



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

April 21, 2025.

Program

We had no program and another short meeting tonight. 2nd Vice President Lion Jeff Lawson presided since President Lion Chris Brooks and 1st Vice President Lion Delane Ray were both absent. Our meal featured a main course choice of BBQ pulled pork, baked chicken, or roast beef.

Other Business

Lion President Chris Brooks was in the ER due to a painful apparent blood clot in his leg following an earlier procedure. He was worried about himself, so keep him in your prayers.

It was noted that Lions Andrew Manning and Bill Ruehl achieved their 15th anniversaries as members of our Club. Also, Patrick James is coming up on this 6th year of membership in our Club.

Lion Don Smith read last week's BOD minutes, noting that 3 Club members were notified that they risked dismissal from the Club for late payment of their dues; they will have until June 30th to respond to this issue. Also, a donation was made to The Link, following its presentation last week. The Club approved the purchase of a new continuous glucose monitoring Dexcom unit for a diabetic child whose family could not afford the device. Lion Don also explained how the Cullman County Fair had been named as an "Agricultural Fair," allowing it to be exempt for paying State taxes (several thousand dollars) on entrance tickets; in addition, a good portion of Lions Concession stand profits can be thusly classified and adjusted to fall under this

exemption. Also, as long as the tickets for our Fish & Ham Dinner project continue to be marked as a "donation," receipts from those can also avoid State sales tax.



2nd Vice President Lion Jeff Lawson looks on dubiously as Lion Treasurer Don Smith tries unsuccessfully to count on his fingers, while explaining State taxes on our major projects.

Lion Frank Odell recognized Danny Ray for completing his new member roundtable orientation sessions in an expeditious manner. Lion Frank has a new series starting tonight for those Lions who have not yet completed them.



Lion Danny Ray accepts one of our Lions Club cups from Lion Frank Odell in recognition of his competition of new-Lion orientation classes.



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The Alabama Lion's Sight Mobile Clinic
Schedule next visit is June 25. Lions' help will
be needed on that day at Good Samaritan Clinic.



Lion Tail Twister Richard Gurley berating Lions Dean Twilley, David Peacock, and Randy Kraft for failing to wear their Lion Name-Badges. Charlie Childers and Carey Thompson were called out for the same violation.

Upcoming Programs and Events

May 10: Shred-a-Thon is May 10th at the
Hobby Lobby parking lot.



Photos above & next of last year's shred-a-thon.



Biscuits for breakfast and pizza for lunch at the Shred-a-thon in 2024.

June 25: Lion's Sight Mobile Clinic visit at Good Samaritan Clinic.

July 13: Lions International Convention in Orlando.

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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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Committee Assignments for FY 2024-2025

President Chris Brooks							
Committees	Chair	Co-Char	Member	Member	Member	Member	Member
Nominating	Steve Murphree	Morris Magnum	Dewayne Wilson				
Club History	Dennis Berse	Charlie Powell	Javon Daniel	Dewayne Wilson	Ron Seybold	Scott Starosta	
Explore	Jerry Bonner	David Bussman	Raymond Williams	Fred Osborne	Delane Ray	Craig Gadow	Steve Cartee
1st VP Delane Ray							
Committees	Chair	Co-Char	Member	Member			
Diabetes	Milford Parrish	George Krigbaum	David Peacock	Javon Daniel			
Fair Concessions	David Bussman	Richard Gurley	Judy Smith				
Finance & Community	Don Smith	Brian Spaeth	Jerry Bonner				
Fish & Ham	Carey Thompson	David Peacock	Jason Tielking				
Membership	George Krigbaum	Javon Daniel	Frank Odell				
Program	Sam Roberts	Randy Kraft	Chris Robinson				
Mop & Broom	Richard White	Dave Gratz	Chris Robinson				
Sight	Bill Ruehl	Steve Cartee					
2nd VP Jeff Lawson							
Committees	Chair	Co-Char					
Area Lion's Liason	Craig Gadow	Scott Starosta					
Constitution & Bylaws	Craig Gadow	Steve Murphee	Frank Odell				
House & Food	Dennis Berse	Fred Osborne					
Member Information	Charlie Powell	Dave Gratz					
Song Leader	Richard White	Chris Robinson					
Youth Leos	David Wiggins	Jeff Lawson					
3rd VP David Wiggins							
Committees	Chair	Co-Char					
Tail Twister	Richard Gurley	Richard White					
Fair Parade	Steve Murphee	Barry Willingham					
Branch Club Liaison	Ron Seybold	Jeff Lawson					
Publicity	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell					
Communications & Web	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell					
New- Member Orientation	Frank Odell	George Krigbaum	Richard Gurley	Steve Murphree	Raymond Williams	Ginger Hogeland	