



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

June 22, 2026

Program

Our program tonight was formal induction of new Lions since November 2025 in which our newest Lions were pinned by their Lion sponsors with their official Lions pin and presented with a Lions' certificate (suitable for framing) that declared their membership as a member of Lions International. In a lead-up to the induction ceremony, District Governor Lion Graig Gadow addressed the Club to talk about the great humanitarian projects that Lions Club International provides, and he specifically noted how vital our Club has been in its contributions to the less fortunate in our community, and what a great void there would be locally without it. I quote him as follows, "I think we all have the responsibility to be able to tell somebody why you became a lion and also why you're still a lion today, because it's a great thing that we do here in this community, and I asked the clubs I visit this year, if your club was gone from your community, what kind of hole would be left, and I would say, for the Coleman Club, it'd be a huge hole, not just in this community, but in our district of North Alabama, but in the state. Alabama Lions site would struggle, Camp Seal Harris would have fewer kids able to attend, the Agriplex probably would still be, you know, maybe looking for some money to help build their facility, Good Samaritan Hospital. So we need to keep recruiting, we need to keep adding members, so that we can carry-on this legacy that we've started. So tonight, as we celebrate these new members, I would like you again to think back to why you became a lion, and then as we enter into this next year, or even still this year, think of one person you could ask and tell them what you

do as a lion and what it means to this community." See photo of new Lions with their sponsors on last page of this newsletter.

Other Business

Lion Javon Daniel, who has a heart condition, remains in stable condition, but is currently limited to restricted activities. Lion Doug Spradlin is having some medical problems which has limited his ability to lift anything more than 5 lbs.

We have a new member, Lion Shane Smith, who is a graduate from Foundry Farm and has just recently secured a position with the City of Cullman Water Department. (Photo is not yet available). He stated that he was honored to be with us as a member.

Lion Charlie Childers announced that the Cullman County Fair received an award from the Miss Alabama for having the top "Closed Pageant" in the State for our Fair Queen Pageant ("closed" means that our pageant is not open to everyone – ours requires going through Cullman High Schools for contestants).

Lion Chris Robinson brought scrapbooks from past Fairs for the years 1978-1996.. These were discovered in storage at the Cullman County Museum by Miss Molly Bloom, who is the director of the Cullman County Museum, and will be our program speaker in a couple of weeks. These scrapbooks were excellently prepared and have many, many photos of Lions and Fair activities. The person believed responsible for preparation of these scrapbooks was Ms. Jane Hetherington. Preparation of these



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scrapbooks was associated with a contest sponsored by the Alabama Fairs Association; many of these books include awards for them from this association. Lion Chris said he would bring the scrapbooks to our Lions Picnic next week.

On Wednesday morning three of the Cullman Lions Club members were seen volunteering at the Alabama Lions Sight Vision Screening event at the Good Samaritan Health Clinic in Cullman.



Milford Parrish, Sean Schofield, and Richard Gurley with Alabama Lions Sight Vision Screening Van.

Upcoming Programs and Events.

June 29: Club Family Picnic at the Fairgrounds at 5:30PM. Also, a group photo will be taken of all Lions present. Be there in Lion vests or Lion T-shirts.

July 6: TBD.

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



Ms. Molly Brown.

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

(See group photos of new Lion induction and new Cullman Lions Club Board of Directors on next page.)



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New Lions (with their sponsors) l. to r.: Rodney Bragg (Don Scott), Brooke Marks (Delane Ray, standing in for absent Chris Brooks), Brooke Windeknecht (Melinda Schofield), Bruce Brown (Charlie Powell), Joe Seville (Randy Kraft), and Jeremy Bryant (Scott Starosta).



[L-R] Seated: Lion Don Smith, Treasurer; Lion Craig Gadow, 1st Vice President; Lion Jeff Lawson, Club President; Lion Delane Ray, Immediate Past President; Lion Jeremy Bryant, Director; Lion Steve Rodgers, 3rd Vice President.
 <- Standing: Lion Richard Gurley, Tail Twister; Lion Scott Starosta, Secretary; Lion Quinten Poulin, Director; Lion Frank Odell, Membership Committee Chair; Lion Fred Osborne, Director; Lion Charlie Powell, Lion Tamer.
 Not in photo: Lion Eric Ponder, 2nd Vice President; Lion Claude Clay, Director; Lion David Bussman, Membership Committee Vice Chair; Lion George Krigbaum, Membership Committee.

The Board of Directors for 2026-2027, above, was installed at our meeting of June 15, 2026 at Church of Christ on Child Haven Road. Entrees for meal included chicken, shrimp, and steak. Good time was had by all.