



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

July 8, 2024

Program

Following an introduction by President Ricky Brooks of Lion Treasurer Don Smith, who subsequently received a rip-roaring, over-the-top applause as he approached the podium. *This could have been interpreted as sarcasm.* Anyway, Lion Don gave us an excellent presentation on the Club's financial status as we began a new year. He had handouts and spreadsheet slides showing all the Club's accounts (including credit cards) and how they are related, expenses, donations, and changes from last year to this year.



Treasurer Lion Don Smith gives us the inside information and details of the Club's financial status.

This was a closed meeting, and any details are not for publication or other distribution outside of

this meeting. However, suffice it to say, our Club continues to be in a strong position to continue its excellent funding support to charities throughout the Cullman community and our State and to Lions International. We are starting our 2024-2025 year balances several thousand dollars ahead of where we started last year, which in itself was a great year.

Although Lion Don said there are several qualified individuals in the Club, he knew of two, for instance, that he felt were qualified to audit the Club's accounting books, those being Lions Barry Willingham (County Revenue Commissioner), and Brian Spaeth (a financial advisor at Edward Jones, Inc.). Since Lion Berry is already involved as treasurer for the Cullman Fair Association, he asked Lion Brian if he would agree to audit the Club's financial records. Lion Brian agreed to do this. This could have been a boring and difficult-to-follow-along meeting, but it was interesting, concise, and provided a lot of insight into the Club's financial status.

Other Business

Lion Gary Murphree transferred from Woodland rehab to CRMC and being treated for fluid around his heart. He is very weak, but he told Lion Chris Brooks that he misses us would welcome visitors. Pray for him.

Lion Garlan Grudger is recovering after a serious jet ski accident in which he suffered several broken bones and a ruptured spleen and other injuries. But he seems to be on the mend.

Lion Craig Gadow shared a serving opportunity from Moulton Club - Lion Jerome Thompson - on



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Saturday, July 20th at 3:00PM for the Tractor Pull in Moulton at their fairgrounds. They could use help parking. Lions can then attend the event for free after helping. Lion Jerome also offered his Club's help with our Fair project this October.

Lion Ginger Hogeland, who has worked in education at both Cullman High School and at Wallace State, attended tonight's meeting for the first time as a member of our Club. She is also the immediate Past President of our Branch Club.



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Lion President Brooks recognized Club membership anniversaries for the following Lions: Bo Waldrep – 41 years, Riley Smith – 38 years, Michael Fromhold – 31 years, Doug Williams – 27 years, Jeff Williams – 24 years, Gary Murphree – 21 years, and Tom Pfeifer - 10 years. He also read a thank-you note from 1st Source for Women for our Club's monetary contribution.



Lion Richard Gurley began his tenure as Tale Twister with a pretty good joke. At least, Lion George Krigbaum seemed to think so.

Upcoming Programs and Events (It's been rare that we have had so many fine speakers lined up this far ahead.)

July 15: Speaker will be Chairman of Cullman County Commission, Mr. Jeff Clemons.



**Chairman Jeff Clemons
Cullman County Commission**



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July 22: Speaker will be Mr. Rusty Roden, Agriscience teacher at Holly Pond High School.



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August 5: Speaker will be Mayor of City of Cullman, Mr. Woody Jacobs.



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July 29: Speaker will be Dist.11, Alabama State House Representative, Mr. Randall Shedd.



Dist. 11 Rep. Randall Shedd
AL State House of Representatives

Tale Twister Input

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