



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

August 17, 2026

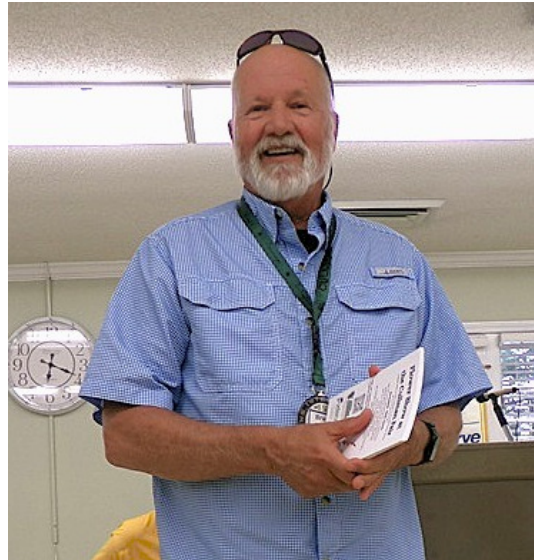
Program

We did not have a speaker tonight; so, we had a relatively short meeting.

Other Business

Lion Bo Waldrep was back with us tonight. He believes he will be in good enough shape to start cutting hair again in the near future. Lion Jeff Byrd has been absent the last few weeks since encountering severe infection, stemming from a hip replacement several years ago; after the infection is cleared he will have a second hip replacement. Lion Javon Daniel, who has a heart condition, remains in stable condition, but is currently limited to restricted activities.

Lion Brad Mitchell continues to bring new ideas for our Fair, recalling the painted pumpkins, and scare-crow contests in our agricultural exhibits. Tonight he announced a Flower Show in conjunction with support from Master Gardeners October 15th – 24th. There will be categories for cut specimens, potted plants, and floral arrangements. Floral arrangement themes will be: All Foliage, Cascade, In-my-yard, Whimsical, Monochromatic, and Open Category. Plants and flowers are being added back after a multi-year absence. A potential location will be in building #3, giving the event more visibility, rather than locating it in the greenhouse at the rear of the fairgrounds. This location reduces the appearance of under-utilized booth spaces, bringing life and color and creating a more inviting atmosphere for fair-goers to Bldg. #3.



Lion Brad Mitchell talks about a new flower show at the Fair.

Lion President Jeff Lawson announced two new members of our Club: Lions Tony Hadwin and Chris Rowe. Lion Tony, originally from Atlanta, moved to Cullman in 2022 and is employed by the City, working at Terri Pines Golf Course. Lion Chris, originally from Gadsden, came to Cullman in 2000 and works at Alpha Insurance on Hwy 157 by Ford's Pharmacy.



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New Lion Chris Rowe.

Former Lion Jimmy D. Dill, 76, passed away surrounded by his family on August 18, 2026. He was a devoted husband, loving father, and proud Pop. His funeral was Saturday, 8/22/2026.



Former Lion Jimmy Dill passed. RIP.

Lion President Jeff Lawson says he is learning a lot as he goes in his position as Club President. He's noted that quite a few of our members are passionate about different causes, and he is learning a lot about things that we need to be doing to serve our community. He just wanted to let all our members know that he intends to get back to Lions with their concerns and suggestions as he is contacted even if he

does not know the best answer, right away. He said, "So don't ever think not to text me, call me, bug me-it's not. I mean, I'm here trying to help you guys try to facilitate that. So, I appreciate everybody and everything that you do. And I'm just now realizing how much we do outside of our meetings. I mean, this room is just a gathering place. Okay, so there's a lot of serving, a lot of things going on. So I appreciate every Lion and everything that everybody does." These were good and heart-felt comments.

Lion Fred Osborne reported this his daughter-in-law found a Lion's Club bell out on Highway Picker on 278; it was engraved with "Pell City Lions Club Charter Night, June the 4th, 1965." If that Club still exists, maybe find out if they need it back.



Lion Fred Osborne and bell.

Upcoming Programs and Events.

Aug 24: Ms. Kelsey Scott, spokes-person from Hope's Horses, and other supporting members of her group will be speaking.



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Aug 31: Dr. David Tyree from Animal Health Services will discuss cattle testing and other services provided by his organization.

Sep 7: No meeting. Labor Day holiday.

Sep 14: No speaker; board meeting.

Sep 21: No speaker; Club business meeting.

Sep 26: Fair Parade. Details to follow.

Sep 28: Show and Tell (T).

Oct 5: Victoria's Hope.

Oct. 15 through 24: Cullman County Fair.

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 256-426-3207 (C). Lion Don can be reached at 256-737-7433 (H) or 256-426-7722 (C).