



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

April 28, 2025.

Program

We had no program and another short meeting tonight. President Lion Chris Brooks has much improved from the blood clot issue in his leg last week and was on hand to preside this evening.

Other Business

Lion Javon Daniel is at home dealing with heart concerns, and Lion Wendel Copeland has been hospitalized with AFIB heart issues and is not doing well. Lion Ron Seybold is at home recovering from this weekend's MD34 state convention; Lion Craig Gadow said Lion Ron just got a little too rowdy and ended up in the ER; plus, he has been undergoing experimental cancer treatment at UAB. Pray for recovery for these Lions.

Lion Tom Pfeifer is headed back north of the Mason-Dixon Line for the summer, since most of the snow has melted around his house there. He hopes to be back to participate in our County Fair project later this year.

Lion Chris Brooks announced years of service anniversaries for the following Lions: Ron Seybold – 27 years; Dwayne Sumner – 9; James Patrick – 8; and Brad Mitchell – 4.

Lion Frank Odell recognized Lions Melinda & Sean Schofield and Lion Sam Ruffner for completing the new member roundtable orientation sessions. Lion Frank gave praise to them for their participation, as well as our other Club members who continue to bring great new members into our Club. Lion Sean commented very favorably on the roundtable sessions,

particularly on our Club's storied history of service through seven decades to our community.



Lion Frank Odell poses with Lions Sam Ruffner and Melinda & Sean Schofield after they were presented with one of our Lions Club cups in recognition of their competition of new-Lion orientation classes. Lion President Chris Brooks is smiling in the back.

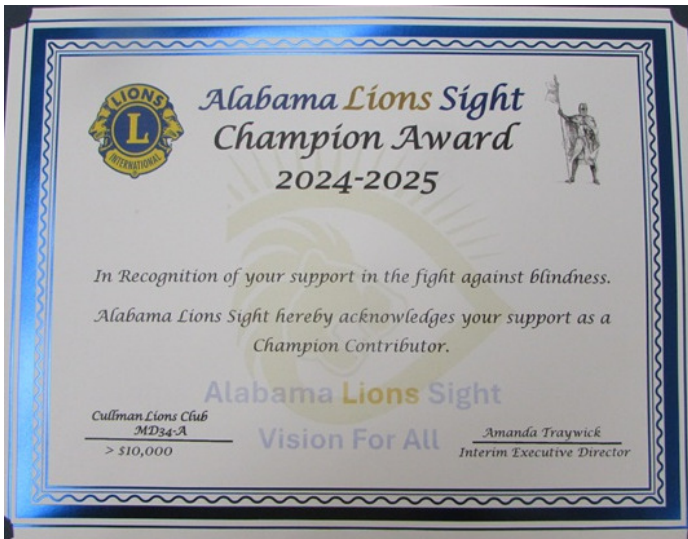
Lion Craig Gadow gave a short report about events at the MD-34 Lions State convention in Montgomery. He noted that Lions Riley Smith, Ron Seybold, and Scott Starosta were present there also. They were all impressed by the professionalism seen by the presentations, particularly by the Past Lions International President, who talked about how we need to continue to grow our Clubs. Lion Craig, who is coming in as our next District Governor says that he will be challenging all District Clubs to grow by at least one by next year-end. Our Club is the #1 Club in the State. Lion Scott, although he is presently our Clubs Secretary, will also be Secretary for Lion Craig's District Cabinet. It was noted that all three Districts showed positive growth this year. Lion Riley also praised Lion Ron who was selling Lion pins at a table at



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every break during the convention. Lion Craig spoke about many awards given out – one in particular was a single “Champion Award,” given to our Club.



One way to keep our Clubs growing is through our Leo Clubs. Lion Scott mention what a great job Lion Ory Hampton is doing with his Leos at Cullman Christian School. Lion Ory posted a FaceBook account about this. A portion of that post was as follows: “On Friday, February 7th, upper school students participated in a Community Service Day. The students were able to get out and serve in six of our local non-profit ministries around the community. The locations were: Curt's Closet, The Link of Cullman County, Westminster Assisted Living, Margaret Jean Jones, United Way, and Hope Horses.”

Upcoming Programs and Events

May 17: Holly Pond Lions Club has a Pancake Breakfast at the Holly Pond Lions Club from 6 to 9 AM. All-you-can-eat pancakes, bacon, sausage, and a drink. Eat-in or Take-out.

May 19: Shred-a-Thon will be at the **Hobby Lobby parking lot** this year. Be there by 7:45. Biscuits will be served for breakfast and pizza for lunch.

June 7: Celebrating the 100th anniversary at Ivy Green in Tuscumbia, the challenge from Helen Keller to Lions to become “Knights of the Blind.”

June 9: Tentative date for installation of Club Officers for 2025-2026. Freddy Day will be catering our meal. Location is not yet confirmed.

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	