



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

December 8, 2025

Program

There was no program tonight.

Other Business

Our superb caterer, Mr. Freddie Day came forward to announce that he would be retiring and selling his business and that next week would be the final occasion on which he and his team would prepare a meal for us. It is difficult to imagine anyone doing a better job. Our Club presented Christmas checks to Freddie & his team in appreciation for great work. Freddy spoke a few emotional words expressing his appreciation for the work that the Club does in the community and the friends that he has made with us.



The Freddie Day Catering team standing with Lions President Delane Ray.

Lion Javon Daniel's heart condition remains unchanged, in that he tires easily and sometimes has trouble catching his breath. His doctors say that open heart surgery could help, but Lion Javon's age precludes taking that option. Lion Mike Ponder has

continued to decline in his cancer fight; his weight has dropped to 125 lbs., and his family is very concerned, regarding his recovery. Lion Cindy Pinyan is having kidney surgery in the near future. Lion Fred Osborne is having eye surgery this week. Pray for these Lions and their families.

Wreaths Across America organization placed wreaths on the graves of our Nation's departed veterans on Dec. 13th at Cullman Cemetery and held a ceremony in recognition of their service. Many of our Lions were on hand.

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 President Delane Ray announced years of Lions Club service for Lions Chad Gambrel, Mike Ponder, and Sean & Melinda Schofield. He also announced that our Club received an invitation from the Agriplex to its open house on Wednesday, Dec. 17th to partake in refreshments, live music, door prizes, and tours of its new building.

Lion Sean Schofield talked about work that his wife, Lion Melinda Schofield, a Master Gardener, had started in donating her extra produce to The Link. Lion Sean then volunteered, and they both helped with serving at its monthly dinner. He subsequently asked about other opportunities to serve there and learned about a program in which four local Dollar



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General stores are donating food weekly to The Link. He said that he has been picking up donated food at a couple of these stores and bringing it back to The Link. Lion Sam Ruffner has also been working there weekly to help make up food baskets or whatever needs done.

Lion Craig Gadow then spoke up to invite Lions to come down on the 2nd Thursday of each month for its clients, saying that if you do it once, you will be impressed and see its impact on those indigent souls. So, there is much needed service that can be done there for Lions or whoever wants to help that program in helping our community. Speaking as our District Governor, Lion Craig also challenged each member of our Club, including himself to bring in at least one new member next year.

Lion Graig then announced years-of-service chevron award pins for the following Lions: Chris Robinson – 10 years; Steve Cartee – 20; David Bussman – 25, Richard White – 35, Carey Thompson – 40, and Morris Mangum – 55. **See photos below.**



Lions Chris Robinson & Steve Cartee receiving award.



Lions Carey Thompson & Morris Mangum receiving award from Lion Craig Gadow.

Upcoming Programs and Events

December 15: Last meeting of the year-- a Christmas themed meeting.

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).

Guitar & piano accompaniment.



Lions David Bussman & Richard White receiving award.