



Metro Leo Newsletter

Together we make a world of difference

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Metro Leos Club is open to 9th-12th Grade Students

<https://metroleoclub.wixsite.com/metroleosclub>

LEO

L - Leadership - develop skills as a project organizer, time manager and team leader

E - Experience - learn how teamwork, cooperation and collaboration can bring exciting change to your community and the world

O - Opportunity - make friends and feel the rewards of community service

Board Members

Avery Smith, President - MS School of the Arts

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Advisors: Betsy Landers, Ken Hackman & Dee Collins

Home Place Bingo

Our next service activity is scheduled for January 7th at Home Place Retirement home located on Old Canton Road in Madison at 2:00 pm. We will hold the bingo game for the newly renovated memory care section of the home. I will bake some cupcakes as prizes and you are welcome to bring dollar store items such as small lotions, hand soap, toothpaste or other toiletry items. Small puzzles, books, crossword puzzles or snacks would also make other great prizes. We will meet up in the parking lot at 1:45 if you would like to attend and earn some community service hours with this project. Please email me at metroleosofms@gmail.com if you plan to attend or respond on our [GroupMe](#) so I can have you a certificate printed.

Mississippi Lions Band



The Mississippi Lions Band has completed its auditions and the band members have been selected. Please congratulate our own Gabby Caraway for making the band! The band will travel to Boston to participate in the LCIcon which is the Lions Club International Convention during July. Click the link below if you would like to see the other band members who made this year's band - [MS Lions Band 22-23](#).

You can see a clip of the performance at the 2022 Lions Convention held in Montreal, Canada by visiting this [video](#).

Sea and Sun Camp

The Lions of Mississippi sponsors a Sea and Sun Camp held at Camp Wilkes on Biloxi Bay in Mississippi. This year's camp will be held May 19-21 and the Metro Leo Club has been invited to provide some volunteers for the event. If you are interested in volunteering you can download a [2023 Volunteer form](#). To find out more about the program you can download this [brochure](#).

Mississippi Lions Boys/Girls Leadership Camps

Each year Lion clubs from around the state sponsor a Boys and Girls Leadership Conference for high school students in the 10-12th grades. The cost for attendance is covered by the high school student's local club. Betty Swanzy and Ann McCart (photo to right) have been helping organize the Girls Leadership conference since it started in 1984. The conferences feature speakers and business leaders who provide information on leadership and other topics that are useful for high school students. The girls leadership conference is scheduled for March 10-12 and the boys will be March 24-26. Information should be in the next newsletter.



December Activities

On December 3rd, the Metro Leos helped the Lions Club of Madison organize floats for the Christmas Parade. The Lions Club of Madison has been providing volunteers for this event as a community service project for years. There are around 60 groups that include local high school bands, floats or associations such as the antique cars to get lined up and organized so it does take quite a few volunteers to make this happen. We even got to see some of our own Metro Leos perform in the parade! The Metro Leos also met on December 4 for the monthly meeting and to make Christmas Cards for the Home Place retirement home. On December 16th the Metro Leos made and decorated Christmas Cookies. The cookies and cards were passed out by Avery Smith, Dylan Thomas, Audrey Holt and Samantha Wong and the group was also able to perform a few Christmas Carols for residents on December 17th. They did an amazing job with the [carols](#). There were some extra cookies that were then delivered to the Madison Police Station.



December Christmas Party

The Metro Leos held its Christmas Party on Monday, December 19th. It was a great time to celebrate together with food and games. Here is a link to a video from the [games](#).



Upcoming events

- January 7 - Home Place for Bingo - meet at 1:45 in parking lot
- January 15 - Metro Leo Meeting at Ole Towne Community Church at 3:00 pm
- January 20-21 - Lions Club District 30 S Mid-Winter Convention
- March 10-12 Lions of Mississippi Girls Leadership Conference
- March 24-26 Lions of Mississippi Boys Leadership Camp
- April 22 - Earth Day on the Rez ([click for last year's video](#))
- May 19-21 - Sea & Sun Camp at Camp Wilkes in Biloxi, MS
- September 16 - Cooper Young Festival (Mid-South Lions Carnival booth)

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