



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

Jan 27, 2020

Program

Lion Randy Kraft introduced our speaker, Dr. Shane Barnette, Superintendent of Cullman County Schools. It has been about two years since Dr. Barnette last visited with us, and tonight he gave us an update on County schools.



(L-R) Lion President Andrew Manning, Dr. Shane Barnette, and Lion Randy Kraft.

Dr. Barnette began his presentation with a most impressive list of achievements for which our County School system has been lauded since his last presentation. At this point the County students have raised their graduation rate by 10% over the last 3 years to 94%; City students have a 93% rate. 45% of students at County students are taking college credit courses during high school; 33% of City students are taking college credit courses. One of the measures that the State tracks is the "College/Career Readiness Indicator," which shows just how ready students are at graduation for either college or to step into a career; in the past three years this indicator for the Cullman County system has risen from 72% to 90%. The State awards a grade to all schools and there

were only 2 other school systems that were rated higher than Cullman County's. Also, the State awards school systems a number "Blue Ribbons" based on several factor, and Cullman County won more than any other in the State; because of the great improvements in the Cullman County School System, Dr. Barnette was awarded the first National Blue Ribbon Superintendent's Award, based on school system improvements over the past three years. Two of its schools, among fifty, State-wide, received State awards for reading achievement; both of those schools received \$20,000 to invest back into the schools. Vinemont Elementary and Middle Schools won the top award in archery in the State; Cold Springs was top in the State in cross-country and also in girls basketball; at the Career Center in Vinemont a County school won a State-championship for its construction team; Good Hope High School won the State-championship in both math and in the Scholar's Bowl; at the Career-Center, the County school's pre-engineering rocketry team scored 11th place, Nation-wide, for their project; County machinist-students at Vinemont's Career center built locker hardware that is now being flown aboard the Nation's Space Station. The items listed above compose a record for which any school system superintendent would be proud.

In addition to giving us hard facts about the County School System's progress, Shane made a heartfelt pitch as to why he wants our support for the one-cent sales tax that



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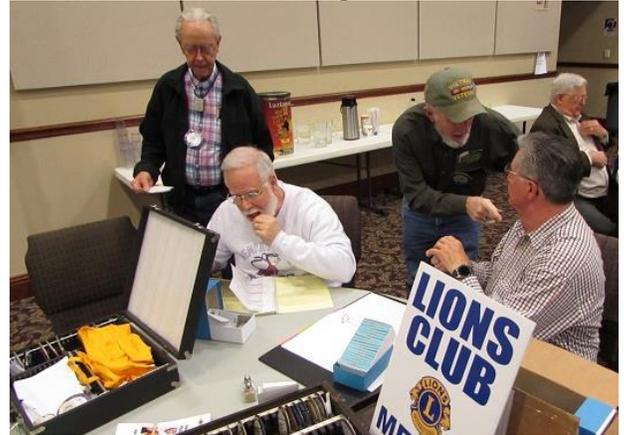
will be shared between the County and City Schools. He said there are 3 main areas. School facility investment and safety were two major concerns. He noted that many of the County schools were the same ones attended by many of our Club members. As a case in point, a school in Holly Pond was set for repair of floors, but when the old flooring was pulled, the old base was simply too rotted; students are now in temporary classrooms. Dr. Barnette noted that securing our school campuses was not as big a concern a decade or so ago as it is now; he stressed that they have a real need for school based law enforcement, double entry systems, cameras, perimeter fencing, panic systems for immediate response. The 3rd area for the tax will be to see more funding go into job training and workforce development. The funds will not be used for school administration salaries. Although Dr. Barnette has done an admirable job with the limited budget he has now, the added tax funds will keep our County prospering and improve the quality of life for us, our children & grandchildren for years to come.

Other Business

Lions Jerry Caudle and Ed Henke continue with health challenges. Lion Samuel Tucker has been suffering with a large kidney stone this past week. Lion Jim Rooker has been undergoing treatment for cancer, he but was with us tonight.

Lion Don Smith and Lion Steve Cartee continued 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 Lion assignments.



Lion Don Smith takes in money from ticket sales, while Lion Steve Cartee signs out more tickets to our Lions to sell.

Lion Frank Odell gave Ham & Fish pep-talk, and update and said everything is on track. He also wants to hold a meeting with all Fish & Ham Chair & Co-Chairmen right after the next Club meeting on February 3rd. --- Please come.

Upcoming Programs and Events

February 3: Ms. Hayley Lamberth of North Alabama Hospice.

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

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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V2 - Cullman Lions Club 2020 Fish and Ham Dinner Committee Assignments

Note: 2nd draft (distributed by email January 31, 2020)

Project Managers Odeil, Frank - Project Manager Thompson, Carey - Co-Project Mgr David Bussman - Co Project Mgr	E. Hush Puppy Cook Scott, Tim - Chairman Willingham, Barry - Co-Chair Parrish, Milford Plizing, Alton Ponder, Mike Sessions, Phillip	H. Publicity Team Berse, Dennis 2 - Chairman Spradlin, Doug 2 - Co-Chair Cartee, Steve 2 Harbison, Bruce 2 Peek, Rickey 2 Powell, Charles 2	I. Dining Rm & Clean Up Bonner, Jerry - Chairman Gurley, Richard - Co-Chair Caudle, Jerry Daniel, Javon Doggett, Douglas Galm, Jerry Henke, Ed Waldrep, Bo White, Richard Williams, Doug Williams, James
A. Cooking Mgmt Willingham, Barry - Chairman Murphree, Steve - Co-Chair	F. Fish Fry Prep Bussman, David - Chairman Smith, Riley - Co-Chair Mangum, Morris Presto, Patrick Ray, Delane Snyard, Tim Smith, Wade	I. Take-Out/Drive Thru Powell, Charles - Chairman Childers, Charles - Co-Chair Aderhold, Mark* Boozer, Bryan Goodwin, David Robinson, Chris Slaten, Terry Waldrep, Scott	M. Hush Puppy Mix Eddleman, Chad - Chairman Speakman, Josh - Co-Chair Viverito, Philip Witcher, Jeff
B. Serving Team Spradlin, Doug - Chairman Grier, James - Co-Chair Bagwell, Kevin Boyd, Gordon Copeland, Wendell McSwain, Steven Williams, Jeff Wile, Bill LEOs	G. Fish Cooking Murphree, Steve - Chairman Williams, Raymond - Co-Chair Eddleman, Jerry Floyd, Chad Harrison, Adam Manning, Andrew McBrayer, Charles Rainwater, Clark Smith, Casey	J. Drink Committee Osborne, Fred - Chairman Ruehl, Bill - Co-Chair Peek, Rickey Smith, Fuller*	N. Accounting/Ticket Sales Smith, Don - Chairman Cartee, Steve - Co-Chair Murphree, Gary Rooker, Jim Howard, James
C. Fish Thaw/Slaw Prep Kraft, Randy - Chairman Thompson, Carey - Co-Chair Brooks, Chris Byrd, Jeff Hogue, Matthew Ray, Joshua Smith, Cooby	Lions who are MAL Hamm, Mark Jacobs, Woody Pinkston, Charles Pope, Meriman Richards, Tony Roden, Tyler Smith, Fuller (Drink Committee) Summer, Dewayne Veal, Kelvin Wilfite, Terry	K. Fish and Hush Puppy Trans Perry, Howard - Chairman Mangum, Mike - Co-Chair Burke, Jim Dvorak, Jonathan* James, Patrick Walker, Alan Wilson, Dewayne Wren, Jeffrey	O. Mop and Broom Sales Gratz, Dave - Chairman Harbison, Bruce - Co-Chair Kriehaum, George Speakman, Lummie
D. Ham and Baked Potatoes Berse, Dennis - Chairman Pfeifer, Tom - Co-Chair Bagwell, Kevin Howell, Tom Proctor, Bobby Tucker, Samuel			

NOTES: Publicity Team is double booked.
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Orange indicates service team.

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