



Biloxi Lions Club

Lions Roar



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Mississippi Lions State Convention

The State Convention will be on April 29-30 in Flowood MS. Registration forms are in the latest edition of the Magnolia Lion. If you didn't get one, you can download the Magnolia Lion from the Mississippi Lions State Office;

<http://www.lionsofms.org>

The convention will occur between 2 venues depending on the schedule of what is going on: Table 100 Banquet Hall: 100 Ridge Way, Flowood, and the state office; 431 Katherine Drive, Flowood. Unlike previous conventions, there will not be a convention hotel. Attendees are welcome to choose their hotel. Anyone with "points" or some other discount can use the hotel of their choice. The Biloxi Lions Club has always had an excellent turnout. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Girls / Boys Leadership Conferences

Currently, there are 13 girls and 11 boys registered to attend their respective conferences. Carl Nehlig highlighted one big difference – there is no catering at these conferences so food has to be prepared on site. Please let Carl Nehlig know if you can help out. They are also looking for volunteers to assist with the attendees.

Sees Candy Fundraiser

We have \$30 in sales so far. We have about one more week to sell before we have to turn-in our orders on March 16.

Outstanding Citizen of the Year

The award will be presented at our meeting on April 6. Nomination sheets are available.

March Board Meeting

Our March Board Meeting will be next Thursday at Camp Wilkes.

Dessert Sign-up Sheet

For those that like having dessert at our meetings, we have plenty of opportunities for people to sign-up and bring desserts.



Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker was Susie Harvill, founder and CEO of Advocates for Freedom.

Meetings are noon every Wednesday at the Maritime and Seafood History Museum

We have opened a home in the Biloxi area where we do many things for our survivors of human trafficking. It provides a peaceful place to help them heal mentally and physically. It takes about \$2,000 to bring 1 person in for the first month. We start out with the medical and mental counseling. Then, we help them grow. We have helped 303 adults, even more if you include the kids. Out of that number, 280 have given their life to Jesus. This gives them something to hang on to when they have a “hard day”.



Of those 303 adults, 300 were started (trafficked) when they were younger than 18. If you have ever raised children, you know they go through mental and physical changes when they become a teenager. Social media is as helpful as you might think. A large portion of them are “recruited” using social media; people pretending to be their friends. It’s no secret that people are being trafficked in almost every high school along our gulf coast. Once they feel trapped, it’s very hard to help them to break the cycle of fear holding them. The traffickers will convince them that they have pictures and video clips in compromising situations that they will release if they tell anyone what is happening to them.

One thing parents and grandparents might notice is when a child shuts down and won’t talk about themselves. This is a big indicator that there is something in their life they absolutely do not want to share. Other signs is if a child starts complaining about headaches, there is a change in their appetite (eating either more or eating less), they do a lot of sighing, fast breathing, and cursing or mis-behavior. If you cannot get them to open up, you might need more professional help in the form of a counselor to help them.

True story! There was a twelve-year-old boy being moved to Texas via I-10 and saw our billboard. He memorized the number on the billboard, was able to call it once they got to their destination in Texas, and we were able to rescue him.