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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

October 22 Meet at 4:30 at Piggly Wiggly Parking Lot to Caravan to Hagy's Catfish Hotel

November 10 Lion Andy Kalinowski to speak about LCIF

December 5 Christmas Parade

December 8
Christmas Party

December 9 Set up Grace YE&P

December 10 Grace 5th Anniversary Banquet



October 5
Russ Lamb



L-R William Pace, Nasiyah Bennett, and Will DeVaughn

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SOAP BOX DERBY A HUGE SUCCESS

The checkered flags were waving as Booneville Lions Club members helped 20 boys and girls don helmets and pads for the There were many spectators big race. cheering the youngsters down the big hill as each racer tried to be the first at the finish line. The Soap Box Derby is the main fundraiser for the Booneville Lions Club Foundation, Inc. Local businesses donate by purchasing ads which are displayed on 3 X 3 signs around the racetrack. The monies raised by this event are used for such projects as providing eye exams and purchasing eyeglasses for needy children and adults in and around the Booneville area.

The soap box derby event takes many people working behind the scenes to transport equipment and get the racetracks assembled. It takes volunteers to help on the day of the race to register participants, pass out tee shirts and pin racer numbers to the backs of eager participants. Volunteers pass out helmets and pads to the racers and even more volunteers are needed to help the youngsters into the cars to race. There's the announcer calling out the names of the racers and those moving on to the next heat.

At the bottom of the big racetrack hill stands a finish line judge waving the flag to signal which racer crossed the finish line first. Getting to the finish line is the easy part. Pushing the car back up the big hill to race again is hard and teen volunteers are there to help.

There are trophies to give out and a bicycle and helmet give away to some lucky boy or girl. This year two brothers walked away with a first-place trophy and a bicycle. All kids were able to choose from a myriad of small toys provided by MaxxSouth...sunglasses, fidgets, yo-yos...you name it!

In addition, the club added a cotton candy booth where volunteers were spinning sugar in four flavors: grape, strawberry, bubblegum, and blue raspberry. The cotton candy booth was met with enthusiasm by the community. Although we had to pack up at noon when the rain began, we consider the morning a success. Dominos provided pizza for the Lions Club volunteers who by this time were beginning the process of returning everything to the proper place until Fall Festival 2023.

PRESIDENT: LION KATHY LAMB GLOBAL ACTION TEAM CHAIRPERSON

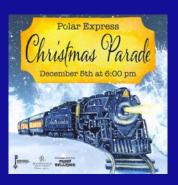
VICE PRESIDENT: LION SAM GRAY GLOBAL SERVICE CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY / TREASURER LION RUSS LAMB GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

TAIL TWISTER: LION JIM LAMB LCIF CHAIRPERSON



November 10, 2022 6:00 pm BS Grill Lion Andy Kalinowski, MD-30 Coordinator for the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) will speak to the Booneville Lions Club about LCIF



December 5, 2022

Brandon Palmer will be driving his truck & pulling our Lions trailer. Lions Club members needed to ride in the back of the truck and throw candy to the kids!

AFTER the parade our club will be making and giving out cotton candy at the Depot with Santa. Lions Club members needed to spin sugar!



December 8, 2022

Lions Club Family Christmas Party at 6:00 pm at the former Liv in Bloom building –Dutch Treat (each person will order from the BS Grill menu) Casual Christmas Attire



December 9, 2022 Grace YE&P Set-Up

December 10, 2022 5th Anniversary Grace YP&E Banquet

LION CLUB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.



A message from Club President Lion Kathy Lamb

OCTOBER GLOBAL CAUSE EMPHASIS IS HUNGER

Our Lions Club has been busy from July to the middle October! We've completed our mega event which fundraising required ad sales/donations for the past three months culminating in a great event October 15, Sometimes we are so busy raising funds that we forget all the good that will come from those efforts.

Our global cause emphasis for the past three months has been VISION. Of course, our club will continue to support vision causes throughout the year. However, for the months of October through December, we will add a second global cause: HUNGER.

We know that even in our small community in Prentiss County, hunger affects many of our citizens. The two years of the covid pandemic only exacerbated the food insecurities in our area and made it extremely difficult for food pantries to meet the needs of our citizens. Especially affected by the nutrition crisis are our school age children as well as many of the students attending the Northeast Mississippi Community College in our town.

We as members of the Lions Club believe that true community improvement depends on the thriving of its members. Our club is dedicated to making a difference by donating to the "backpack food program" to provide food for school age students during the weekends. We also realize that many of the college students attending NEMCC, have food insecurity issues. We are donating to the NEMCC Tiger D.E.N. for the second year.

This year we contributed to the local Boys and Girls club to assist with purchasing nutritious snacks for the participating children.

Our strategic objective is to ensure all community members have access to nutritious foods.

LIONS DONATE TO LOCAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



Booneville Lions Club Vice President Lion Sam Gray presents a \$500 check to Degratious Jenkins, CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of North Mississippi for their use in overcoming food insecurity of their youth participants.

Mr. Jenkins spoke to the club about the transition from COVID impacted programs to a more normal environment. The Boys and Girls Club in Booneville helps kids with homework, after-school games, snacks, and mentoring for successful lives.



District 30M LCIF Coordinator Lion Russ Lamb (left) traveled to Chicago for training with Multi-District 30 LCIF Coordinator and Past Council Chairman Lion Andy Kalinowski (2nd from left) and District 30S LCIF Coordinator and Past **District Governor Carl** Nehlia (right), meeting with Past International President George X. Alexander, now the LCIF Chairman for 2022-2023.

LOCAL LION RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENT AND TRAINING

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) called together 175 LCIF Coordinators from across the United States, parts of Canada, and several Caribbean countries for a weekend long training and strategy session.

Mississippi LCIF Coordinators Lions Andy Kalinowski from Columbus, Russ Lamb from Booneville, and Carl Nehlig from Biloxi flew to Chicago O'Hare Friday, October 14, 2022 to attend the session. These three Lions, nominated by the Lions of Mississippi to serve a three-year term, were appointed by LCIF Chairman and Immediate Past International President Douglas X. Alexander of Brooklyn, New York.

The multifaceted training covered areas that the Lions Clubs International Foundation has been

active in. Grants were sent to the Lions Clubs working to meet the needs after the devastation of Hurricane Ian and Fiona in Florida and Puerto Rico were in the accounts of local Lions Clubs within 48 hours of landfall. Since 1968 the Lions Foundation has provided 1.3 billion US dollars in grants around the world for humanitarian efforts by local Lions Clubs. They range from disaster relief to food and medical relief to people in need, young and old.

That \$1.3 billion comes from individuals, clubs, and districts in the 200 countries that have Lions Clubs.

Coordinators will provide help with the many grant programs application processes, fundraising, legacy, and major gift giving, and awards the donors may qualify for from Lions International. Booneville Lions recently were approved for a \$7,400 LCIF grant to pay half of the \$14,800 purchase price for two new state-of-the-art vision screeners.

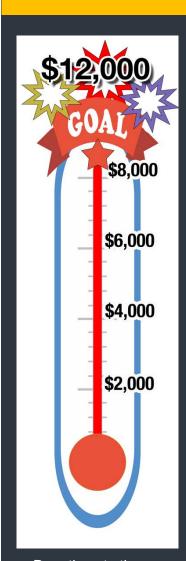
Our local Booneville Lions Club has had several recognitions from Lions International designating individual Lions as Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients. Currently Lion Jim Lamb and Lion Rick Wanner are Melvin Jones Foundation members.

The Booneville Lions Club made a commitment to become a Model Club for LCIF, donating at least \$500 per active member to LCIF by June 30, 2025. The club expects to meet that goal this fiscal year and receive the recognition as a LCIF Model Club.

FRESH 2022 PECANS TO ARRIVE NOVEMBER



Goal SMASHED!



Donations to the Booneville Lions Club Soapbox Derby doubled last year's total collected!!! We are all appreciative of the support our community gives to facilitate the charitable projects our Booneville Lions Club participates in.

"Together We Can Make the impossible, possible."

Brian Sheehan, 2022-2023 International President



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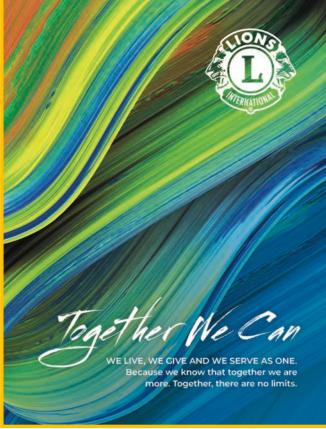




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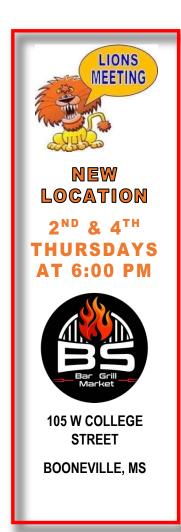


An overview of the 2022 Fall Festival Lions Club Soapbox Derby Races. We could not have accomplished it without Lions Club members AND many friends of the club. We want to thank our awesome sponsors! Each sponsor was recognized by name and/or logo in a full-page ad in the Banner Independent.

Lions Club members Martha Gray. Monica Shepherd, Josh Shepherd, Vaneshia Gillespie, Toni Stoop, Shelley Greer, Jim Lamb and Rick Wanner—hats off to a job well done Saturday! A special thanks to Lion Russ Lamb for all his prep work from July through October for the event! Russ represented our district 30 M at an LCIF training event in Chicago this weekend.

Special thanks to Sam Gray, Mike Kelly, Kelly, Brenda, Morgan and Swayze Lamb, Kenny White and Mitchell George, Tommy Ragan, Jamie Shields and his kids, Manny Geno, East Booneville Baptist Church for the sawhorses and Ed and Gray Earnest.

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Blue Polo Shirt with White Embroidered Logo \$20

Shirts are purchased from Academy Sports and are 100% polyester with moisture wicking technology. 3 button collar with UPF protection against the sun. Machine wash cold and dry with low setting. Available in men's small to 3X. Embroidery by Print Villains in Booneville.

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