



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

February 5, 2018

### Program

Lion Randy Kraft introduced our speaker tonight, Ms. Kristie Smith who is a graduate of Holly Pond High School, a graduate of the University of Alabama, and mother of 2 children. She is also the Service Coordinator for the Early Intervention Program. This program is one of several under the Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled (CCCDD), located at the Margaret Jean Jones Center. With rare exception, our CCCD serves Cullman County, exclusively. Kristie talked about her program as well as other CCCDD programs.



(L to R) Lion Randy Kraft, Ms. Kristie Smith, and Lion President Bill Ruehl.

Ms. Smith's program, also known as TODD's Club (Toddlers Overcoming Developmental Delays), is designed around infants and toddlers up to 3 years in age. Its goal is to identify, assess, and treat these kids with developmental delays so that they will progress faster and reach more self-reliance in later years. Some of the signs pointing to early developmental problems are the inability to follow a

moving object with their eyes by 6 months, or to say Ma-ma for Da-da by 9 months, or to feed themselves by 12 months. After age 3, these children go from TODD's Club into the Special Education Program administrated by the public-school system, and they may remain there until age 21. After leaving Special Education, assistance is continued with adult day services through other programs of the CCCDD. Clients may receive any of three types of therapy at the CCCDD: physical, speech, and occupational. Each client is evaluated by a multi-disciplinary team to determine program appropriateness and the least restrictive setting. Psychological services are also available to stimulate learning. The CCCDD works with their clients' parents to help at home with therapy, and works within the community to provide handicap equipment, hearing aids, and glasses.

The CCCD also runs Todd's Friends Daycare. This provides a fully integrated environment which promotes growth and adaptive skills development of children with delays. In addition, the CCCDD administers a summer program for school age children, which is a joint venture with Cullman City and Cullman county Schools.

Christie described the CCCDD's Top Quality Industries (TQI). This is a sheltered workshop for clients who have reached their maximum potential in the Day Training Program and are ready for employment, usually simple assembly jobs. TQI contracts with local businesses to provide real work for real paychecks.



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The CCCDD also runs eight State & Federally funded group homes for about 30 older clients who have often lost their parents, or for those seeking to achieve greater self-sufficiency in a more normalized, home-like environment.

Lion Chris Robinson testified just how great all these services had been for his sister who passed not long ago at age 59. Ms. Smith also related to us how excited and appreciative the clients from the CCCDD were for their special day that our Club provides for them at the County Fair; she said that several had described the event as one of the “best days of my life.”

### Other Business

Lion Wayne McCravy is still ill. Lion Lummie Speakman has had a little relapse from his bout with the flu. Lion Jim Searcy's wife is on life-support in the Decatur Hospital. Lion Wendel Copeland is under-going a medical procedure.

Since Lion Jim Walker has been in the hospital undergoing medical testing, Lion Austin Monk volunteered to temporarily take over Lion's Jim's duties for collecting Fish & Ham ticket sale monies. Speaking of that: Most of us have our Fish & Ham tickets in hand. Let's get them sold. The Dinner is on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Club received “thank you” notes from the family of Lion Billy Pfeil for our donation to Alabama Lions Sight in his name. Also had one from Cullman Caring for Kids for our generous donation.

There will be a Fair Board meeting on February 12th.

February 19th will be the annual “Empty Bowls” night across the street from the All Steak at the 1st Methodist Church. No meeting will be held.

MD-35A District Convention will be March 16-17 at Joe Wheeler State Park. See info flyer (page 3) and registration form (page 4).

### Upcoming Programs and Events

February 12: Mr. Mike Dengate will talk about Leader Dogs for the Blind.



Mr. Mike Dengate from Leader Dogs for the Blind.

February 19: Empty Bowls Dinner at First Methodist Church. No regular Club meeting at the All Steak.

March 3: Fish and Ham Dinner in the Cullman Middle School Cafeteria.

### 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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MARCH 16-17, 2018

## MD34-A DISTRICT CONVENTION

JOE WHEELER STATE PARK - 4403 MCLEAN DR, ROGERSVILLE, AL  
35652



### AGENDA:

Friday, March 16

-Social Dinner

Saturday, March 17

-Breakout sessions featuring

ID Joyce Middleton

-Lunch and Dinner

### PRICING:

• Rooms: \$69/night until Feb. 16

• Rooms: \$78/night after Feb. 16

• Friday Night Social: \$20/person

• Saturday: \$50/person

• Both Days: \$65/person

\*Prices include meals and refreshments, as well as access to breakout sessions

<http://www.alabamalions34a.com/>



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### Registration Form

Please join us for a wonderful district convention, featuring guest ID Joyce Middleton!

[When: March 16-17, 2018]

- Friday Night Social, Dinner Included – 6:00 pm
- Saturday Breakout Sessions, Lunch & Dinner Included
  - Registration – 8:30 am
  - Meeting – 9:30 am

[Where: Joe Wheeler State Park]

- 4403 McLean Driver, Rogersville, AL 35652

[Pricing]

- Rooms Available - \$69/night through Feb. 16 - \$78/night after Feb. 16
    - \*To reserve, call (256)-247-5466 and give code: 2668**
    - Friday Social: \$20/person (\$25 after March 2)
    - Saturday: \$50/person (\$55 after March 2)
    - Both Days: \$65/person (\$70 after March 2)
- \*Childcare will be provided at no extra cost! \***

Please complete the bottom half of this form and send with payment to:

District CST Lindsey Schneider  
117 Burton St.  
Huntsville, AL 35811

**\*Couples, please register separately, so we may get an efficient and accurate headcount.**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am registering for:**

Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Both Days \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_