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NORTHEAST
MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Meeting Every
2nd & 4th Thursday
6:00 PM

600A North 2nd Street
Booneville, MS



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BOONEVILLE LIONS SERVE COTTON CANDY



**Kindness is the
language which the
deaf can hear and
the blind can see.**

—MARK TWAIN

Pictured Above L to R:
Lions Chris Ragin,
Tommy Ragan, Khalil
Patterson, Shelley
Greer, Jim Lamb,
Angelique Jumper,
Zalria Brooks (Leo),
Martha Gray, Sam
Gray.



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August

Larry Mink
August 1

Ed Ernest
August 8

Rebecca Wood
August 16

Nick Davis
August 20

September

Jackie Robinson
September 10

Dee Jenkins
September 13



Make Your Mark

DIABETES AND VISION LOSS

Have you ever wondered how many people in the United States have diabetes? The answer is 37.3 million people, or 11.3% of the U.S. population. What many people don't know is that diabetes and vision loss is related. Having too much glucose (sugar) in your bloodstream, outside the cells where it belongs, can lead to the damage of the blood vessels and nerves that run throughout your body, including to the eyes.

The best way to prevent diabetes-related eye problems is to manage your blood sugar levels, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels. If you have been diagnosed with diabetes, it's important to have regular eye exams to evaluate the health of your eyes and detect any changes.

Since diabetes impacts quality of life and can lead to blindness, Lions are committed to working hard to do something about diabetes in our communities. We do this in various ways including funding eye research, educational outreach, and diabetes screenings.

If you know an adult who has type 1 or type 2 diabetes, encourage him/her to have a yearly diabetic eye exam. Vision changes can develop slowly and may not be noticeable at first. Early diagnosis and treatment can lead to reversible vision loss.



YOUTH DIABETES

Dilated eye exams

Youth with type 1 and type 2 diabetes are recommended to have their first dilated eye exam:

Type 1 – 3-5 years after diagnosis

Type 2 – At diagnosis or soon after

Then every year or as recommended by the eye doctor.



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Our Global Causes



LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND®

Leader Dogs for the Blind was founded by members of the Uptown Detroit Lions Club in 1939. It is located in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Leader Dog is a non-profit organization. The best way to understand the lifespan of a Leader Dog is to visit and tour the facility.

All expenses, including room and board, airfare, training and equipment, and the guide dog itself are offered free of charge. An applicant, after being accepted into the program, travels to the Leader Dog headquarters and typically spends three weeks training with his or her new dog, after which the dog belongs to the applicant officially.

In addition to its guide dog program, Leader Dog has a program that instructs people in traveling with a white cane, as well as a summer camp for teenagers who are blind. To date, Leader Dog has placed over 14,000 dogs with individuals with visual impairments and continues to serve clients from around the world.



L to R: Penny Edwards, 1st VD Governor 30-S; Kathy Lamb; District Leader Dog Chair, 30-M; Russ Lamb, 1st VD Governor 30-M. August 25, 2024



All Lions who tour Leader Dog get the famous "chili and donut" lunch. We have never seen a donut as big as our chili bowl!



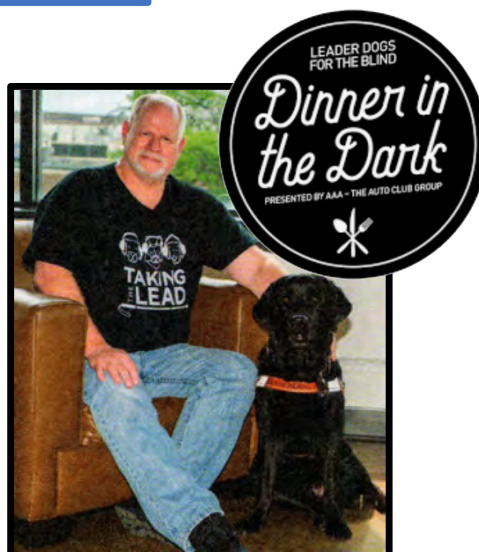
You can live anywhere in the USA and be a puppy raiser. There are over 350 puppies being born this year in need of puppy raisers.

IF THEY ARE NOT PLACED BY 12 WEEKS OLD, THE WINDOW FOR SOCIALIZATION CLOSES!

When Leader Dogs are "not working" they are allowed to play and be petted.



The day included a tour of the leader dog facility, client speakers with their dogs, walking with a white cane, human assisted and with a dog. The evening culminated with a delicious Dinner in the Dark meal and a tremendously motivating client speaker, Timothy Cuncio and his dog Glacier.



leaderdog.org for more information



URGENT NEED for PUPPY RAISERS!



Mississippi Lions Leadership Institute

The training is designed for relatively new Lions (less than 5-10 years' service) and will be informative, challenging, and most of all FUN!

This Mississippi Lions Leadership Institute (MLLI) is being hosted for all of Multi-District 30, so you will train with Lions from North and South Mississippi. On the international level this training is known as a Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI). We can only have one leadership institute per year in our state. We apply to Lions International, who provides a grant for a portion of the expenses and only does so after approving our faculty and their Lions' credentials. Your faculty is top notch!

This is where our clubs' and district's future leadership begin their preparation, but this training is for everyone to learn more about Lions.

Lion Russ Lamb is the MLLI Coordinator. Call (662) 554-8995 if you have any questions.

November 14-17, 2023; only 20 seats in the class

This training weekend is going to grow you as a Lion, as a Leader, and as person serving your club and community.

We have an excellent faculty who has graduated two previous classes of Mississippi Lions Leaders.

The weekend starts Thursday night at supper and ends Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Meals are in the Lake Tiak- O'Khata restaurant. Hotel rooms are based on double occupancy, all included in the \$100 registration fee. For a private room (single occupancy) add an additional \$100.



30M MID-WINTER CONVENTION

JANUARY 24 & 25, 2025



Make your plans now to attend the 30M Mid-District Convention in Southaven, MS. The convention will take place at the Holiday Inn in Southaven.

On Friday night, Jeff Hawkins will be the keynote speaker. Jeff and his guide dog, Dove will amaze you. Jeff inherited a juvenile form of macular degeneration that left him blind. His vision loss ended a vibrant 30-year career as a paramedic. Surrendering his driver's license and life of adventure further hampered his confidence.

Things turned around for Jeff when he learned about the free services from Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Jeff is an amazing advocate for Leader Dogs. Be sure to be at the Mid-Winter Convention to hear his incredible story.

LIONS UNIVERSITY IS FOR EVERY LION



Lions University is a program that provides leadership for Lions Club members through educational programs and resources. The program was established in 2014 by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to support the organization's goal of providing year-round leadership development opportunities.

To complete each program, Lions must complete 10 required courses, at least 5 elective classes, and complete specific leadership experiences. To complete a course, the Lion takes part in an hour-long training session. These sessions are offered online on the website lionuniversity.org and through courses that are offered at the USA/Canada Forum each year.

Once the training session is completed, the Lion takes a simple online test to confirm their learning. Upon completion, the Lion is awarded a certificate of completion.

There are additional requirements for each program available to view on the website. For each educational program level, the Lion must attend a USA/Canada Leadership Forum. Degrees are awarded to Lions who have met requirements by the allocated deadline each year at a USA/Canada Forum.

www.lionuniversity.org for more information



Lions University offers three educational program levels:

- Bachelor's Program: Helps develop the skills to lead a Lions Club.
- Master's Program: Supports clubs through district leaders.
- Doctorate Program: Focuses on skills for training adult volunteers.



Lions University is free to Lions and is provided by Lions volunteers, not Lions Clubs International staff. Lions can complete individual courses in any order whether working toward a degree or not.



International President Fabricio Oliveira presented each Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate degree individually and posed for a photo with each recipient. The youngest recipient was a Leo and the oldest was 92!



Lions Russ and Kathy Lamb received their Lions University Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL?



Louisville 2024
SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2024



Mississippi Lions from Multi-District 30 attended the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky. With over 90 seminars to choose from and excellent speakers at the lunch and dinner banquets, participants were immersed in learning new and innovative methods to enrich their local clubs and districts.



For each meal, tables were designated with yellow, red, green, or blue tablecloths. Notice different lanyard colors in the photo above. Participants sit with different Lions each night along with a current or past host international director and partner in service. Many new friendships are made, and great ideas shared. Each year, friends from all over the world reunite through Lionism. It's not a time to sit with Lions from your town or even your state. Each night the organizers move the colors around the room giving everyone a chance at the front. There's no other Lions event quite like the USA/Canada Forum. You need to make plans to attend next year in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Memphis will host in 2026!



700+ Lions purchased the 2024 Strides Walk T-shirts to benefit Diabetes Awareness. Participants walked around the convention center in Louisville. What a huge event to promote large-scale efforts both to control and treat diabetes and its complications. Strides promotes education, prevention and control, and research. Local Lions clubs across our global community conduct Strides walks each year.



DR. TODD ENGLISH TO SPEAK TO LIONS OCTOBER 10



Dr. Todd English, Superintendent of the Booneville School District will discuss how the district plans to begin a rigorous Community-Based Accountability Model and Strategic Planning process soon. The goal of the project is to look closely at all aspects of how the district is educating and preparing students for life after high school and develop ways to improve the process to create graduates prepared to take on the demands of the real world. The process of developing the model includes seeking input from a wide cross-section of the community.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend the October meeting at 6:00 pm.

OUR BIGGEST EVENT ALL YEAR NEEDS YOU THERE



Soapbox Derby cars will race down the big hill in front of the Booneville courthouse again. This free event is for children five years and older (who can fit into the cars).

The three top winners of the best two out of three races will receive first, second, and third place trophies. All participants in the Soapbox Derby will be eligible for the drawing for a free bicycle and helmet.

Set up will begin Friday night and many volunteers are needed. Saturday we need all hands on deck beginning at 8:00 AM. We will sell cotton candy at the event.





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AT 6:00 PM
AT**



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**76 YEARS OF
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A special thank you to Booneville Woodmen Life for our new flag and to Lion Nick Davis.



A GIFT WITH HISTORY

When the Tupelo Evening Club merged with the Tupelo Club in July, the club gifted the Booneville Lions Club with one of their two bells. In November the club will celebrate their 92nd year of service to the Tupelo and surrounding areas. We appreciate you sharing this piece of history with the Booneville Lions Club!

People are often shocked to find out that we pay yearly dues but.... they only work out to about a cup of coffee a week & these dues cover the cost of running our club which means

100%

of the money we raise through events & donations goes right back in to our community.

We're PROUD of that!



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