



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

March 24, 2025.

### Program

Our program tonight was the election of officers for 2025-2026, and a review of our Fish & Ham Dinner. We also feasted on prime-rib steaks, and Lion Doug Spradlin helped out Lion Tail Twister Richard Gurley with a good joke. Lion Steve Murphree oversaw the election, and results for the following positions and Lions are as follows:

President –	Delane Ray
1st VP –	Jeff Lawson
2nd VP –	David Wiggins
3rd VP –	Craig Gadow
Secretary –	Scott Starosta
Treasurer –	Don Smith
Tail Twister –	Richard White
Lion Tamer –	Charlie Powell
Membership –	George Krigbaum
Directors –	Fred Osbourne and Milford Parrish



Lion Steve Murphree highlights how the elections will be conducted, tonight.

Lion Carey Thompson gave his perspective on the Fish & Ham Dinner, which he described as one of the smoothest that he has been involved with in nearly 3 decades. It was a beautiful day.

No one was hurt, no one had to wait more than a couple of minutes, once they were in line, and we had many, many compliments on the taste and quality of the food that we served. There were also plenty of compliments for our Lions within each of our teams. The only real problem was with parking due to construction, which has held us back, somewhat, over the past couple of years, but this should not be an issue next year. Parking would have been worse due to school athletic events on other weekends, but in choosing the first day of Spring Break, our public attendance was not as high as it had been in the past due to vacations. Final tally of profits should be available in a couple of weeks.



Lion Carey Thompson gives a run-down on our Fish & Ham Dinner.

This was a one-day event that involved nearly every member of our Club. We also had 9 Leos and 9 men from the Foundry organization that proved essential to the Dinner's success. Lion Carey called out Lion Lee Johnson for his vigilance and tenacity with Lion Richard Gurley's Dining Room team. Also, Lion Carey mentioned new Lion Brian Monk, who was seen helping 5 other teams during the day; he also was most helpful at prep-night with the critical job of operating the meat slicer machine. New Lions Brian Monk and Sean Schofield commented



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about how impressed they've been with our Club in working within this project. We had a lot of new Lions who all worked like pros alongside our seasoned Lion veterans, such as Lion Charlie Powell. We could go on & on about our Club working together. This includes our Branch Club, which worked seamlessly in this project, providing all those wonderful cakes. Other team leaders did speak highly about their crews, and we heard several moments of humor that happened during that day.

Lion Treasurer Don Smith made some very pertinent comments as he explained how Lions International had made a study of its top 10 Lions Clubs (our Club was one of them; ours was also one of the top four, financially) to see what they had in common. The one common factor that all these clubs had -- was one or two major projects each year that not only generated revenue, but a comradery and a bonding event and identification within the Club that would keep things going. So -- it's not just the dollars that we bring-in for our community; it's working as a team to do things that make us proud to be a Lion. And knowing that we all have great people around us, making it all happen. Lion President Chris Brooks also mentioned that our Club has quite a few Lions that can not always attend our weekly meeting. However, they do make a great effort to turn out in support for our big projects. We could not do these projects without them showing up, too.

### Other Business

The Alabama Lion Sight Mobile Clinic Schedule is April 24, and June 25. Lions help will be needed on those days at Good Samaritan Clinic. Lion Bill Reuhl encouraged any Lion who has not attended one of these Mobile visits to drop by and see what goes on. They start about

8:30AM and usually finish in a few hours. You will be impressed.

Lion Ron Seybold started another round of chemo, and the results so far have been very promising. Lion Ron was in good spirits. Continue to keep him and Lion Javon Daniel in your prayers.

Lion Don Smith encouraged Lions to have Fish & Ham money or tickets turned in to him by our next meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

March 31: TBD.

April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>: Lions helping park cars for Blooming Festival at St. Bernard's, 7:30AM to 6:00PM.

April 24-25: State Lions Convention in Montgomery. Past Lions International President will be speaker.

May 10: Shred-a-Thon is May 10th at the Hobby Lobby parking lot.

July 13: Lions International Convention in Orlando.

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### 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).



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### Committee Assignments for FY 2024-2025

<b>President Chris Brooks</b>							
<b>Committees</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Co-Char</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Member</b>
Nominating	Steve Murphree	Morris Magnum	Dewayne Wilson				
Club History	Dennis Berse	Charlie Powell	Javon Daniel	Dewayne Wilson	Ron Seybold	Scott Starosta	
Explore	Jerry Bonner	David Bussman	Raymond Williams	Fred Osborne	Delane Ray	Craig Gadow	Steve Cartee
<b>1st VP Delane Ray</b>							
<b>Committees</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Co-Char</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Member</b>			
Diabetes	Milford Parrish	George Krigbaum	David Peacock	Javon Daniel			
Fair Concessions	David Bussman	Richard Gurley	Judy Smith				
Finance & Community	Don Smith	Brian Spaeth	Jerry Bonner				
Fish & Ham	Carey Thompson	David Peacock	Jason Tielking				
Membership	George Krigbaum	Javon Daniel	Frank Odell				
Program	Sam Roberts	Randy Kraft	Chris Robinson				
Mop & Broom	Richard White	Dave Gratz	Chris Robinson				
Sight	Bill Ruehl	Steve Cartee					
<b>2nd VP Jeff Lawson</b>							
<b>Committees</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Co-Char</b>					
Area Lion's Liason	Craig Gadow	Scott Starosta					
Constitution & Bylaws	Craig Gadow	Steve Murphee	Frank Odell				
House & Food	Dennis Berse	Fred Osborne					
Member Information	Charlie Powell	Dave Gratz					
Song Leader	Richard White	Chris Robinson					
Youth Leos	David Wiggins	Jeff Lawson					
<b>3rd VP David Wiggins</b>							
<b>Committees</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Co-Char</b>					
Tail Twister	Richard Gurley	Richard White					
Fair Parade	Steve Murphee	Barry Willingham					
Branch Club Liaison	Ron Seybold	Jeff Lawson					
Publicity	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell					
Communications & Web	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell					
New- Member Orientation	Frank Odell	George Krigbaum	Richard Gurley	Steve Murphree	Raymond Williams	Ginger Hogeland	