



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

Aug 24, 2020

Program

We had 3 Lions who contributed to our program, tonight – Don Smith, Fair President Charlie Childers, and Barry Willingham (who holds the office of Cullman County Revenue Commissioner). At our meeting next Monday, we will once again have an outside speaker, Mr. Justin Dyar (see page 2).

Lion Don gave us a little more insight into understanding of the “R-factor” in the transmission of Covid-19. Basically, if the R-factor of a disease is greater than one, the number of new cases will continue to increase over time; if the R-factor is less than one, the number of new will decrease. For example if R was 1.5, and there were 1,000 people were infected, they would infect another 1,500; then those would infect another 3,000 and so on, until the factor changed through growing immunity or until everybody had been infected or was immune. However, if the factor were 0.5, and again, 1,000 were sick, they would only infect 500; then those would only infect 250, and so on, until the disease approached zero infected, or the the population was immune. Lion Don says that Alabama has had an R-factor of under 1.0 for the past 4 weeks, which is why our State’s number of infections has dropped. We should expect Covid-19 cases to drop to a very small number, indeed, by mid-November. All the states surrounding us have also dropped their R-factors to less than one, also. Don also reported that the total number of children

between the ages of 4 and 14 who have died from Covid in all the U.S. was only 29.

Lion Charlie Childers stood to announce that, unless something changes, no matter what the R-factor, we still plan to have our Fair, beginning on Oct. 8th. But he wants us to be safe. And, he said that he wants Lions to come if you feel like you need to, and can, and would like to participate. Last week’s Tale Twister mentioned just a few of the things that will be done to work in our Covid-19 environment at the Fair. Lion Charlie mentioned that our carnival contractor, Kissel Enterprises, is at a fair in Madison at the new ball field, just off I-565, this week if anyone wants to visit and check-out how things are being run there. Our Fair will be similar in regard to Covid-19 precautions. Lion Charlie also mentioned that our CPA -- Fricke, Sweatmon, and Miller, PC – had completed an audit of the Fair Association books back to 2013 and gave us a ~62% discount on the bill for their work.

Lion Barry announced that next week his revenue office would be sending out the over 65/disability homestead tax exemption notices. There are 3 types of these homestead exemptions, that are better than the standard homestead exemption, **H1**. If you have turned 65 or been disabled since last October, you should file for one of the following exemptions each year before Dec. 31st. Exemption are not automatically re-newed: **Type H2** -- For property owners over 65, if your combined Adjusted Gross Income



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(AGI) for State income tax is less than \$12,000 and if more than \$12,000 on your AGI for Federal income tax.

Type H3 – For owners with a combined AGI of less than \$12,000 on their Federal Income tax, **or** who (any husband or wife) are permanently and totally disabled (This has to be certified by 2 doctors, one of whom is treating one of the property owners -- or by VA, SS, or Medicare). Your property must be your primary residence and not used for any other purpose.

Type H4 -- for households with AGI of more than \$12,000 AGI on both Federal and State income taxes, but you are at least 65 years old. Your property must be your primary residence and not used for any other purpose.

(Note from editor: I have tried to give you what I have understood on property taxes from Lion Barry Willingham. Please follow-up with him or his office on the above section of the newsletter before you take these words as gospel – definitely, if you are over 65, or you or your spouse are disabled and have not filed for one of the mentioned exemptions 2, 3 or 4. You can also check out this website:

<https://cullmanrevenuecommissioner.com/homestead-exemption/>).

Other Business

Lion Gordon Boyd and Lion Jim Rooker continue with serious health challenges. Lioness Judy Waldrep, wife of Lion Bo and

mother of Lion Scott Waldrep, is home and recovering from bypass surgery.

Upcoming Programs and Events



Aug 31: Our guest speaker will be realtor, Mr. Justin Dyar, who reached \$107 million in sales in 2018. He is part owner of a company that is selling lake properties across the nation, and in particular, at **Smith Lake**.

Oct 8-17: Cullman County Fair.

Tale Twister Input

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