



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

March 26, 2018

Program

Lion Chris Robinson introduced our speaker, Mr. James Curtis, Cullman EMS Director, who explained the high technology equipment and the highly trained staff that Cullman EMS uses around the clock to help our citizens survive medical emergencies.



(L to R) Lion Chris Robinson, Mr. James Curtis, and Lion President Bill Ruehl.

Curtis explained that Cullman EMS is a non-profit company, but it is contracted to - and managed by Cullman Regional Medical Center. Its coverage includes all of Cullman County, although it often helps in surrounding counties as their need and Cullman's availability allows. In the past year this company has responded to over 12,000 calls for help and has conducted over 10,000 transports to medical facilities. Most of the company's equipment is owned by the County. It includes 11 ambulances, costing \$140,000 each; 4 SUVs and 2 ATVs, used for special situation rapid response, as well as a disaster trailer that is outfitted to be a self-

supporting command and control center with its own power supply and radio capability to help in coordination of fire department and police operations.



Above is some the specialized medical equipment that the Cullman EMS ambulances normally carry on their medical calls. This represents about \$45,000 in equipment that each ambulance routinely carries.

Mr. Curtis was particularly proud that his company was the 1st in the State to be certified in providing critical care with the ability to administer related specialized drugs, and even now, is only one of 5 such certified EMS organizations in the State. James noted that the company's staff longevity is much above the State average of only five years; he stated that an EMS employee must have a lot of love for people to stay in this service – that day-to-day they see a lot of terrible things. He, himself, has about 25 years in this field with 11 years in Cullman. The company's total experience, when every employee is included, is about 800 years. And it budgets about \$6,000 in training its staff each year.

The equipment used by Cullman EMS cannot be topped by any other ambulance company in the State, and includes Lucas CPR machines, costing \$12,000 each,



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defibrillators, video scopes allowing faster access to the tricky areas of the esophagus and trachea, their own power tools such as “Jaws for Life”, and rope rescue equipment. Our own Lion Jim Searcy testified how this service had saved his life a few months ago when called to his house at 2:00 AM; he had fluid on his lungs and could not breathe. This response, many times a day, around the clock, is typical and continues to be provided by Cullman EMS. We are fortunate to have this support.

Other Business

The Club’s Board of Directors approved \$5,000 in funds for the United Way to be designated for indigents’ car repair from the March 19th hail storm. This contribution was noted in Wednesday’s Cullman Times on page 2.

Lion Mariman Pope reported that he has been feeling a little better, but his condition still limits his activities. Lion Jim Searcy was in attendance tonight after several weeks of absence following a spell of medical problems.

“Thank You” notes were received from Alabama Lions Sight, Leader Dogs for the Blind, and Sacred Heart School.

The President reported on the MD-34A convention which was held March 24th.

The Shred-a-thon will be held Saturday April 7th.

Nominations for 2018 – 2019 officers were announced and can be seen on page 3.

Voting on the new slate of officers will be held at our meeting on April 9th. The annual “Shredathon” will be held April 7th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm behind Buffalo Wings on Highway 31.

The MD-34 annual State convention will be held in Guntersville April 27th through April 29th. See registration form on page 4.

Upcoming Programs and Events



Ms. Carol Anne Sporleder

April 2: Carol Anne Sporleder – Outreach coordinator for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

April 7: Shredathon.

April 27-29: MD 34 Convention in Guntersville.

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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Slate of Officers

For

2018-19 Elections

President	Mike Ponder	Jeff Byrd
1 st Vice President	Andrew Manning	Josh Ray
2 nd Vice President	Javon Daniel	Dewayne Wilson
3 rd Vice President	Austin Monk	Bruce Harbison
Secretary	Don Smith	Steve Cartee
Treasure	Jerry Bonner	Richard White
Lion Tamer	Dave Gratz	Jerry Eddleman
Tail Twister	Greg Young	Phillip Vivareto
Director	Gordon Boyd	Milford Parrish
Director	Jim Howard	Cody Smith
Membership Committee	George Krigbaum	Fred Osborne



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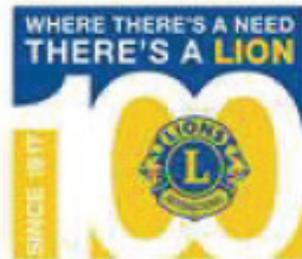


Lions International 3rd VP Judge Haynes Townsend will be keynote speaker at the MD 34 Annual Convention.

**MD 34
ANNUAL
CONVENTION**
April 27, 28, 29, 2018
Guntersville State Park Lodge
(256) 571-5440

Convention Registration Due By April 12, 2018

Lion _____
Position in Club _____
Badge Name _____
Mailing Address _____
Phone # _____
Lions Club _____



Lion Hospitality Book:

Registration and Meals # ___ @ \$115.00 _____

Food Allergies: _____

Individual Prices:

Registration # ___ @ \$25.00 _____ Donation of \$1-\$5 for Hunger service project \$ _____

Friday Night Western Party # ___ @ \$35.00 _____

Saturday Lunch # ___ @ \$20.00 _____

Saturday Banquet # ___ @ \$40.00 _____

Entree Choice Prime Rib (medium) _____ Vegetarian _____

Chicken Parmesan _____

Total \$ for registration and donation for Hunger project \$ _____ (mail with registration form)

Make Check Payable to:

MD 34 Annual Convention

Mall to: Lion Howard Rew

28164 J. Yarbrough Road

Athens, AL 35613

Questions to Larry Bagley 256-486-3491 or

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1. The hospitality book is \$115.00 and includes 3 meals; the Friday night meal and party, Saturday luncheon, and Saturday banquet. Parking and WIFI are free, breakfast is an additional charge. Purchase of full Hospitality Book reflects a reduction of \$6.00 in fee. All attendees must pay a fee, and doing so by April 12th guarantees a meal; funds must accompany registration form.
2. Lions have to make their own hotel reservation by March 27th. Room rates are \$103-\$169 (includes fees and tax) and drops to \$99-\$165 when reserving more than one night; use code 8368. Cabins are available for 1-8 people and are priced separately. Camping is \$18-\$28 depending on site. Please identify yourself as a Lion when reserving your room. The Guntersville State Park Lodge number is (256) 606-8821.
3. Delegate Voting: Only delegates of clubs in good standing may vote. Good standing for these purposes means those clubs which do not have accounts payable to Multiple District 34 or Lions Club International in a cumulative excess of \$50.00 and are not on Status Quo. Please submit your club-approved delegates to your District Governor prior to Convention.
4. Please wear western attire for the Friday night party, there will be prizes awarded based on costumes!
5. Please bring club banners to display in the meeting hall. Each club is asked to bring a door prize.