



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

June 12, 2023

### Program

For our program tonight we had Lion Jerry Bonner on hand to emcee the formal induction of our latest crop of new Lions into the Club.



Lion Jerry Bonner as he reminds us of the proud history of Lions International and our Cullman Lions Club.



It's been a long time since we have had so many Lions looking so sharp, standing side by side. Above, we see our newest Lions\*, holding their membership certificates, next to their sponsors. Standing (L to R) are Lions Richard White, Cleve Green\*, Ron Seybold, Don Scott\*, Jerry Smith\*, Jerry Bonner, Charlie Powell, Steve Rogers\*, Brad Mitchell\*, and Randy Kraft.

Lion Jerry Bonner began by telling of the beginning of Lions International 106 years ago by Chicago businessman, Melvin Jones, and

then how his small local organization grew into the world's largest service organization, dedicated to worldwide service to humanity. Lions International Clubs now number 4,906 and are located in 110 countries. Total membership has exceeded 1,396,000. Our Cullman Lions Club has been especially significant in its contribution to Lionism in Alabama, providing 10 Lions Club District Governors and 5 Presidents of Alabama Lions Sight, since its inception with Lion Blair Powell as its first President in 1954. During the great depression in 1931, an Alabamian, Lion Roderick Beddow was Lions International President and personally provided funds to keep the organization solvent. In the past 8 years our Club has donated over \$785,000 to charities, mainly local. So far this year, it has donated over \$102,000 to charities.

Following Lion Jerry's remarks, he led the swearing-in of new members as they pledged to uphold the tenants of Lionism and to support the Club with their attendance, commitment to assisting in Club projects, and serving as a member or chairman of the Club's committees or as officers when asked. This was following by awarding certificates of Lions Club membership and by sponsors pinning new members with their Lions Club International pins.

### Other Business

Lion Gordon Boyd will require a stay for rehabilitation at either Folsom or Hanceville Nursing Homes after being hospitalized for spinal stenosis; but he is feeling better. Lion David Goodwin is feeling better, following his last radiation treatment. It was noted that Lion Howard Perry had been absent from the last few meetings; several Lions had tried to call, but his number



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appears to have changed. Someone noted that Lion Howard is heavily involved in building a new house or he may be traveling.

The Unsheltered organization asked our Club to announce that it is conducting a dinner and a charity auction on July 28<sup>th</sup> at Stonebridge. Tickets are \$100 per couple, \$50 per individual, and \$400 per table. RSVP prior to July 15<sup>th</sup> by calling Tara at 256-615-6024.

Our Club meetings are being recorded and can be seen live, or you may view past meetings at the following Facebook web site:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1106236123576541/?ref=share> . Call Lion Craig Gadow at 256-736-8361 if you need help getting to this site.

### **Upcoming Programs and Events**

June 19: New Officer Banquet with installation of new officers, summary of past year's activities, and award presentations. Location is Cullman Church of Christ, located on Child Haven Road NE, just south of Highway 157. Main course will be jumbo shrimp with cocktail sauce and rib-

eye steak. Wear a coat & tie. Lions and spouses eat for free. Past International Director, Lion Jerome Thompson will be officiating.

July 17: Speaker will be Ms. Rhonda McDavid, Executive Director SE Diabetes Education Services, Camp Seale Harris. Photo, below.



### **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).