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NORTHEAST
MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Meetings

July 11, 2024
*1st meeting of new
officers



Lion Jim sent in a photo
of a "Painted Lady"
butterfly on a plant in the
Lions butterfly garden.

LIONS SERVE AT THE JESUS JAM

Lion Semar Vaughan organized
the first annual Jesus Jam with
praise and worship music. It was
held at the Prentiss County Agri
Center.

The Lions Club helped to direct
traffic and parking (in the rain) and
directed attendees to seating,
restrooms, and the products for
sale.

The event was well attended and
the Booneville Lions Club salutes
Lion Semar for a great event.



L to R: Lion Sam Gray, Lion Veneshia Gillespie,
Lion Larry Mink,



L to R: Lion Kathy Lamb, Lion Semar Vaughan; Lion Russ Lamb



PRESIDENT: LION KATHY LAMB
GLOBAL ACTION TEAM CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY LION. SHELLEY GREER

LION TONI STOOP
GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON.

1st VICE PRESIDENT: LION MARTHA GRAY
GLOBAL SERVICE CO-CHAIRPERSON.

TREASURER LION RUSS LAMB
GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN

LION VENESHIA GILLESPIE
MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRPERSON.

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LEO ADVISOR ANGELIQUE JUMPER

LION SAM GRAY
GLOBAL SERVICE CO-CHAIRPERSON

LION JIM LAMB
TAILTWISTER, LION TAMER,
LCIF CHAIRPERSON

ASST. LEO ADVISOR ERIN MATTOX



Booneville Lions Club earns the Club Excellence Award for 2023-2024

Meeting the requirements for the award is the ideal way for continued success while gaining prestige for excelling in the areas of membership, service, leadership, and organizational excellence, and marketing.



2023-2024

To earn the Member Satisfaction Award the club must maintain 90% of club members from the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1) to the end of the fiscal year (June 30).



A Message from Club President Lion Kathy Lamb

As the 2023-2024 year comes to a close, the Booneville Lions Club is proud to look back on a year filled with service, community, and camaraderie. From fundraising events to volunteer projects, our club has been dedicated to making a positive impact on our community.

Highlights from the Year: The Booneville Leo Club was chartered in October and the charter ceremony was held in January with Governor Amanda Harrison performing the ceremony.

In the late summer, our club planted a butterfly garden as an ecology project for the community. It will be an ongoing project with us maintaining and improving the garden.

In September the Booneville Lions club spearheaded the first Celebrate Community joining with the Kiwanis Club, the Rotary Club, and the Civitan Club to better understand how we could join together to serve our community. We met with Lori Tucker, Director of Booneville Main Street Association.

We built our first Christmas float in many years to the theme of "Frosty's Winter Wonderland" and took home the first-place prize in the non-profit category.

We received a \$1,500 grant from Propel to be used toward purchasing glasses for children and adults who otherwise couldn't afford them.

We donated \$1,500 to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), \$500 Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, \$500 to Mississippi Lions Sight Foundation, \$500 to adopt a puppy from Leader Dogs and provided \$2,000 of glasses and exams to children and adults. We donated \$100 to the Mississippi Lions All-State Band 4th Meal,

The Booneville Lions Club achieved the Mission 1.5 Premier Club Award by achieving 100% retention and 10% growth.

Booneville Lions achieved the Club Excellence Award for another year along with the Member Satisfaction Award for 2023-2024.

Four members of our club attended the Tennessee Lions Leadership Institute (TLLI) in Lebanon, TN where each learned advanced leadership skills.

Last but certainly not least, we have increased our membership exponentially to the point of

needing only five more members to have doubled our membership to earn the Mission 1.5 Platinum Club Award by June 30, 2024.

More important than earning an award for increased membership, is the fact that adding more members increases our diversity. This enables our club to be able to provide more service to our community.

With a new Lions year, our club will have new leadership and exciting new opportunities. It has been my honor to serve as the president of the Booneville Lions Club for the past two years. The new officers will assume their respective offices on July 1, 2024. Please get involved with the committee of your choice and interest. The incoming officers need your wholehearted support!

Our meeting on June 27, 2024, will be my last meeting to serve as president of the club. That night we will be installing our new members. I thank the club for my plaque for serving as your president. I will cherish it.

As they say in the movies...that's a wrap!



Our Editor for 24 straight months of full color newsletters for our club was honored with the Newsletter Editor Medal for her creative and dedicated service to our club. Congratulations Editor Lion Kathy Lamb! Well done service to our club.

FOUR LEOS GRADUATE FROM BHS



Zaylria Brooks



Sarah Kate Wood



Victoria Glenn



Hayley Brooke Geno

The Booneville Lions Club is proud of our four Booneville Leo Club members who graduated from Booneville High School this year. These four young women are exemplary examples of excelling at multiple endeavors. In addition to academics, these four have made time to volunteer in the community. As they continue their education at Northeast Mississippi Community College, we are looking forward to seeing what the future brings for these outstanding Leos.



The Booneville Lions Club has qualified to earn the Premier Club Award for 2023-2024!

The Premier Club Award is a four-tiered, progressive award system with Premier, Gold, Silver, and Diamond levels.

There is an opportunity to advance a level each Lion Year.

To qualify our club had to retain 100% of the members and grow by 10%.



BOONEVILLE BLUE DEVILS



PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS



Lion Martha Gray, Vice-President



Lion Shelley Greer, Secretary



Lion Russ Lamb, Treasurer



Lion Russ Lamb, Rainmaker



Lion Angelique Jumper, Leo Advisor



Ed Ernest, Heart of a Lion Award

Throughout 2023-2024 there have been many Lions working hard as officers, on committees and behind the scenes. There is no way to acknowledge every person but let me take this opportunity to say thank you to every member of the club. It's been a great year! Pictured on this page are Presidential Awards being presented to Lions for specific services and even one person who isn't a Lion but has served our club for over two years. That person is Ed Ernest, recipient of the "Heart of a Lion Award". Pictured above is Lion Russ receiving the "Rainmaker Award" for bringing so much money into the club through grants, ad sales for our Soap Box Derby and other fund raisers. Pictured at the bottom right are two of our three Christmas Float Builders. Not pictured is Lion Galen Greer.



Lion Rick Wanner, Pecan Sales



Lion Jim Lamb, LCIF Chair



Lion Sam Gray, Float Builder



Lion Nick Davis, Float Builder

OFFICER INSTALLATION

2024-2025 OFFICERS



The 2024-2025 Officer Installation was performed by PCC Richie Dickson and PCC Charlotte Dickson from Clarksdale, MS. They both have served in almost every office on the club level and many on the district level. Both are members of the Mississippi Hall of Fame.



L to R: Lions Sam Gray, Service; Russ Lamb, Membership; Nick Davis, Lion Tamer; Kathy Lamb, Marketing; Shelley Greer, Secretary; Martha Gray, President; Angelique Jumper, 2nd Vice President; Veneshia Gillespie, Board Director; Jim Lamb, Tailtwister & LCIF Chair. Not pictured: Galen Greer, 1st Vice President; Brandon Palmer, Treasurer; Toni Stoop, Leadership.

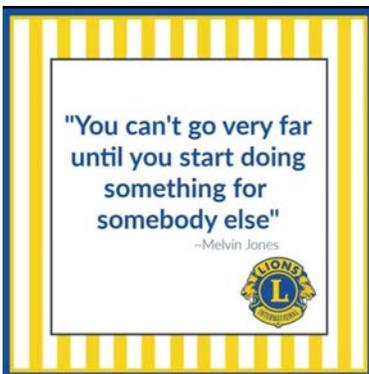


Past President, Kathy Lamb symbolically passes the gavel to President Martha Gray

TWO RECEIVE MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Lions Clubs International recognizes outstanding individuals by bestowing on them an award that is named for its founder, Melvin Jones. This fellowship award is one of the highest forms of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism.

Our two recipients of the Melvin Jones Awards were presented to Lion Martha Gray and Lion Shelley Greer. Our club contributed \$2,000 to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) on their behalf for outstanding commitment and service to the Booneville Lions Club.



PCC Richie Dickson pins Lion Shelley and Lion Martha with their Melvin Jones pins.



L to R: Lion Shelley Greer; PCC Richie Dickson; Lion Martha Gray



Helen Keller poses here with her Boston Terrier, Sir Thomas Belvedere (nicknamed Phiz), in this photo from March, 1925. Her classmates at Radcliffe University in Massachusetts purchased it for her after the dog became attached to Keller during a class trip to a kennel, and he was her constant companion throughout her college years.

JUNE 1st IS HELEN KELLER DAY

Born in Tuscumbia, Alabama in 1880, Helen Keller developed a fever at 18 months of age that left her blind and deaf.

With the help of an exceptional teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan of the Perkins School for the Blind, Helen Keller learned sign language and braille. A few years later, she learned to speak.

As an adult she became a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. In 1925, she attended the Lions Club International Convention and challenged Lions to “become knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.”

The Lions accepted her challenge and our work ever since has included sight programs aimed at preventable blindness.

In 1971, the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International declared that June 1 would be remembered as Helen Keller Day. Lions around the world implement sight-related service projects on Helen Keller Day.

If you would like to hear Helen Keller's speech you can find it on YouTube by searching Helen Keller's speech at 1925 International Convention. It was at Cedar Point, Ohio on June 30, 1925 on the shores of Lake Erie.



CLUB ADDS 6 NEW MEMBERS

We welcome to the Booneville Lion Club James Bowen, owner of Print Villains and Michael Starkey, VP of Print Villains. Lion Russ Lamb is sponsoring both men.

Also joining the club is Haley Brooke Geno. Hayley Brooke is also a member of the Booneville Leo Club. She is being sponsored by her mom, Lion Beth Geno.

In addition, Sarah Kate Wood is becoming a new Lion and is sponsored by her mom, Lion Rebecca Wood.

Both Hayley Brooke and Sarah Kate can be dual members of Leos and Lions. In October, the girls will become the club's first Leo-Lions.

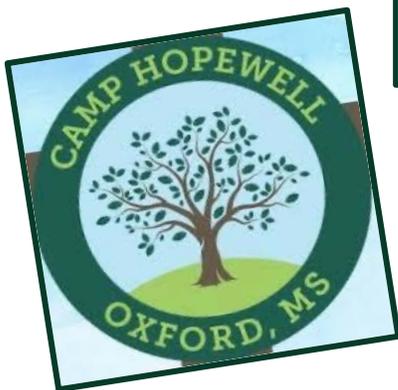
Both girls are going to be students at Northeast this fall.

Gina Horne joined Lions because of being invited by PCC Andy Kalinowski and Lion Russ Lamb who will be her sponsor.

Ed Ernest is our newest member. Ed has served our club as a volunteer and photographer during the past two years. As part of his Heart of a Lion Award the club presented Ed with a paid membership for a year. He is being sponsored by Lion Russ Lamb.

These new members bring our club to 38 members. At the June 27, 2024 meeting we will have a great new member installation!

HELP SEND A CHILD TO DIABETES CAMP



Attending diabetes summer camp can increase a child's diabetes knowledge, their self-confidence, and ability to manage their diabetes, plus benefit their emotional well-being. Camp Hopewell conducts a Diabetes Teen Camp, Diabetes Leadership Camp, and Diabetes Wee-Bit Camp for type 1 diabetes.

When you purchase a pin for **\$25** you are helping the scholarship fund to send a child with type 1 diabetes to camp who might not otherwise have the funds to attend.



Keep Destiny's Legacy Alive

Lion Destiny L. Dickson
B 9-1-1991 D. 1-23-2017

Lion Destiny has been a lion all her life. While she did not march in the Parade of Nations at Lions Con 1995 Phoenix or Lions Con 1997 Montreal, Destiny traded Lions pins with every Lion she saw holding a pin in his hand! By the time Lions Conv 1998 Philadelphia rolled around, she was right there marching with Mississippi Lions behind our All State Band and the incoming IP, Judge Howard L. "Pat" Patterson from Hattiesburg.

In 2013 at 30M Mid-Winter, Destiny listened intently as ID Carolyn Messier of Connecticut spoke about the tragic Shady Hook Elementary School shooting where 20 children between the ages 6 and 7 died and the work Lions of Connecticut were planning for the surviving children to cope with loss and horror. Destiny decided for her personal potholder project she would give the money to Lions MD23 support the program.

"Buy a potholder loom at Wal-Mart
"Mom show me how to make potholders'
Make them till the yarn is gone
"I need more yarn!"
Make more potholders
"You want to buy a potholder for a dollar!"
"It takes two to hold a big pot!"
"I Need More Yarn!"
"You want to buy a potholder for two dollars!"
Give all the money(\$600.00) to Sandy Hook Elementary Support Group and the Lions Club." (1)

At the earliest age possible, Destiny joined the Clarksdale Sunset Lions Club. She also served 30M as Leader Dog Chair 2015-16, visiting the school in Rochester Michigan. Then she got her big break, she was elected to MD30 Diabetes Awareness Committee.

"Join the Lions Club
"You want to buy some pancake tickets!"

"I pledge Allegiance to the flag..."
"Are you OK?"
"I hope you feel better"
Join the Diabetes Awareness Committee
"I have to design a pin for Diabetes Awareness!"
Smile! (Big Hug!)
You want to buy a pin for Diabetes Awareness!"
"It says Check Your Blood Sugar!"
"WE SERVE!" (2)

Before Destiny passed away, she talked about the design of her second pin for Diabetes Awareness. The original sketch has been lost but the concept has gone into production and will be available shortly. With funds from the new pins, scholarships for young children and teenagers with

Type 1 Diabetes to attend Diabetes Camps in Mississippi. The Diabetes Committee Goal is to enable 10-15 campers in first year of the Mississippi Lion Destiny Diabetes Campaign! Please check your goodie bag for more information. Let's keep Lion Destiny's legacy alive and send kids to Diabetes camp so they can learn how to take better care of their life with Diabetes, realize they are not the only ones in this fight and Lions of Mississippi are here to help! WE SERVE!

(1)(2) Destiny's Guide to a Loving Life January 25, 2017



To purchase a **Mississippi Lion Destiny Diabetes Campaign** pin(s) you may contact:
2VDG Russ Lamb at 662-554-8995 or PCC Richie Dickson 662-645-0657. Each pin is **\$25** and the entire amount will be donated to the camp scholarship fund. Arrangements can be made for the best way to get the pin(s) to you. Thank you for supporting this great global cause!





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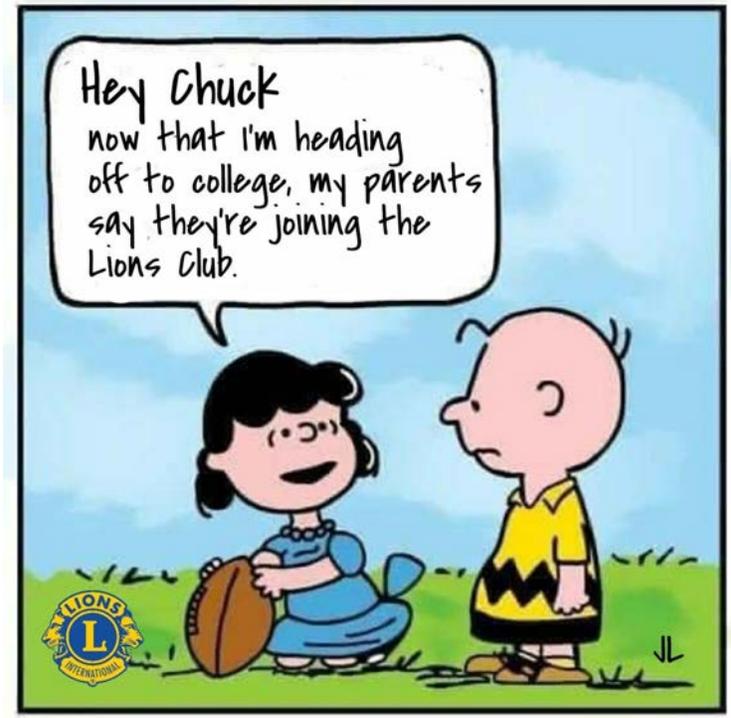
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You may view all our newsletters also. For more information, feel free to call Lion Russ Lamb at 662-554-8995.



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