



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

January 23, 2023

### Program

Lion Richard White introduced our speaker tonight, Mr. Miclah Andrews, who is the Director of the Foundry Ministries program which restores hope and rebuilds the lives of the addict through Christ-centered recovery. Miclah brought a couple of his colleagues with him, Mr. Garry Hogeland, and Mr. Eddie Wilson. The program has its live-in recovery program for women in Bessemer, Alabama. It has a live-in program for men, located on 60 acres of rolling hills and dense forests near Holly Pond and is best described as a working farm. They plant just about any crop that can be grown and have 600 egg-laying chickens. And they have a grant to build a large green house. In Cullman the program has a thrift-store, selling farm produce and other items and located in the south shopping area near the Harbor Freight store and the KFC restaurant. Men and women receive the tools and inspiration that they need to break the chains of addiction. Individuals and families struggling with poverty are assisted with vital resources.



**Mr. Miclah Andrews proved to be a dynamic speaker, describing the Foundry Ministries.**

Miclah explained that the farm was started in 2008 and is part of ministries that have been in existence for about 51 years. He noted that our Club has supported this ministry with funding often, and most recently in the development of its Family Farm Chapel, which can seat 200. The goal for each man seeking help through the Foundry encompasses achievement of the following: “Be fully employed, wife loving, child, nurturing, taxpaying, Bible believing, law abiding, dream chasing, hardworking, neighborly teachable, coachable, grateful, thankful, and a dependable man that everyone of us wants to get to know.” At this stage Foundry Ministries serves about 225 men and women at one time -- meaning that each of them slept in a bed at the Foundry last night and are trying to get the pieces of their broken lives put back together. 4,000 men have been part of the recovery program since 2008. The fully successful rate is 35%, with people from 36 states. Some of those who fail have come back after falling back into addiction. He said, “There is more than one way to find freedom from addiction, but only one way to have eternal life.” And the Foundry’s faith-based program is the route that it has chosen to bring healing and restoration. People from all walks of life come to the Foundry for help: educators, PHDs, medical doctors, pastors, and men who have not held a job in their lives.

Entrance for a 6, 9, or 12 months stay has an entrance cost of \$695 per year, but there are means to cover this for indigent persons, such that anyone who wants to



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get in, usually can. When someone graduates from the program, the Foundry helps in finding them jobs, integration back into their families and community, and maintaining contact to follow-up with their recovery. Many have found jobs in Cullman and are still employed here today. One of Miclah's colleagues and graduates, here tonight, works full-time at Terri-Pines.

We had a very informative and inspirational program. The Foundry is truly an asset to our community and to the lives of many who have been lost to addiction.

### Other Business

Received an email from Lion Jim Howard. He contracted double viral & bacterial pneumonia a couple of weeks ago and spent one week in CRMC. He says he expects 6-8 weeks recovery time and hopes to rejoin us at meetings, thereafter.

Lion Javon Daniel and Lion Mary Daniel have tested positive for Covid. Both have been on required medications that preclude them from taking medications that normally help in recovery from Covid.



We had another good night of attendance.

Lion Randy Kraft attended the Association of Alabama Fairs in Montgomery last weekend, where he accepted an award for the **Cullman County Fair as the best Fair in the State of Alabama**. Thanks, and congratulations to all our Lions and others for making this possible.



Lions Charlie Childers, Randy Kraft, and Milford Parrish posed with the award for Best Fair in Alabama.

Membership Chairman, Lion Bill Ruehl read names of new recruiting prospects, Cleve Green by Lion Richard white and Wayne Mauldin by Lion Jerry Bonner.

Lion Don Smith expects to have Fish and Ham tickets next week. He says that he will accept check payments ahead of the sale of your tickets received, if desired. Sale price of ticket remains at \$15 this year.

Lion secretary Craig Gadow reported that the BOD has made donations to Lion Districts 34B and 34C for relief due to recent tornado damage in their areas.

Our Club meetings are being recorded and can be seen live, or you may view past meetings at the following Facebook web site:



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1106236123576541/?ref=share> .

If you have any problem getting to the site, contact Lion Craig Gadow at 256-736-8361.

### **Upcoming Programs and Events**

January 23: TBD.

January 28: Fairview Lions Club Bean Supper 4-7 PM at Fairview Town Hall, 7525 Hwy 69 N.

February 6: Leos and the CHS Leo Coordinator will join us.

February 20: The annual "Empty Bowls" dinner will be held again at the 1<sup>st</sup>

Methodist Church on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00PM to 6:30PM. This dinner will be in lieu of our regular Lions Club meeting.

March 3-4: Friday, prep for Fish and Ham Dinner. Saturday, Fish and Ham 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. 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).