



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

March 28, 2022

Program

There was no Fair Queen or potential Miss Alabama tonight. Just some business, fellowship, and a little entertainment from Acting Tail-twister Lion Richard Gurley. Lion President Javon Daniel made it a point to give his appreciation to Lion Richard for agreeing to take-over Tail Twisting duty for Lion David Bussman after Lion David took a water-pipe-laying contract for a big housing project in south Alabama. Initially, Lion Richard endured a lot of criticism for his joke-telling performance, including, yours truly. I haven't had much to criticize him for, in this regard for several weeks. As a matter of fact, last month, I believe, I upgraded his performance to "meets expectations." I think I can upgrade that again to "pretty good." I can only hope that he doesn't get a big head and start slacking off.



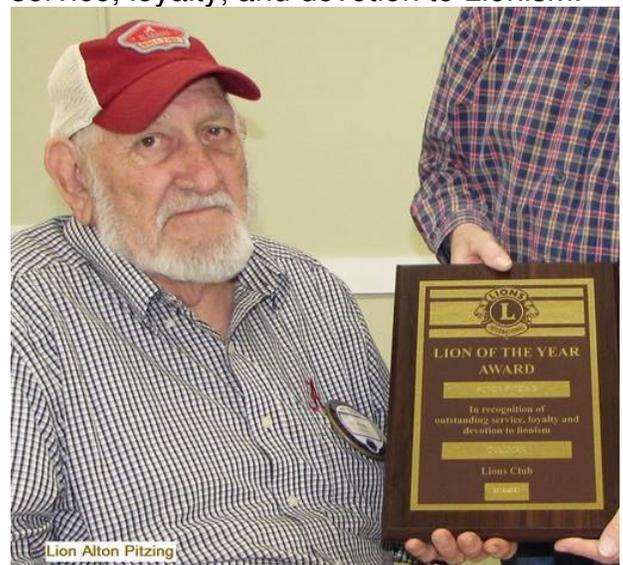
Acting Tail Twister Richard Gurley advising us on potential fines as Lion President Daniel looks on.

Other Business

Lion Tom Pfeifer was present with us tonight after successfully getting a new heart pacemaker.

Lion President announced that the Club Board of Directors would be considering the membership application of Wes Warren at its next meeting.

Lion Javan also called Lion Alton Pitzing to come forward to receive the Lion of the Year Award for 2019-2020. This award for Lion Pitzing was delayed mainly due to his illness and to Covid. Lion President thanked Lion Alton for his outstanding service, loyalty, and devotion to Lionism.



Lion President Javon Daniel updated his appeal for Lions to assist with a Caring for Kids project on Thursday, March 31. This project involves tying blue bows onto telephone poles on Hwy 31 & Hwy 278



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Cullman. The blue bows stand for bruised child-abused children. We've had 3 kids that were murdered from child abuse in Cullman County. The State of Alabama had 35 confirmed deaths of kids due to child abuse in 2021. Lion Javon said that we should wear our vests for the project. We'll meet in front of the Court House at 2:00PM.

Lion Frank Odell gave us a few words on the Fish & Ham Dinner. And the first words out of his mouth were, "We've got to get ready for the next Fish & Ham!" We still don't have final financial tally, but not much changed from last week's estimate. Lion Frank read of the names of the top ten in ticket sales for the Dinner this year, with Lion Mike Ponder coming in first, Lion Steve Murphree coming in second, and Lion Morris Mangum in third place. More to follow on final numbers.

Lion Jerry Bonner spoke about a decision the steering committee made for Smith Lake sale funds. He reported that all funds had been moved into a one-year CD at a bank giving the highest interest rate in Cullman; there is no interest penalty for early withdrawal of any of these funds. Lion Don Smith spoke-up, saying that he has helped Lion Jerry develop a spreadsheet to track all funds dispersed from the Lions' Smith-Lake account. Those funds will be separately visible in the Clubs operating statement.

Lion President Daniel noted that the Club nominating committee will be calling on members agree to be candidates for Club officer election in the coming weeks. He reminded us that our motto is "We Serve,"

and that as an officer you serve not only the Club, but our community. He asked that if you are requested to stand for election, please very seriously consider doing so. If you think that you would like to serve, let Lions Steve Murphree, Bill Ruehl, or Morris Mangum know. If you are asked by Lion Steve or one of the other election committee members to be a candidate, be assured you are being asked because you have been judged to be capable and needed by the Club and the community.

Upcoming Programs and Events

March 31 : This Thursday. Lion assisting Caring for Kids Blue Ribbon Project at special request of Lion President Javon Daniel. Be in front of Court House at 2:00PM. Wear your Lions vest.

April 4: Program TBD at Commission on Aging building, as usual.

April 28-30: Alabama State Convention in Atmore at Morgan State.

May 14: Annual Shred-a-thon.

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).