



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

March 25, 2024

Program

Lion President Chris Brooks was ill tonight with spinal issues, and Lion 2nd vice President Delane Ray was presiding. Lion Brad Mitchell introduced our speaker team for tonight, Mr. Richard Carpenter, and Ms. Shelia Scott, who were speaking in support of a Master Gardeners project. This project will involve re-landscaping and “brightening up” a couple of prominent monuments at Cullman Veterans Park. One is overgrown with Junipers; the other is just inside the front gate to the park, and it has suffered excessive rain drainage wash that comes from the adjacent road and now has no foliage at all.



Lion Brad Mitchell, Mr. Richard Carpenter, Ms. Shelia Scott, and Lion 2nd Vice President Delane Ray.

Richard spoke first, showing photos and explaining in detail the problems with landscaping around the two monuments. He felt that most of the drainage/wash problem could be solved by installing a small brick or stone wall to divert rainwater around the monument along with a few inches of soil and appropriate decorative foliage. He went on to say that a first step in a solution to the other monument would

be to pull out the Junipers and again, put in new landscape foliage.

Shelia, who has extensive botanical knowledge, has visited the Park, and proposed a variety of plants using the following criteria: (1) plants should be long lasting, (2) be reasonably priced, (3) be easy to maintain, and (4) support the local economy. She mentioned a number of possible plants, including Hybrid Rose (such as Mr. Lincoln), Blue Iris, Soft Touch Holly, White Phlox, Dynamite Crape Myrtle, Candy Tuff, Midnight Salvia, and Blue Star Creeper Grass. Her presentation included photos of these attractive plants.

The proposed cost for the new landscaping was estimated to be about \$1,500 along with Master Gardner assistance and help from our Club. This would be a worthy project. We were also reminded that the Master Gardeners offer a 13-week course in Master Gardening; Lion Brad Mitchell can provide details.

Other Business

Lion Jerry Smith’s heart surgery did not turn out as well as expected. He is still recovering at his son’s house in Scottsboro. It may be another month before he is well enough to come back home.

Lion Chris Robinson’s wife, Nancy, has had successful surgery, and is expecting a full recovery.

Lion Craig Gadow’s brother passed away last week.



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Lion Charlie Childers reported that our 2023 Fair Queen, Ms. Avery Flynt, who is competing in the Miss Alabama Contest, was recently selected to be a Majorette at Auburn University.

Lion George Krigbaum reminded new Lions who have not yet completed sessions of the New Lions Roundtable at Freddy's that they should attend after tonight's Club meeting.



Jessica Atchley

Upcoming Programs and Events

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



Martha Lawrence

April 13: Hanceville Liond Club Bingo Night at Hanceville Civic Center. Tickets are \$12.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door.

April 15: Jessica Atchley with Victim Services will speak.

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).

Other General Committee assignments on page 3.



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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