



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

Jan 20, 2020

Program

Lion Javon Daniel introduced our speaker, Ms. Nancy Bryant, Assistant Director of Cullman Caring for Kids and Vice-President of the Board of Directors for Christmas Love, Inc. Nancy spoke to us about Christmas Love.



(L to R) Lion President Andrew Manning, Ms. Nancy Bryant, and Lion Javon Daniel.

Ms. Bryant began by saying that she felt a closeness to our Club because she personally knows most of our Club's members and said that they have the same caring hearts towards our families and our community that she has. Christmas Love was created about 30 years ago, and in the past eleven years it has help over 2200 children have a "Christmas morning." Although the it has a board of directors and is a registered 501-c non-profit organization, there are no paid staff; it is supported by local donations.

This program averages between 150 and 200 children every year that it helps at Christmas. 99 percent of them- would not have Christmas gifts without Christmas Love. Its whole mission is to make this

happen. It starts by buying them a complete set of clothing from top to bottom. And that's the first priority, to make sure these children have warm clothes: a warm coat, socks, underwear, pants, and shirts. However, in helping the children, if the family has needs, the program tries to alleviate those needs, also. One year, there was a family that didn't have any way to cook, and the program persuaded somebody to donate a gas stove. Christmas Love goes to Toys for Tots to get a large portion of the toys given to children. A lot of businesses and individuals will sponsor a child or family, and they'll actually buy the Christmas for them. Ruskin Packaging has been providing the boxes for gathering items for each child & their family. One of the gifts for each child is a "candy cane story," which explains who Jesus is and why we celebrate Christmas. Christmas Love has great partners that provide the referrals to them. One of the most fruitful has been school-bus drivers, who see the kids every school day. As a matter of fact, Ms. Bryant pointed out that her son-in-law, Lion Casey Smith, is one of these drivers.

Ms. Bryant explained how program makes arrangements, whereby in private, the parents first receive the gifts that they can wrap and actually give to their children -- so the parents have the ownership in their child's Christmas. The family also gets an explanation of all the hard work, donations, and effort that contributes to the program. This also allows the program to often fill



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specific family needs or a child's desired gift when possible.

Nancy was especially appreciative to our Club for allowing it to use the Fairground's Exhibit Bldg #1 to organize the packaging, set-up, and getting help from our Club members in getting the Christmas gifts ready to send out. Also, private interviews with children's parents & most of the transfer of gifts are set up at this location.

As I was listening to Nancy speak, Lion Bill Ruehl proudly mentioned that his mother and a lady named Lorene Scott, who has worked at the Power Board for years, were original founders of this great program.

Other Business

Lions Jerry Caudle and Ed Henke continue with health challenges.

Lion Don Smith and Lion Steve Cartee began Fish & Ham ticket distribution at tonight's meeting. If you've not picked yours up, do so ASAP. Sell, sell, sell !! The dinner this year will be Saturday, February 29th . See page 3 of this newsletter for a draft of Lion assignments



Lion Morris Magnum signing for his Fish & Ham tickets from Lion Steve Cartee.

Photographer: Lion Charlie Powell

Editor: Lion Carey Thompson

Associate Editor: Lion Don Smith

Upcoming Programs and Events



Dr. Shane Barnette
Cullman County Schools Superintendent

January 27: Dr. Shane Barnette, Superintendent for Cullman County Schools.

February 17: Empty Bowls Dinner at the 1st Methodist Church. No Club meeting.

www.cullmanlions.com/membership_roster.html

The Fish & Ham tickets are now available for sale. Find a Club Member and buy some!	<p>Cullman Lions Club</p> <p>Fish and Ham Dinner February 29, 2020 Cullman Middle School Cafeteria \$10.00 Donation 11:00 am - 6:00 pm Eat in or Carry Out</p> <p>NOT VALID * For Demonstration Only * NOT VALID</p>	* L-R * Lions: Andrew Manning Bill Ruehl Randy Kraft
	<p>- Demo Ticket -</p>	

February 29: Ham & Fish Dinner.

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.



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Draft V1 - Cullman Lions Club 2020 Fish and Ham Dinner Committee Assignments [Distributed to the Club Members on January 13, 2020]			
Project Managers	Contact		Contact
Odeh, Frank - Supreme Commander			
Thompson, Carey - First Minion			
A. Cooking Mgmt			
Willingham, Barry - Chairman			
Murphee, Steve - Co-Chair			
B. Serving Team			
Spradlin, Doug - Chairman			
Grier, James - Co-Chair			
Boyd, Kevin			
Cooperand, Wendell			
McSwain, Steven			
Williams, Jeff			
Will, Bill			
LEOs			
C. Fish Thaw/Slaw Prep			
Kraft, Randy - Chairman			
Thompson, Carey - Co-Chair			
Brooks, Chris			
Byrd, Jeff			
Hogue, Matthew			
Roy, Joshua			
Smith, Cody			
D. Ham and Baked Potatoes			
Berse, Dennis - Chairman			
Pfeifer, Tom - Co-Chair			
Biswell, Kevin			
Howell, Tom			
Proctor, Bobby			
Tucker, Samuel			
E. Hush Puppy Cook			
Scott, Tim - Chairman			
Willingham, Barry - Co-Chair			
Parrish, Milford			
Pizing, Alton*			
Ponder, Mike			
Sessions, Phillip			
F. Fish Fry Prep			
Bussaman, David - Chairman			
Smith, Riley - Co-Chair			
Mangum, Morris			
Presto, Patrick			
Ray, Delaine			
Stoyard, Tim			
Smith, Wade			
G. Fish Cooking			
Murphee, Steve - Chairman			
Williams, Raymond - Co-Chair			
Eddleman, Jerry			
Floyd, Chad			
Harrison, Adam			
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I. Hush Puppy Team			
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Spradlin, Doug 2 - Co-Chair			
Cartee, Steve 2			
Harbison, Bruce 2			
Peek, Rickey 2			
Powell, Charles 2			
J. Take-Out/Drive Thru			
Powell, Charles - Chairman			
Childers, Charles - Co-Chair			
Alderhold, Mark*			
Boozer, Bryan			
Goodwin, David			
Robinson, Chris			
Slaten, Terry			
Walsh, Scott			
K. Drink Committee			
Osborne, Fred - Chairman			
Ruehl, Bill - Co-Chair			
Peek, Rickey			
Smith, Fuller*			
L. Fish and Hush Puppy Trans			
Perry, Howard - Chairman			
Mangum, Mike - Co-Chair			
Burke, Jim			
Dvornk, Jonathan*			
James, Patrick			
Walker, Alan			
Wilson, Dewayne			
Wren, Jeffrey			
M. Hush Puppy Mix			
Eddleman, Chad - Chairman			
Speckman, Josh - Co-Chair			
Viverto, Philip			
Witcher, Jeff			
N. Accounting/Ticket Sales			
Smith, Don - Chairman			
Cartee, Steve - Co-Chair			
Murphee, Gary			
Rooker, Jim			
Howard, James			
O. Mop and Broom Sales			
Gratz, Dave - Chairman			
Harbison, Bruce - Co-Chair			
Krieger, George			
Speckman, Lummie			
P. Dining Rm & Clean Up			
Bonner, Jerry - Chairman			
Gurley, Richard - Co-Chair			
Caudle, Jerry			
Daniel, Javon			
Doggett, Douglas			
Galin, Jerry			
Henke, Ed			
Walsh, Bo			
White, Richard			
Williams, Doug			
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Q. Publicity Team			
Berse, Dennis 2 - Chairman			
Spradlin, Doug 2 - Co-Chair			
Cartee, Steve 2			
Harbison, Bruce 2			
Peek, Rickey 2			
Powell, Charles 2			
R. Lions who are MAL			
Alderhold, Mark (Take-out)			
Benefield, Wesley			
Bowden, Bobby			
Christian, Lawrence			
Conway, Jay			
Duke, Kelly			
Dvorak, Jonathan (Transport)			
Earnest, Michael			
Fromhold, Michael			
Gambrell, Chad			
Garrison, Phillip			
Gentry, Matt			
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NOTE: Publicity Team is double booked.

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