



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

March 13, 2023

Program

Before our program was introduced, we recognized visitors from one of our past programs: Cash Howard (I) in photo, below, and his family. Cash brought along his in-training, diabetic-service dog, Luna, which has been visiting and acclimatizing with Cash for a few days before going back for its final 2 months of training. Cash's mom reports that everything is going great, and Luna has been a "good girl." Mrs. Howard again expressed her appreciation for our Club's contribution towards Luna's care.



Our program tonight was presented on behalf of Cullman's Master Gardeners by Lion Brad Mitchell. Lion Brad had two fellow Master Gardeners with him, Mr. Richard Carpenter, and Ms. Sonya Boyd. Lion Brad began by explaining that Master Gardeners are volunteers who receive 45 hours of training & testing by Auburn Extension Service specialists, and then they share their agricultural knowledge throughout our Community.



Lion President Milford Parrish & Lion Brad Mitchell presented tokens of appreciation to Ms. Sonya Boyd and Mr. Richard Carpenter.

The Master Gardeners assist with the Rain Garden at the Agriplex and with a garden display near the barn during the Cullman County Fair. They also assist in acceptance and judging of agricultural exhibits during the Fair. They have helped in development and support for the "Grow More – Give More Project", providing fresh grown produce for the indigent through several charitable agencies in Cullman. They also help in establishing community gardens, gardening workshops, and teaching at 4-H Clubs Garden Clubs.

Lion Brad has been personally involved in the Master Gardeners project to refurbish and expand the Wildflower Garden at Sportsman Lake, in cooperation with the Cullman Parks and Recreation Department. This Garden was first established in 1991 by the Cullman Native Plant Society and maintained until 2020, and it was taken over by the Master Gardeners in 2022. Recently they have paired with the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) for its assistance in construction of bridges and enhancements of walkways in the 4-acre



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wildflower garden grounds. This project has proceeded with help also from Parks & Rec and Walmart for material. The Master Gardeners will be selling azaleas, ferns, wildflowers, and much more on Saturday, March 25th at Sportsman Lake, 8:00AM – 3:00PM. Come out and admire the wildflower garden while you are there.

Other Business

Lion Charles McBrayer passed on Saturday, March 18th. Memorial services for Lion Charlie will be at 11:00AM on Tuesday, March 21st at St. John's Evangelical Church. The family will receive friends following the service at the McBrayer home at 614 6th Ave SE.



Lion Charles McBrayer: RIP.

Lion David Goodman has been diagnosed with a metastasized cancer tumor in his head.

The Lion's Sight Truck will be visiting Montgomery on April 5th for display to our State legislature who granted funded for its purchase and upgrades. This vehicle will be providing eye-sight and hearing services to the indigent there, then it is tentatively scheduled to be in Cullman on May 14th, providing these services.

Lion Don Smith continued to collect ticket sales money from the Fish and Ham Dinner.

Lion President Milford Parish gave a synopsis of the MD-34A District meeting. Lions Jerry Bonner, Ron Seybold and Craig Gadow all received Lions International awards. In addition, Lion Craig was appointed as District 34-L Secretary.

Our Club meetings are being recorded and can be seen live, or you may view past meetings at the following Facebook web site:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1106236123576541/?ref=share> .

If you have any problem getting to the site, contact Lion Craig Gadow at 256-736-8361.

Upcoming Programs and Events

March 20: A speaker from the North Alabama Agriplex has been invited.

March 27: Police Chief David Nassetta.



Chief David Nassetta
City of Cullman Police Department

May 13: Shred-a-thon. Details to follow.

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).