



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

August 21, 2023
Program

Lion Jerry Smith introduced Lieutenant Chad Whaley Director of Communications with the Cullman County Sherriff's Office. Lion Jerry heaped much praise on our Sheriffs' Department, saying it is one of the finest, anywhere. Lion Jerry also related that he had attended the program twice, that Lieutenant Whaley was to discuss. The topic for Chad's presentation was all about the Sheriff's Citizen's Academy. This program was one of Sheriff Gentry's visions when he took office in January 2015. One goal of this program has been to enhance community support of the Sheriff's department by providing knowledge of its services and roles in keeping



Lion Jerry Smith and Lion President Chris Brooks flank Lieutenant Chad Whaley after presenting him with a token of appreciation after he spoke to us.

our community a safe place to live. Another goal is to heighten the community's confidence in the Department's operation and activities.

The Sheriff's Citizen's Academy is presented once a year over 9-10 weeks and includes 8 three-hour classroom sessions from 6 to 9PM,

and one range day for a live fire exercise at the Sheriff's firing range at the site of the old Cullman County landfill. Also, starting the second week, participants can sign up to do a "ride-along" with a Deputy during the course of their actual patrols. The list of items covered is very comprehensive and includes the following: tour of dispatch/demonstration; tour of evidence/property/display of paraphernalia; patrol division and patrol videos; Cullman school Resource Deputies; use of force; firearm safety & handgun techniques; mock traffic stops; calls for service; SWAT team demo; criminal justice system overview; court system with lectures by judges, state legislators and Al State representative, State civil and felony case process; anatomy of jury trial; juvenile delinquency process; Miranda & probable cause; criminal investigations; violent crime/child abuse; crime scene investigations with exercise, demonstrations, & cases; speakers such as Al Secretary of State, U.S. Secret Service, ATF, FBI, Dive Team, Operation Lifesaver, and the Sheriff; K-9 demo; sex offender registration enforcement; victim services; vice operations; body cameras; tour of Cullman Detention Center; and more.

Cullman citizens can sign up for the next session of the Citizen's Academy, which is planned for next spring, at the Sherrif's Department. You can also get a nice brochure there that provides much more information than I've included in this newsletter. This program is well run, exciting, and informative. I very much doubt that you would be disappointed if you enrolled in this program. Lieutenant Chad Whaley gave us a great program tonight.



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Other Business

Lion Gary Murphee is in Room 413 at Woodland Village and doing much better but will likely have to remain in recovery there for another 10 days. Lion Javon Daniel is recovery from oral surgery.

Lion George Krigbaum was on the Mike Dubberly WBRC Six-on-Your-Side show along with future young leader Colby Lewis as part of American Legion Boys State/Boys Nation program. Lion George noted that Colby won the Vice Lieutenant Governor position for Alabama, then went to Washington and won the Vice-President position at the National level. Our Club has supported this leadership development program for many years.

Lion Chris Brooks shared thank-you letters from the Chairman of the Helen Keller Memorial at Ivy Green to Lions Milford Parrish, Craig Gadow, Ron Seybold, and Scott Starosta for their participation last Saturday for their participation in workday at Ivy Green. Their effort will count with Lions International as a service project by our Club.

Lion Chris Brooks thanked everyone involved for a successful and enjoyable Lions Club Cookout/Picnic last Monday.

Lion Randy Kraft asked me to post a detailed handout in this issue of the Tale Twister which gives info on the "Home to Harvest Dinner" that will be held September 14th to benefit the Agriplex. Our Club has heartily supported the Agriplex from its inception. See the next page for this handout with further details.

Lion President Chris Brooks presented Lion Lummie Speakman a Melvin Jones Fellow Award.



Lion Lummie Speakman was awarded Melvin Jones Fellow Award.

Lion Fran Odell shared the upcoming New Member Roundtable Agenda. BOD meeting on Sept 11th. Email any topic for discussion to Lion Scott Starosta or Lion Craig Gadow beforehand to be added to the agenda

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

August 28: Speaker will be Ms. Rhonda McDavid, Executive Director SE Diabetes Education Services, Camp Seale Harris. Photo, below.



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Ms. Rhonda McDavid

September 11: Lion Barry Willingham, Cullman's Revenue Commissioner, will speak.

September 14:



September 30: Fair Parade

October 5 – 14: 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 256-739-0580 (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 the next page.



Substitute Tail Twister Lion Richard Gurley wore a sling tonight, trying to get sympathy laughs for a lame joke. Actually, he's recovering from rotator-cuff surgery.



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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