



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

January 22, 2024

Program

For our program tonight, Lion Craig Gadow presented Ms. Marie Rhodes of Mud Toad Pottery.



Lion President Chris Brooks (left), along with Lion Craig Gadow (right), seemed a little embarrassed in presenting our token appreciation mug to our guest speaker, Ms. Marie Rhodes. Our Club's mug rather pales in comparison to the pottery art that Marie produces.

Although only 16 years old, Marie, through her natural talent, maturity, and determination, appears to have built an impressive future for herself in the field of pottery, even though she only had her first pottery class in April 2022. Miss Rhodes is currently in the 11th grade at the Everest Homeschool Academy and intends to enroll in her senior year at Good Hope High School. She provided a set of beautifully designed mugs for our Club members and for the Club's possible use as tokens of appreciation for our program speakers. She was presented with a check tonight for those mugs. She is a member of the Tennessee Potter Society and has beautiful pottery for purchase at Vintage Magnolias in Hanceville. She would love to someday have her own pottery studio. She has been a great contributor in producing many pottery bowls for the "Empty

Bowls" dinner for the past two years. She not only takes lessons and tips from local potters in the area but seeks out all the videos she can find on this subject.

Marie went into some detail about how the pottery is made, whether it be stoneware, earthenware, or porcelain. And she talked about temperatures that various kilns can handle, up to 2,245 degrees at the high end or lower for other types. She also discussed the various materials that can be used to color for the pottery glaze. E.g., magnesium makes yellow, iron makes red or green, copper can make blue or green, and cobalt makes blue. She said that she usually orders clay at 1,000 pounds each and uses about 3,000 pounds per year.

Marie also has a Facebook page that provides the different type-items that she makes. She has just appeared in the latest Cullman Magazine Spring 2024 edition with even more facts about this amazing talent.

Other Business

[See first draft of Fish & Ham work assignments on page 4 of this newsletter.](#)

Lion President Brooks read thank-you notes from "Wreaths Across America," and "The Foundry" organizations for our financial donations.

Lion Ron Seybold was in attendance after a recent hospitalization.

New member, Lion David Peacock was introduced by his sponsor, Lion Jeff Byrd. He is from Birmingham, but he has lived outside Holly Pond for about 25 years in the old Shaw place.



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He said he was interested in being more involved with the community, and qualified himself by saying that if we accepted Lion Jeff Byrd, he knew we would welcome him, which we do.



New Lion David Peacock

We have had upwards of 40 female Lions as members of the Cullman Lions since 2020 when the Branch Club was formed. All of our Branch Club members are members of the Cullman Lions but with their primary affiliation assigned to the Branch Club as a subset within the Cullman Lions Club. The Branch Club members are recognized and registered as Cullman Lions by Lions International and MD-34A. An affiliation change from a Branch Club to a Main Club is wholly within any Lion's rights. Lion Dean Twilley, a past President of the Branch Club, came to the Board of Directors desiring an affiliation change to the main Cullman Lions and the reassignment has been made per her request. While Lion Dean isn't the first female Cullman Lions Club member, she is the first female assigned to the main Cullman Lions Club. She has an active history of service, and we expect her to continue contributing at the highest level of Lionism. With the Fish & Ham Dinner coming soon, Lion Dean will have an opportunity to get to know all of the Cullman Lions.



Lion Dean Twilley

Upcoming Programs and Events

January 29: Col. Don Fallin will speak on Veterans Hall of Fame progress. Our meal will be a breakfast buffet, catered by Chef Freddie Day & his staff.

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.

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. See first draft of Fish & Ham work assignments on page 4 of this newsletter.

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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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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Cullman Lions Club 2024 Fish and Ham Dinner Committee Assignment (1st & 2nd Names for Each Team Are Chairmen & Co-chair)

Draft 1st Version As of Jan 29, 2024		Contact	Contact	Contact	Contact	Contact
Project Managers		Thompson, Carey - Mgr	Scott, Tim	L. Dining Rm & Clean Up		Contact
Odell, Frank - Asst Mgr		Willingham, Barry	Willingham, Barry	H. Publicity Team		Contact
Bussman, David - Asst Mgr		Bales, Matthew	Bales, Matthew	Berse, Dennis 2	M. Acctng/Ticket Sales	
A. Cooking Mgmt		Gambrell, Chad	Gambrell, Chad	Childers, Charles 2	Cartee, Steve	Cartee, Steve
Willingham, Barry		Hamm, Mark	Hamm, Mark	Roberts, Samuel 2	Peek, Rickey 2	Gadow, Craig
Scott, Tim		Odell, Frank	Odell, Frank	Cartee, Steve 2	Powell, Charles 2	Brooks, Chris
B. Serving Team		Ponder, Mike	Ponder, Mike	Powell, Charles 2	Spradlin, Doug 2	Clay, Claude
Wilt, Bill		Speakman, Josh	Speakman, Josh	I. Take-Out/Drive Thru		Ray, Delane
Copeland, Wendell		Yearwood, Declan	Yearwood, Declan	Powell, Charles	N. Mop & Broom Sales	
Fromhold, Michael		F. Fish Fry Prep		Robinson, Chris	White, Richard	White, Richard
Frost, Jordan		Smith, Riley	Smith, Riley	Boozer, Bryan	Gratz, Dave	Gratz, Dave
McSwain, Steven		Green, Cleve	Green, Cleve	Childers, Charles	Krigbaum, George	Krigbaum, George
Spradlin, Doug		Duke, Kelly	Duke, Kelly	Goodwin, David	Harbison, Bruce	Harbison, Bruce
Wiggins, David		Mangum, Morris	Mangum, Morris	Horton, Jimmy	Howard, James	Howard, James
Williams, Jeff		Parrish, Milford	Parrish, Milford	Lawson, Jeff	Speakman, Lummie	Speakman, Lummie
Leo's under Jeff Lawson		Presto, Patrick	Presto, Patrick	Manning, Andrew	Murphree, Gary	Murphree, Gary
C. Fish Thaw/Slaw Prep		Rodgers, Steve	Rodgers, Steve	Peacock, David		
Kraft, Randy		Scott, Don	Scott, Don	Ponder, Eric		
Byrd, Jeff		Slaten, Terry	Slaten, Terry	Roberts, Samuel		
Hogue, Matthew		G. Fish Cooking		J. Drink Committee		
Ray, Joshua		Murphree, Steve	Murphree, Steve	Osborne, Fred		
Smith, Don		Williams, Raymond	Williams, Raymond	Ruehl, Bill		
Thompson, Carey		Aker, Adam	Aker, Adam	Peek, Rickey		
D. Ham and Baked Potatoes		Earnest, Michael	Earnest, Michael	Smith, Jerry		
Berse, Dennis		Floyd, Chad	Floyd, Chad	K. Fish and Hush Puppy Trans		
Pfeifer, Tom		Mitchell, Brad	Mitchell, Brad	Mangum, Mike		
Crocker, Champ		Rainwater, Clark	Rainwater, Clark	Burke, Jim		
Spaeth, Brian		Roden, Tyler	Roden, Tyler	James, Patrick		
		Tielking, Jason	Tielking, Jason	Twilley, Dean		
				Walker, Alan		
				Williams, Bradley		
				Willrite, Terry		
				Wilson, Dewayne		
				Wren, Jeffrey		