



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

July 28, 2025.

### Program

We did not have a guest speaker for tonight. Lion Doug Doggett filled in as Tail Twister for Lion Richard White, and we did have at least one good joke for a change as the meeting closed. Prior to that, as a note, Lion Randy Kraft did try to take some of the pressure off Lion Doug by also telling a joke, but it failed to really move our tough audience of joke critics.

### Other Business

Lion Jerry Bonner reported that he saw Lion Jerry Smith this past week and said the he had just had oral surgery but hoped to be back with us soon. Lion Jerry also saw Lion Mike Ponder's wife who says he is doing pretty good but is still very weak.

Lion Ron Seybold will begin medical treatments starting on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> over the next few weeks and will need assistance with daily transportation back & forth between his place in Decatur to near CRMC. Treatments are expected to conclude each day by 3:00 PM. His number is 256-531-6075. Give him a call if you can help.

Lion Randy Kraft announced that, due to last year's excellent facilities and reception at our fairgrounds, the Alabama Association of Fairs has requested to return to Cullman for its convention again this February.

Lion Bill Ruehl asked for and received volunteers for the Lion's Sight Mobile Van at the Good Samaritan Clinic on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup>.



Lion Milford Parrish comments on the late Lion Gary Murphree's impressive funeral. Although Lion turn-out was light (we should have had more), Lion Gary's fellow police & sheriff officers were in high attendance and were pallbearers; and police units blocked every intersection and lined the road on Lion Gary's final journey. Lion Chris Brooks delivered a moving portion of the eulogy.

Lion President Delane Ray announced that we had a thank-you note for Cullman's Little Pantry for our donation.

The next New Lions' Roundtable discussions will be on August 18. The subjects will be most interesting and will include Lion Projects such as the Cullman County Fair, Fish & Ham Dinner, and Mop & Broom sales.

Lion Craig Gadow stated that training for Lion was taking place Saturday in Montgomery for any Lion wishing to attend; also, that he was attending a presentation by a blind gentleman from Leader Dogs for the Blind at the Tidwell Center in Rainsville. Lion Craig said he had room for a couple of our Lions if anyone else wanted to attend with him.



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Lion Craig Gadow received a banner for our Club at the recent State Lions' Convention to display as appropriate (since Lion Craig now holds the position of District Governor).

We welcome new Lion Jeremy Bryant into our Club tonight. He introduced himself saying that he first came to Cullman in 1990 for a couple of years, left and came back for good in 2008. He's worked for the State for the Health Department, and then for the Environmental Office. He said he has been looking to get more involved with charitable work in our community and is excited about doing that now through our Lions Club.



New Lion Jeremy Bryant, sporting a nifty bow tie.

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Lion Jeff Lawson told about his visit to Hope Horses at their fund-raising event and to present them with a check from our Club. He said the people there were very appreciative because the need was very great – they only have 5 horses and a long waiting list. They are trying to get more land, more horses, and more help. His visit also pointed out to him that so many people of our community do not understand all the good things that our Club is able to do, and that presenting checks in this manner helps to get the word out for the community to support us in our fund raising efforts – to let folks know that when you come to the Fair, you are directly helping our community. He also noted and gave thanks to Lion Sam Roberts for sharing this event out on Face Book, giving us a lot of good, positive press.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

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



**Tim Sartin**  
Cullman County EMA Director



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

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



### **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)