



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

August 6, 2018

Program

Lion Chris Robinson introduced Mr. Don Reid, American Legion Post 4 Adjutant. He, in turn, introduced Tate and Tess Brown (Hanceville High School twins, brother and sister) who attended Boys and Girls State a few weeks ago; they were accompanied at our meeting tonight by their parents. Our Lions Club had provided funding for students to attend this activity, and they spoke about their experiences.



(L to R) Ms. Tess Brown, 1st Vice-President Lion Andrew Manning, American Legion Post 4 Adjutant Don Reed, and Mr. Tate Brown.

Boys State and Girls State are summer leadership and citizenship programs sponsored by The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary for high school juniors, respectively. Boys and Girls are usually nominated by their high school during their junior year. Boys and Girls State programs both began in 1937 and are held in each of the U.S. states, usually on a college campus within that state. In most States, including Alabama, male and female programs are held separately. This year the event was held at the University of Alabama, right after the end of the school

year. Surprise, surprise -- one of the key speakers was Alabama head-football coach, Nick Saban, who was impressive, as usual.

Alabama Boys State & Girls State is one of the highest honors granted to Alabama students. Students from across the state are chosen by school teaches, coaches and staff, based on the students' demonstration of leadership, hard work, strong morals, and motivation in school and community activities.

Both Ted and Tess were very appreciative of our Clubs sponsorship and said that the event was a great learning experience for them, and that they would definitely attend again if given the opportunity.

Over a six-day period student delegates find the opportunity to build new friendships, participate in a mock government, and hear from and meet a diverse array of Alabama leaders such as Congressmen, state elected officials, business leaders, civic leaders, and others. Delegates will have the opportunity to join interest groups that focus on their individual areas of interest such as law school, fire college, law enforcement academy, aerospace academy, lobbyists, city government, county government, constitutional convention, engineer /computer academy, and environmental interest group. They become much more knowledgeable of the democratic process and how our republic form of government works at the state and national levels. Delegates also have activity time during



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which they can participate in recreational activities such as basketball, volleyball, softball, academic bowl, etc.

The American Legion believes there is no better way to assure the survival of our republic than to train our young people in the ideals and objectives of American government. By teaching youth to understand and appreciate the basic principles involved in the successful management of a democratic society, we can keep America strong and ensure freedom for future generations. These objectives go well beyond what is provided in high school civics classes. Nearly all the funding for these events is provided by the American Legion, although organizations such as our Club help with contributions.

Other Business

Lion Alton Pitzing is recovering well after his Leg operation. Lion Mariman Pope is doing better. Lion Casey Smith is recovering after a bad reaction to Bee stings, suffered while plowing, but he has recovered. Lion Morris Mangum is recovering well after his recent surgery.

A request was made to include a reminder in this newsletter concerning our Club's protocol regarding the rule that guests should always receive their meals before our members – even if the guests are a little late, and members must wait. The Lion President (or the Club officer acting in his place) is the only one who can waive this rule if he deems circumstances seem appropriate to do so.

The fairgrounds picnic and work night will be September 17th.

Additional LCI license plates and pins were distributed by the Secretary.

Tail Twister Lion Greg Young asked all members to wear green at our next meeting or likely be fined. No one could say what the occasion, if any, was, but we may have to wait until next week to find out.

Upcoming Programs and Events



Deacon Jerry Jacob from Grace Place
August 13: Mr. Jerry Jacob from Grace Place.

August 20: Cullman Mayor (Lion) Woody Jacobs.

August 27: TBD.

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).