



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

January 20, 2025

### Program

Lion Charlie Childers Introduced our speakers tonight, reigning Miss Cullman County Fair, Miss Avery Gerstman.



Lion Charlie Childers stands with Miss Avery Gerstman (our Fair Pageant winner) along with her Mom and Dad, Shanna and Jason Gerstman .

Avery said that she would be competing for the title of “Miss Alabama Teen” March 7-9. She plans to share a little of her initiative, called Shine-a-Lot, which focuses on mental health and adolescents. She explained that mental health is a vital part of our well-being, but that it is often overlooked or stigmatized. Related to this cause, Avery is raising funds for two organizations: The American Heart Association, which recognizes the connection between physical and mental health; and Brooks Place, which provides restoration of hope and resilience in the lives of young kids who have been abused and need help the most. She continued, saying, “Mental Health is a collective community responsibility, and together, we can create a supportive environment where one feels valued and understood. By raising awareness and funds for the American Heart Association and Brook’s Place, child advocacy center, we’re taking meaningful steps towards a healthier, more compassionate community.”

At the conclusion of her talk, Lion Charlie Childers recommended that we “pass the hat” for an account for Avery who still has to raise money within the community to support the pageant and her initiative. This we did. Lion Chris Brooks also presented her with a check to fully pay for an ad in the Miss Alabama event brochure for the Cullman Lions; this is part of the qualification process that must be completed on her part to qualify for the Pageant. We wish the best for Avery in the coming competition. We should be proud that we are able to bring forward such talented young women to represent our County and City.



The Gerstman family shares our great food.



President Lion Chris Brooks presents a Club mug and a check to Miss Avery Gerstman.



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### Other Business

Lion Jerry Smith has been undergoing rehab in Huntsville after breaking his leg. He is improving, out of the hospital, and staying at his son's house. Lion Chris Brooks talked with Lion Ron Seabold. Lion Ron reports that after making significant improvement with his cancer, things have turned for the worse -- his tumors have been growing again, and he has several new ones. He asked for our prayers for him and family.

Frank Odell & crew will start New Member Roundtable on January 27, and we will have a new member induction ceremony sometime in February.

Lion Carey Thompson said a few words about the Fish & Ham Dinner. After reviewing the schedule of High School events, such as the Prom, Track meets, baseball & soccer tournaments, etc., March 22<sup>nd</sup> looked like the best option for the dinner. But that is also the first day of schools' spring break. Fortunately, we did get confirmation that assistance from several members of the CMS cafeteria staff would be available to help. So, March 22 now stands as the date for this event.

Lion President Chris Brooks announced years-of-service in our Club for the following Lions: Javon Daniel – 10 years, Steven McSwain – 11, David Peacock – 1. Also, he read a thank-you note from the Link for our support of their 2024 Gala. He also read one from the Agriplex for the Club's help in reaching the two-thirds mark of its capital campaign to greatly expand its facilities. Our Club made its largest contribution of 2024 to this organization.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

January 27: TBD

TBD in a few weeks: Mr. Jeff Young, Co-owner of Mary Carter Store, will speak on a piece of Cullman History.



Mr. Jeff Young, Co-owner of Mary Carter Store

**See page 3 for Committee Assignments**

### 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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### Committee Assignments for FY 2024-2025

<b>President Chris Brooks</b>							
Committees	Chair	Co-Char	Member	Member	Member	Member	Member
Nominating	Steve Murphree	Morris Magnum	Dewayne Wilson				
Club History	Dennis Berse	Charlie Powell	Javon Daniel	Dewayne Wilson	Ron Seybold	Scott Starosta	
Explore	Jerry Bonner	David Bussman	Raymond Williams	Fred Osborne	Delane Ray	Craig Gadow	Steve Cartee
<b>1st VP Delane Ray</b>							
Committees	Chair	Co-Char	Member	Member			
Diabetes	Milford Parrish	George Krigbaum	David Peacock	Javon Daniel			
Fair Concessions	David Bussman	Richard Gurley	Judy Smith				
Finance & Community	Don Smith	Brian Spaeth	Jerry Bonner				
Fish & Ham	Carey Thompson	David Peacock	Jason Tielking				
Membership	George Krigbaum	Javon Daniel	Frank Odell				
Program	Sam Roberts	Randy Kraft	Chris Robinson				
Mop & Broom	Richard White	Dave Gratz	Chris Robinson				
Sight	Bill Ruehl	Steve Cartee					
<b>2nd VP Jeff Lawson</b>							
Committees	Chair	Co-Char					
Area Lion's Liason	Craig Gadow	Scott Starosta					
Constitution & Bylaws	Craig Gadow	Steve Murphee	Frank Odell				
House & Food	Dennis Berse	Fred Osborne					
Member Information	Charlie Powell	Dave Gratz					
Song Leader	Richard White	Chris Robinson					
Youth Leos	David Wiggins	Jeff Lawson					
<b>3rd VP David Wiggins</b>							
Committees	Chair	Co-Char					
Tail Twister	Richard Gurley	Richard White					
Fair Parade	Steve Murphee	Barry Willingham					
Branch Club Liaison	Ron Seybold	Jeff Lawson					
Publicity	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell					
Communications & Web	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell					
New- Member Orientation	Frank Odell	George Krigbaum	Richard Gurley	Steve Murphree	Raymond Williams	Ginger Hogeland	