



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

June 3, 2024

Program

Lion Craig Gadow introduced Lion Janet Davis Executive Director of The First Source for Women as tonight's speaker. She is a member of the Hanceville Lions Club; her grandfather, father, mother, and husband have all been Lions.



Lion Janet Davis, Executive Director of The First Source for Women.

Janet has degrees from Wallace State and Athens University. She has 2 daughters, 3 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. First Source for Women's mission revolves around all facets of support for pregnant women – needs for unplanned pregnancies, girls, single moms, “oops” babies, and women who really are unprepared for their pregnancies -- especially for women no family or spousal support. It provides pregnancy counseling, especially for options other than abortions, noting that after seeing their free ultra-sound 98% of women do not proceed with an abortion. Janet also noted that despite the legal ruling that over-turned Roe vs Wade which made abortions legal by State

referendum, abortions are still climbing due to States that allow abortion to ship unmarked abortion pills to any state in the US. These pills are often dangerous for women if taken without a doctor's supervision due to often causing dangerous hemorrhaging.

First Source provides free pregnancy testing and videos on breast-feeding and many other baby-care and pregnancy related subjects. To encourage use of these videos, women can participate in a series of Earn While You Learn classes and earn “money” to buy baby items from the First Source for Women Boutique. With “Mommy Money,” they can purchase baby food, bottles, mother and baby clothing, soap, shampoo, personal items, diapers, bibs, car seats, bouncers, and many other supplies. Classes provide information about nutrition and health, childbirth, parenting skills, relationship skills, and more. It is also starting classes for new Dads. First Source for Women can provide referrals to physicians and health care facilities for those who need follow-up medical care or STD testing. Referrals are provided to clients for agencies that provide financial assistance, food, clothing, shelter, and childcare.

First Source offers adoption as an alternate solution to parenting or abortion. It can explain adoption options, help a women explore if adoption might be a good fit for them and their long-term goals. Although abortion is not offered, abortion information and post abortion recovery counseling are also free.

Pregnant women who keep emotions “bottled up,” or getting well-intentioned poor advice isn't helpful. Having a counselor available to talk to can help them understand and express their



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feelings and emotions in a healthy way and in a safe space. Pregnancy counseling appointments are also free.

Lion Janet Davis made it easy to understand that First Source for Women was aptly named due to the extensive assistance it provides to pregnant women. It is a much-needed resource for our community.

Other Business

Lion Ron Seybold was reported to be in good spirits but feeling very weak.

Lion Chris Brooks shared information regarding Helen Keller’s birthplace, Ivy Green, and its museum in Tusculumbia, Alabama. Each summer an incredible troupe of actors recreates the amazing story of Helen Keller & Annie Sullivan and the miracle that happened at Ivy Green. This play is a wonderful experience for all ages. The play, “The Miracle Worker.” will be presented at 8PM on the following dates: June 7th-8th; 14th-15th; 21st-22nd; 28th-29th, 9July 12th-13th; 19th-20th (final shows of the season) No performance on July 5th-6th.

Lion Don Smith shared an update, regarding Alabama Lion Sight. Current issues he mentioned were financial irregularities and a lack of transparency within its Board of Directors (BOD). Lion Don highlighted the organization’s a couple of instances of embezzlement of its funds in recent years. The most recent problems, which have come to light, have to do with non-payment of personnel withholding taxes at both the State and Federal Level for the past two years. Due to frustration with continuing non-transparency, Lion Don stated that both he and Lion Steve Cartee are resigning from Lion Sight’s BOD. Following discussions from the floor, our Club’s BOD will address this

issue at its next meeting and prepare our Club’s response to Alabama Lions Sight over its financial problems. Our Club’s funding support for this organization has been substantial – more than any other Club in the State.

Lion Chris Brooks shared Rickey Peek’s resignation for 2024-2025 3rd VP role. Following current procedures, Lion Chris said that the Club will begin the process of back-filling this position with a vote on June 17th.

President Lion Chris Brooks displayed the “#1 State-wide Diabetes Champion Award” from Camp Seale Harris for our outstanding support this year.



President Lion Chris with award from Camp Seale Harris for our Club.

Upcoming Programs and Events

June 10: Cullman Lions Club and Branch Club New Officer Installation and Banquet at Cullman Church of Christ, located at Childhaven Rd & Hwy 157. Doors open at 5:30 with meal at 6:00PM. Coat and tie event, as usual.



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The dinner for the formal installation of the club officers for the 2024-2025 new club-year is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2024, at the Cullman Church of Christ, located on Childhaven Road, near the Hwy 157 intersection. Doors will open at 5:30 P.M., dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M. This is a 'coat & tie' event.

Cullman Church of Christ
4345 Al Hwy 157
Cullman, Alabama

Hwy 157

Childhaven Road

Lion J. Frank Moore III
Past Lions International President

Has been invited to officiate the installation of officers.

Meal by Freddie Day Catering

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June 17: Mr. Tim Culpepper, CEO of Cullman Electric Co-op will be our speaker.



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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).



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