



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

April 2, 2018

Program

Lion Steve Murphree introduced our speaker, Ms. Rachel Dawsey, director of the North Alabama Agriplex, who provided an update on its activities. She began her program by thanking the Lions for their parking support during the Peinhardt Farm Day. She also recognized Lion Jerry Eddleman for his work in contracting the facility building and for being a Agriplex Board Member and a vocal advocate for the Agriplex.

As a non-profit organization, the North Alabama Agriplex's mission is to educate and promote north Alabama's agriculture and future sustainability. The Agriplex Board oversees staff to meet this mission. There are about 9 staff members including a couple plaid by the US Dept of Agriculture and a couple of part-time senior citizens.



(L to R) Lion Steve Murphree, Ms. Rachel Dawsey, and Lion President Bill Ruehl.

One of the longest running programs of the Agriplex is Touring Farms for Kids. The tour introduces 35 children ages 7 to 14 to

agriculture related sites in [Cullman County](#) and North Alabama. The Agriplex Board often co-sponsors other agriculture events in the community. In 2012, the board opened the Heritage Center, located on property purchased on Tally Ho Street in Cullman in 2006. The property includes the Red Hill Schoolhouse, which was moved to the site in 2007 and restored with the assistance of the Peinhardt Living History Farm, hardworking volunteers and grant funds.

Educational programs offered at the Heritage Center include four monthly series and are designed for adults in many cases: Farm Kid's Club, Heritage Skills, Living Landscapes, and a Heritage Homeschool program. Summer programs include Garden Day Camps for both elementary and preschool, a Hand Sewing Camp, and Touring Farms for Kids. Additional programming and workshops are offered at the Agriplex Heritage Center with partnerships between local agencies including the Cullman County Extension. The Goose Nature Series is several lectures from academic experts on the flora a fauna founds in Alabama, some of which are rarely found outside our State. The Agriplex has established a few demonstration vegetable & flower gardens along with instructions on how to maintain them at the Agriplex and at schools. Heritage skills include backyard dairy cow, cheese making, making cane furniture, hand embroidery, and quilting.

In 2014, the Agriplex launched the Food for Life program in an effort to bridge the



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gap between high rates of obesity, poverty, and food insecurity in the presence of a thriving agricultural industry. The purpose of Food for Life program is to promote nutritious and local food choices and supplement science education in Cullman County and the surrounding areas. This is accomplished through the establishment of crop gleaning and farmer's market coordination, food nutrition classes, outdoor classroom, and other services. The full list of all the programs and training goes on & on through the year; visit their web-site at agriplex.org and explore them there. Prices for classes are very reasonable, with many only costing \$5. The program classes associated with local schools are free for kids. We just touched the surface about many so great programs from Rachel, it makes you wonder how they keep up with them all.

Other Business

The Fair Board will meet April 9th.
The BOD will meet April 16th.

Lion Javon Daniels is experiencing recurring migraine headaches.

"Thank You" notes were received from Alabama Lions Sight, Leader Dogs for the Blind, and Sacred Heart School.

The President reported on the MD-34A convention which was held March 24th.

The Shred-a-thon will be held this Saturday April 7th.

Nominations for 2018 – 2019 officers were announced last week and can be seen on

page 3. Voting on the new slate of officers will be held at our next meeting on April 9th. The annual "Shredathon" will be held April 7th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm behind Buffalo Wings on Highway 31.

The MD-34 annual State convention will be held in Guntersville April 27th through April 29th. See [registration form on page 4](#).

Upcoming Programs and Events

April 7: Shredathon, this Saturday, 9:00AM till Noon – be there before 9:00 to help. See photo from last year, below. Location is King Edward Plaza Shopping Center, near Buffalo Wild Wings.



April 9: Lion Javon Daniel will talk about "Cullman Caring for Kids." Also, we will elect new Club officers.

April 27-29: MD 34 Convention in Guntersville.

April 30: Mr. Shane Barnette, Cullman Co Schools Superintendent

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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Slate of Officers

For

2018-19 Elections

President	Mike Ponder	Jeff Byrd
1 st Vice President	Andrew Manning	Josh Ray
2 nd Vice President	Javon Daniel	Dewayne Wilson
3 rd Vice President	Austin Monk	Bruce Harbison
Secretary	Don Smith	Steve Cartee
Treasure	Jerry Bonner	Richard White
Lion Tamer	Dave Gratz	Jerry Eddleman
Tail Twister	Greg Young	Phillip Vivareto
Director	Gordon Boyd	Milford Parrish
Director	Jim Howard	Cody Smith
Membership Committee	George Krigbaum	Fred Osborne



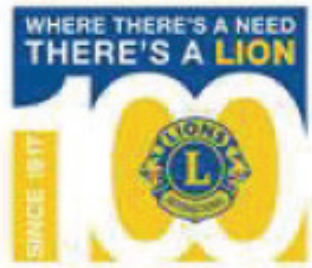
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Lions International 3rd VP Judge Haynes Townsend will be keynote speaker at the MD 34 Annual Convention.

**MD 34
ANNUAL
CONVENTION**
April 27, 28, 29, 2018
Guntersville State Park Lodge
(256) 571-5440



Convention Registration Due By April 12, 2018

Lion _____
Position in Club _____
Badge Name _____
Mailing Address _____
Phone # _____
Lions Club _____

Lion Hospitality Book:

Registration and Meals # ___ @ \$115.00 _____

Food Allergies: _____

Individual Prices:

Registration # ___ @ \$25.00 _____ Donation of \$1-\$5 for Hunger service project \$ _____

Friday Night Western Party # ___ @ \$35.00 _____

Saturday Lunch # ___ @ \$20.00 _____

Saturday Banquet # ___ @ \$40.00 _____

Entree Choice Prime Rib (medium) _____ Vegetarian _____

Chicken Parmesan _____

Total \$ for registration and donation for Hunger project \$ _____ (mail with registration form)

Make Check Payable to:

MD 34 Annual Convention

Mail to: Lion Howard Rew

28164 J. Yarbrough Road

Athens, AL 35613

Questions to Larry Bagley 256-486-3491 or

ContactUs@GuntersvilleLionsClub.com

1. The hospitality book is \$115.00 and includes 3 meals; the Friday night meal and party, Saturday luncheon, and Saturday banquet. Parking and WIFI are free, breakfast is an additional charge. Purchase of full Hospitality Book reflects a reduction of \$6.00 in fee. All attendees must pay a fee, and doing so by April 12th guarantees a meal; funds must accompany registration form.
2. Lions have to make their own hotel reservation by March 27th. Room rates are \$103-\$169 (includes fees and tax) and drops to \$99-\$165 when reserving more than one night; use code 8368. Cabins are available for 1-8 people and are priced separately. Camping is \$18-\$28 depending on site. Please identify yourself as a Lion when reserving your room. The Guntersville State Park Lodge number is (256) 606-8821.
3. Delegate Voting: Only delegates of clubs in good standing may vote. Good standing for these purposes means those clubs which do not have accounts payable to Multiple District 34 or Lions Club International in a cumulative excess of \$50.00 and are not on Status Quo. Please submit your club-approved delegates to your District Governor prior to Convention.
4. Please wear western attire for the Friday night party, there will be prizes awarded based on costumes!
5. Please bring club banners to display in the meeting hall. Each club is asked to bring a door prize.