



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

August 31, 2026

Program

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the scheduled guest speaker, Dr. David Tyree, DVM, was unable to attend the August 31st meeting. Our meal was a traditional "5th Monday of the Month Breakfast." See menu in photo, below.



Other Business

Lion George Krigbaum has moved to Gardendale and is doing fine there, but he is having some vision problems and is not able to drive at night. Lion Javon Daniel, who has a heart condition, remains in stable condition, but is currently limited to restricted activities.

Lion Barry Willingham gave us a short report on early planning for a new building planned for the Fair Grounds that will not only serve our Fair, but an office and meeting building for our Club. Morton Buildings of Hartselle has provided some really good first phase drawings. The building will be 60 x 100 ft., one story; it will incorporate the front entrance of the fairground gate and include 3 ticket booths with two people per booth. There will be four 8 or 10 ft. doors; one that leads to the pageant/theater building, a double door that will go into the Grand-Meeting Hall (40 x 60 ft) with access to two offices and where security will be centralized, and another double-door leading to the midway. There will be a permanent stair way leading up to a mezzanine area, railed-off for storage. The grand meeting hall can be set up to accommodate 200 people for banquets, installations, etc. There will be a large men's rest-room (5 toilets & 6 urinals), and a large women's rest-room (11 toilets). The old bath-house would be torn down. The new building will also include a catering-type kitchenette. Barry said that Morton plans to give us a preliminary cost in a few weeks for a lock & key job. Partial financing would come from the Fair Association's accounts and the remainder borrowed from



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the Lions Club (based mainly on funds from its Lake property sale a couple of years ago). Payment back to the Lions Club by the Fair Association would be made over a ten-year period. Further details will be forthcoming.



Lion Barry Willingham discussed plans for a new building at the Fair Grounds that will be used for exhibits during the Fair and as a Lions Club house.

Lion President Jeff Lawson raised a couple of issues that had been brought up to him by several Lions in the past. These issues deserve serious thought, and I will quote him as follows:

"In November, let's have a meeting and let's talk about reducing the number of meetings that we eat every month. It's been brought up in two or three different varieties. Hey, let's go down to three meetings a month where we take maybe one off and we take the fifth one off and maybe we use that time to go serve instead of coming here eating a meal. And if we don't have a speaker, we're out here at 630. Maybe we take that Monday night. We actually go somewhere and do something or do a project. There's several different ways this could go, and some of you are going to be against it. I know some of you're going to be 100% for it, saying "I'm going to be here every Monday night and I'm

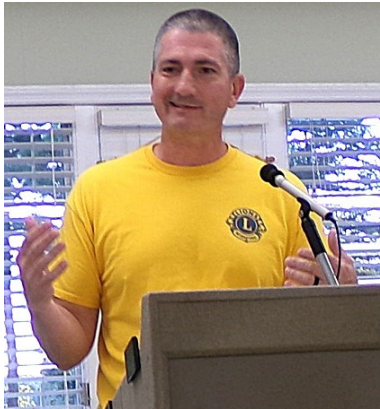
going to be every Monday night till the Lord comes back," and that's fine. That's your opinion. Others, especially some of the ones that have joined the club in the last few years do not. I'll just go ahead and tell you, a lot of the younger folks and the folks that come in are like, "Hey, I can't be there every Monday night. I can't make it every Monday night. I feel bad, and we've lost members over the years because they're like, "Hey, listen, I show up once a month. I show up once a month. I feel like I'm not able to really be a part of this, and I'm just gonna quit." So I'm just bringing it up. And if y'all have any negative comments, again, it's all me. Email me, call me, text me. We meet for lunch or whatever. It's nobody else. So I'll take that. Let's think about it, pray about it, discuss it amongst yourselves in November. Let's come back after the Fair because we're going to continue everything on, and we may continue it on. But I just felt like we needed to bring it up at least. It needs to come and be talked about because I've said this, and I've talked to several people already about this. Think about what the club's going to be in 10 years. Look around in this room. Think about what the club's going to be in 10 years. So, how do we continue to keep this club vibrant? We're doing a ton in the community, and I think that we need to do a better job of advertising and really getting out and showing what we're doing. People don't realize what the amount of money that we give and the things that we do. People don't have a clue. They still don't know what we do. I didn't know, and they've learned every year how much we do. So I think we need to do a better job of selling ourselves and advertising ourselves. I do think that, but I just want you to think about this: Is there a better way? Is there a better way? And



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think about what does the club looks like?
Five years, 10 years, 20 years, and let's think
about it."



Lion President Jeff Lawson gives us things to consider, looking at our future.

Upcoming Programs and Events.

Sep 14: No speaker; board meeting.

Sep 21: No speaker; Club business meeting.

Sep 26: Fair Parade. Details to follow.

Sep 28: Show and Tell (T).

Oct 5: Victoria's Hope.

Oct. 15 through 24: 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 256-426-3207 (C). Lion Don can be reached at 256-737-7433 (H) or 256-426-7722 (C).



This past Saturday Lion David Bussman gave a class on candy-apple making, getting his crew ready for the Fair.



This past Friday Lion James Pinyan with help of County volunteers replaced wood in the Fairground barn.