



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

April 22, 2019

Program

Lion Steve Murphree introduced our speaker, tonight, Ms. Amanda Stanton a Foundation Member of the North Alabama Agriplex Heritage Center. She is also the daughter of our own Lion, Doug Williams. Amanda gave us a program about the Agriplex. This is an organization that the Lions Club has supported since its inception, since our own Lion, the legendary Chester Freeman, was a major impetus in its creation. Over a decade ago, community leaders and members of the Cullman Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee had a vision of a facility that would showcase the importance of agriculture to future generations. In 2000, the Alabama Legislature established the North Alabama Agriplex Board. Its purpose is to educate and create awareness of agriculture in Alabama. The Center was established on Talley Ho Street, just behind the Peinhardt's Farm.



President Lion Mike Ponder presents a token of the Clubs appreciation to Ms. Amanda Stanton for her presentation on the North Alabama Agriplex.

Ms. Stanton pointed out that the Agriplex's biggest fund raiser is planned for this Thursday night, a \$40-a-plate home-style dinner, called the "Harvest to Home Dinner" at Wallace State. This meal features only fresh foods raised by local Cullman farmers and features a silent auction of donated crafts and goods. Amada made a point of recognizing all the local farms that donated food for this, the Center's only fund-raising activity.

Amanda stressed how much community participation in the Agriplex's activities has increased, growing from 2,500 participants in 2012 to over 24,000 in 2018. One big reason for all this participation is that the Center provide an astounding number of classes, lectures, student field trips, special Agriplex club meeting, and others heritage activities throughout the year. These include free Wednesday Lunch and Learn gardening discussion, Super Strawberry Week, sewing camps, lectures on combating invasive plants, gardening camps, wildlife heritage homeschool, blacksmith workshop, annual touring farms for kids, attracting birds to your backyard, veterans farmers conference, family yoga classes, planting the farmers-garden kids club, robotics classes, cheese making heritage skills, victory garden, quilting basics for adults, sheep-to-wool farm kids club, chicken & egg farming, bee keeping classes, story-telling night, winter animal farming, wreath making, apple cooking and cider production, cast iron cooking and care, hydroponic gardening, importance of worms and dirt, raised bed gardening, backyard dairy cow, wilderness survival



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skills, trapping and tanning animal skins, composting, etc., etc. Several of our local schools have coordinated with the Agriplex to establish student-built and planted garden plots on site at those schools. Schools also participate by coordinating field trips to the Center and to local farms.

The Agriplex also serves the collection point for local farmers to donate food for our local food bank. This is food that may be rejected by local groceries because of its shape, but otherwise is good food. The Center is doing a great job in teaching our heritage & useful skills for all ages, especially kids. Check out the Agriplex's Facebook page for more details.

Other Business

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

Lion Greg Young is out of the hospital but is keeping close watch on his still-recovering Mom. Lion David Bussman filled-in as Tail Twister for Lion Greg, tonight.

On Wednesday, the 17th, Lion George Krigbaum assumed responsibility to chaperone a group of young people by bus to Lee County for a day of service to that tornado devastated area. Together that group labored mainly to remove debris on the ground. Many structures in the area were totally destroyed and the only sight to be seen was practically bare earth.



Cullman's young people helping to clear debris.



Lion George Krigbaum and EMA official after Lion George presented a check from our Club

Upcoming Programs and Events

April 29: Alabama Lions Sight Director Barry Elliott.

May 6: TBD.

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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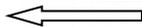
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Vote for 2 of these 4



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