



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

December 11, 2020

Information Update

This issue of the Tale Twister is provided to Lions for a couple of updates to coming events. Things are still happening within our Club, despite cancellation of meetings for the rest of this year.

First, we need complete the election of the 2021 Fair Association Board of Directors. Since we are not meeting until January, we will have drive-by voting on a slate of candidates on Monday evening, December 21st from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. You will just need to drive by Bldg. #3 at the Fairgrounds, but do not get out of your vehicle. Honk if someone does not greet you. Lions David Bussman and Clark Rainwater will have ballots for Lions to mark their choices. I intend to send out another reminder before the election.

Second, results have been received and evaluated from the opinion inputs requested last week, concerning the Fish and Ham Dinner. All Lions were asked to respond, but many Lions did not; also, less than half of the inputs did not rank the options, and most just voted for their top choice. Results were a little mixed. The single highest score was "No Change" (keeping the \$10 cost), followed by "\$12." The lowest of the given choices was for "\$14", followed by "No Change w/cutting fish from 2 to 3" (again, keeping the \$10 cost)." Grouping results between those favoring more profit and those favoring a \$10 price showed the winner was for higher profit; there were a couple of write-in votes for the "Other" choice, for \$11.

A number of those voters, who selected "No Change," provided comments stating that we should not raise the price **this year**, due the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic; most of these comments, came from Lions who currently are serving or have served in higher leadership positions in the Club. Based of overall opinion results and discussion between the Project Manager and Co-Project Managers of the Fish & Ham Dinner, **the ticket price this year will be \$10, but be raised to \$12 next year.**

Most of the input relating to the date for the dinner was to hold it at the later of the three option dates. We considered this, and the high number of Covid-19 cases we now see across the State and Country, and the positive impact of the vaccine as it begins to be distributed. We also considered possible conflicts on the date with our membership, the school, and the wider community. With all of the above in mind, we set the **date for the Fish and Ham Dinner for Saturday, March 13, 2021.** All our plans are geared toward having drive-by pickup of take-out meals with no dining-in. Although unlikely, in the event of a dramatic improvement of the Covid-19 situation, we could be flexible enough to change our plans, accordingly.

One of the good ideas coming from the Club's earlier planning around the Fish & Ham Dinner was to identify ASAP the specific charities that would receive portions of profits from this year's event. Usually, all most of our Lions know is that



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the money goes to charities in the community, but not necessarily which ones. In the past the Community Betterment Committee usually make decisions for which charitable organizations get funding after the Fish & Ham event. Lion David Bussman talked with Lion President Javon Daniel about what we could do to get the word out on this, upfront. Lion Javon directed Lion David to contact the Club's Community Betterment Committee for help. Lion David then talked with Lion Dennis Berse of that committee. That committee will take a look at the Club's charity donations over the last year, or so, and decide which of those organization will get the proceeds from both the 2021 Fish & Ham Dinner and from the 2022 Dinner. As much of that information as possible will then be printed on the back of our tickets. That should help our ticket sales and give everyone a better idea, both Lions and the public, as to the bottom line as to why we have this dinner. Also, something else to be explored could be to involve those charitable organizations for help in the sale of tickets; this has not been planned and would require tight controls, and there may be reasons not to do it. But this is just the sort of "outside the box" ideas that might help to bring in more profits. Since we are not going to have Leo support, because schools will not permit that, due to Covid-19, maybe the receiving charitable organizations could provide volunteer help for our possible labor shortfall for that one particular Saturday? Just something to think about.

I checked with Lion Secretary Don Smith to inquire if he had any updates for this Tale Twister. He mentioned that Lion Wendell Copeland had been reported to have contracted Covid-19. I tried several times to contact him to check on his condition, but I was not able to get through; if anyone knows, please contact Lion Don Smith, Lion Charlie Powell (who often puts out updates), or me (I will include info with the next Tale Twister). Also, Lion President Javon Daniel is asking for Lions help with the "Christmas Love" activities currently going on in Bldg. #1 at the Fairgrounds; just show up, you will be appreciated and put to work – or call Lion Javon at 256-255-3788 for more details.

Upcoming Programs and Events

Nov 16 – Dec 28: All meetings cancelled

Jan 4: Begin Club weekly Monday night meetings again in Bldg # 3 of the Fair Grounds, unless notified otherwise

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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).