



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

March 25, 2019

Program

Part 1 of the program: Lion Frank Odell led a discussion about the Fish and Ham dinner. Lion Frank noted that an estimated 1389 meals were served. Net revenue will not be known for another month and ticket money is still trickling in. The team leaders were given a chance to provide insight about their area of operations and to brag a little about their hard-working team. It was noted that despite the largest rush of customers that anyone could recall for the first few hours, we never ran out of prepared food on the serving line.

Several Lions made recommendations to improve operations next year. One of the better ones was put forth by Lion Tom Pfeifer, which was that a standardized distribution plan for leftover food should be developed, so that left-over food is not simply thrown into the trash.

We had no one injured, had many compliments about the food, made a lot of money to fund worthy projects in our community, had a chance for fellowship with our fellow lions, told a few tall-tales, and did not let the threatening weather hinder us. Another great job, Lions!

Part 2 of the program: President Lion Mike Ponder introduced Past District Governor Lion Jerry Bonner for this portion of the program. Lion Jerry talked about the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) and its Campaign 100 (Lions centennial year), to raise \$300M over the next three years.



Lion Jerry Bonner receives a token of appreciation from President Lion Mike Ponder for the program tonight. Lion Jerry, good-naturedly, returned the token because he said he already had one from the last time he presented the program.

Lion Jerry has accepted the position of District 34-A Coordinator for this LCIF campaign. He recalled similar campaigns in 1993-1994 and 2002-2003. The explained that the campaign will involve not only looking for contribution from Lions, but it will be seeking contributions from industries all across the country. Someone from the audience asked the question of just how the collected money will be spent. Lion Jerry mention world-wide contributions for sight programs, disaster relief, measles vaccinations, childhood cancers, diabetes research and support, and water to drought-stricken areas. He noted that our State received immediate financial support from LCIF for tornado related disasters in recent years.

Lion Jerry has asked each Lion to contribute a modest sum of at least \$20. As an incentive towards this goal the campaign is selling lottery tickets at 5



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tickets for \$20. The winner of the lottery drawing will get \$500. Lion Chris Robinson was “volunteered” to be the Club’s Coordinator, helping Lion Jerry in this effort. The drawing itself will take place during the Lions State Convention May 4 - 5. Let’s all dig deep to support this great effort.

Other Business

Lion Lummie Speakman continues to improve since his accident and is fairly confident that he will be able to attend our next Club meeting.

The April 1st meeting will be held at the Fairgrounds. It will be catered by Freddy Day in the Theater Pavilion. This is not a family picnic but a regular meeting at an alternate venue due to change in ownership at the All Steak.

Lion Austin Monk made another appeal for all Lions to turn-in their Fish & Ham ticket money to him, if they have not yet done so.

A “Thank You” was received from the Wallace State Relay for Life event coordinators.

Lion Ricky Peek requested that our Lions canvas for potential Camp Seale Harris attendees. Get contact info on them in to Lion Ricky.

Lion Steve Cartee announced that annual election slate preparation was starting. Lions Steve Murphree and Richard Gurley are joining with him to prepare our slate of officers for 2019 - 2020.

Lion Javon Daniel requested assistance at 1:00 pm Wednesday at Cullman Caring for Kids Food Bank, located at 402 Arnold St NE, adjacent to the Folsom Center. The task will be to help unload a truck-load of food.

Lion Bill Ruehl announced his mother, Inez Ruehl, will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Wednesday, March 27th at 2 pm. Lion Bill invited any Lions who are not involved in helping Lion Javon to help celebrate this event with him at the Westminster nursing home.

The Secretary requested the Lion of the Year team provide the name as soon as possible to ensure the presentation plaque is prepared in time for the annual officer installation.

Upcoming Programs and Events

April 1: Lions (no family) picnic at the Fairgrounds Theater, rather than the All Steak, which is expected to be undergoing continuing management changes. It is anticipated that we will be back at the All Steak for our meeting on April 8th.

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).