



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

August 19, 2019

Program

Lion Richard Gurley introduced our speaker, tonight, Alabama State Senator Garlan Gudger who was born and raised in Cullman, started a business here & was awarded the Silver Award as Retailer of the Year for 2016. The Senator has served on the Cullman City Council, the Utility Board, and the board of the First Community Bank. He now serves as State Senator for an area that encompasses all of Cullman County, two-thirds of Lawrence County, plus, northward to include Molton and Town Creek, and then west, almost to Mississippi to include Hamilton, Bear Creek, & Hackleburg. The number of citizens in this area totals about 150,000.



(L to R) Lion President Andrew Manning, Al State Senator Garlan Gudger, and Lion Richard Gurley

Senator Gudger said that he was asked to talk about politics and what was accomplished in the State's Government. To begin with he announced that over 400 bills had been passed, so we know that the legislature must have really been busy handling all that. He noted that he would not have time to talk on each of those, of

course, so he chose to talk about those that were most critical for him. However, he began by talking about the importance of building relationships in order to know with whom you can trust and compromise, and knowing in yourself just how much you can bend without breaking your core beliefs -- whether is in dealing with ALDOT, mental health, the opioid epidemic, or abortion. One thing that the Senator had tried to stress, no matter where he speaks, is the importance of the census this year. He says that Alabama is only getting about 72% of its true population credited. His goal is to improve to 80% in this census, and that if we don't, will lose one of our Federal Reps in the U.S. House. We also lose out with funds for roads, Medicaid, mental health, drug addiction, water, sewer, and other infrastructure -- if we got up to 100%, we could get another \$3 billion.

Then, Senator Gudger talked about the abortion bill that passed. He noted that several comedians and newsmen, made fun of our State in passing that bill. The bill did not make any exceptions for rape or incest; one reason that it did not, he says, is because our State wants someone to challenge this law in order to force the Supreme Court to make a ruling that would then allow a State to throw-out Roe vs. Wade.

The next subject was the 10% gas tax. Garlan explained that when his first congressional session began, the Governor put everybody in a room,



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presented the bill & ask for a “yes” or “no” vote, with not amendments. The purpose of the tax is to pay for road construction material. He felt like this needed to be voted on by the people, and to not hurt poorer people, but there was no give. In the end when he realized that his “no” vote would not have made a difference, he did support it, but he did make allies is bringing a big portion of the funds back to Cullman; Highway 157 got \$30M this year and will be totally funded ongoing forward for completion in 2024.

The Senator touched on several other topics, such a research into providing internet accessibility through power lines already hooked up to buildings and early, pro-active healthcare through Medicaid that would actually cost less in the end and a better result for its clients. During the course of his presentation, he also went into some of the wheeling & dealing that every politician must endure if he wants to accomplish the best results for his constituents. This was a very interesting program.

Other Business

[Fair work assignments for all Lions](#) during the upcoming Cullman County Fair is posted on page 4 of this newsletter. An update is possible, and if necessary, another version of these assignments will be published.

No meeting will be held September 2, due to Labor Day.

The President announced a membership application for Diane Ray sponsored by Lion Mike Ponder.

The Peinhardt Living Farm has requested that the Club help them with parking the public on their Family Day open house on Saturday, October 19.



New Lion Wade Smith.

New Lion Wade Smith introduced himself, tonight. He is a Cullman native, and was sponsored by our Lion President, who was associated with him through his employment with the Cullman Savings Bank.

Lion Secretary Don Smith reported on the Board of Directors meeting last week: Membership applications for Michael Cowan, Ron Gill and Wade Smith, sponsored by Lion Andrew Manning, were approved. Samuel Tucker, sponsored by Lion Barry Willingham, was also approved. \$1,500 was approved for travel costs for Lion Austin Monk to represent the Club at the 2019 USA/Canada Lions Forum. A contract between the Fair Association and the Club was approved. It clarifies the business relationship between the two organizations as separate and distinct entities with responsibilities for the structures and concession equipment clearly delineated.



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Upcoming Programs and Events



City of Good Hope Mayor Jerry Bartlett

August 26: Mayor of Good Hope, Mr. Jerry Bartlett.

September 2, 2019: No meeting. Labor Day.



Phyllis Little

September 9: Ms. Phyllis Little, Executive Director of Cullman County EMA.



Ms. Susan Eller

September 16: Ms. Susan Eller, Project Coordinator for Cullman County Economic Development.

September 23: Picnic at Heritage Park.

September 30: Fair Board discussion & presentation with Lions Club.

October 3rd (Thurs), thru 12th (Sat):
Cullman County Fair.

October 19: Parking support to Peinhardt Living Farm Family Day.

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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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FAIR WORK ASSIGNMENTS for 2019 V2			
	Name	Assignment	
1	Spradlin, Doug	Ag Exhibits	1 Berse, Dennis
2	Hammett, George	Ag Exhibits	2 Caudle, Jerry
3	Harbison, Bruce	Ag Exhibits	3 Copeland, Wendell
4	Krigbaum, George	Ag Exhibits	4 Eddleman, Jerry
5	Osborne, Fred	Ag Exhibits	5 Gratz, Dave
6	Pitzing, Alton	Ag Exhibits	6 Mangum, Morris
7	Pope, Mariman	Ag Exhibits	7 Murphree, Gary
8	Rooker, Jim	Ag Exhibits	8 Perry, Howard
9	Cartee, Steve	Barn	9 Slaten, Terry
10	Bagwell, Kevin	Barn	10 Speakman, Josh
11	Conway, Jay	Barn	11 Speakman, Lummie
12	Earnest, Michael	Barn	12 Williams, Doug
13	Gratz, Dave	Barn & Indiv Exhibits	13 Williams, James
14	Sessions, Phillip	Barn	1 McBrayner, Charles
15	Tucker, Samuel *	Barn	2 Christian, Lawrence
16	Witcher, Jeff	Barn	3 Powell, Charles
17	Bussman, David	Concession	4 Richards, Tony
18	Gil, Ron *	Concession	5 Wilson, Dewayne
19	Goodwin, David	Concession	1 Bonner, Jerry
20	Grier, James	Concession	2 Boyd, Gordon
21	Gurley, Richard	Concession	3 Henke, Ed
22	Harris, Ches	Concession	4 Singleton, Steve
23	Odell, Frank	Concession	5 Smith, Don
24	Monk, Austin	Concession	6 Thompson, Carey
25	Roden, Tyler	Concession & Security	7 Wilhite, Terry
26	Ruehl, Bill	Concession	1 Peek, Rickey
27	Sinyard, Tim	Concession	2 Aderhold, Mark
28	Smith, Fuller	Concession	3 Benefield, Wesley
29	Smith, Wade	Concession	4 Brooks, Chris
30	Waldrep, Scott	Concession	5 Burke, Jim
31	Williams, Jeff	Concession	6 Corbin, Michael *
32	Scott, Tim	Gates	7 Duke, Kelly
33	Boozer, Bryan	Gates	8 Dvorak, Jonathan
34	Byrd, Jeff	Gates	9 Eddleman, Chad
35	Doggett, Douglas	Gates	10 Fromhold, Michael
36	Galin, Jerry	Gates	11 Hamm, Mark
37	Gambrill, Chad	Gates	12 Harrison, Adam
38	Howard, James	Gates	13 Hogue, Matthew
39	Jacobs, Woody	Gates	14 James, Patrick
40	Kraft, Randy	Gates & Theater	15 Mangum, Mike
41	Murphree, Steve	Gates	16 Manning, Andrew
42	Pfeifer, Tom	Gates	17 McSwain, Steven
43	Proctor, Bobby	Gates	18 Parrish, Milford
44	Sumner, Dewayne	Gates	19 Ponder, Mike
45	Veal, Kelvin	Gates	20 Presto, Patrick
46	Viverito, Phillip	Gates	21 Rainwater, Clark
47	Waldrep, Bo	Gates	22 Ray, Joshua
48	Walker, Alan	Gates	23 Smith, Casey
49	Williams, Raymond	Gates	24 Smith, Cody
50	Willingham, Barry	Gates	25 Smith, Riley
51	Wren, Jeffrey	Gates	26 White, Richard
52			1 Gentry, Matt
53	* Approved for membership, but not yet officially a Lion.		2 Roden, Tyler
54			1 Robinson, Chris
55			2 Bowden, Bobby
56	Garrison, Phillip	Unassigned	3 Childers, Charles
57	Pinkston, Charles	Unassigned	4 Daniel, Javon
58			5 Floyd, Chad
59			6 Kraft, Randy