



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

December 17, 2018

### Program

Lion Phil Viverito introduced our speaker tonight, Dr. Robert S. Davis, professor of History and Director of the Genealogy Program of Wallace State Community College. In the course of his job, Robert manages a huge collection of local history and genealogy, and he makes this collection available to our citizens.



(L to R) Lion Phil Viverito, Dr. Robert S. Davis, and President Lion Mike Ponder.

Robert's duties include helping to build one of the South's most extensive genealogical collections; operating a microfilming facility; and teaching genealogy in one of the first colleges to offer genealogy as a college level course. In 2006, he received the Award for Outstanding Leadership in History from the American Association for State and Local History for his work in this program.

Dr. Davis' Family and Regional History Program is located on the fifth floor of the Wallace State Library. One of its specialties is copying old photographs. Patrons of its free research service have often, in turn, contributed their own photos for copying. The Wallace State microfilm laboratory copies genealogical and

historical records loaned to the program. Visitors to the library may sample several popular genealogical programs on the computer. This Program also offers field trips as courses, in which students travel with Dr. Davis to archives and libraries across the South and to other parts of the country. Professor Davis also teaches survey courses in geography and history.

Dr. Davis stressed how important is for generations to talk to older folks or their children to pass down stories from grandmother & grandfathers, as well as other relatives and older friends, and that everyone has stories which form the backbone of our community's history. This backbone mostly comes from the State of Georgia, the country of Germany, and Blacks in Colony from over the Country. Within this historical collection, it has collected separate histories, filed by Cullman early family settlers. It also has extensive history of Civil War and Cherokee Indian genealogy that may be researched. The Program has photos and newspaper files for generations from our community. Robert encouraged us to bring him old own photos and past records from anywhere, such as old Bibles, where births and deaths and marriages were often recorded. Much of the data available on microfilm and is being moved to computer files, which will make it much easier to research. The Mormon church has made their genealogy records available to Wallace State's library. There is a book now available on Blount County, and a new one being published soon on Cullman County history.



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Dr. Davis is a very entertaining speaker. Registration for his classes is at the following web site:  
<http://www.wallacestate.edu/programs/workforce-development/community-education>

### Other Business

Our Club will not meet again until January 7<sup>th</sup> due to Christmas and New Year's holidays.



Lion Bill Ruehl presents a Christmas bonus check from our Club to our server, Christie.

Lion Frank Odell announced the date for our Fish and Ham Dinner as the second Saturday in March – the 9<sup>th</sup> (See page 3). Lion Carey Thompson will be making team assignments for this event. In general, he will use last year's assignments as the starting point for 2019 assignments. If you were not happy with your position last year, see him for possible change. All Lions will be provided with a set of tickets for sale early next year.

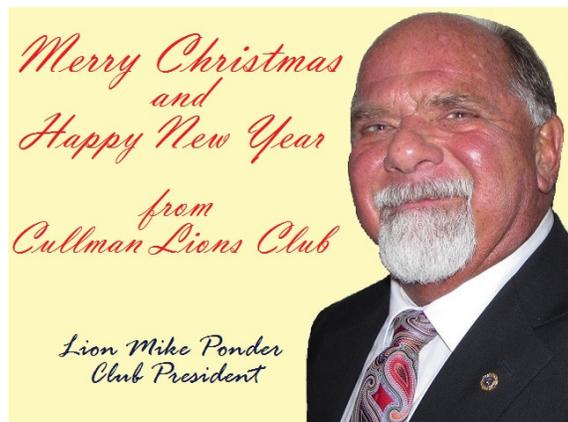
Lion Ed Henke had a recent check-up and is reported to be doing well. Lion Jim Walker is back home from the hospital after suffering a fall, but still must endure regular dialysis treatments.

Lion Javon Daniel gave a heart-felt "thank-you" to the Club for its latest financial support-check, as well as for Lion support

to "Christmas Love" in assembling bicycles and other toys.

Walmart employee, Lion Charlie Childers was awarded a check for \$250 from Walmart for his volunteer time in the Lions Club. Lion Charlie turned-over this award to our Club. He really has given the Club a double gift – his time and this award all going to the betterment of our community.

The MD-34A convention will be held in Gadsden March 2, 2019.



### Upcoming Programs and Events

Dec 24: No meeting. Christmas Eve.

Dec 31: No meeting. New Year's Eve.

Jan 7: 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).



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Annual

# Fish & Ham

**Dinner**

**Saturday, March 9th, 2019**

At The

*Cullman Middle School  
Cafeteria*

**11:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.**

**\$10.00 Plate**

**Choice of catfish filet or ham, baked potato, slaw,  
hushpuppies, dessert, and drink (Eat In or Carry Out)**

**\* Drive-Thru available on North Side \***

Purchase advanced tickets from any Cullman Lion, or Lioness, Club member

- OR -

The Brandin' Iron Restaurant - Business Solutions of Cullman  
Cullman Veterinary Hospital - Doug Doggett Jewelers  
East Side Barber Shop - Ed White Jewelers - Mary Carter Store  
Peek Auto Parts - Ponder Wrecker Service - Rennards Gallery

**\* [www.cullmanlions.com](http://www.cullmanlions.com) \***