



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

February 5, 2024

Program

No program tonight. 3rd Vice-President Jeff Lawson presided as President Lion Chris Brooks attended his wife, following her surgery this past week. Lion Jeff reported that he met with about 40 to 50 LEOs from Cullman High School this past week. It was a good meeting, and Lion Jeff was hopeful about their support for our Fish & Ham Dinner this year. He also read several thank-you notes from (1) Ms. Marie Rhodes who presented our program a couple of weeks ago on her pottery career, (2) the Link, and (3) Cullman Caring for Kids.



Lion 3rd Vice President Jeff Lawson takes charge of tonight's meeting.

Lion Ron Seybold will likely have some lung surgery in the coming days in addition to continuing his chemotherapy; he's lost about 20 pounds in just the past few weeks.

Lion Jerry Smith is awaiting word from his surgeon in scheduling a procedure for heart-valve problems.

Lion Dewayne Wilson continues recovery at home after being admitted to Cullman Regional Hospital with RSV and severe coughing. President Lion Chris Brooks' wife, Betty, is back home after her surgery.

Lion Dave Gratz had some breathing problems and was taken to Brookwood Hospital in Birmingham for lung blood clots; his medical issues have stabilized, he is weak from his stay there, but he is improving.

Lion Randy Kraft gave us some details on his recent attendance at the Association of Alabama Fairs convention. He noted that the current 1st Vice President of this association will speak to us on March 18. He also informed us that our 2023 Fair got 2nd place for all Fairs in Alabama, coming in very close to 1st place Florence. He noted that Dr. Kira Sims from Cullman's Extension Office spoke at the convention about Cullman's Auburn Extension Office's support that it provides during our Fair. Most of the other Fair attendees were envious about that. Cullman will host the 2025 convention for this association in Building #1 at the Fairground. Also, Lion Randy was voted as the association's 1st Vice President, meaning that he is in line to be its President in two years.

Other Business

Several of our Lions are having health and other family issues:

Lion Steve Cartee began allowing Lions to sign for Ham & Fish Dinner tickets and gave us some detailed instructions on Fish & Ham ticket sales procedures. He reminded us that the ticket stub



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should not be torn off, either by the seller or the buyer; the stub will be torn off for accounting purposes as it is exchanged for the buyer's dinner. Also, for proper accounting, Lion Steve wants to ensure that everyone who has tickets gets a receipt for ticket sale dollars/checks or for any unsold tickets as they are turned in to Lion Steve and his team; if you cannot wait for a receipt, put the dollars or checks or unsold tickets into an envelope upon which you have placed your name, the date, and details for the envelopes' contents (amount of money, amount # of tickets sold, and # of tickets being returned). Lion Steve will have a receipt prepared for you at the next Club meeting. Do not just lay cash/checks or tickets at Steve's table and walk away. Lion Steve pledged to be ready to issue tickets and receive proceeds starting at 5PM until everyone has been served at every Club meeting. He also said that everyone should count the number of tickets that they have received to make sure that number matches with what Lion Steve's records show.

visit to the Good Samaritan Clinic with support from several of our Lions besides himself (Lions Richard Gurley, David Wiggins, Steve Cartee, Jerry Smith, and Milford Parrish).

Upcoming Programs and Events

February 12: Representatives from The Foundry Farm will be speaking.

February 19: Empty Bowls Dinner from 4:00 to 6:30 PM at 1st United Methodist Church. The cost is \$15, but Lions can eat for free if you wear your vests. (No regular Lions Club meeting.)

March 9: Annual Fish & Ham Dinner at Cullman Middle School Cafeteria. Dinner will be served that Saturday from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. Doors will open at 7:00AM for setup, as necessary. Initial Preparation on the Friday before the dinner will be from 2:00PM until 6:00PM on March 8th.

March 18: 1st Vice President of the Association of Alabama Fairs, Scott Haskell will speak.



Lion Claude Clay getting his Fish & Ham Tickets from Lions Steve Cartee and Delane Ray.



Association of Alabama Fairs

Lion Bill Ruehl reported that the Lions Mobile Eye Clinic van had another highly successful

Our Club meetings are being recorded and can be seen live, or you may view past meetings at the following Facebook web site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1106236123576541/?ref=share> . Call Lion Craig Gadow at 256-736-8361 if you need help getting to this site.



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