

ALABAMA LIONS “MOVED TO GROW” YOUTH AND LEADERSHIP

The setting – Troy University
The temperature – HOT
The tempo – Excitement

Seventy-six delegates from across the state of Alabama gathered this weekend for our FIRST EVER, but not the last, Alabama Lions High School Leadership Forum (ALHSLF). For forty-four years our youth attended “camp” and in more recent years the participation waned. CHANGE had to take place, therefore, the birth of ALHSLF. During changing times, “youth” have come to the forefront with Lions, surpassing “vision”. Our youth are our leaders of tomorrow and therefore the focus of Alabama Lions.

The weekend was full of events including “Dog Patch Olympics”, skits – written and performed by each group, delegates choosing an outstanding girl and boy from each group; thereby leading to interviews and selection of an elite boy and girl delegate. These Elite delegates were winners of scholarships provided by ALHSLF and ALOYF.

Saturday afternoon, speaking to a group of awestruck teenagers, Beth Holloway talked about the disappearance of her daughter, Natalee and the responsibility you have to look out for yourself. Be aware of the dangers in all settings; you are the only one that can protect yourself from dangerous situations. On Friday, we heard Ann Isbell warn us about Internet safety and scams.

Pike County Probate Judge Wes Allen presented our time of devotion on Sunday. What an easy man to listen to! Wow! And such a message for all of us.

To close the session on Sunday, Dr. John Kline, Professor of Leadership at Troy University, gave us some sound advice. Leaders must know (1) where to go (2) how to get there (3) how to get people to follow.

- L – listen effectively
- E – energize constantly
- A – act appropriately
- D – direct efficiently
- E – encourage others openly
- R – rely on God

He closed with “follow these rules and others will follow you”.

With much sadness and tearful goodbyes, we all left for home; promising to stay in touch. Some even suggested having a reunion! Does that not say what an awesome time was had by all?

In Lionism We Serve Together,

Linda Ziglar, Chairman
Alabama Lions High School Leadership Forum

A very special “thank you” to those listed below:

Group Leaders, led by William Filmore , Jr., of Troy University, who assisted with our delegate groups: Tyler Hatcher, Jennifer Henson, Clay Tyler, Allison Kelly, Steven Boydston, Liz Dowe, Patrick McGlon, Peyton Dismukes, Ray Filmore, Lioness Dr. Ginger Hogeland

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DG Bobby Bynon

DGE Joe Powell and Terri

VDG Ron Seybold

PCC Ray Hathcock and PDG Anna

PCC Bruce Gragg

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Thank you is just not enough for PCC Bill Filmore; without you and William, this Forum would not have been the caliber that it was.

Each Lion contributed so much and it took all of us working together to make this happen. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

I heard a politician make this statement: "We are dying for Leadership".

For me, that says it all and that is why we challenge our youth each day to become effective leaders.