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Pass Christian Police Officer, Kyle Craig, a 4 year member of Advocates for Freedom presented the program of Human Trafficking Awareness Day on January 11, 2021. Wear Blue on 1/11/2021 was his message. Advocates for Freedom, a

state-wide organization with over 500 volunteers, provides training aware-ness that human trafficking has no boundaries, whether it is in labor or sex trafficking.

Officer Kyle said about 10 years ago a major shift was noticed due to easier access to social media. "Parents can't keep up with their kids access to the numerous social media sites."

"The accomplish base to the attention base is how many children now place their values." Officer Kyle noted that predators find it easy to fill the need that kids are looking to fill. In Mississippi Human Trafficking is

a felony for anyone using kids under the age of 18 due to the fact that children are more vulnerable to coercion. Children are always vulnerable and boys are more vulnerable than girls.

Statistics indicate the average age of human trafficking is 12-14 years old. Girls are 95% of the sex trade, however, boys are worth more money because they are less apt to testify



PCPD Officer Kyle Craig Human Trafficking Awareness Trainer **Advocates for Freedom**

against the perpetrator. With social media growing faster than parents can keep up Officer Kyle and other Advocates for Freedom members are reachand groups as they can to train and educate the public on this growing multi-million dollar industry and social problem.

UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

| JAN 13 | Kay Danault, Mental Health Assn of South Mississippi |
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| JAN 19 | Board Meeting, Camp Wilkes, noon, BYO Lunch |
| FEB 5-6 | 30S Mid-Winter Conv., Brookhaven, MS |
| FEB 16 | Board Meeting, Camp Wilkes, noon BYO Lunch |

The Biloxí Líons Club meet each Wednesday at noon The Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum, 1st floor 115 E. 1st Street, Biloxi, MS 39530

January 6, 2021 Club Meeting Recap

- Meeting was called to order by Lion President Tom Quave; 'God Bless America' was led by Lions Jaye, Jerry, and Pete;' the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Judy; and the Blessing was offered by Lion Jerry
- 50/50 was won by Lion Judy; Lion Cindy drew the 4 of Clubs in the King of Clubs Progressive
- Lions Larry attended the meeting via Zoom; there were no in-person guests
- Lion Tamer Gerald auction off a GIANT calculator donated by Lion Greg with Lion Judy winning the auction item
- Lion Melinda said that she is almost out of available nuts for purchase. She said that there is still money that needs to be turned in before she can give a final total
- Pres. Tom reminded members of the dessert sign-up sheet for the months of Jan-March 2021. Thank you Lion Penny provided pecan tarts today's meal
- The scheduled speaker, Susie Harville, was unable to attend today's meeting. In her place was a member of her team, Pass Christian Police Officer and the Pass Christian High School Resource Officer, Kyle Craig, with the Advocates for Freedom

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The newsletter is posted after each edition is made available Biloxi Lions Club's new telephone number 228.424.7840

For Biloxi Lions members who are unable to attend our weekly meetings in person... The Biloxi Lions invite you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**** Direct Access to the Biloxi Lions Club Weekly Meeting is now available on our website biloxilions.org just by clicking the <u>ZOOM HERE</u> button****

Or, by the following information below

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89166624322?pwd=V25tWXJMRkRXdGRWTTlHSHJsMEZWUT09

Or, Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 891 6662 4322

Passcode: 996230

Log on a few minutes prior to our 12 noon meeting to assure your connection ***Issues logging on**.... **PLEASE** call or text Lion Greg at 228.760.0239 for help

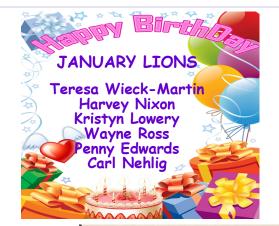
Lions of MS 2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 5-6, 2021 Mar 12-14, 2021 Mar 26-28, 2021 Apr 30-May 1, 2021

30S Mid-Winter Conv., Brookhaven, MS Girls Leadership Conference, Morton, MS Boys Leadership Conference, Morton, MS L Lions State Convention, Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville, MS

> May 14-16, 2021





Lion Greg shared the business card on the right with this message:

> Lion Fruitman is still kicking

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