



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

April 22, 2024

Program

Tail Twister: Richard Gurley

There was no guest speaker tonight. We did conduct the election of Club officers for 2024-2025.

Directors:

Craig Gadow 1 year remaining
Steve Rogers 1 year remaining
Claude Clay 2-year Term
Bill Wilt 2-year Term

Membership Committee:

Gary Murphee - Chair
Javon Daniel - Vice Chair
Frank Odell – Minon



Lion Steve Murphee announces Club new officers for 2024-2025.

Other Business

Our Lions Club officer election results were announced as follows:

President: Chris Brooks

1st Vice-President: Delane Ray

2nd Vice President: Jeff Lawson

3rd Vice President: Rickey Peek

Secretary: Scott Starosta

Treasurer: Don Smith

Lion Tamer: George Krigbaum



Lion Richard Gurley, our Tail Twister elect, has a few words for the out-going Tale Twister, Lion Richard White, as Lion President Chris Brooks looks on skeptically.

Lion Gary Murphee is doing well in rehab at Woodland.

Lion Ron Seybold continues to make progress in his cancer treatment and has asked that he be returned to active-member status.

Lion Jerry Smith was present tonight for the first time since his heart surgery.

Lion Don Smith shared primarily results of the Truth in Nature Rodeo concessions which were up from last year. Lion David Bussman, with a



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lot of help from fellow Lions, was in charge of the concession stand which likely exceeded last year's profits. Those profits will be donated to the Truth in Nature organization which is devoted to mentoring boys from fatherless homes. Also, it was announced that Lion David will be converting from MAL (Member-at-Large) status back to active-member status. Lion Dennis Berse was in charge of parking for this event, helped greatly by Lion Milford Parrish.

Lion David Peacock shared his perspective about the new member roundtables after being recognized for this graduation from the latest series of new member meetings. He as very complementary to Lions Frank Odell and George Krigbaum for their work in the presentation of this series.



Lion David Peacock expresses appreciation to the Membership Committee for roundtable presentations on how the Club operates.

Lion Craig Gadow shared a thank-you-note and appreciation from Camp Seale Harris for our Club's support in paying for youngsters (15 kids this year) to attend – which was better than any other Lions Club in the State. The note gave an account of one young boy who really did not want to attend, but was persuaded to do so,

along with his parents, who really learned how to take care of him. Afterwards, the lad told his mom that he wanted to go back for another week and telling his mom that she could just stay home this time; he said that he had learned about the insulin pump and wanted to get one, going forward.

Our Fair President, Lion Charlie Childers announced facilities improvements at the fairgrounds. These included a water-proof membrane treatment for the roof and asphalt paving for the floor of the theater, installation of natural gas lines for buildings # 2, #3, & #4 as well as the concession stand, total electrical rework for RV hook-ups, primarily used by our mid-way workers during the Fair, and expansion of paving for handicapped patrons near the front gate. He announced that our Fair Queen of last year, Ms. Avery Flint, who will be a contestant in the Miss Alabama Contest this year, was also selected as a majorette for Auburn University. He also mentioned that Lion Jerry Bonner would be the coach of our Club's newly re-established polo-club and would be lining out a polo playing field in the fairground main parking area and will be trying to get some spectator bleachers to accommodate the expected crowds.

Lion President Chris Brooks read a thank-you note from Blount County for the Club's support of its 4-H calf-show at the Cullman Fairground barn facilities. He also had a thank-you note from The Little Pantry and another from Victim Services for the Club's donations, following their presentations in the last few weeks. Former Lion Jim Grear & his wife Patty dropped us a note saying that they missed us and said to keep up the good work; Jim has had medical problems the last couple of years.

Lion Chris announced Club years of service anniversaries for the following Lions:



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Dennis Berse – 17 years
Andrew Manning – 13 years
Bill Ruehl – 13 years
Patrick James – 5 years

Lion Chris reminded us that next Monday night would be a 5th-Monday-of-the-month, which means that we can expect the meal to be a breakfast buffet, prepared by our caterer, Mr. Freddie Day.

Upcoming Programs and Events

April 29: Formal Lions induction ceremony for new members ~ over the past year. This will include Lions Claude Clay, Jimmy Horton, David Peacock, David Wiggins, and Quinn Jackson, as well as their sponsors. Coat & Tie is the uniform for the inductees and sponsors for this ceremony.

May 4: BBB's "Shred-a-Thon" event on May 4th. We meet at 8:30am behind Buffalo Wild Wings. Make sure to wear your vest. Biscuits will be provided for breakfast and pizza from Carlton's for lunch. Procurement Agent Lion Dennis Berse

is again making arrangements for the porta-potty. This event will not only be taking documents to be shredded, but old medicines, and old electronic gear, including computers. It will also be collecting food items for the Cullman Caring for Kids food bank.

May 13: Our 2023-2024 Fair Queen, Ms. Avery Flint will be our speaker.

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).

See Club committee assignments on page 4.



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1st VP Jim Burke Committees			
Committees	Chair	Co-Chair	Members
Diabetes	Javon Daniel	Jason Tielking	
Fair Concessions	David Bussman		
Finance & Community	Don Smith	Jerry Bonner	
Fish & Ham	Carey Thompson	Frank Odell	
Membership	Gary Murphree	David Bussman	Dewayne Wilson
Program	Sam Roberts	Randy Craft	Chris Robinson
Mop & Broom	Richard White	Dave Gratz	
Sight	Bill Ruehl	Steve Cartee	
2nd VP Delane Ray Committees			
Committees	Chair	Co-Chair	Members
Area Lion's Liason	Jerry Bonner	Craig Gadow	
Constitution & Bylaws	Bradley Williar	Champ Crocker	
House & Food	Dennis Berse	Fred Osborn	David Bussman
Member Info	Charlie Powell	Dave Gratz	
Song Leader	Richard White	Chris Robinson	
Youth Leo's	Jeff Lawson	Sam Roberts	
3rd VP Jeff Lawson Committees			
Committees	Chair	Co-Chair	Members
Tail Twister	Richard White	Richard Gurley	
Fair Parade	Steve Murphee	Barry Willingham	
	Charlie Childers		
Lions Branch Liaison	Dennis Burse	Ron Seybold	
Publicity	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell	
Communication & Web	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell	
New Member Orientation	Frank Odell	George Krigbaum	David Bussman