



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

June 27, 2022

Program

For the final night of his term as Cullman Lions Club President, Javon Daniel oversaw the installation of the Club's officers for 2022-2023 by our District 34-A Governor, Lion Mechele Mosley. The Lion President reminded us of the record-setting Fair we had this year and record giving back to our community and beyond, and other accomplishments. He stated that the support that he received the past two years has made it a joy and a privilege to serve as our President.



District 34-A Governor Lion Mechele Mosley.

We had a ton of awards going out to our members, beginning with a Lions' wristwatch to Lion Morris Mangum in honor of his 50 years as a member of our Lions Club. See photo below:



Photographer: Lion Charlie Powell

Lion of the Year award for 2000-2021 was announced; presentation of this award will be made at a subsequent Club meeting. Lion of the Year for 2021-2022 was presented to Lion Gordon Boyd.



Lion Gordon Boyd receiving Lion of the Year from Lion President Javon Daniel

District Governor Mosley was called to present Lioness of the Year award to Lioness Ginger Hogeland.



Lioness Ginger Hogeland receiving Lioness of the Year award from Lioness President Dean Twilley.

Then, before presentation of Melvin Jones awards. District Governor Mosley spoke to us about the Lions Club founder, Mr. Melvin Jones, saying that one of her favorite quotes from him was, "You can't get very far in life until you start doing



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something for others.” She noted that the Melvin Jones Award Fellowship began in 1972 with every dollar contributed, going back to the community, with no administrative cost charged. At the 100th anniversary of the Lions Club founding, Lions Club International challenged every Club achieve a “Model Club” designation by contributing \$500 for each member to this Fellowship. Our Club achieved this level of giving this year. For each Club member honored with a Melvin Jones Fellow award plaque, \$1,000 is contributed; for each member awarded a Progressive Melvin Jones Award pin (meaning member was honored a 2nd time) \$1,000 is contributed to the Fellowship. Governor Mosley noted that Fellowship funds were recently used in support of refugees from Ukraine and in Texas supporting parents of student-victims of the school shooting there. Lion Jerry Bonner announced the following Lions had received Melvin Jones Fellow plaque awards; Governor Mosley made the presentation and congratulated these recipients: Lions Frank Odell, Riley Smith, Gary Murphree, Tom Pfeifer, Mike Fromhold, Don Smith, Dave Gratz, Howard Perry, Dennis Berse, Javon Daniel, Chris Robinson, Milford Parrish, George Krigbaum, Randy Kraft, and Andrew Manning. Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow award pins were presented to Lions Morris Mangum, Jerry Bonner, Charlie Powell, Steve Murphree, Fred Osborne, Wendell Copeland, Charles McBrayer, Richard White, and Carey Thompson. Other absent recipients of Melvin Jones Fellow plaque and Progressive pin awards were announced and will receive their awards at a subsequent Club meeting. Concluding awards, Lion President Daniel

presented Lion Governor Mosley with a Melvin Jones Award plaque, given in her honor from the Cullman Lions Club.

Following award presentations, Governor Mosley installed officers for 2022-2023 in a highly efficient manner for both the Cullman Lions Club and the Cullman Lions-Lioness Branch Club. See group photo with names for each Club’s officers on pages 4 & 5.



District Governor Mosley installing a portion of new officers for Cullman Lions & Lioness Branch Clubs.



Our steadfast photographer, Lion Charlie Powell, and his wife of utmost patience, Lioness Nelda, awaiting a great meal.



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Other Business

Lioness Pat Pitzing was transported to UAB with a possible stroke on July 1st. Later, her ailment was thought to be related to seizures of undetermined cause. She has improved but remains at UAB. She is the wife of Lion Alton Pitzing.

Lion Jim Howard has had balance problem, making walking difficult for him.

Upcoming Programs and Events

July 11: Mr. Sean Schofield, Iraq War Veteran, and volunteer soldier with Ukraine, following its invasion by Russia, will speak about his experiences in Ukraine. New Lion President Milford Parrish is encouraging Club members to wear their Lions Club vests for this meeting.



Photo credit: All About Cullman, hosted by Col Ken Brown on My Cullman TV channel 27

Sean Schofield

July 18: Lion Brian Spaeth will speak about investment options.



Lion Brian Spaeth

July 25: Ms. Patti D. Bearden will speak on the Youth Academy.

August 1: Mr. Travis Sharp, a missionary, will speak on homelessness in Cullman County.

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).

See group photos of officers for 2022-2023 in next two pages.



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Cullman Lions Club Board of Directors



[L-R] Seated: District Governor, Lion Mechele Mosley; Lion Dave Gratz, Lion Tamer; Lion Milford Parrish, Club President; Lion Fred Osborne, Director; Lion Bill Ruehl, Membership Committee Chair; Lion George Krigbaum, Director; Lion Gary Murphree, Membership Committee Member <-> Standing: Lion Chris Brooks, Club 1st Vice President; Lion Jerry Bonner, Club Treasurer; Lion Delane Ray, Club 2nd Vice President; Lion Jim Burke, Club 3rd Vice President; Lion Craig Gadow, Club Secretary; Lion Javon Daniel, Immediate Past Club President. Not in photo: Lion David Bussman, Club Tail Twister; Lion Casey Smith, Director; Lion Eric Ponder, Director; Lion Frank Odell, Membership Committee Member.



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2022-2023 Cullman Lions-Lioness Branch Club, Officers



[L-R] Seated: District Governor, Lion Mechele Mosley; Lioness Ginger Hogeland, 1st VP; Lioness Mary Daniel, Lioness Tamer; Lioness Linda Cotten, President; Lioness Cynthia Tubbs, Secretary; Lioness Kaye Walker, Treasurer; Lioness Jane Rooker, Membership Committee Member <> Standing: Lioness Christina Gadow, 2nd VP; Lioness Laurayn Ivey, Tail Twister; Lioness Stephanie Lawson, 3rd VP; Lioness Dean Twilley, Immediate Past President. Not in photo: Lioness Judy Smith, Director, Lioness Judy Waldrep, Director; Lioness Carol Nielsen, Director; Lioness Emma Thornton, Membership Committee Chair; Lioness Judy Mangum, Membership Committee Vice Chair.