



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

June 6, 2022

Program

We did not have a scheduled speaker, but towards the end of the meeting, Lion Javon Daniel gave a moving testament on this anniversary of D-Day. June 6, 1944. He talked about his Dad's experience of coming ashore that day, where on Utah and Omaha beach over 3,000 young American soldiers lost their lives. About a month after D-Day, his dad was sitting in a church when shrapnel pierced a 3-inch oak door, passed through his friend's head – killed him, and then embedded in his dad's chest. After 4 months recovery from this wound, he was sent back to the front and suffered a machine-gun bullet wound, which tore out his left wrist. His Dad was drafted before starting his senior year of high school, and never graduated. Lion Javon reminded us that those WWII veterans preserved for us the rights and liberties that we now have – including the fact that we are able to assemble here tonight and have a good time and great fellowship with a great bunch of guys. He closed, saying that he prayed that our sons and grandsons never had to face what many of our veteran fathers had to face.

Other Business

Lion Phillip Sessions whose cancer had been in remission, has suffered a relapse, and the cancer has been diagnosed as terminal.

Lion Chris Brooks was back with us tonight after his recent heart procedures.

Acting Tail Twister Lion Richard Gurley

called up several Club members for one of his infamous quizzes for prizes. Tonight's victims included Dennis Berse, Dwayne Wilson, Dave Gratz, Don Smith, and Delane Ray – as seen L to R in photo below.



The questions dealt with Flag day, which comes around on June 14th. As a group, these guys did not perform very well. Three of them could not answer the question of, "What do we celebrate on Flag Day?" The answer, of course, is our Flag. Don Smith was the overall winner, receiving the grand prize, a candy bar.

Lion George Krigbaum gave the Club his thanks for its support to Boys & Girls State over past years, both in terms of funding and leadership. He stressed the benefits provided to these youngsters in terms of developing their own leadership and appreciation of how our government works. He noted that our recent speaker, Alabama Secretary of State, Mr. John Merrill, was a guest speaker at the recent Boys & Girls State Convention at Troy State. And Lion George noted that the event's Governor and Lt. Governor would be attending



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the organization's National convention in Washington, D.C.

President Javon Daniel asks everyone to wear your Lions' vest for this occasion, which will be a congratulatory send-off for Abby's Miss Alabama competition.

Fair President Lion Charlie Childers reminded us that our 2021 Fair Queen, Abby Sosa, will be joining us again next Monday night for a send-off dinner before she begins actual Miss Alabama competition a couple of weeks later. Miss Alabama will be crowned on July 2nd. Wear your vests; The Cullman Times will be present.



Abby Sosa
Miss Cullman County
Fair

Secretary Lion Craig Gadow gave a report on the Board of Directors meeting last week. The BOD approved funding for the 4-H Club's Shotgun Club for its participation in a National shooting contest. The Board also voted to help the Lioness Club in establishing internet support. Lion Craig gave accolades to Lion Jerry Bonner in his position as our Club's Lions Clubs International Fund coordinator. Lion Jerry proposed to the BOD that it support funding a Melvin Jones Award for our District Governor; he also proposed for the Club to fund support to LCIF to qualify our Club as a "Melvin Jones Model Club." The BOD committed to Jerry's requests to make this happen. The Cullman Lions Club is only the fourth Club in the State to do so. The Club should be proud.

June 20: Club officer installation at the Browne Stone Center at Stone Bridge Farms. This event will open at 5:30pm with dinner 6:00pm. "Coat & Tie" attire is encouraged.

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).

Upcoming Programs and Events

June 13: 2021 Miss Cullman County Fair and Miss Alabama Competition Participant, Ms. Abby Sosa, will be at this meeting, and the news media has been invited to join us! Lion