



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

April 3, 2023

### Program

We did not have a guest speaker tonight, but Fair Board Treasurer, Lion Barry Willingham provided an update on the Fair Association's financial status. In general, he reported that the Fair Association is in better shape than it has been in several years. The Fair Board believes that its better financial status will allow it to complete several capital improvements at the Fair Grounds which have been needed.

Lion Barry stated that he had the latest bank statements available for any Lion to inspect and for him to explain any line items if there were questions.



Fair Board Treasurer, Lion Barry Willingham, gives an encouraging financial report on the Fair Association.

### Other Business

There will not be a Cullman Lions Club meeting this Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, following Easter Week and upcoming school's Spring Break.

The recently deceased Lion, Jerry Eddleman, was honored by the North Alabama Agriplex by naming its lobby in his memory.



Friends and Family present at ceremony honoring the late Lion Jerry Eddleman at the Cullman Agriplex.

Lions Craig Gadow and Javon Daniel were recognized with LCI awards for their liaison work with our Branch Club.

Lion Randy Kraft made a request to Lion members to seek out local business leaders to speak to the Club about their own business development and experiences here in Cullman. For instance, he noted that several years ago we had Cracker Barrel's manager talk to the Club. See Lion Randy or Lion Sam Roberts or Lion Chris Robinson if you have a potential candidate as a Club meeting speaker. Three future speakers that he presently has planned to speak are the president-pro-tem of the City Council, a representative of General Dynamics, and the Fair Queen.



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Lion Bill Ruehl announced the mobile eye clinic would be in Cullman May 17th at the Good Samaritan Clinic.

Lion Steve Murphree requested nominations for Club officer positions for the Club year 2023-2024 by April 17<sup>th</sup> for a vote during the May 1st meeting. Lion Steve's number is 256-708-9572. Any Lion may nominate himself for an officer position in the Club. His committee will be calling potential Lion officer candidates. He asks that if you are called, please agree to have your name appear on the ballot for the vote by the Club.



Acting Tail Twister, Lion Richard White making Lions Randy Kraft and Dennis Berse the butt of his joke (literally).

Secretary Lion Craig Gadow asked that Lions please sign up to help with parking and concessions for the Truth in Nature Rodeo April 28 & 29 at the Ag Center. This is a new event and help is needed. He announced that funding

was approved by the BOD for the Good Samaritan Clinic, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Brooks Place for Kids Expo, Girls & Boys State. He also reported that the BOD approved the membership application of Mr. Brian Kinsley, sponsored by Lion Fred Osborne.

Our Club meetings are being recorded and can be seen live, or you may view past meetings at the following Facebook web site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1106236123576541/?ref=share> . Call Lion Craig Gadow at 256-736-8361 if you need help getting to this site.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

April 10: Lion President decreed that there would be no meeting due to Easter Weekend and Spring-Break.

April 17: TBD.

April 28-30: State Lions Convention in Prattville.

April 29: Safe-Kids Expo will be at Sportsman Lake from 10:00AM until 1:00PM.

May 13: Shred-a-thon behind Buffalo Wild Wings. Show up before 8:30 for free biscuits. Lion Dennis Berse is arranging for a porta-potty for this event.

### 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).