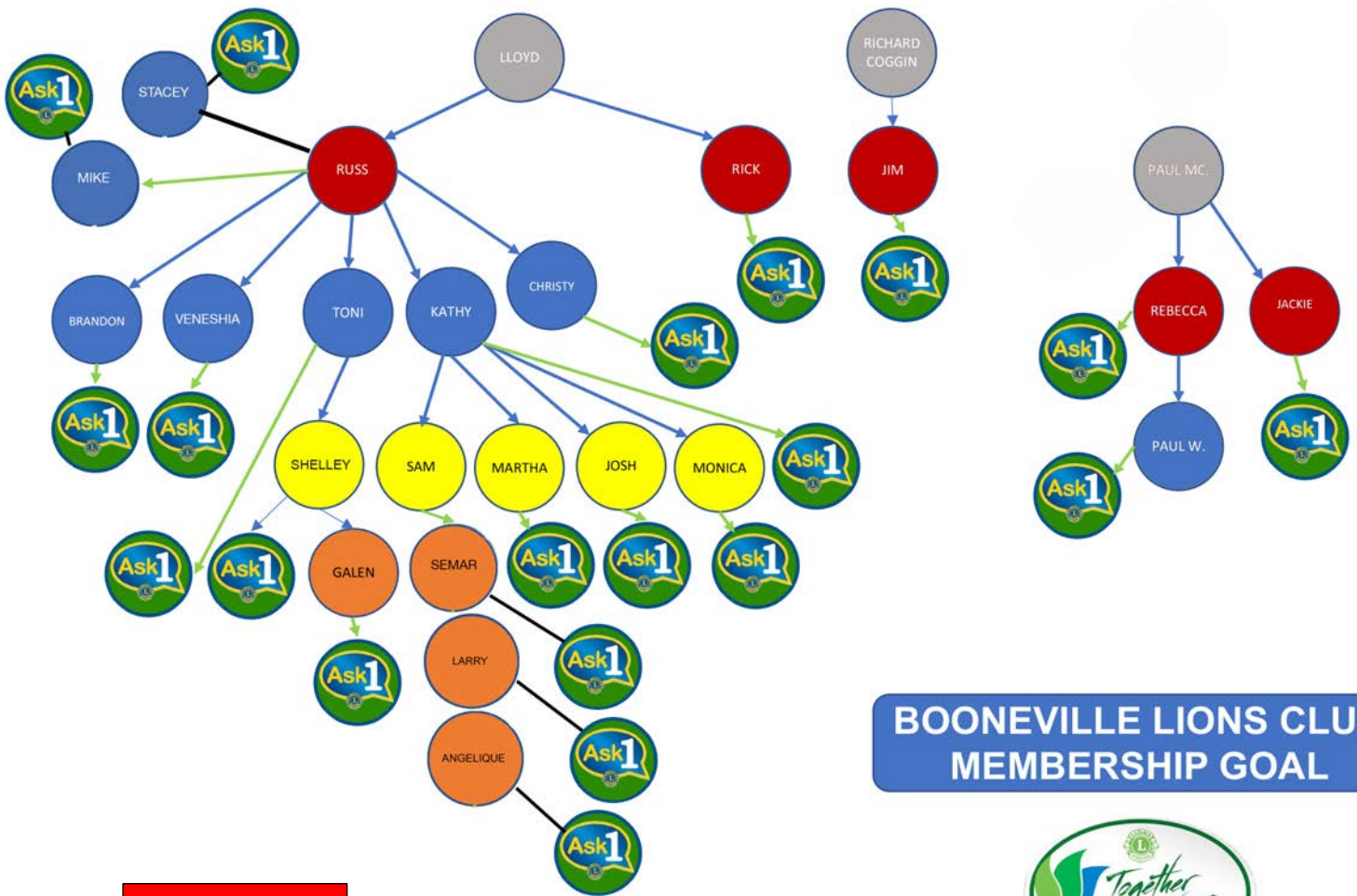
Lions Veneshia Gillespie and Toni Stoop attended the 30-M Mid-Winter Conference in January where they both accepted nominations for district committee positions.

All three ladies serve as officers of the Booneville Lions Club for 2023-2024 .



Pictured L to R: Lion Veneshia Gillespie, Marketing/Communications Chair, Lion Shelley Greer, Secretary, Lion Toni Stoop, Membership Chair and Lion Kathy Lamb, President.

Be an encourager. The world has plenty of critics already.



**BOONEVILLE LIONS CLUB
MEMBERSHIP GOAL**



**Dues due by
June 30, 2023**

International Dues Increase

Beginning with the July 1, 2023 dues, Lions International dues will increase by \$2 in July and January. This increase was announced in 2019 but was postponed due to COVID.

Our total dues now will be **\$49.50** twice a year for **individuals** and **\$76.50** total for **two family members** living in the same house.

Student member dues will be **\$11.75** twice a year.

The Booneville Lion Club will continue to pay the \$35 one time charter fee for new members.

Dear Booneville Lions,

We have celebrated 75 years of service to our community but like a runner in a relay race...the baton has now been passed on. It's up to us to continue to grow the club and to make sure it thrives.

I want to extend the challenge past May to July for each member to work hard to ask one to join our club! Of course, there's no limit to how many new members you can sponsor.

Now is the time! Pick up the phone or make a visit! We need to build our team!

ASK ONE today!

Sincerely,

Lion Kathy

Thanks to you, our club has grown by 32% since May, 2022!!!

Visit us at boonevillelions.com

ORGANIZATIONS OUR CLUB SUPPORTS



OUR LOCATION

2ND & 4TH
THURSDAYS
AT 6:00 PM



105 W COLLEGE STREET
BOONEVILLE, MS



Mississippi Lions Boys Leadership Conference
Mississippi Lions Girls Leadership Conference



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