



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

June 11, 2018

### Program

Our speaker tonight did not need an introduction since he was one of our own Lions, Randy Kraft. He came to us tonight to talk about the Alabama Lions High School Leadership Forum (ALHSLF).



(L to R) Lion Randy Kraft and Lion President Bill Ruehl.

The ALHSLF is a three-day leadership forum for Alabama High School students at Troy State University from June 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>. The Forum begins at 3 p.m. on Friday and ends at noon on Sunday. Included in the program are keynote speakers on Leadership topics, hands on leadership exercises led by college leadership students, physical challenges, group skits, fun, fellowship and great food. Outstanding high school delegates are recognized with certificates, and college scholarships are awarded to the top delegates attending. The Forum provides three jam-packed days of intense leadership training that delegates will not soon forget. 200 students are expected this year, with 3 from Cullman. Our Club has always contributed with funding for local students to attend. This leadership

forum was started 9 years ago by the Lions of Alabama; the total cost of the event is about \$80,000 and is totally funded by Alabama Lions; there is a \$150 registration fee, usually paid by the student's local Lions Club. In the past our Club has asked student attendees give us a program, talking about their experiences and the value to them provided by the Forum. Generally, they have all loved it.

Lion Randy, himself, is a volunteer to help manage the forum this year, and he made a pitch for a few more volunteers from our Club to join him. He will be traveling down to Troy State on June 14 for the event and is offering to give any volunteers a ride. If you want to help him and the attending high school students by volunteering, fill out the form on page 3 of this newsletter, and get it to him by Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Below are a few photos from Facebook posting of last year's Forum:



Team #6 with service guide dog as mascot, and a featured speaker, inspiring all delegates.



A pair of delegates canoeing on the lake while another pair is riding zip lines overhead.



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Team skit performance and athletic competition.



All delegates at the closing ceremony.

### Other Business

Lion Jim Walker is continuing dialysis treatment, but he will try to adjust appointments to attend Club meeting. Lion Jim Searcy is still in the hospital after surgery last week. Lions Ed Henke is having a check-up in Birmingham, following his cancer treatments. Lion Mariman Pope had a set-back after falling last week. Lion Greg Young is in the Huntsville Hospital (unknown ailment).

Lion President Bill Ruehl is having a medical procedure in the coming days.

Funeral service for Lioness Jean Hite Rainwater will be 2 P.M. on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at Cullman First United Methodist Church. Visitation will be from 12pm-2pm Wednesday at the church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in-charge of the arrangements.

Formal induction of new members will be held at the next meeting on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Sponsors and new members, in particular, should wear a coat & tie.

No meeting will be held on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, due to conflicts with up-coming 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. This would normally have been the first meeting with our new slate of Club officers for 2018-2019.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

June 18: New Lion induction ceremony.

June 25: TBD.

July 2: No meeting due to up-coming July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

### Tale Twister Input

If you need something special or to report a correction in the *Tale Twister*, see Lions Carey Thompson or Don Smith at the meetings.



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2018 FORUM

### LIONS CLUB MEMBER VOLUNTEER FORM

**DATES: JUNE 15 -17, 2017 || START: FRIDAY, 10:00AM || FINISH: SUNDAY, 12:00PM**

**WE PREFER VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATE FROM START TO FINISH**

**ALL VOLUNTEERS SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND TRAINING ON FRIDAY AT 10:00AM**

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**Rank Preference from 1 to 6 for the Alabama Lions High School Leadership Forum (ALHSLF):**

\_\_\_\_ **Delegate Transportation Assistant:** Volunteers will meet at designated bus stops to:

1. Call Delegates (high school students) and their parents and confirm they are riding the bus the week of the event from designated location. You will be provided a list of Delegates.
2. Communicate with the ALHSLF Bus Coordinator the week of the event
3. Take roll at bus stop on Friday morning; Call students if they are not present
4. Take roll at bus stop on Sunday afternoon
5. Preferred: Ride the bus as a chaperone to and from the Forum

Bus Locations: Circle preferred Bus Route to assist with:

Bus Route A: Start in Huntsville, Stop #2 in Cullman

Bus Route B: Start in Florence, Stop #2 in Birmingham

Bus Route C: Start in Oxford/Anniston, Stop #2 in Pelham

Bus Route D: Start in Bay Minette, Stop #2 in Evergreen

\_\_\_\_ **Group Leader Assistant:** Group Leaders are college students who will be assigned to lead a group of 10-15 Delegates (high school students). One Lion Volunteer will be assigned to one group for the entire weekend. Mandatory training will begin Friday morning at 10:00AM in Troy, AL. Volunteers will only be supporting and assisting the Group Leaders (one male and one female college student group leader per group). The college student Group Leaders will facilitate all small group meetings throughout the weekend.

\_\_\_\_ **Registration Assistant:** Lion volunteers will need to be at mandatory training on Friday morning at 10:00AM Troy, AL. Volunteers will help greet/welcome students, assist with registration, pass out forum materials at check-in, and help delegates get their belongings to their rooms. A specific responsibility will be assigned to you on Friday morning at training. Note: All volunteers will help with registration in some way.

\_\_\_\_ **Scholarship Interview Assistant:** Volunteers will help to interview Delegates (high school students) who were selected as an outstanding member of his/her group and then work with the interview panel to select a scholarship winner based on the interviews. You will be briefed on the specific process prior to interviews taking place.

\_\_\_\_ **Dorm Monitor:** Volunteers will assist the security team by performing room checks each night to confirm students are in their assigned rooms and have their lights out at the specified times.

\_\_\_\_ **Water Assistant:** Volunteers will refill coolers with ice and bottled water throughout the weekend. Coolers must be transported to designated locations during the weekend.

\***Nurse/Medical Assistant:** There will be a nurse on-site throughout the weekend. \*If you would like to assist, please specify qualifications (i.e. CPR, First Aid): \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteers will stay in the Troy University Dorms for \$40. This cost covers all meals for the weekend and your ALHSLF shirts. Circle Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL  
For Questions related to being a volunteer contact: [lziglar@alhslf.org](mailto:lziglar@alhslf.org) or [wfilmore@alhslf.org](mailto:wfilmore@alhslf.org)

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