



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

January 22, 2018

### Program

PDG Lion Jerry Bonner introduced our program speaker tonight, Alabama Lions Sight Executive Director, Lion Durden Dean.



**Lion President Bill Ruehl presents a check for Lions Sight from our Club to Lion Durden Dean, Ex. Dir. Of Alabama Lions Sight. This very substantial check was a direct result of funding made available from our Fair this year**

Lion Dean gave us a short history of the Lions eye clinic associated with the Callahan Eye Hospital in Birmingham. Our Lions Clinic served 192 Cullman citizens last year, and a total of 4500 across Alabama that were going to lose their sight. Dr. Callahan was the first director of Alabama Lions Sight which has now provided eye care to the poor and indigent for over 54 years, serving more than 360,000 people. There are 15 resident doctors at the hospital in training at any one time, with 5 graduating each year. Because of their association with our Clinic, these future doctors are indoctrinated in Lionism and our charitable work; they are encouraged, as they

establish themselves in their own practices, to devote at least one day a month to giving free services to the poor. Lion Durden said 250,000 to 300,000 people statewide can't afford insurance, don't qualify for Medicaid, or are not old enough for Medicare. Or, they don't have transportation to an area where they can get it, so they basically do without. Senior citizens are the fastest-growing population in Alabama, yet they are the most underserved, especially when it comes to receiving necessary eye care, he said.

To help meet this need, Alabama Lions Sight unveiled a Mobile Eye and Vision Clinic truck last year which provides full-eye-dilation eye exams and has served 2,762 people. This optometry truck provides refractive exams and checks for glaucoma, macular degeneration, diabetes, and hypertension. About a third of the patients have diabetes and 15 percent have glaucoma or something related to it. 25% of the clinic's patients have no insurance, but when they do, Medicare, or Medicaid, or insurance companies can be billed to reimburse Lions Sight. For those that can pay, charges are only \$25 for exams, \$35 for glasses, and \$45 for bi-focal glasses. When people need glasses, arrangements are made so that they can be picked up at a supporting area clinic. If a patient needs transportation for surgery, Lions Sight can arrange it; most surgeries and follow-up support require 5 or 6 trips to the hospital. At this time the mobile clinic serves 16 Alabama counties, from Walker to Wilcox. mainly in the black belt; the ultimate goal is



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to be in every county in the state, the Appalachian area, in particular.

A "Thank You" was received from Alabama Lions Sight for a \$100 contribution in honor of the late Lion Billy Pfeil.

### Other Business

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

Lion Frank Odell has the flu; Lion Ed Henke has a respiratory infection.

Lions Jim Howard and Phillip Sessions were able to attend tonight's meeting after absences due to recent medical issues.

A friend of the Club, Carolyn Peinhardt Johnson, passed from a heart attack.



The Club's largest donation of the year was presented to Cullman Caring for Kids. Lion Javon Daniel accepted this check as that organization's Executive Director. Standing with him are Lions who participated in projects that raise funds for this worthy cause.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

Fish and Ham tickets were available for pickup.

January 29: Coach Plunkett/ Principal Hall presented by Lion Charlie Childers.

The Secretary read the last BOD minutes.

February 12: Mr. Mike Dengate will talk about the Leader Dog Organization.

Walmart contributed \$250 to the Club in honor of their employee, Lion Charlie Childers, for his work in our Club.

February 12: Lion Leadership training for current Lion officers or those Lions who want to be one.

The Cullman County Fair was designated 2017 Alabama Class 2A Champion Fair.

### Tale Twister Input

Lion Jerry Bonner was elected to the Alabama State Fair Board.

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).

A "Thank You" was received from the Good Samaritan Clinic for our funding donation.



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## 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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## MD34-A District Convention

### 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)

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.**

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

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

### I am registering for:

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

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

**\*Make checks payable to Lions of Alabama District 34-A**