



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

April 15, 2019

### Program

Lion Randy Kraft introduced our speaker, tonight, MD-34A Vice District Governor, Lion Tim Sosebee. Lion Tim and Lion Randy had served together on the High School Leadership Forum that our Club has helped in sponsoring in past years.



(L to R) Lion Randy Kraft; MD-34A Vice District Governor, Lion Tim Sosebee; and President Lion Mike Ponder.

While visiting our Club, Lion Tim was also recruiting for leadership positions at higher District levels. He did manage to snag Lion Austin Monk who agreed to be the Zone Chairman for our area, which includes Cullman, Eva, Fairview, and Holly Pond. Lion Tim is looking for 12 other Zone positions to fill in District 34A.

He also had a list of announcements about Lion activities. On April 27 our sister Club, the Cullman Community Lions Club will be hosting the Festive Family Fun Day at Sportsman's Lake from 1 to 5pm. For this event the emphasis will be on diabetic children and their families. Lion Tim reminded us of the upcoming 2019 MD34

Annual Convention Friday and Saturday, May 3rd & 4th, 2019 at Gulf Shores, and he encouraged us to attend. He said that when he becomes the District Governor, he will coordinate to bring that event to Cullman. On Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> Ivy Green in Tusculumbia will be putting on a play, just for Lions, about Ann Sullivan and Helen Keller, "The Miracle Worker" – bring the family. New officers will take over Lion leadership in July. The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alabama High School Leadership Conference will take place June 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>; this has been a life changing experience for many students. The Hayden Lions Club will host the 34A District Cabinet meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Then, Lion Tim talked a good deal about the State Lions leadership program on August 10 in Montgomery at Falkner University. This program is called Training-Information- Presentation-Promotion or the TIPP Program for short. He says that he is coordinating to bring this program to Wallace State while he is District Governor. This program is highly recommended for any Lion, but especially new Lions, and those Lions elected as Officers within the Club. Miss Alabama will be a featured speaker. Major focus areas at this training will include disaster Lion-response roles, information technology (IT) management, Club Officer training, and MD 34 projects (we may be asked to give a class on our fish & ham dinner or our Fair, for instance).

Lion Tim also mentioned the North American Membership Initiative (NAMI)



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which is a Lions International program to help start new Lions Clubs. It relies very heavily on internet support and begins by sending out notices to every home address in a particular zip code with information about Lions and how to join. It also links-up with nearby Lions Clubs to give support. So, far this program has been very successful in starting new Clubs.

Just to keep us on our toes, Lion Tim gave notice that the Athens Lions Club hopes to surpass our Club this year as the largest in the State. Also, its major project is a carnival each year that earns them \$40 -- \$50K.

As a final note, MD-34A Vice District Governor, Lion Tim Sosebee was very complimentary about our Club.

### Other Business

This was the first meal with new management at the All Steak. Although a bit late, the food was excellent.

On Wednesday, the 17th, Lion Barry Willingham is chaperoning a group of young people by bus to Lee County for a day of service to that tornado devastated area. He will also be taking a check from our Club to help the victims.

Our Tail Twister, Lion Greg Young, along with his sister and mother, were seriously injured in an automobile accident last Saturday. Greg has cuts, bruises, & broken ribs and is being monitored for seizures. His sister suffered a stroke and is unable to move her arms or legs. His mother had

150 or so stitches, along with 13 broken ribs, and she was having surgery to fuse vertebrae in her neck. Lion Doug Spradlin is filling in for Lion Greg until his return. An update from Lion Charlie Powell:

Wednesday morning, April 17th ...Lion Greg Young is out of the hospital. I saw, and spoke with him briefly, at breakfast at Jacks on West Main Avenue, this morning. (He was there with his uncle.) He was eating, and seemed in 'good spirits', but was obviously in much discomfort. He said his Mother, Pat, is on a ventilator to aid her breathing due to several broken ribs, but hopefully she won't have to be on it very long. His sister, Beth, is being transferred to a facility in the Birmingham area for rehabilitation.

Lion Steve Cartee announced the candidate slate for the 2019 – 2020 officers. See page 3 for complete slate of candidates. Voting will take place at the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

April 22: TBD.

April 29: Alabama Lions Sight Director Barry Elliott.

### 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).

OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2019 — 2020  
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Andrew Manning  
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Javon Daniel  
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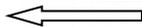
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David Bussman  
Jerry Eddleman

Director

Fred Osborne  
Tim Sinyard  
Casey Smith  
Philip Viverito

Vote for 2 of these 4



Membership Committee

Phillip Sessions  
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