



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

February 28, 2022

Program

Lion Javon Daniel presided over tonight's meeting was the last get together before the Fish & Ham Dinner. No special program tonight as Lion Frank Odell gave out more words of encouragement, and we tried to make sure that all Lions knew their assignments and had contact with their committee chairmen on scheduling.



Lions Frank Odell and Carey Thompson Fish & Hamming it up.



Lions Dennis Berse and Sam Roberts fill us in on Fish & Ham advertisement.

Lions that can come in Friday afternoon should be at the cafeteria by 3PM (changed from 2PM) to help get things set-up for Saturday's event. We should be finished in a couple of hours. Lion Frank asked Lions Sam Roberts and Dennis Berse to come up and talk about some of the things they were doing as the Publicity team. They said that they had ads in the Cullman Times and the Cullman Tribune the past couple of weeks and will be in the Shoppers guide this week; they have ads through social media, and some signs are up with more to come, by Doug Spradlin, in particular.

Arrival times for Lions this Saturday should be scheduled by Chairmen of the Fish & Ham teams. If you do not know what time you are supposed to be there, just show up at 10AM. A few specific times that I know about or have assumed are these: Lion Dennis Berse plans to be at the cafeteria at 6AM; he has to start early because we are short one oven from last year. Lion Randy Kraft plans on placing some boxes of fish in the refrigerator Friday afternoon to thaw a little, then arrive about 7:00AM Saturday to get ahead in having fish completely thawed & ready for brooding. Lion Steve Murphree plans to be there at 7:30AM to start getting set up; some of his fish-cooking team as well as some of the hush puppy-cooking team needs to be on hand helping Lion Steve. We will have a brief 9:15AM safety meeting for those involved in cooking. Fish Fry Prep team should be present at the 9:15 meeting and start battering fish immediately afterwards.



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Lion Steve plans to start putting fish in the pot to cook at 9:45. Hush puppy cooking should also start then, also. So, hush puppy prep should have a batch of hush puppy mix ready to go by then. Lion David Bussman has coordinated for the first set of Leos to arrive at 9:00 for orientation and to start filling large trays with tartar sauce serving cups and getting slaw prepared and filling cups onto trays. We will have a short safety meeting at 10:00 for everyone who was not at the 9:15 meeting. We will start preparing foam serving plates for take-out at 10:15 or as soon as cars start lining up. Some of the times, above, are what a few Chairmen have told me – and some are my best guess. The important thing is to shoot for having food available for take-out loading at 10:15; Chairmen should adjust their planning to meet that time. We'll probably be wide-open until well after Noon, as usual. Chairmen should have their team scheduled in a fair manner and also designate one person to stay over and help clean and get things squared away between 6:00PM and 7:00PM. Remember to wear your vests.

Other Business

Lion Charlie Childers reported that the 4-H and FFA Livestock Expo was held this past weekend. The Fair Association makes an annual contribution to these organizations, and they play a big part in providing exhibits and shows during the Fair. He also reminded us that our 2021 Fair Queen, Ms. Abby Sosa, will be a contestant in the Miss Alabama Contest this year. One of the requirements for all contestants is to raise \$350 on their own for their chosen platform. Abby will come

to a Club meeting in the near future and present her platform, which is deals with missionary work in Mexico. By consensus, members have agreed to “pass the hat” for Abby to help her in raising money for her platform requirement. She will really be representing us and our Fair. All of our high schools are having their own pageants right now.

Lion Secretary Craig Gadow announced that we would have a formal induction ceremony week-after-next for Lions who came into the Lions within the last 3 years (that’s a lot of Lions – a couple of them are already on our Board of Directors). Normally, this is a coat & tie event, but the Lion President is letting us off easy by only requiring that we wear our Lion vests. Lions to be inducted and their sponsors should be present. Our Lion District Governor will preside over this ceremony. New member applications from Brian Simmons sponsored by Lion Gary Murphree and Brad Ponder sponsored by Lion Mike Ponder.

Lion Jerry Bonner showed off the Lion’s vest that belonged to the late, great Lion Ed Henke, given to him by Ed’s wife, Dottie. All those pins represent a lot of mileage and Lions’ conventions.



Lion Jerry Bonner with the late Lion Ed Henke’s vest.



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We had rather good attendance tonight. Lion Charlie Powell managed to get us all together for a photo. Most Lions remembered to wear their vests.

Upcoming Programs and Events

March 4: Preparation for Fish & Ham Dinner at Cullman Middle School lunchroom; 3:00 – 5:00PM.

March 5: Fish & Ham Dinner. Wear your vests & a cap, too, unless you want to wear a hair net.

March 7: Program is TBD We will again be meeting at Commission on Aging building.

March 14: Lion's induction ceremony for members who joined Lions within last 3 years. Wear Lions Club Vests. District Governor presiding.

May 14: Annual Shred-a-thon.

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).