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Meeting Every  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
6:00 PM



**NORTHEAST**  
MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Health & Nutrition  
Center  
600-A N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Steet



## Upcoming Events:

Visit  
[boonevillelions.com](http://boonevillelions.com)  
for a complete  
calendar of events.



## Birthdays This Month

**Jackie Robinson**  
September 10

**Dee Jenkins**  
September 13

## IN SPITE OF EXTREME HEAT...LIONS SERVED

Living in a small town has some tremendous benefits and Thursday night's Back to School Block Party is one example. Due to the extreme heat, the party was moved indoors to the Booneville Hardware Building. At 5:00 PM the temperature was 96 but felt like 109 degrees!

Families came out despite the heat to play games, eat cotton candy and to enjoy face painting. Clubs, churches, and businesses turned out in record numbers to contribute to this annual event.

Members of the Booneville Lions Club were available with the PlusOptix vision screener to screen children from six months to 18 years of age. If a child needed a referral to an eye care specialist, the parents were given a sticker with the results of the scan. Lion Russ Lamb is a certified screener through Lions Kidsight USA Foundation. Our club will be screening at local head start centers and schools also.



Top L to R: Lion Sam Gray, Lion Jim Lamb, Lion Rebecca Wood, Lion Martha Gray, Lion Shelley Greer & Lion Russ Lamb. Lion Galen Greer & Lion Nick Davis.



Northeast Cheerleaders visited our booth for a treat



PRESIDENT: LION KATHY LAMB  
GLOBAL ACTION TEAM CHAIRPERSON

1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: LION MARTHA GRAY  
GLOBAL SERVICE CO-CHAIRPERSON

2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: LION BRANDON PALMER  
PEACE POSTER CHAIRMAN

LION JIM LAMB  
TAILTWISTER, LION TAMER,  
LCIF CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY LION. SHELLEY GREER

TREASURER LION RUSS LAMB  
GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN

LION TONI STOOP  
GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON.

LION VENESHIA GILLESPIE  
MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRPERSON.

LION SAM GRAY  
GLOBAL SERVICE CO-CHAIRPERSON



The largest and best Lions Club leadership training event in the world, the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is for anyone interested in furthering lionism.

With over 70 seminar training sessions related to developing quality Lions Clubs and thousands of Lion leaders sharing their experiences.

Each participant can attend 10 sessions during the three day event in addition to three keynote speakers and a myriad of other activities.

It opens with the Stride Walk for Diabetes and includes a service project.

Lions Russ & Kathy Lamb attended with Lions Charlotte & Richie Dickerson, from Clarksdale. MORE to come next month!



[Lionuniversity.org](http://Lionuniversity.org)



[lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org)



## A Message from Club President Lion Kathy Lamb

### EXCITING TIMES AHEAD!

### Leadership Training Empowers Clubs

As you are reading this newsletter, I will be in Reno, Nevada attending the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. I have heard about it ever since I joined the Booneville Lions Club. Everyone who has attended the Forum and the Lions International Convention swears that if you had to choose between the two...choose the USA/Canada Forum!

One of the great things about attending any Lions event is meeting other Lions and exchanging ideas. At the Forum, we are seated for meals by colors, and no one is seated with folks they came with or are from their town or state. I will probably never eat at the dinners because I'll be asking so many questions from other Lions serving in other states or in Canada.

The 2024 Forum will be in Louisville, KY which is a six-hour drive from Booneville.

Especially exciting is that in 2026 (September 3-5) the Forum will be hosted in MEMPHIS! This has been heavily lobbied for by many cities and we are thrilled that Memphis was chosen for the second time. Memphis was the host city in 2009.

Plans for the USA/Canada Forum begins three years out due to the complexities of hosting a leadership forum of this magnitude. The host committee for Memphis 2026 will be in Reno taking notes and asking questions, no doubt. It's exciting that Lions from Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, and surrounding states will be close enough to not only easily attend but to be actively involved in the preparations for the event.

You won't want to miss this!

In speaking about leadership training, I can hear you say..."but I'm not a leader. This isn't for me". Well, read on my friend. Leadership is about a team and about how people work together. Each member of our club is vital to a successful and strong team.

Leaders are not always out front. They can lead from the center or from the back. In practical terms for our club, there are a myriad of ways to lead. Let me list just a few: recruit new members, help screen young children for vision, volunteer for our soapbox derby in October, and on and on. We are all part of the same team. Embrace training as the next step in serving others. Learn more about the history of lionism. Dive deeper into our global causes as we serve. After all, we are "changing the world."

## TRAINING IS FOR EVERYONE

Not an officer? No problem. Training is for every club member! When you are passionate about a subject you want to learn more about it. Lions should be no different. The more you know...the better you can serve!

There are two different online training opportunities:

Lions Learning Center through LCI and Lions University through USA/Canada Forum. Both are excellent sources for training, but I think the lionsuniversity.org online courses are easier to access and have more continuity. You can take a single course, or you can work on a degree.

To complete each program (bachelor's designed for the club leaders; master's for district leaders; or doctorate, for those who desire to lead training on international level), Lions must complete 10 required courses online, at least 5 electives and attend a USA/Canada Forum. The degrees are awarded at the forum. Each course takes about an hour with a short quiz at the end. You work at your own pace and it's fun.



# COMMUNITY CLUBS UNITE IN SERVICE



Four Booneville service clubs met Monday, September 11, at the Old Booneville Hardware to Celebrate Community. This week is recognized by the Lions Clubs, Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis Clubs, and the Civitan Clubs as Celebrate Community week.

Booneville's civic clubs planned this event to establish communication and support for each other's clubs as we all serve the needs of Booneville and Prentiss County.

Lori Tucker, Director of Booneville Main Street Association spoke to the assembled group

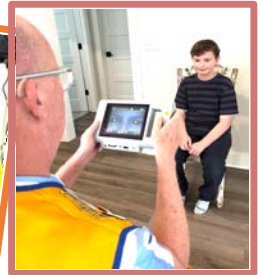
about ways the clubs could work together to enhance our community. The most immediate need was for support in setting up the Fall Festival, October 21, 2023.

Civic clubs will help prepare the site Friday night and help the scores of vendors find their spots early Saturday morning. Twenty-two civic club members began discussions on helping each other with projects to benefit our communities in Prentiss County.

The group plans to meet periodically to keep communication flowing.



# SOAPBOX DERBY RACE



Fall Festival on October 21, 2023 hosts the annual Booneville Lions Club Soapbox Derby Race down the big hill in front of the courthouse. It is the biggest fundraiser for the club with businesses making donations to sponsor the event. The event is free to boys and girls complete with a tee-shirt,

free cotton candy and the chance to win a new bicycle in a drawing at the end of the races.

First, second and third place trophies are awarded to the top three competitors in the double elimination race...best two out of

three to advance. Every child gets a chance to race two different cars provided by the Lions Club.

This year vision screening will be provided by Lions using our state of the art PlusOptix screeners!



## NEW LOCATION

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



NORTHEAST  
MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

600-A N. 2nd STREET  
BOONEVILLE, MS

# FIRST QUARTERLY ZONE 3 MEETING

On August 31, 2023 officers from Booneville, Corinth and Marietta met to plan for the upcoming year. The main topic for the first quarterly meeting was SERVICE. The guest speaker was PCC Richie Dickerson and his wife PCC, Ms Charlotte. Lion Richie serves as the Global Service Chair for district 30-M. He began his presentation with the video "Lions Global Service Journey" and gave examples of service projects as it relates to the Club Excellence Award. Lion Richie introduced the group to the Peace Poster Contest for 2023 and encouraged each club to earn the Club Excellence Award for 2023-2024.

District LCIF chair, Russ Lamb showed the group an example of a jar for collecting "change for LCIF" along with International President Patti Hill's "Changing the World" theme. Stickers for each club were distributed so each club could participate in the service project for LCIF.



Past Council Chairs, Ms Charlotte & Richie Dickson from Clarksdale, MS



In attendance: Lion Michael Blome, Corinth/President; Lion Tina Hutchens, Marietta/President; Lion C.T. Moore, Marietta/Secretary-Treasurer; Lion Shelley Greer, Booneville/Secretary; Lion Martha Gray, Booneville 1<sup>st</sup> VP; Lion Sam Gray, Booneville Global Service Chair; Lion Russ Lamb, Booneville/Treasurer, with Zone Chair Kathy Lamb.

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