



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

March 21, 2022

Program

Fair President Charlie Childers introduced 2021 Cullman County Fair Queen Abby Sosa to the Club as our program speaker. Miss Sosa has been invited to be a candidate for the Miss Alabama Contest later this year, and she presented her platform for this event.



It took 10 minutes for the big grin to begin relaxing from Lion President Javon's face after presenting a token of appreciation to Fair Queen Abby Sosa for her presentation tonight. To the right from Abby are Lions Charlie Childers and Chris Robinson. Well, I guess she had all of us smiling.

Miss Sosa gave details of her platform, which is supposed to relate to something that has impacted her life personally. Her platform revolves around a Christian mission effort titled, "Send Me Refuge." Abby became acquainted with a couple from her church, Archie and Annett Hand from Vinemont, who have been active in Central American missions for a several years, and in Abby's mission in particular. Most of this mission effort goes to help 400 or so homeless children and their families that had been surviving in and around a garbage dump in the small town of

Tapachula, Mexico. Abby's brother has been on-site, helping in this town for about 8 months, and she has visited the location, herself. Abby wants to influence people, internationally, to help others in need, especially those in this small Mexican town, who are especially in need. She noted that the "Send Me Refuge" organization will be hosting a charity golf tournament on April 30th at the Cross Creek Golf Course in Cullman.

One of the requirements of the Miss Alabama candidates is for them to collect \$350 in donations to further their platform and to sell 10 business advertisements in the Miss Alabama program brochures at \$400 each. The Club passed the hat for direct contributions for her platform and voted to approved purchase of an ad for the Club in the brochure. We were all proud and appreciative that Miss Sosa will be representing Cullman High School, the city of Cullman, and, especially, the Cullman County Fair as she moves forward in her quest to be Miss Alabama. It's not beyond the possibilities that she could go on to the Miss America Contest.

Other Business

Lion Tom Pfeifer had an operation to install a new heart pacemaker.

New Lion Brian Simmons was welcomed into the Club. Lion Brian has been a teacher at Fairview High School for the past 15 years and currently the athletic director there. He is also a part-time worker with the Sheriff's Department.



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made at least a couple thousand \$ more than last year. Final numbers will be revealed at a later date.

Lion Fair President Charlie Childers gave notice that at our last Fair Board meeting, approval was given for a new commercial lawn mower and for new high-power commodes for Fair Ground bathrooms.

Secretary Lion Craig Gadow reported that the Club's Board of Directors approved funding for Leader Dog for the Blind, Expo for Kids, the Good Samaritan Clinic, and the Lions Clubs International Fund. President Javon Daniel appointed an ad hoc committee to make recommendations for Melvin Jones Awards; this committee consists of Lions Jerry Bonner, Bill Ruehl, and Fred Osborne.



RIP: Long time Lions Club member and former Lion Bob Cowman passed away March 22. Services were held March 25th.

Lion President Javon Daniel made an appeal for Lions to assist with a Caring for Kids project on Thursday, March 31. This project involves tying blue bows onto telephone poles on Hwy 31 & Hwy 278 Cullman. The blue bows stand for bruised child-abused children. We've had 3 kids that were murdered from child abuse in Cullman County. The State of Alabama had 35 confirmed deaths of kids due to child abuse in 2021. Lion Javon said that we should wear our vests for the project, and that he would have more details at the next meeting, such as time and assembly location.

Lion President asked about the bottom-line profit number from our Fish and Ham Dinner. Although all numbers were not in yet, Lion Jerry Bonner reported that we

Upcoming Programs and Events

March 28: Program TBD at Commission on Aging building, as usual.

April 28-30: Alabama State Convention in Atmore at Morgan State.

May 14: Annual Shred-a-thon.

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).