



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

March 5, 2018

Program

Lion Chris Robinson introduced our speaker, Mr. Doug Long, Facility Director of Cullman Shooting Sports (CSS). Lion Chris ended his introduction by describing this shooting facility as “39,000 sq. ft. of awesome-ness.”



Lion President Bill Ruehl presents Mr. Doug Long with a Lion statuette in appreciation for his presentation. Some of the facts presented by Doug for just the firing lanes are as follows: The walls, including the ceiling are 10 inch-thick, steel reinforced concrete, that are designed to stop a 50 cal. BMG-rifle round (but this caliber or larger is not allowed to be fired on these ranges). At 110 yards, these indoor rifle-range lanes are the longest that can be found in the US. The firing positions are wide-enough to accommodate a firer and an assistant; the safety panels between lane positions will stop anything under 50 cal. Both the firing position tables and chairs are adjustable. There are noise reducing panels all around the firing-position-end of the range. The air cleaning/filtering system is state-of-the-art and cost over a half-million dollars; as such, there is no cordite or burned powder smell in the air, nor any traces of harmful

lead. The bullets impact at the far-end of the lanes into a sloped mound of chopped tire rubber. Periodically, this rubber is processed on-site to remove the lead for re-cycling, and it is then re-installed and refreshed as needed. There are 3 separate ranges in the facility – the rifle range has eight, 110 yd. lanes; the pistol range has nine, 27 yd. lanes, and the 3rd range is not yet operational, but its configuration is still being planned for possibly becoming a tactical, live fire training range. All firing lanes have electronically controlled, automated target systems that can be set to position targets at whatever yard-distance desired; they can also be programed to turn-sideways while reloading/or at set times or to rush toward the shooter during a firing drill. The rifle lanes have close-up TV monitors tied to cameras on targets set at 50 and 100 yards; the pistol range has cameras set for 25 yards; with these cameras shooters do not have to go down-range or to bring their targets back to the firing line to make weapon site adjustments. This is much more efficient shooting. The firing ranges have NRA certified safety officers present anytime shooters are active on the ranges, two of these safety officers are former police officers. Range safety is a huge priority at CSS. No one is allowed on the firing line without hearing and eye protection. Everyone who shoots must first watch a safety video and must watch it, again, annually.

In addition to live firing, the facility has 5,000 sq. ft. of retail space with a huge assortment of weapons, knives, and ear &



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eye safety items for sale -- and even has weapons for rent for use on the firing lines. There are two laser-equipped virtual, tactical training simulator rooms that are like huge shooting video games. There are multiple large conference rooms available for private or commercial use. It has a large lounge area with occasional free coffee. The CSS offers NRA training classes and specialized ladies training. This range sounds like an amazing and fun place for anyone to sharpen their shooting.

Other Business

Lioness Jean Rainwater had a recent, short hospital-stay, but has moved back to Folsom Center. Lion Mariman Pope is facing significant medical challenges.

Lion Frank Odell gave a very preliminary report on the Fish and Ham dinner. 1,860 meals were served; financial results are pending. It was noted that the dinner went noticeably smoother in several areas, especially in having cooked fish available at all times during the day.

The Club received "Thank You" notes from Alabama Lions Sight for our donation in honor of Lion Jeff Smith. The Club also received a note from the family of Lion Jeff.

The March 12th new member training will focus on the Constitution and By-Laws.

Nominations for 2018 – 2019 officers will be announced in 2 weeks. The election will be held in April.

There will be a Fair Board meeting March 12th.

The President reminded the Club members that only the initial issue Lions vest is free. All others require reimbursement.

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 3. A wish list for toys and other items to support a children's drive which will be collected at the convention was sent by email and is also seen on page 4.

MD-35A District Convention will be March 16-17 at Joe Wheeler State Park. See registration form on page 5.

Upcoming Programs and Events

March 12: Dr. Bill Peinhardt on the topic of Trees & Wood.

March 16-17: The MD 34-A Convention.

April 7: Shredathon.

April 27-29: MD 34 Convention.

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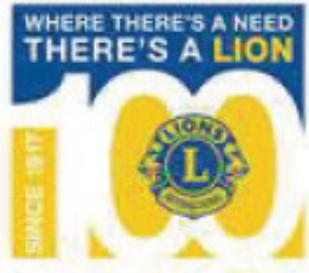
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Lions International 3rd VP Judge
Haynes Townsend will be keynote speaker
at the MD 34 Annual Convention.

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

ContactUs@GuntersvilleLionsClub.com

1. The hospitality book is \$115.00 and includes 3 meals; the Friday night meal and party, Saturday lunch, 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-\$159 (includes fees and tax) and drops to \$89-\$155 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 costume!
5. Please bring club banners to display in the meeting hall. Each club is asked to bring a door prize.



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Wish List

All in-kind donation items must be new. No violent-themed toys, please.

ELECTRONICS

Batteries
Xbox 360 system/games
Xbox Kinect accessory
Wii system/games
Playstation 3 systems/games
PSP's and games
Ninifindo DS systems/games
DVD's
I pods shuffles/ I pod touch

GAMES

Apples to Apples
Apples to Apples Jr.
Bananagrams
Battleship
Boggle
Checkers
Chess
Clue/Clue Jr.
Connect Four
Guess Who
Jenga
Life
Monopoly
Monopoly Jr.
Phaze 10
Playing Cards
Puzzles (24-500 pieces)
Scattergories
Scrabble
Sequence
Sorry
Trouble
Uno/Uno Attacks
Taboo

CRAFT SUPPLIES

Washable Markers
Crayons
Colored pencils
Coloring books/construction paper
Coloring wonder kits
Glue & scissors
Paint (Washable, acrylic, fabric, temper, ceramic, water color, finger paint)
Fabric markers
T-shirts (all sizes), pillowcases, tote bags, & white baseball caps
Canvases for painting (all sizes)
Dry erase crayons/markers
Window Markers
Glitter/Glitter pens/Glitter glue
Sequins
Pipe cleaner
Ribbon
Sewing kits & jewelry making kits
Stickers/Sticker books
Ceramic shapes to paint
Craft kits
Play-dough/Molding clay
Wooden Letters to paint/decorate (all sizes)
Poster board
Foam shapes & sheets
Stained glass & paint

MISCELLANEOUS

Dry erase boards
Bubbles
New Beanie Babies
Child friendly blankets/quilts/pillowcases
Pajamas/underwear/socks



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Registration Form

Please join us for a wonderful district convention, featuring guest ID Joyce Middleton!

[When: March 16-17, 2018]

- Friday Night Social, Dinner Included – 6:00 pm
- Saturday Breakout Sessions, Lunch & Dinner Included
 - Registration – 8:30 am
 - Meeting – 9:30 am

[Where: Joe Wheeler State Park]

- 4403 McLean Driver, Rogersville, AL 35652

[Pricing]

- Rooms Available - \$69/night through Feb. 16 - \$78/night after Feb. 16
 - *To reserve, call (256)-247-5466 and give code: 2668**
 - Friday Social: \$20/person (\$25 after March 2)
 - Saturday: \$50/person (\$55 after March 2)
 - Both Days: \$65/person (\$70 after March 2)
- *Childcare will be provided at no extra cost! ***

Please complete the bottom half of this form and send with payment to:

District CST Lindsey Schneider
117 Burton St.
Huntsville, AL 35811

***Couples, please register separately, so we may get an efficient and accurate headcount.**

Name: _____ Club: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone#: _____

I am registering for:

Friday _____ Saturday _____ Both Days _____

Total: \$ _____