



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

November 4, 2019

Program

Lion Chris Robinson introduced our speaker, tonight, Ms. Lesley Ann Hyde, paranormal investigator & founder of Southern Ghost Girls Tours and Paranormal Investigations, LLC. Although she was born in Birmingham, she has spent most of her career as an agent for State Farm Insurance. Just a couple of years ago she decided to pursue her dual interest in the para normal as well as her love of history and travel as a part time job. Ms. Hyde then developed these interests into her company. She noted, however, that she and her fellow teammates are Christian. As such, the team does not delve into participating in any dark or evil phenomenon and strictly uses a scientific approach when doing investigations.



(L to R) Lion 2nd Vice-President Austin Monk, Ms. Lesley Hyde & son, and Lion Chris Robinson.

However, these ladies have all had experiences in the paranormal or in things that are just hard to really explain. Team members use specialized equipment and are all just curious to see if they can record

metaphysical phenomena or unexplained happenings. Most of what they do is to follow leads for local legends and tales from older generations; then, the company develop tours to on-site locations that surround these local legends and tales. The team investigates homes, historical landmarks, museums and other places in the Southern United States that are known to have or have had a history of unexplained happenings and paranormal phenomena. The tour experience tries to provide not only the “haunted” history, but the factual recorded history surrounding the tour location. The Ghost Girls team encourages tourists to experience a real-live paranormal investigation for themselves. One other important thing to mention is that this company donates a significant percentage of its proceeds to charities, often to museums and historical organizations or to others, like United Way.

A few weeks ago, the Ghost Girls conducted a tour of the Arlington antebellum home in Birmingham. They sold-out tickets to that event with over 300 people in attendance. They also do tours in surrounding states. On Halloween night, the Girls led a ghost hunt and investigation at an abandoned jail in Jasper, Georgia that was built in the 1800's. On Oct 1st they hosted a dinner, ghost hunt, and investigation at the old Logan School; the following day they did a day of the dead ghost walk and paranormal investigation in Cullman. The company is in discussions to perhaps produce a series of reality-type TV shows of their tour investigations.



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Lesley says that the Ghost Girls intend to take a break for the rest of November, but you can contact the company to get information on future planned tours. You can contact them at 205-305-5098 or email: Lesleyhyde7480@gmail.com. They have a FaceBook page and also a website at <https://southernghostgirls.com/>.

Other Business

No meeting next week in recognition of Veterans Day.

Lions Javon Daniel is recovering from a heart ablation catheter procedure. Lion Riley Smith had a minor medical procedure and was back with us tonight. Lion David Gratz just got word that his daughter had passed; keep him in your prayers. Lion Ed Henke continues cancer treatments, successfully.



MD 34-A 1st Vice Dist. Governor, Lion Tim Sosebee.

MD 34-A 1st V.D.G. Lion Tim Sosebee visited us tonight concerning upcoming Lion events; he also thanked Lion Randy Kraft for giving him a tour of our City this afternoon. In the course of his address, he

called the Cullman Lions Club the best in the State. The events that Lion Sosebee announced included:

--- On Nov 20th there are two meetings scheduled at the Red Door Café – One at 11AM to discuss the District 34A conference on Mar 6-7, 2020 in Scottsboro; the other meeting will be at Noon to discuss the State (All Districts) Lions Leadership Conference at Wallace State on Aug 8th, 2020.

--- The State Lions conference will be held at the Hoover Galleria on Apr 16, 17, 18, & 19, 2020.

--- Looking further ahead, Lion Tim announced that the District 34A Lions conference will be held in Cullman January 29-30, 2021.

--- Also, in 2022 the State Lions conference will be held at Ivy Green, birthplace of Helen Keller.

Lion Secretary Don Smith read minutes from last week's Board of Directors meeting as follows:

--- Funding support was approved for the Annual Sportsman's Lake Holiday Lights, for the Agriplex, for Grace Place in honor of Lion George Hammett, and for glasses and eye examinations for Cullman County jail inmates. Lion Jerry Bonner arranged for the Alabama Lions Sight mobile unit to visit the jail. Lion Jerry stated tonight that the prisoners were very appreciative. The Doctor in charge said some of the 19 inmates' eyesight was really in bad shape; it was the first pair of glasses some of them ever owned.

--- A general discussion was held regarding more involvement for the Club in service projects and integrating the Leos into those projects, such as roadside trash



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pickup with the Club and Leos. Lion David Bussman discussed plans for the Fair Grounds concession stand that included moving to all bottled sodas, which the Board approved.

--- A resolution to support the District 34A 2021 conference in Cullman was approved.

Representing the nominating committee for the Cullman Fair Association Board of Directors (BOD), Lion Clark Rainwater announced the following Lion nominees: Charlie Childers, Bill Ruehl, Randy Kraft, Chris Robinson, Steve Murphree, Tim Scott, Frank Odell, Carey Thompson, Howard Perry, and Dewayne Wilson. A BOD election vote will be held on Nov. 18th.

2nd VP Lion Austin Monk had a cake & pastry auction of about 10 items for donation to Lions Sight. Lions Richard White, Jerry Bonner, and Barry Willingham were noted for their generous and unprompted bids.

The Farm City Banquet will be held November 21st. See Lion Jerry Bonner for tickets.

The Christmas/Fair Banquet will be held on December 9th at Stonebridge.

I can't seem to stop bragging about our meals; tonight's spread included juicy roast beef, fried catfish, & BBQ pork – all prepared to perfection. No wonder the District Governors keep visiting us!

Upcoming Programs and Events

November 11: No meeting due to Veterans Day.

November 18: 2019 Fair financial report; Fair Board election (Club members only; no guests).

November 25: No meeting for Thanksgiving week.

December 2: TBD

December 9: Fair Appreciation Dinner at Stonebridge at 6:00 PM.

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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).