



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

August 26, 2019

Program

Lion Chris Robinson introduced our speaker, tonight, the Mayor of Good Hope, Mr. Jerry Bartlett. The Mayor has been in this office for the past 5 years, after serving on the Good Hope City Council for 6 years. He has also served as a teacher and coach in Good Hope schools for 28 years.



(L to R) Lion President Andrew Manning, Mayor Jerry Bartlett, and Lion Chris Robinson.

The Mayor began by showing a photo to introduce his council, which has provided him with much appreciated support, and by telling us a few facts about his town. He also noted with regret that Mr. Johnny Harris, the greatly admired financial councilman for many years, had just passed-away, today. Good Hope has the highest average median-income of any other town in Cullman County. Its population is 2,500 with 1,400 enrolled in its 4 schools.

Mayor Bartlett said his community would love to have more housing and business located in Good Hope; he named several

name-brand type businesses located in his town, including Dollar Tree, Wendy's, Pilot gas station, Cabin Fever, and Hardees. One problem the Mayor mentioned, is that his town is just too close to Cullman which is tough competition for local business. He explained that the town has an ideal exit off of I-65 for business. However, the current land owners have priced available clear-site properties at a prices that many interested business-prospects have said are simply too high; instead, these prospects have located to Cullman or other cities along the interstate, not only for cheaper property but for the larger population to support business. On a good note the town itself purchased and cleaned-up 4.4 acres of property that he described as formerly, as just junk-yard, mainly; at this point a couple of doctors are establishing their businesses at this location, leaving 3.3 acres for a promising new big business in the very near future.

Mayor Bartlett then described some of the events that his government manages in quality-of-life activities for its citizens. Funding for them comes from sponsors throughout the town. As he talked about these supported events, his city government sounded more like a large community civic club than the town's government. The events included the following: Scale Back Alabama (a weight-loss program with awards given for the most weight lost), March Food Drive, Back 2 School Bash (the city provides a professional photographer to take pictures of all the kids, posts them on-line, and



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allows families to download them) , Halloween Costume Contest (cash awards given to best costume), Thanksgiving Lunch (1,200-1,500 free meals), Christmas Love (providing 10 families with food and presents), Christmas Parade, and Christmas in the Park (free meals for all).

The city also has provided \$27,000 to it four schools each year; in the coming year, it intends to set-up a grant system to allot this money out to the most deserving uses, judged by a rotating panel from different school administrators. Lion Don Smith chimed in to thank the Mayor for his crucial support to the Good Hope Public Cemetery. Lion Javon Daniel spoke up in appreciation to the Mayor for his support of for signing a proclamation each year in support of child abuse awareness and prevention. Although Good Hope may be small, it seems that the Mayor and his Council are efficiently making the best use of available funds and are doing a great job.

Other Business

[Fair work assignments for all Lions](#) during the upcoming Cullman County Fair is again posted on page 4 of this newsletter. An update will be published in mid-Sep for new Lions and any other changes

There are two community events that we have supported in the past are occurring on Saturday, September 14th. (1) One is for Lions parking-support for the annual meeting of the Cullman Electrical Co-Op meeting at the North Brook Baptist Church from 8:00AM till Noon; Lions should arrive between 6:30 & 7:00AM; coffee & biscuits will be served, starting at 7:00AM – Lion

Richard White says he could use a dozen Lions and that parking will be finished by 9:00 or 9:30AM

(2) The other event is the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Shred-A-Thon at the King Edward Shopping Plaza from 9:00AM till Noon; Lion Javon Daniel says coffee and biscuits will be served at 8:30AM for Lion control-helpers. Pizza provided for lunch ! The Club receives funding for our help in these events, plus it generates good-will and community support for our Club. Plan to help one or the other of these worthy events if you can.

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

Lion Ed Henke finished a round of chemotherapy and reports that he is still feeling weak from its effects.

Lioness Jean Bellairs passed away August 27. Visitation will be Friday, August 30, from 5 – 7PM at Moss Service Funeral Home. Funeral on Saturday at 11:00AM.

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 Tom Howell introduced himself, tonight. He is a born and raised Cullman native who moved away for several years but has now settled back in Cullman.

Lions Charlie McBrayer and Charlie Powell were presented with Lions International “Diamond Centennial Awards” for bring new members into the Club.



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Lions Austin Monk and David Bussman met with a large assembly of Leos and their school sponsor at Cullman High School for preliminary coordination for their support during the Cullman County Fair. They have a big bunch this year – 133 members. Usually, they support the Concession Stand and the Gates. Lion Austin himself was a former Leo and was the youngest member, ever, of our Club at the age of 18. He fired-up these Leos about their support for the Fair, the Fish & Ham dinner this winter, and about becoming young Lions after they graduate. He encouraged us to spend some time with these Leos when we get the chance and to provide some mentoring and encouragement for their membership as Leos and possible future Lions.

(2) control-help for the Better Business Bureau's Shred-A-Thon. See 2nd paragraph in Other Business section, above, for details.



Ms. Susan Eller

Upcoming Programs and Events

September 2, 2019: No meeting. Labor Day.

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

September 23: Picnic at Heritage Park.

September 28: Fair Parade.

September 30: Fair President, Lion Charlie Childers presentation to the Lions Club.

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

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



Phyllis Little

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

September 14: Lion support for:
(1) parking-help for the Electric Co-Op annual meeting.

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).



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