



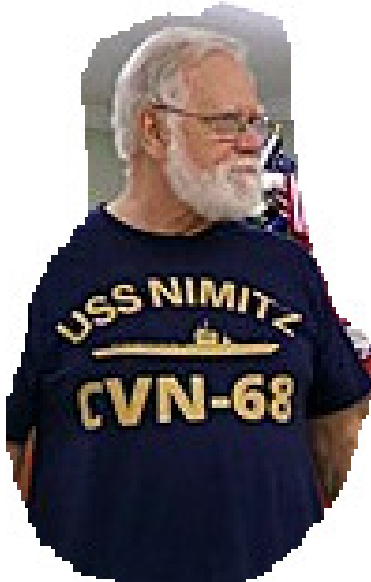
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Cullman Lions Club

July 06, 2026

Program

Lion President Jeff Lawson, presiding for the first time as our new Club President, introduced our program tonight – a summary of the Club's financial status from Lion Treasurer, Don Smith.



Retired Naval Captain, Lion Don Smith in his most favorite shirt.

After providing detailed numbers showing exact figures, comparing last year with this year, Lion Don started by reminding us about the two categories of our total expenses. In the past year this can be broken-out as follows:

1. Admin Funds which are used for Club operations (meals, dues, & travel reimbursement) (30%).
2. Activity Funds **which are used for donations to charities** (55%) and expenses to run associated fund-raising activities such as the Fair and the Fish & Ham Dinner (15%). Don also cautioned that no activity Funds can be used for Admin Funds.

Don also had reassuring news about where our Club's actual financial position stands. It is solvent and balanced in all aspects with our banking accounts. Our submission to the IRS of the required Form 990 has been properly filed and is available to the public at the IRS web site. Our balance of total accounts is 6+% higher starting this year, compared with last year. Our Activity Funds this past year were about \$40K higher than the year before.

Generally, I have attempted to show in the percentages, above, without showing most actual dollar amounts in accordance with the Club's past practices, but still showing improvement, regarding our Club's donations. Everyone at last night meeting has the actual numbers, and the public can view the IRS Form 990 to see them. Suffice it to say, Cullman (and beyond), particularly the less fortunate, continues to benefit greatly from our Club's generosity. (Lion Don may need to correct me in my summary in the above numbers.)

Our Club made donations to many, many community organizations. Those receiving the highest dollars amounts include the following: Alabama Lions Sight, Cullman Caring for Kids, Camp Seale Harris, Good Samaritan Clinic, LCIF, Agriplex, Foundry Farm, Leader Dogs, Master Gardners (Vet), Hope Horses, and Unsheltered (Cullman).

As usual Lion Don provided an excellent financial status report. He says to contact him at any time if you have a Club financial issue or question. Also, to make things more efficient, he asks that you do not hand him cash, unless he is able to immediately



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provide a receipt, or unless it is in a marked envelope; and he advises that if you are a Member-at-Large (MAL), that your meal cost is \$10. And no charge for guest meals.

Other Business

Lion Javon Daniel, who has a heart condition, remains in stable condition, but is currently limited to restricted activities.

Lion President Jeff Lawson read thank-you notes from the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), 1st Choice for Women, Alabama Lions Sight, and from local schools for the Club's scholarship donations.

We have a new member, Lion Shane Smith, who works for the City of Cullman Water Department.



District Governor, Lion Craig Gadow presented the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellow Award to Lion Brad Mitchell.



Lion Brad Mitchell, who looks like he just got back from the beach, receiving the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, flanked by Lions Jeff Lawson and Craig Gadow. For those of you who have not seen a close-up of this award, see photo, below.



Upcoming Programs and Events.

July 13: Ms. Molly Brown, Executive Director of Cullman County Museum.



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Ms. Molly Brown.

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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 256-426-3207 (C). Lion Don can be reached at 256-737-7433 (H) or 256-426-7722 (C).