



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

January 8, 2024

### Program

Our first meeting for the new year was adjusted slightly since most of our members had a keen interest in watching the College Championship game. The Tale Twister, Lion Richard White was asked not to tell any jokes, and meal was served early, starting at 5:15PM. Our speaker was Lion Don Smith, who was appointed in December 2023 by the Club's Board of Directors to the position of Club Treasurer, succeeding Lion Jerry Bonner, who resigned this duty due to pressing family matters. Lion Don gave us a presentation on the status of the Club's financial position. Lion Don first expressed his admiration for the great work that Lion Jerry Bonner had done for the past 10 years. Lion Don noted that he had performed many audits of our Club's books, and that they always balanced to the penny.



**Our new Treasurer Lion Don Smith gets his notes together as he tells Lion Richard White to forget the joke and get off the stage. Lion Don wanted to get home and watch the big game!**

Lion Don explained his qualifications to handle the Treasurer position; he has a professional background in non-profit accounting and a master's degree in financial management from the Naval Postgraduate School. He had several hand-outs which included a sheet showing all

the organizations that had received funding gifts from our Club, so far in the 2023-2024 year, which was an impressive number. Don explained that Lions accounting divided our funds into two categories: The first major category is Administrative Funds which are used for Club operations, meals, dues, and transportation reimbursement. There are three sub-categories of this fund: (a) Regular, (b) Smith Lake Proceeds, and (c) CHS Leos Custody.

The second major funds category is Activity Funds which can only be used for charitable Club fund raising projects and events (there are no established sub-categories for this fund). For example, the cost of meat at the Fish and Ham Dinner or food for Lions Concession Stand sales comes from the activity fund. Administrative Funds can be transferred into Activity Funds but not vice versa. Donations funding to charities comes from the Activity Fund.

Lion Don went on to explain that there are 6 separate bank accounts used to manage all Lions Club financial matters. These accounts are: Regular checking, Debit/CC card account, Leo checking account, 2 Lion CD accounts, and 1 Leo CD account.

We were provided with handouts showing balances in all funding categories and sub-funding categories, as well as all bank account balances. The grand total shown in funding categories matches with the grand total shown in bank accounts. He is setting things up for an on-line system so that members can pay dues via credit card. He asks that no members give him cash unless he can issue an immediate



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receipt. The Club appears to be in a very strong financial position.

### Other Business

After many weeks of hospitalization and therapy, following his auto wreck, Lion David Gratz was back with us tonight. What a come-back!



Lion David Gratz and his lady friend/assistant enjoying their meal.

Lion Charlie Childers announced the dates for the 2024 Cullman Fair Oct 3rd – 12th 2024

Lion Scott Starosta share his appreciation for all the Lions that participated in the Wreaths Across America Event

Lion Steve Cartee presented a check from the Club to Good Samaritan Clinic on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

BOD meeting January 15th. Please send agenda items to Lions Chris Brooks, Scott Starosta, or Craig Gadow.

Lion Javon Daniel announced that this year's Empty Bowls of Cullman County will be on February 19th from 4:00 to 6:30 PM at 1st United Methodist Church.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

January 15: Cancelled due to winter hazard warnings.

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.

The date for the Fish and Ham Dinner will be announced at the next meeting.

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.

### 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).

**See Club Committee assignments on the next page.**



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### 1<sup>st</sup> VP Jim Burke Committees

Committees	Chair	Co-Chair	Members
Diabetes	Javon Daniel	Jason Tielking	
Fair Concessions	David Bussman		
Finance & Community	Don Smith	Jerry Bonner	
Fish & Ham	Carey Thompson	Frank Odell	
Membership	Gary Murphree	David Bussman	Dewayne Wilson
Program	Sam Roberts	Randy Craft	Chris Robinson
Mop & Broom	Richard White	Dave Gratz	
Sight	Bill Ruehl	Steve Cartee	

### 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Delane Ray Committees

Committees	Chair	Co-Chair	Members
Area Lion's Liason	Jerry Bonner	Craig Gadow	
Constitution & Bylaws	Bradley Williar	Champ Crocker	
House & Food	Dennis Berse	Fred Osborn	David Bussman
Member Info	Charlie Powell	Dave Gratz	
Song Leader	Richard White	Chris Robinson	
Youth Leo's	Jeff Lawson	Sam Roberts	

### 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Jeff Lawson Committees

Committees	Chair	Co-Chair	Members
Tail Twister	Richard White	Richard Gurley	
Fair Parade	Steve Murphee	Barry Willingham	
	Charlie Childers		
Lions Branch Liaison	Dennis Burse	Ron Seybold	
Publicity	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell	
Communication & Web	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell	
New Member Orientation	Frank Odell	George Krigbaum	David Bussman

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