



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

December 15, 2025

Program

Our program tonight was emceed by Lion Tail Twister Richard White who facilitated the assistance from Lion Marci Green from our Branch Club with her piano accompaniment. We serenaded the hall with a selection of Christmas carols. For the most part we sounded pretty good and had an enjoyable time, most appropriate and appreciated for the upcoming holiday.



Lion Marci Green standing with Lion President Delane Ray as he thanked her for playing piano for us tonight.

Other Business

Lion Javon Daniel's heart condition, and Lion Mike Ponder's fight with cancer have not shown improvement. Lion Fred Lion Jim Howard was reported to be able to walk with a cane with assistance. Continue with prayers for these Lions. Osborne's eye surgery this week was successful. I talked with Lion Cindy Pinyan a few days ago, and she was in good spirits, saying that her surgery to remove a kidney went fine with no other signs of cancer to be found.

Snowbird, Lion Tom Peifer has returned to our milder climate from 10 inches of snow, ice & minus 10 degree weather up north. Glad to have him back with us tonight.

Lion President Ray presented years-of-significant- anniversary-service chevron pins and certificates to Lion Randy Kraft -- 10-year pin and to Lion Michael Ernest -- 25-year pin.



Lions Michael Ernest and Randy Kraft receive Years-of-service Chevron pins.

Lion Bill Ruehl thanked Lions that have helped with visits by the Alabama Lion Sight Mobile Eye Van at Good Sanmartin Clinic over the past year, offering eye services to the indigent. He also announced the van's visits for the first quarter of 2026: January 28th, February 25th and April 1st.

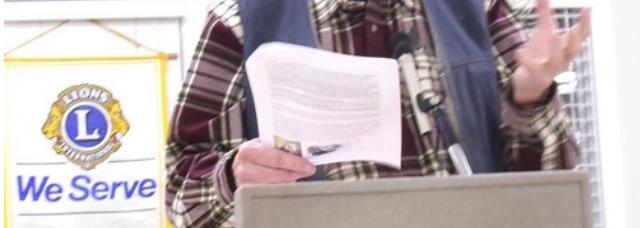
Lion Riley Smith shared news on the Alabama Lions Sight BOD meeting with good progress reports. In summarizing a report from Lion Sight Treasurer Don Elliot from the Anniston Lions Club, Lion Riley described the organization's finances as being on solid ground at this point, with receipts well ahead of expenses. One source of increased income has been the successful billing of insurance companies for the vision help and screening that the organization's screening vans have been providing. On that subject, Lion Riley again noted that several months



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ago one of its mobile screening vans was destroyed in a fire. However, Lions Sight asked and received an LCIF a matching grant for \$150,000 and now, two Hyundai vans have been purchased to more than fill the vehicle loss. Lion Riley said he feels really good about the overhaul of officers and new doctors that make up the leadership of Alabama Lions Sight, now and going forward.



Lion Riley Smith gives an encouraging report on Alabama Lions Sight.

Lion Scott Starosta read December's BOD minutes. Discussion and donations included support to the Foundry Farm, Alabama Lions Sight, Dept. of Human Resources funding for foster care (\$50 gift card to each foster child), support for a District 34-A Lions convention, and Cullman Caring for Kids.



Lion Scott Starosta updates us about last week's BOD meeting.

Upcoming Programs and Events

January 5: First meeting of 2026. TBD

Tale Twister Input

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