



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

March 23, 2026

### Program

No outside speaker, but a good bit of other business to discuss .

### Other Business

Lion Javon Daniel, who has a heart condition, remains in stable condition, but is currently limited to restricted activities. Pray for him.

Lion President Delane said he had talked with Lion Chris Brooks. Lion Chris said he intended to be back with us within the next few Monday nights; he is working a couple of part time ventures right now. One is a contract hauling job --- this Friday, Sat. & Sun. he had driven 1,800 miles. Lion Delane had a thank-you note from the Ponder family for the flowers during the loss of Lion Mike.

Lion Delane reminded us about the upcoming Club officer election and for anyone interested in becoming an officer to contact Lion Steve Murphree, Morris Mangum, or Dwayne Wilson. The election will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

President Delane Ray introduced new member Bruce Brown who had lived in Cullman all his life. Graduating from Good Hope in 1971 and from St. Bernard in 1975. He worked as Manager for Belk's for 15 years and for Ray Ban Sunglasses Co. He has 2 sons and a daughter who all live out-of-State with their own families.



New Lion Bruce Brown.

Lion Chris Robinson shared that Lion Sean Schofield selected by the Fair Board to complete the term of the late Lion Tim Scott.

Lion Frank Odell recognized Lion Jeremy Bryant for competing the New Member Roundtable orientation.



Standing with Lion President Delane Ray, Lion Jeremy Bryant receiving recognition Cup from Lion Frank Odell for completing new Lion Roundtable discussions.

Lion Don Smith shared the club's treasury's report. He gave us good news that our accounts have grown about 10% in the past year. Also, he shared that last year our CPA had provided us with the IRS form 990 as a charitable organization, but had not forwarded it the IRS, creating a potential IRS fine for the Club. Lion Don changed our CPA to Fricke, Sweatman & Co. who straightened



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that bump in the road with the IRS, and our Club is now back in good standing with no fines. The Lion President vouched for Lion Don, saying that Don worked hours & hours successfully getting this issue resolved.

District Governor/Cullman Lion Craig Gadow asked that we endorse Lion Secretary Scott Starosta to become the District 34-A 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor. Lion Scott currently acts as Secretary for both our Club and District 34-A. Lion Craig made a motion that our Club endorse Lion Scott to be the 2026-2027 District 34-A 2<sup>nd</sup> vice District Governor. This would put Lion Scott on a path to becoming the 14<sup>th</sup> District Governor from our Club. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote. Lion Scott effusively thanked the Club, and Lion Craig, in particular, for bringing him into the Club and mentoring him in leadership positions, saying that his experiences and relationships gained in our Club has been life-altering for the good.

Lion President Delane, touching back on our sound financial situation, encouraged our members to bring forth suggestions for the Club in supporting worthy organizations or causes to which we should consider in serving our community and its citizens. Lion Scott Starosta chimed in with a similar appeal and also challenged us to assist, not only with writing checks, but with more hands-on support for their projects.

### Upcoming Programs and Events.

March 30: Col. Don Fallin (retired) will be our speaker, discussing Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame status.



**Col Don Fallin**  
United States Army Retired

April 6: Speaker for this meeting is being determined. Nomination of Candidates for Club Officers will be finalized; election of Club Officers will be held at the next Club meeting.

April 13: Cullman's Mayor, our own Lion Woody Jacobs, will be our speaker. Also, election of Club Officers for 2026-2027 will be held.



**Cullman Mayor, Lion Woody Jacobs.**

April 20: Club meeting will be at the Agriplex at 5:30PM. The Club has made significant contributions to the Agriplex. We have been invited to the dedication & opening of the Agriplex's Teaching Kitchen, part of its multi-million-dollar expansion. Address is 1714



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Talleyho St., just off Hwy 278 W, near the Cullman Bowling Alley. Freddy Day will provide catering.

April 27: Ms. Kathy Sloss will be speaking about the Rails to Trails Conservancy.



Ms. Cathy Sloss

May 4: Cullman Power Board Director Allison Bright will be our program speaker.

May 11: Judge Emily Johnson will be our program speaker.

June 15: Club Officer Installation at the Church of Christ on Child Haven Road.

June 29: Club Family Picnic at the Fairgrounds.

### **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 256-426-3207 (C). Lion Don can be reached at 256-737-7433 (H) or 256-426-7722 (C).