



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

March 18, 2024

Program

Lion Randy Kraft introduced 1st Vice President of the Association of Alabama Fairs, Scott Haskell, who is also a Lion in the Selma Lions Club; he is also a retired Naval veteran and works in the Selma Police Department.



Lions Randy Kraft, Scott Haskell, and Chris Brooks.

Lion Scott came here to follow-up after the latest conference of the Association of Alabama Fairs at which it overwhelmingly voted to have its conference next year in our fair city of Cullman. Most of this conference is now planned to be held on our fairgrounds, after a few upgrades, in Building # 1. Lion Scott, along with his Association, decided that they wanted to go to an actual Fair and get a few ideas on how a good one operates and how those ideas may be applied to many of the States 17 fairs. He wanted to come here and check things out and see the fairgrounds and how our Fair set up is. During its conference, the Association wants to see a few attractions such as some possible entertainment acts and maybe a petting zoo, etc., as well as, what Cullman, as a thriving community, has to offer. Since the date of the

Alabama Fair Association's weekend conference is flexible, Lion Scott wanted to pick a date that would be most agreeable to our Club, local activities, and the Association. He also wanted to check out hotel availability for his 100 or so visitors that would be coming here from across the State. He also talked with our caterer, Freddy, about catering for his Association conference.

Lion Scott had heard a lot of good things about our Club, and he wanted to see how we ran our meetings and meet some of our members in person. Hopefully, when he heads back to Selma, he will have all his questions and concerns and expectations satisfied, and he can look forward to planning and having a great conference.

Other Business

Lion Steve Cartee said tonight was the last night he will be available to turn in ticket-proceeds and unsold Fish and Ham tickets to him. Going forward, any remaining tickets and money should be turned-in to Lion Don Smith.

Lion Bill Ruehl reported that the Mobile Eye Clinic arrived as scheduled at the Good Samaritan Health Clinic on Tuesday, March 19th, where he had good Lion support for its efforts.

Acting Lion Secretary Craig Gadow reported that funding has been approved in support of The Link. Lion Craig also reported that a request for the transfer of Lion Shannon Berse (wife of Lion Dennis Berse) to our Club from our Charter Club was approved at last week's BOD meeting. Lion Craig gave an update on the health of DG Susan Harrell, please pray for her and her family. She is undergoing treatment for a brain tumor.



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On Wednesday, the 20th, Lions from our Club presented a big check, on-site, to the North Alabama Agriplex.



[L-R] Ms. Kira Sims, Lion Don Smith, Lion Bill Ruehl, Ms. Rachel Dawsey, Lion Steve Murphree, Mr. Mike Roden, and Lion Charlie Powell.

Lion Chris Brooks appointed a Concession Stand Committee made up of Lions Craig Gadow, Delane Ray, Frank Odell, Steve Murphree, and Riley Smith. This committee will review past operations and make recommendations for possible enhancements.

New Lion, Lion Quinn Jackson, sponsored by Lion Milford Parrish, introduced himself, tonight. He did not waste many words, just saying he was born and raised and here he was.



New Lion Quinn Jackson.

Lion Craig Gadow talked about the Hanceville Lions Club Bingo night on April 13th at the Hanceville Civic Center. Tickets are \$12.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door. Lion Craig Gadow reminded the club of the Truth in Nature Rodeo April 19th and 20th at the Agriculture Center. We are a title sponsor, and this rodeo will need help with the concession stand and parking.

Lion Charlie Childers gave a run-down on improvements approved for our fairground to include, 6 new all-metal picnic table, rework on RV hook-ups for the Fair's mid-way support, a new roofing material for the theater, and asphalt application for area under the theater's roof.

Former Cullman Lions Club member Bobby Proctor passed away on March 21st. A celebration of Bobby's life was held at Moss Chapel United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 24



R.I.P. Former Lion Bobby Proctor



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Upcoming Programs and Events

April 8: Ms. Martha Lawrence with the Food Pantry by the Mary Carter Store will speak.



Martha Lawrence

April 13: Bingo Night at Hanceville Lions Club

April 15: Jessica Atchley with Victim Services will speak.



Jessica Atchley

April 19-20: Truth in Nature Rodeo at the Agricultural Center. Lions will be assisting in concessions and with parking.

May 4: BBB's "Shred-a-Thon" event on May 4th. We meet at 8:30am behind Buffalo Wild Wings. Make sure to wear your vest. Biscuits will be provided at breakfast and pizza for lunch.

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> . Call Lion Craig Gadow at 256-736-8361 if you need help getting to this site.

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).

General Committee assignments on page 4.



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1st VP Jim Burke Committees			
Committees	Chair	Co-Chair	Members
Diabetes	Javon Daniel	Jason Tielking	
Fair Concessions	David Bussman		
Finance & Community	Don Smith	Jerry Bonner	
Fish & Ham	Carey Thompson	Frank Odell	
Membership	Gary Murphree	David Bussman	Dewayne Wilson
Program	Sam Roberts	Randy Craft	Chris Robinson
Mop & Broom	Richard White	Dave Gratz	
Sight	Bill Ruehl	Steve Cartee	
2nd VP Delane Ray Committees			
Committees	Chair	Co-Chair	Members
Area Lion's Liason	Jerry Bonner	Craig Gadow	
Constitution & Bylaws	Bradley Williar	Champ Crocker	
House & Food	Dennis Berse	Fred Osborn	David Bussman
Member Info	Charlie Powell	Dave Gratz	
Song Leader	Richard White	Chris Robinson	
Youth Leo's	Jeff Lawson	Sam Roberts	
3rd VP Jeff Lawson Committees			
Committees	Chair	Co-Chair	Members
Tail Twister	Richard White	Richard Gurley	
Fair Parade	Steve Murphee	Barry Willingham	
	Charlie Childers		
Lions Branch Liaison	Dennis Burse	Ron Seybold	
Publicity	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell	
Communication & Web	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell	
New Member Orientation	Frank Odell	George Krigbaum	David Bussman