



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

August 27, 2018

### Program

Lion Randy Kraft introduced our speaker tonight, Ms. Dawn Owens, founder and Executive Director of “The Link.”



(L to R) Lion Randy Kraft, Ms. Dawn Owens, and Lion President Mike Ponder.

Ms. Owens said that she was inspired by God in her founding of The Link, and it is a faith-based non-profit (501c3) organization that supports the needs of our neighbors through goal-setting, career advising, financial counseling/literacy programs, GED classes, adult literacy programs and ESL classes. Its mission is to break the cycle of poverty through encouragement, education, and employability training, career coaching, financial counseling, adult literacy coaching, English as a Second Language classes, Jobs for Life(TM) classes, GED classes and orientation, and Wise Up Money Skills for Teens (life economics in our local schools). If getting all that out into our community to help people, I don't know what is. Of every dollar given to this program, 84% goes to breaking the cycle of poverty in Cullman

County, 10% goes to more fund raising, and 6% to administration; its total expenses in 2017 were \$533,833.

Dawn explained how The Link's programs are varied, but focused towards encouraging, educating, and transforming lives: (1) VIPS – Volunteers in Public Schools, providing mentors who are recruited and trained to work one-on-one with “at risk” elementary school students; there are 46 mentors in 10 Cullman city schools and county K-5<sup>th</sup> grade schools reaching 400 students. It also provides Kindergarten readiness camps at 4 sites. (2) Wise-Up – Financial Literacy for Teens, provided to Freshmen and Seniors in every high school in Cullman County (1300 students), helping teens understand financial influence and lending/banking basics. (3) Pure Joy – Job training program, teaching individuals, who are at high-risk of unemployment, craft and trade skills; as well as, on-going educational classes that support their long-term employment needs, while earning a fair wage. The success rate of this program is 64%. (4) Renew-U, designed to equip students in 7 areas that may be inhibiting them from reaching their potential – Spiritual Formation, Mental/Emotional health, Physical wellbeing, Vocational development, Financial literacy, and Relational wholeness; these are 8-week classes. (5) Adult Literacy and English as a Second Language Classes. (6) Drug recovery and supervised family visitation services.



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The Link also works in partnership with the Cullman County Detention Center, DHR, Drug Court, and the DA's office to provide services to those citizens in their concern. Some of the things The Link does not provide, currently, is paying for utilities, and providing shelter/housing or clothing for those in need. However, it does act as a referral source for those who need that type of crisis support. Last year The Link schooled 5,000 students on personal finances and assisted nearly 3,200 of Cullman's citizens, who really needed help. Ms. Owens' organization has been a great asset to Cullman. Contact info: 256-776-0028 and <https://www.linkincullman.org>.



As a potential volunteer for The Link, Lion Richard White was the winner of a sign from "The Link" for his Man-Cave.

### Other Business

Page 3 of this newsletter shows a draft of Lion work assignments for the 2018 Fair, which runs Oct 4<sup>th</sup> - Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. Generally, most Lions will be working where they did last year. Chairmen of each work assignment group are listed first within each group. If you are unhappy in your assignment, talk it over with your current Chairman and with the Chairman of the group to which you wish to be assigned; Chairmen will coordinate to accommodate changes if feasible. Group chairmen are

responsible for making and providing work schedules for Lions within their groups.

Lion Jim Walker is in re-hab following kidney-failure and is expected back in a couple of weeks. Lion Mariman Pope is doing better. Lion Javon Daniel's wife is had surgery for cancer last week, and the outlook is favorable. Lion President Mike Ponder is having a hernia removed this week and will need a few days of recovery.

Lion Richard White has 14 volunteers to help park cars for the Annual Electric Co-op Members meeting on Saturday, Sep 8<sup>th</sup> at North Brook Church on Hwy 157 at 7:30AM; expect to finish by 11AM. Biscuits w/sausage & coffee will be provided. Since we are not having a meeting next week, this is the last reminder for helpers. Mark your calendars.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

Sep 3: Labor Day. No meeting.

Sep 10: TBD

Sep 17: Club Picnic.

Sep 29: Fair Parade.

### 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 2018 (Draft)

	Name	Assignment		Name	Assignment
1	<b>Spradlin, Doug</b>	Ag Exhibits	1	<b>Berse, Dennis</b>	Indiv Exhib & Concession
2	Hammett, George	Ag Exhibits	2	Caudle, Jerry	Individual Exhibits
3	Gurley, Richard	Ag Exhibits	3	Copeland, Wendell	Individual Exhibits
4	Krigbaum, George	Ag Exhibits	4	Eddleman, Jerry	Individual Exhibits
5	Osborne, Fred	Ag Exhibits	5	Fisher, David	Individual Exhibits
6	Pope, Mariman	Ag Exhibits	6	<b>Gratz, Dave</b>	Indiv Exhibits & Barn
7	Rooker, Jim	Ag Exhibits	7	Mangum, Morris	Individual Exhibits
8	Walker, Jim	Ag Exhibits	8	Murphree, Gary	Individual Exhibits
1	<b>Cartee, Steve</b>	Barn	9	Perry, Howard	Individual Exhibits
2	Bagwell, Kevin	Barn	10	Slaten, Terry	Individual Exhibits
3	Conway, Jay	Barn	11	Speakman, Lummie	Individual Exhibits
4	Garrison, Phillip	Barn	12	Williams, Doug	Individual Exhibits
5	<b>Gratz, Dave</b>	Barn & Indiv Exhibits	13	Williams, James	Individual Exhibits
6	<b>Murphree, Steve</b>	Barn & Gates	1	<b>McBrayer, Charles</b>	Maintenance
7	Pinkston, Charles	Barn	2	Christian, Lawrence	Maintenance
8	Sessions, Phillip	Barn	3	Powell, Charles	Maintenance
1	<b>Bussman, David</b>	Concession	4	Richards, Tony	Maintenance
2	<b>Berse, Dennis</b>	Concession & Indiv Exhib	5	Wilson, Dewayne	Maintenance
3	Boozer, Bryan	Concession	1	<b>Bonner, Jerry</b>	Office
4	Earnest, Michael	Concession	2	Boyd, Gordon	Office
5	Goodwin, David	Concession	4	Henke, Ed	Office
6	Grier, James	Concession	5	Singleton, Steve	Office
7	Harrison, Adam	Concession	6	Smith, Don	Office
8	Harbison, Bruce	Concession	7	Thompson, Carey	Office
9	Harris, Ches	Concession	8	Wilhite, Terry	Office
10	James, Patrick	Concession	1	<b>Peek, Rickey</b>	Parking
11	Pitzing, Alton	Concession	2	Aderhold, Mark	Parking
12	Odell, Frank	Concession	3	Benefield, Wesley	Parking
13	Ruehl, Bill	Concession	4	Borden, Clay	Parking
14	Speakman, Josh	Concession	5	Duke, Kelly	Parking
15	<b>Smith, Fuller</b>	Concession & Gates	6	Dvorak, Jonathan	Parking
16	Veal, Kelvin	Concession	7	Eddleman, Chad	Parking
17	Waldrep, Bo	Concession	8	Fromhold, Michael	Parking
18	Waldrep, Scott	Concession	9	Hamm, Mark	Parking
19	Williams, Jeff	Concession	10	Hogue, Matthew	Parking
20	Witcher, Jeff	Concession	11	Mangum, Mike	Parking
1	<b>Scott, Tim</b>	Gates	12	Manning, Andrew	Parking
2	Byrd, Jeff	Gates	13	Monk, Austin	Parking
3	Doggett, Douglas	Gates	14	McSwain, Steven	Parking
4	Galin, Jerry	Gates	15	Parrish, Milford	Parking
5	Gambrill, Chad	Gates	16	Ponder, Mike	Parking
6	Howard, James	Gates	17	Presto, Patrick	Parking
7	Jacobs, Woody	Gates	18	Rainwater, Clark	Parking
8	Kraft, Randy	Gates	19	Ray, Joshua	Parking
9	<b>Murphree, Steve</b>	Gates & Barn	20	Smith, Casey	Parking
10	Pfeifer, Tom	Gates	21	Smith, Cody	Parking
11	Proctor, Bobby	Gates	22	Smith, Riley	Parking
12	<b>Smith, Fuller</b>	Gates & Concession	23	White, Richard	Parking
13	Sumner, Dewayne	Gates	24	Young, Greg	Parking
14	Sinyard, Tim	Gates	1	<b>Gentry, Matt</b>	Security
15	Viverito, Philip	Gates	2	Roden, Tyler	Security
16	Walker, Alan	Gates	1	<b>Robinson, Chris</b>	Theater
17	Williams, Raymond	Gates	2	Bowden, Bobby	Theater
18	Willingham, Barry	Gates	3	Childers, Charles	Theater
19	Wren, Jeffrey	Gates	4	Daniel, Javon	Theater
			5	Floyd, Chad	Theater

**Notes:**

- 1) There are 4 Lions who are booked in more than one Assignment; those are hi-lighted in red.
- 2) There are 7 Lions who have passed or resigned since the last Fair; those names have been deleted.
- 3) All current Lions are listed in these assignments.

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