



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

March 2, 2020

Program

Lion Randy Kraft introduced our speaker, Catherine Bethell of First Source for Women. Her organization is a Christ centered non-profit that is dedicated to the sanctity of life with a conviction that all human life is a gift from God. First Source for Women exists to help women in an unplanned pregnancy to choose life rather than abortion for their babies and to support these expectant mothers in their decision with direct aid during pregnancy and after their babies are born, no matter their choice. This organization is supported by many local area churches. The director of its medical facility is Dr. Lisa Franklin, MD.



President Lion Andrew Manning and Ms. Catherine Bethell. Catherine began her presentation with a couple of very moving videos featuring clients that were helped by her organization and were very appreciative. She continued with listing the free services available: confidential pregnancy testing; ultrasound by trained & licensed nurses; pregnancy options education; sexual risk avoidance education; access to its baby boutique for diaper, baby supplies, baby beds, & maternity clothes; and referrals to agencies for community assistance. In

order to encourage its clients to participate in classes (parenting, sexual integrity, adoption, managing finances, life skill, and more) it actually pays or gives credits to clients for attending these classes (referred to as mommy money for items such as diapers, car seats, infant medicine, bottles, pacifiers, baby wipes, blankets, etc.).

Accomplishments as evidenced by First Source for Women statistics are impressive. 96% of its clients are from Cullman County. 128 babies have been saved. In 2019 it served 690 new clients, with nearly 79% unemployed or with income under \$29,000. Educational concepts through videos and counseling sessions provided – 8,164. Items purchased with “mommy money”- \$14,671.

All in all, a great community organization !
Monday – Friday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Call 256-352-5683 or 800-712-HELP.

Other Business



New Lion Sam Roberts introduced himself tonight, but, already, he’s served on the fish-prep team at Saturday’s Fish & Ham Dinner. Lion Sam is now the youngest member of our Club. He was sponsored



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by Lion Josh Speakman and is a local businessman with an ad agency.

A "Thank You" was received from the Good Samaritan Clinic for our \$ gift.

Lion Jim Rooker continues with his chemotherapy. Lion Mike Ponder had his hernia repaired and appears none the worse for wear. Our Club chef, Mr. Freddy Day, was back in-charge of our meal after his illness last week, and our meal was great, as usual.

Lion Frank Odell gave us a short report about Saturday's very successful Fish & Ham Dinner. Around 1800 meals were served with reports of a very satisfied public. No injuries reported, except for Lion Charlie Powell almost getting his foot crunched by an auto. Lion Frank passed out copies of a very complementary featured article seen in The Cullman Tribune on this event.

Fair Association President Lion Charlie Childers gave an update on the legal status of the Fair Association embezzlement, noting that local newspapers reported the arrest of former Lion Steve Singleton. Lion Charlie has received no further word concerning Singleton's legal proceedings after making an inquiry. Lion Charlie also stated that a CPA, not associated with the Fair Association, has been retained to conduct an audit of the Fair Association's financial accounts. Its audit will include an accurate account of the embezzlement. Current policy for each Fair Association Board of Directors meeting is that the Board

Treasurer reports current financial status, answers any related questions, and provides financial statements which are reviewed by the Board and approved.

Upcoming Programs and Events

March 9:

The Next Club Meeting will be on Monday, March 9, at 5:30 P.M.
 ☆ In **Christ Hall at St. John's Church** ☆
 THE PROGRAM WILL BE
**!FOOD, FUN, & LIONS FELLOWSHIP!
 A GOOD NIGHT OF 'TABLE HOPPING'**

March 23:

On Monday, March 23, at 5:30 P.M.
 In **Christ Hall at St. John's Church**
 The Guest Speaker Will Be

U.S. Air Force/Retired Col. Ken Brown

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. Lion Carey can be reached at 256-739-0580 (H) or 256-426-3207 (C). Lion Don can be reached at 256-737-7433 (H) or 256-426-7722 (C).