



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

April 18, 2022

### Program

Lion Randy Kraft introduced our program speaker, Mr. Igor Tirnoviy, a Ukrainian missionary.



(L to R) Lion Randy Kraft speaking with our program speaker, Mr. Igor Tirnoviy, and his wife, Joy, a Cullman native that he met in Ukraine.

Mr. Tirnoviy's father-in-law is Dr. Bob Smith who spoke to us a couple of months ago, regarding new electro-magnetic brain treatment for depression.

Igor began by giving us some of his own background, as well as some history and an update about of his home country, Ukraine. His mother was a native Russian, and his dad was Ukrainian. He was born in 1989 into a very poor family. He was placed into an orphanage by local authorities when his mother fell into alcoholism. When he was 17, he was essentially put on the street with no real job skills and not prepared for life at all. He, too, developed a problem with alcohol but found a job with an illegal gambling casino as a security person. He ended up

stealing several hundred dollars and ran away to another city and continued to abuse alcohol. He continued in a downward spiral, even considering suicide, but he decided to call a friend who had often ask him to come with him to church. He called the friend for help, found Jesus shortly, thereafter, and it changed his life. He began to work with missionaries, made restitution for the money he stole, and became a missionary himself throughout Ukraine since then. Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, he is now devoted to helping get material to support the Ukrainian people, seeking donations of funds and goods such a sleeping bags, tents, clothes, blankets, generators, food, etc. He mentioned that Cullman's Police Chief Kenny Culpepper helped in getting excess body armor as a donation in this effort.

Igor went into much more detail about his own life journey and about the history and current suffering of Ukraine, much of which we witness on news broadcasts every day. If you have anything to contribute towards Mr. Tirnoviy's effort to help his people, you can contact Lion Randy Kraft to coordinate.

### Other Business

Lion Howard Perry and wife are back in town after passing a Covid test, allowing them to fly home from Paris, France.

Lion Don Smith gave us some updated information regarding the sinking of the



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Russian battleship Moskva by a Ukrainian missile. Besides being the Russian flagship for this war, it had advanced electromagnetic (EMC) warfare capabilities that enabled it to knock drones out of the sky. Without that capability, the Russians would likely not risk landing a marine/army force by sea to seize the port city of Odesa.



Lion Richard White served double duty tonight as our song leader and as Tail Twister. Above, he's in the process of charging someone a dime.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

April 25: Election of Club Officers for 2022-2023. No guests; members, only. See page 3 for slate of officer candidates.

April 28-30: Alabama State Convention in Atmore at Morgan State.

May 2: Superintendent, Dr. Kyle Kallhoff..



**Kyle Kallhoff**  
Superintendent  
Cullman City School System

May 8: Superintendent, Dr. Shane Barnette.



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May 14: Annual Shred-a-thon. Same location as last year, beside "Buffalo Wild Wings." Be there at 8:30AM. for free biscuits. Event scheduled to start at 9:00AM.

### 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).



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## Cullman Lions Club

### Nominations for 2022-2023 Cullman Lions Club

#### President

Lion Milford Parrish (I)

Lion Charles McBrayer

#### 1<sup>st</sup> VP

Lion Chris Brooks (I)

Lion Doug Doggett

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

Lion Wendell Copeland

Lion Delane Ray

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> VP

Lion Jim Burke

Lion Ricky Peak

#### Director

You will vote for two:

Lion George Krigbaum

Lion Brian Spaeth

Lion Eric Ponder

Lion Jeff Wren

#### Secretary

Lion Craig Gadow (I)

Lion Terry Slaten

#### Treasurer

Lion Jerry Bonner (I)

Lion Clark Rainwater

#### Lion Tamer

Lion Dave Gratz (I)

Lion Jeff Lawson

#### Tail Twister

Lion David Bussman (I)

Lion Richard Gurley

#### Membership Committee

Lion Scott Ivey

Lion Gary Murphree