



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

July 21, 2025.

Program

Lion Chris Robinson introduced our speaker, who is one of Cullman's two District Judges, the Honorable Lion Chad Floyd; he has served in this position since March 2020. He graduated from West Point High School, Mississippi College School of Law, and U of A; he lives with his family in our community.



Honorable District Judge, Lion Chad Floyd, takes questions after his program on the "Cullman People's Law School."

Lion Chad talked to us about a new program that is being put together by Cullman County's Court House judicial representatives including its District Judges, Circuit Judges, the Probate Judge, the Circuit Clerk, and the DA. Lion Chad had high praise for these folks that he works with daily. The intention of this program, the Cullman People's Law School, is to invite pillars of our community, such members of the Lions Club, who are civic-minded, and service-oriented to come and experience this program. The school will feature each judge talking about

situations that they deal with on a daily basis and that attendees would find interesting, mainly providing facts and steps on how a case proceeds from being filed to final disposition. The State's Chief Justice, Sarah Stewart, was very excited about the idea and wanted to be a part of it; she said that the Director of Administrative Office of Courts, Nathan Wilson, also wanted to come. This program will be a rare opportunity for attendees to understand how our judicial system operates in our State from the most knowledgeable experts you will likely ever find in one room. A couple of examples of subjects that will be discussed are protective orders, what happens when someone is released from jail, and how do bonds work. There will be many discussions and questions answered. Refreshment will be served. Any Lion that wants to attend should request to do so by email at:

cullmanpeopleslawschool@gmail.com soon.

The school will then send requesters a form to fill out. One exclusion for an attendee is that he cannot have a pending case before circuit or district courts.

Judge Floyd answered many questions from our audience, some of which he is likely to answer again on August 16th. We had another interesting, and many times amusing, presentation from our Lion Judge.

Other Business

Lion District Governor Craig Gadow gave us a short report on the International Lions' Convention in Orlando that he and Lion Secretary attended. Lion Craig said that over 600 Clubs had been chartered in the recent past with India way ahead of every other country with 390. The U.S.



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had 17 – our district had one. He received an award for meeting a challenge of starting a new Club before the convention. He also invited any of our Club members that might be interested in a position on his District cabinet to let him know. His first cabinet meeting was on the 26th, this past Saturday. Lion Scott Starosta was also in attendance, and he talked about one of the themes which was about how we really need to get younger Lions as members. He gave one example of how a Lion from Philadelphia had started 3 Clubs within different police districts. He said maybe we should look to other organizations such as firemen or churches where people already have connections.

Don Smith reported on last weeks' BOD meeting as follows: Planned scholarships for LEOs will be awarded following students' acceptance to institutions of higher learning and receipt of a student ID. Funding was approved for the Farm-City organization. Lion Don explained that United Way wanted us to give funds to them to pass on to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library; however, Lion Clubs do not give money to other charity organizations to pass money through. We would have to do so through direct contact and agreement. The BOD approved purchase of the exact frier-trailer that we have borrowed from Mr. Freddie Day for the last 3 years at our Fish & Ham Dinner; this was a good deal for our Club and Mr. Day. Funding was approved for Cullman's Little Pantry, Hope Horses, and the Good Samaritan Clinic.

Following many months of declining health, Lion Gary Murphree passed away on the July 21st with funeral services held on the 26th. He served many years as a City police officer, the Cullman County Coroner, and a funeral director at Moss Service Funeral Home. He was a faithful Lion and on the board of "Cullman Caring for Kids."



R.I.P. Lion Gary Murphree. Shown with loved ones at last year's Fair.

Lion Ron Seybold appeared with us tonight for the first time in many weeks, showing some improvement in the past week with his cancer battle.



Lion Ron Seybold looks comfortable in his electric hot-rod chair.

Lion Javon Daniel remains at home dealing his heart condition. Lion Mike Ponder is still very weak and resting at home with his medical issues. Continue prayers for these Lions.

The next New Lions' Roundtable discussions will be on August 18. The subject will be most interesting: Lion Projects, including – County



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Fair, Fish & Ham Dinner, and Mop & Broom sales.

Lion President Delane Ray announced years of service anniversaries for the following Lions: Milford Parrish – 9 years, and Champ Crocker – 4 Years.

August 25: Our speaker will be Mr. Mike Mullaney from Goat Island.



Upcoming Programs and Events

July 27: TBD.

August 4: Speaker will be Mr. Mike Sartin, Cullman EMA Director.



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)

August 18: New Lion Roundtable discussions on subject of Lion Projects.