



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

July 13, 2020

Program

Tonight, Lion Clark Rainwater oversaw the proceedings as we elected a slate of Club officers for 2020-2021. Lion Javon Daniel is our new President. The complete listing, showing all of our officers and the positions they hold for the new year – for both the Lions Club and the Lioness Club -- is shown on page 3 of this newsletter.



Lion Clark Rainwater wore his Dad's old Lions cap while facilitating our officer election.



Lion Chris Brooks pays homage to former Lion Bert McGriff. While the votes were being counted Lion Chris Brooks gave a eulogy honoring

former Lion and charter member of our Club, Mr. Bert McGriff, who died Saturday at the age of 94. Lion Chris spoke on a personal level about how Mr. McGriff gave him a job, respect, and supported him in many ways as he first came to Cullman, low on funds and prospects; Lion Chris worked for him for 14 years. We note that our Club had presented Mr. McGriff with the Cullman Lions Club's Chester Freeman Award a couple of years ago.

Barry Willingham gave us an update on the Courthouse operations – they are not taking your temperature before you enter, and face masks are no longer required.

Also, Lion Carey Thompson read a couple of recent articles of interest – one included a quote from a recent Metal of Honor winner who said, "... many of our recent college graduates would be much better served as graduates from the "University of Fort Benning, Georgia." Another article presented comments from the Chancellor of Oxford University in Great Britain, who was responding to a demand from a group of post-graduates who wanted to take down a statue of the University's great benefactor, Cecil Rhodes. His comments were a scathing rebuke to this demand. He noted with horror what is happening in U.S. universities with "safe places," "Black Lives Matter" (you can't claim that all lives matter without damnation from these proponents), stifling political correctness, and "the closing of the American mind." He then said, "At Oxford, however, we will always prefer facts and free-speech, and



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free and open debate to petty grievance-mongering, identity politics, and empty sloganeering. ...We are well used to seeing students making idiots of themselves. Just don't expect us to indulge your idiocy, let alone genuflect before it." There were several more such paragraphs in this response; it's good to hear someone stand up and speak with an open mind to some of the craziness we are witnessing today.

Other Business

Lion Jim Howard continues to recover from a relapse, following back-surgery. No update on Lion Jim Rooker following his operation. We continue to have lower than usual attendance due to Corona virus.

Lion David Bussman thanked Lions Barry Willingham, Milford Parish, and one other who showed up to help power-wash the outside of the Concession stand, last week. Always dependable Lion Charlie Powell was there taking pictures, as usual, along with Lion Jerry Bonner. That facility is going to be a showplace for our Fair.

The Next Club Event Will Be On Monday, July 20, at 5:30 P.M.

◆ At The **Stone Bridge Farms Restaurant** ◆

* The Occasion Will Be *

Club Officers Installation Dinner For Club Year 2020-2021

'Coat & Tie' Event - To Dine, *R.S.V.P. Requested* - Meal Served At 6:00 P.M.
* Lion Dennis Berse *



Lion Dennis Berse will be sponsoring Mr. Shane Quick, and Lion Andrew Manning will be sponsoring Mr. Carl Hastings for Club membership at the next Club Board of Directors meeting which should be on the 27th.



Lion Dennis Berse offers his assistance in case Lion Gordon Boyd has any trouble finishing that great meal he has laid out. Lion Gordon told him not to fret about it as he dug-in.

Upcoming Programs and Events

July 20: New Club Officer Installation Banquet at Bridgestone Restaurant will be at 5:30PM to meet & greet, with dinner served at 6:00PM. Dress is coat & tie.

July 27: TBD. We continue to meet at the Fair Grounds.

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).



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NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR THE CULLMAN LIONS CLUB and THE LIONESSE CLUB 2020-2021			
LIONS		LIONESSE	
President		President	
Javon Daniel		Heather Raybending	
Immediate Past President		Immediate Past President	
Andrew Manning		Jennie Gurley	
1st Vice President		1st Vice President	
Milord Parish		Dean Twilly	
2nd Vice President		2nd Vice President	
Cody Smith		Sara Beth Willoughby	
3rd Vice President		3rd Vice President	
Tim Sinyard		Linda Smith	
Secretary		Secretary	
Don Smith		Cynthia Tubbs	
Treasurer		Treasurer	
Jerry Bonner		Sue Spradlin	
Lion Tamer		Lion Tamer	
Dave Gratz		Virginia Barnett	
Tail Twister		Tail Twister	
David Bussman		Megan Smith	
Director		Director	
Chris Brooks		Judy Mangum	
Delane Ray		Mary Daniel	
		Judy Smith	
Membership Committee		Membership Committee	
Bill Reuhl		Judy Waldrep	
Frank Odell		Nelda Powell	
		Kaye Walker	
Cullman Lion Charities Committee			
Howard Perry			