



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

June 4, 2018

### Program

Our meeting tonight was held at Top of the Town where new officers for both the Lions and the Lioness Clubs for 2018-2019 were installed. Past International Director, Lion Lowell Bonds performed the installations.



Past International Director, Lion Lowell Bonds draws an analogy from a half-glass of water to a full-filled life that Lionism can bring into our lives .

Outgoing Lion President Bill Ruehl delivered a summary of the Club's accomplishment over this past year. The two largest recipients of funding support went to Alabama Lions Sight and Cullman Caring for Kids. There were several funding gifts of at least \$1,000 to other charity organizations. These included United Way, Sacred Heart School, Victim Services, Foundry, Boys & Girls State, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Grace Place, Helen Keller statue at Ivy Green, Cullman Public Library for large print books, LCI for hurricane relief, VFW for flags, Good Samaritan Clinic, local schools' Peer to Peer Mentoring, & Pilot Light House. Lesser amounts were presented to many other local charities. Yet another great year

of giving and service by our Club to our community.



Outgoing Lions Club President Bill Ruehl recounts the Clubs accomplishments over the past year. There were a lot of awards and recognition of good works presented here tonight. Last year's recipient of the Lion of the Year, Lion Doug Spradlin, presented the same award to this year's recipient, Lion Lummie Speakman for his work on promoting our Club through his project of personally distributing our Lions magazines throughout the community and solid support to other projects.



(L to R) Lion Lummie Speakman, having just received Lion of the Year Award from Lion Doug Spradlin.



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Likewise, Lioness Judy Waldrep, recipient of last year's Lioness of the Year, presented this year's Lioness of the Year Award to Lioness Kaye Harbison.



**(L to R) Lioness Judy Waldrep and 2018 Lioness of the Year, Kaye Harbison.**

Lion Steve Murphree made the presentation of the 2018 recipient of the Chester Freeman to Cullman's Police Chief, Kenny Culpepper. Lion Steve noted that the Chief had served in our police department for 40 years, and had been its Chief for 30, performing in an outstanding manner, as well as serving in the National Guard during Operation Desert Storm. He has certainly exemplified our own motto of "We Serve."



**(L to R) Lion Steve Murphree presenting the Chester Freeman award to Chief Kenny Culpepper.**

Photographer: Lion Charlie Powell

Editor: Lion Carey Thompson

Associate Editor: Lion Don Smith



**Outgoing Lion President Bill Ruehl passing the gavel to new Lion President Mike Ponder . Lion Bill looks happy to pass it on, and Lion Mike's expression shows that he takes his new responsibility very seriously.**

Outgoing Lioness President Carol Nielson gave a summary of highlights of her highly successful Lioness Club Year.



**Outgoing Lioness President Carol Nielsen passing the gavel to new Lioness President Mary Daniel.**

See page 4 for photo of newly installed officers of our Lions Club for the coming year, 2018-2019.





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Newly-installed, Cullman Lions President, Lion Mike Ponder with wife, Cindy.



The turn-out was good and the food was especially fine.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

June 11: Our own Lion Randy Kraft will be the featured speaker.

June 18: TBD.

### 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).



The Club's professional photographer, Lion Charlie Powell with his wife, Nelda. Lion Charlie is looking especially smug tonight. He did another great job with the photos. I wonder how he made this "selfie"?



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## YOUR LIONS CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019



**(Standing L to R): Lions Fuller Smith, Membership Vice-Chair; Scott Waldrep, Membership Chair; Chris Robinson, Director; David Gratz, Lion Tamer; Cody Smith, Director; Austin Monk, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President; Milford Parish, Director.**

**(Sitting L to R): Lions Don Smith, Secretary; Javon Daniel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President; Jerry Bonner (PCC), Treasurer; Mike Ponder, President; Bill Ruehl, Immediate Past President; Greg Young, Tail Twister; Gary Murphree, Director.**

**(Not present in this photo) Lions Andrew Manning, 1st Vice-President; George Krigbaum, Membership.**