



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

Jun 3, 2019

Program

Lion Chris Robinson introduced our program speaker, tonight, Mr. Jason Nunnelley, Executive Director of Technology Village Cullman (TVC); he gave a presentation about his organization.



(L to R) Lion Chris Robinson, Mr. Jason Nunnelley, and President Lion Mike Ponder.

The Technology Village Cullman program is a joint effort between the City of Cullman, Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, Wallace State Community College and the University of Alabama. This program is a technology business incubator that provides essentially resources for a new business to get started. Jason is uniquely qualified for his position of Executive Director. He founded internet service provider Linkfast in 1997. After selling Linkfast in 2000, he has worked as an advisor and consultant to technology startups, digital media agencies, and start-up companies worldwide.

Mr. Nunnelley explained that the TVC can help a business start-up answer such questions as:

“Where can I find someone to offer advice and help me brainstorm?”

“I have an idea, but where do I start?”

“Who will my customers be and how do I find them?”

“Where can I go to find funding assistance?”

“How do I write a business plan?”

“How much should I ask customers to pay for my product or service?”

Additionally, TVC can provide help with the following:

Making business connections & networking.

Business coaching & training.

Mentoring/advising.

Research assistance.

Resources.

A space to meet with others.

Avenues to funding, including seed money and connection with venture capitalists.

Anything else required to help jump the hurdles in spurring the growth of more hi-tech jobs locally and help diversify Cullman’s economy.

The TCV offers the following amenities to its clients:

Portable whiteboards that can be used as room dividers.

Flat screen display for presentations and training.

Free Wi-Fi.

Access to office equipment and computers.

A fully renovated space for its clients to meet.



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If a person has a great idea or new patent or wants to use an available patent from NASA, for instance, or a take-off from a business seen in another country, the TVC can help. You do not have to pay back seed-money or for any services provided. Once new entrepreneurs in the TVC program reaches a point where the TVC leadership feel confident they're ready to set out on their own, they will "graduate" from its program. More info at the TVC website:

<https://techvillagecullman.com/>

Other Business

Lion Ed Henke will be having further tests for cancer. Lion Javon Daniel will have surgery to remove a melanoma; it was diagnosed as early-stage. Lion Greg Young was in attendance again, tonight, and much improved after his auto accident.

The Fair Association Board of Directors planned to have a meeting, tonight, following the Lions Club meeting.

Lion Steve Singleton announced that an election will be held 2-weeks from tonight to elect members of the of our Club's Lions Charities Committee. Only 2 candidates had been nominated to be on this committee, Lions Richard Gurley and Raymond Williams. Other nominations were requested from the floor, but none were made, and nominations were closed.

Installation dinner for newly elected Lions Club officers will be June 24th at Top of the Town restaurant. Lion Dennis Berse will have a sign-up list next week for Lions

and their guests who plan to attend. Dress for Lions will be with coat and tie, as usual.

Lion Phillip Viverito announced that he had created a "care and concern" discussion group link on the Club's Face Book site if you know of any Lion (including yourself) who has a problem or concern that should be made known to our membership.

The Cullman Lions will be meeting at St John's Church next week, returning to Christ Hall, where we will continue meeting until further notice.

Upcoming Programs and Events

June 10: Ms. Martha Lawrence, founder of Cullman's Little Pantry.



Ms. Martha Lawrence

June 17: TBD

June 24: Lion Frank Moore will officiate at our Club's Officer Installation Night at the Top of the Town restaurant.

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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).