



The Tail Twister

Cullman Lions Club

June 18, 2018

Program

Our own Lion Matt Gentry, Cullman County Sheriff, spoke.



Lion Sheriff Matt Gentry

The Sheriff's office receives about 52,000 calls a year. The summer months are busier due to Smith Lake recreation. Sheriff Gentry leads a 146-person deputy and civil service team. The county jail usually has between 375 and 400 inmates.

Since taking office the department has added a state of the art training facility which is used by other area law enforcement agencies. The department is opening a branch office in Crane Hill to better serve the outlying community.

Mental health, methamphetamines and opiates continue as major challenges in Cullman County. Last year 20 people died of opiate overdoses.

Sheriff Gentry invited all to attend the Citizen's Academy which includes "ride alongs" and weapons firing. Concurrently a 40 hour intern program is offered for high school students which includes leadership training.

The jail and many vehicles suffered significant damage from the March hail storm. This included 19 of 22 HVAC units for the jail and 21 transport and deputy vehicles totaled. Repair and replacement costs for all the structural damage is between \$3M and \$7M.

The Sheriff invited all to attend the annual Rodeo in December.

In closing he asked for support for an Alabama Constitutional amendment sponsored by Representative Harbison that will move the inmates meal fund for Cullman County from a personal account under the Sheriff to a publicly administered fund.

Vest Night

June 25th will be Vest Knight. Please wear your vest. For a replacement vest, contact Lion Secretary Don Smith.





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New Member Induction Ceremony

PDG Lion Jerry Caudle conducted a new member induction ceremony for Lions Ches Harris and Tim Sinyard. Lions Randy Kraft and Phil Viverito stood as acting sponsors.



Left to Right – Lions Ches Harris, Randy Kraft, Tim Sinyard and Philip Viverito

Close Call

Visiting PDG Lion Ron Seybold described a close call as a passenger in Lion Randy Kraft’s car. Evidently the sphincter muscle is important in avoiding collisions. 😊



Lion PDG Ron Seybold

Knights of the Blind Certificate

Lion President Bill Ruehl presented Lion Lummie Speakman with a Helen Keller “Knights of the Blind” certificate in honor of his support of Lion Bill’s term as president.



Lion President Bill Ruehl and Lion Lummie Speakman

Upcoming Programs and Events

June 25: Vest Night

July 2: No meeting – 4th of July week

Tail Twister Input

If you need something special or to report a correction in the *Tail Twister*, see Lion Carey Thompson or Lion Don Smith at the meetings. Emailed corrections do not have to be justified with attachments.