



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

March 11, 2019

Program

Lion Barry Willingham introduced our speaker, tonight, Mr. Brian Vance, General Manager of Cullman Bowling Center. Brian gave us a little history of the Center, as well as, what we will find available there today. A bowling facility was originally built on this site in 1976 at 1710 Tally Ho St., near Peinhardt Farm. It has been family owned since 1986. The Center has had several upgrades and added six more lanes through the years, and it had to recover from a bad fire in 2006. In the past 6 or 7 months there have been even more upgrades with a major, upscale facelift for the facility, inside and out.



President Lion Mike Ponder presents a token of appreciation to Mr. Brian Vance for speaking to our Club, tonight.

The Center now has a full-scale restaurant/dining area with an outdoor patio, and an arcade area with brand new games. The restrooms have been remodeled, and

there are now 24 bowling lanes have been enhanced with a new synthetic covering on top of the original wood flooring; these lanes also have projector screens, and tv monitors to watch all the live games. The staff to service all guests has been increased from 5 to 30; that should tell you how things have changed for the better at this facility. Servers will come to the lanes to serve beer or whatever you want to eat or drink.

Mr. Vance is particularly proud of the quality of the food that the full-service restaurant provides – the menu includes just about anything from cheese-burgers, to spaghetti, to pot-roast, to tacos, as well as a fully stocked bar. There is different menu-special every day.

In addition to the league bowling and individual bowling that you would expect to see at a bowling facility, there are live bands every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday; there is karaoke on Tuesday nights. You can arrange to have bowling-birthday parties, corporate parties, celebrate special occasions, or to simply bring the family out to have a good time. Or you can stop by just to have a good meal and enjoy the atmosphere. The facility gives back to the community by sponsoring fund-raising tournaments. Local elementary and middle schools have bowling as part of a 2-week PE class at the Center. There is a pro-shop available to help bowlers get and maintain their equipment.



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Several of our members testified about the positive experiences their families and grandchildren had at the Center.

Someone from the back of our room questioned if our “curling team” might use one of the lanes for its practices. Check it out – this place sounds like it has a lot to offer.

The Cullman Bowling Center is open seven days a week. Hours of operation: Monday through Thursday, 10AM till 11PM; Friday & Saturday, 10AM till 1AM; Sunday, 11AM till 10PM.

Other Business

The next Club meeting will be a business meeting at which the new owners of the All Steak restaurant will inform us about how the change in ownership will affect our meetings. No guests will be allowed.

There will be a Fair Board meeting next week.

PDG, and former member of our Club, Lion Ron Seybold was in CRMC last Friday with pneumonia and low blood pressure. He is home and on the road to recovery.

Lion Ed Henke is undergoing advanced cancer therapy in Birmingham. His wife, Lioness Dottie, had a knee replacement.

Attendance was down at the Fish and Ham dinner due to inclement weather. The

impact on net revenue will not be known until all the ticket money has received.

Lion Richard White received a silver Lions International Centennial 100 pin for bringing in a new member

Lion Tom Pfeifer received a gold Lions International Centennial 100 pin for bringing in 2 new members.

Annual Letter-carriers Food Drive on May 11th (everyone is asked to leave a can or non-perishable food item in their mail box for their letter-carrier to collect for the food bank).

Upcoming Programs and Events

Mar 18: New owners of the All Steak will speak to us. No guests allowed at this meeting.

Mar 25: Program by Past District Governor, and current Club Treasurer, Lion Jerry Bonner.

April 1: 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.