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Being Aware of Human Trafficking Along the Coast



Susie Harvill, Founder / CEO
ADVOCATES FOR FREEDOM

Susie is a highly sought after speaker bringing awareness about Human Trafficking, and, by doing so she is helping us to learn how to stop the injustice.

Through an Advocates of Freedom slideshow presentation Susie walks the Biloxi Lions members through the immense problem society is facing in Human Trafficking.


"Human Trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery. It is the kidnapping, transferring, sale or receipt of an individual by force, fraud, or coercion ... for the purpose of sexual exploitation or exploitation for forced labor." There is no age limit, no gender preference, and no race is safe from those profiting from human trafficking.

Human Trafficking currently produces \$150 Billion a year and is the #2 crime in America, second only to drug trafficking. Those at risk are mostly children or young adults and once they're in trafficking they do not have a voice.

The presentation went into great detail on how to spot a potential human trafficking

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UPCOMING DATES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

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| JULY 1 | Mother of the Year Award Presentation |
| JULY 4TH |  HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA |
| JULY 8 | TBA |
| JULY 15 | Installation and Awards Luncheon, noon, Seafood Museum |

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

June 24, 2020 Club Meeting Recap

- Meeting was called to order by Lion President Matt Boney; the Song God Bless America was led by Lions Jaye, Miriam, Jerry and Darrell; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Carl; and the Prayer was led by Lion Jerry
- The 50/50 drawing was won by Lion Penny; the King of Clubs Progressive drawing was not held
- Lion Tom introduced his guest, Kristen, a prospective member with a submitted her application; Lion Penny introduced her granddaughters Ella and Shelby who are visiting from Florida
- Lion Pres. Matt Lion Carl with a LCI Key pin for 2 new members (photo below); Lion Carl also reminded members that the USA/Canada for Sept in Louisville, KY has been cancelled
- Lion Pres. Matt reminded members of the Mother of the Year Presentation on July 1 and the Installation and Awards Program on July 15. Both will be held as a luncheon at our regularly schedule Wednesday noon meeting. Also, due to city COVID19 mandates placed on the venue the MOY guests will be limited. And, unfortunately, because of COVID19 restrictions past MOY recipients will not be attending this year
- Lion Sec Joe reviewed the June Board Mtg minutes
- Lion Jerry introduced the guest speaker, Susie Harvill, Founded/CEO of Advocates for Freedom



L-R Lion Carl Nehlig receiving an LCI Key pin from
Lion President Matt Boney

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victim existing in our community. It can be through physical appearance to an actual 'barcodes' tattooed on the back of their necks.

In closing, Susie stated that public awareness is the key to the goal to bringing a stop to those who are practicing and promoting Human Trafficking, and you would be surprised who they are in your communities. From pimps, to families, to gangs, to business leaders, and even up to organized criminal syndicates.

Susie Harvill is considered an Expert trainer on Human Trafficking for both federal and state agencies. She holds numerous certifications on Child & Domestic Abuse; Child Endangerment; Child Exploitation through many Federal Departments such as Homeland Security & ICE; Trauma of Human Trafficking; Surveillance and Rescue Training; Pornography; and The Addiction. She has chaired a Command Center in MS during the New Orleans Superbowl and attends and speaks at National Conferences across the United States.



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