



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

April 4, 2022

Program

Lion President Javon Daniel introduced The Chief Executive Officer of the City of Cullman, Mayor, & Lion Woody Jacobs. Lion Javon expressed much praise on the Mayor, recounting how he has helped tremendously in repair/expansion of the Cullman Caring for Kids offices. Mayor Lion Jacobs is finally starting to look old **enough to be major**, and probably expressing more wisdom to go with it. The Mayor began with a run-down on major activities in the City, beginning with completion 4 lanes of HWY 157 from HWY 31 to HWY 69; progressing for over a decade, this project is scheduled to finish by Oct. 22; it resulted from a \$14M grant secured mainly through coordination by the Mayor's office, Senator Shelby's staff, and Kate Britt, a local realtor.



Cullman Mayor, Lion Woody Jacobs enjoys some tea as Lion Jerry Bonner quizzically looks on.

Another project finishing up is the upgrade of streets around City Hall & nearby park with streetlights, upgraded sidewalks, etc., while leveraging City \$ with grant \$. The Mayor explained that some of the street

work which has proceeded in recent years sometimes caused inconvenience for some, but once they are completed, they are great for everyone. He also mentioned work on West Main that is almost complete. He praised how well the County and City road departments have worked well and continue to work well together. Other big projects mentioned are the expansion of the water park, which has been a great addition to our community and the new Civic Center and indoor athletic complexes in the same area also that will allow joint parking usage. Another project is that now under the control of the City Parks & Recs is the Palomino RV park and a future skate park off HWY 222. The Mayor noted house developments continuing to grow, one of which is a new lower cost starter type home development, generally behind the Cracker Barrel, (about 45 homes); another couple are off Old Bolte Road (about 400 homes).

Mayor Jacobs talked about other projects, including getting a 4-lane bridge on HWY 278 near St. Bernard – he said that they are trying to get the money, but it may be a while. Mayor Jacobs has helped on many occasions when the Fair Board has asked for small favors in the upkeep of the fairground property. We have been fortunate to have Woody Jacobs as our Mayor and as a member of our Club.

Other Business

Lion Jerry Bonner has quarterly dues ready for pickup.



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Lion Craig Gadow is having painful neck issues. Lion Howard Perry tested positive while traveling overseas and had to quarantine until negative test to fly home.

Jerry Bonner, Bill Ruehl, Carey Thompson, Morris Mangum, Brian Simmons, and Charlie Powell.

Upcoming Programs and Events

April 11: Director of a Christian Ministry in Eastern Europe, now providing aid in Ukraine.



Acting Tail Twister Lion Dennis Berse demonstrates that he is not a newcomer joke-teller as Lion President Daniel assumes his favorite slouch position.



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The Election Committee should present its slate of the Club's candidates at the next meeting.

April 28-30: Alabama State Convention in Atmore at Morgan State.

Lion President Javon Daniel recognized the members that helped with the "Caring for Kids" Blue Bows project.

May 14: Annual Shred-a-thon.

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU OF NORTH ALABAMA PRESENTS

CULLMAN SHRED DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022 KING EDWARD PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER 1731 2ND AVENUE SW, CULLMAN, AL 35055 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

FREE DRIVE-THRU SERVICES

- DOCUMENT SHREDDING (3 LARGE BAGS OR BOXES PER VEHICLE)
- DRUG TAKE BACK (NO NEEDLES)
- NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS (TO BENEFIT CULLMAN CARING FOR KIDS)
- FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (256) 734-8209



Ladies in the front left are from Caring for Kids. Lions (starting front, then L to R) are Javon Daniel,

Tale Twister Input

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