



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

April 8, 2024

Program

Lion Mike Ponder introduced our speaker, tonight, Ms. Martha Lawrence, Director of the Little Pantry, adjacent to the Mary Carter Paint Store. Lion Mike has known Martha since they were school mates growing up.

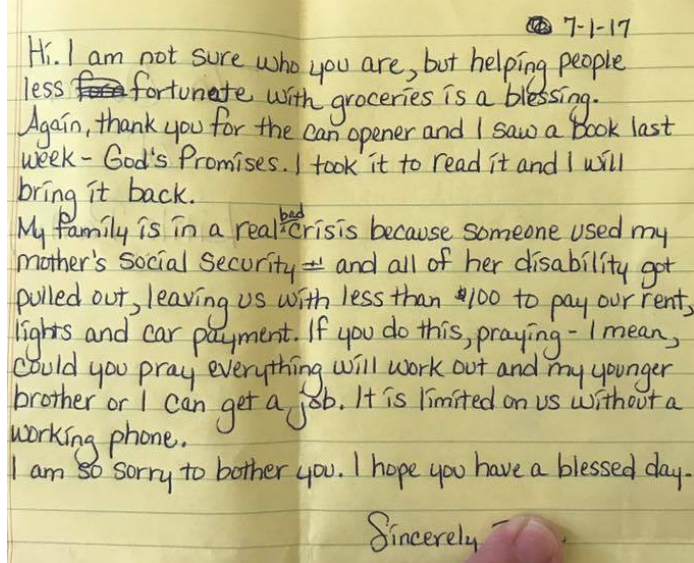
since it was started in April 2017. Cullman's Little Pantry is a 5013c non-profit. Its mission is to help those that are in need. It is a place where supporters can leave non-perishables if they have more than they need. And it is a place where those in need are allowed to take items when they need it. The pantry can accept canned or dried vegetables & meats, dog and cat food, hygiene products, laundry items, and almost anything that does not need refrigeration.



The Little Pantry with a host of supporters. It really just looks like a pantry with 3 cabinets with shelves.



Ms. Martha Lawrence, flanked by Lions Mike Ponder and Chris Brooks.



One of many thank-you notes that The Little Pantry received. Ms. Watts described the help that this pantry has provided to the indigent of Cullman County

Many local business and church organization have contributed food through individual drives. Jimmy Johns of Cullman makes regular donations of bread (over 3,000 loaves, so far). One of our Club members faithfully makes monthly monetary donations. One source of donations had been Cullman's Economic Development Board, but it disbanded in 2022. Margret Jean Jones organization has made past contributions. Local schools have conducted food drives. Local dentists have contributed toothbrushes and toothpaste. Despite all this the pantry struggles to keep food available. Ms. Lawrence and her husband often contribute



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their own money. Lion Javon Daniel explained that the Pantry could send a letter annually to the Al. Dept. of Revenue and receive certification to buy food tax free from donations.

Ms. Lawrence described messages from partakers of the pantry that “would break your Heart.” She says that there are homeless people in Cullman, and that she has personally delivered boxes of food to such people. Martha has taken on a great task that would seem impossible or useless to even try for many people, but she is not giving up and is definitely making a positive difference in our community and certainly deserves our support.

Other Business

Lion Gary Murphee remains in rehab at Woodland and is still improving.

Lion Steve Murphee shared the slate of 2024-2025 Officers. He explained that in the past nearly all our Club Presidents traditionally have served only one term, with the exceptions of its very first President and of Javon Daniel who served an additional term, following his first term during the height of local Covid infections when we stopped having Club meeting for many months. There is currently no rule or by-law preventing a past President from being elected for a second term. Following the resignation of the Club’s current 1st Vice President (who traditionally has been elected as the new President) and following discussions with other elected officers, the Club’s election committee asked Lion President Chris Brooks to stand again for Club President in the upcoming Club officer elections. Lion Chris agreed and will be running against Lion Wendel Copeland. Other office candidates are as follows:

1st Vice President –
Lions Delane Ray vs. Doug Doggett

2nd Vice President –
Lions Jeff Lawson vs. Dwayne Wilson

3rd Vice President –
Lions Ricky Peek vs. Bill Ruehl

Secretary –
Lions Scott Starosta vs. Raymond Williams

Treasurer –
Lions Don Smith vs. Terry Slaton

Lion Tamer –
Lions Jeff Byrd vs. George Krigbaum

Tale Twister –
Lions Richard White vs. Richard Gurley

Membership Chairman –
Lions Frank Odell vs. Gary Murphee

Membership Vice-Chairman –
Lions Javon Daniel vs. Andrew Manning

Directors – (choosing two)
Lions Steve Rogers, Claude Clay, Cleve Green,
& Bill Wilt.

Election night is planned in 2 weeks for the night of April 28th.

Lion Craig Gadow expressed his appreciation for the condolences of his brother’s passing

Club Board of Directors (BOD) met.

Fair BOD met.



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Upcoming Programs and Events

April 15: Jessica Atchley with Victim Services will speak.



Jessica Atchley

April 18: State Lions Convention in Montgomery. Contact Lion Greg Gadow if you would like to attend.

April 19-20: Truth in Nature Rodeo at the

Agricultural Center. Lions will be assisting Lion David Bussman with concessions and Lion Dennis Berse with parking, beginning at 4:30 each day. This event assists fatherless boys.

April 24: Lion Sight Mobile Truck will pay another visit to the Good Samaritan Clinic. Lion Bill Ruehl will be needing volunteers to assist.

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 at breakfast and pizza for lunch.

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