



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

March 6, 2023

Program

Lion Carey Thompson emceed the program, focused on a re-cap of last Saturday's Fish and Ham Dinner. In general, he noted that this Dinner was about the smoothest such operation that he had seen; the weather was near perfect. The longest delay we had in having fish or anything else ready to serve was a single delay of about 2 minutes. We had large take-out orders that totaled about 200 plates before 11:00AM start-up. These orders were ready just-in-time, ahead of scheduled pickup, showing great coordination of everyone; there was not a ripple of a problem for any customers. All out teams simply did a fantastic job this year from our school lunch-room ladies to our Lionesses, to the Leos, and to all of our specialty teams. The only harmful accident occurred when we started breaking down and cleaning up when a Lion was trying to lift a pot of hot oil by himself and spilt hot oil on his forearm. Lion Carey was very proud and grateful to our Lions for their spirit and cooperation in staying focused on the mission of serving a great meal while serving our greater community. We heard many amusing tales from our team leaders as they were called upon to talk about their experiences and to recognize and to compliment those Lions that really stood out during the day – and there were certainly many of them. We made a few adjustments in several areas which we noted, and which can help us get off to an even better start next year. We also had a suggestion that we investigate another, possibly, better venue for the next Fish & Ham Dinner. Lion Carey agreed but noted that it may be difficult to find one with all the advantages that Cullman Middle School offers.

Lion Carey noted that was good to see folks like Lion Jerry Galin and Jim Howard and Gary Murphree, again. It made him wish that others Lions like Jerry Eddleman and Ed Henke were still with us. He saw a lot of smiling faces and good fellowship happening. Lion Don Smith, whose team handled ticket sales, reported that we may have sold more tickets this year, despite the number of meals-served being slightly less. Final numbers will be forthcoming.

Other Business

Katie McBrayer, daughter of Lion Charlie McBrayer sent an update on his condition, summarized as follows: Over the past few weeks Lion Charlie began feeling worse due to the chemo treatment for his pancreatic cancer. He has made the decision to stop all treatment and has transitioned to hospice care. Please keep his Lion Charlie and his family in your prayers. Lion Don Scott answered a request from Lion Charlie for assistance in construction of a ramp at his house; Lion Don and his charitable construction team intend to do just that. If you want to help, too, call Lion Don Scott at 256-507-0750.



Lion Jerry Galin was presented with a Lion's watch in honor of his 50 years of service in our Club.



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Lion Tim Scott's father is in the hospital. Lion Don Smith asked for assistance from any Lions with a chain saw that could help in cutting up a large magnolia tree that was toppled in the Good Hope Cemetery during the recent microburst thunderstorm last Friday. He can be contacted at 256-426-7722.

Ham Dinner. See following photos Lion David giving out prizes:



Lions present tonight with over 50 Years service in our Club, standing with Lion President Milford Parrish. (l to r) Lions Morris Mangum, Wendell Copeland, Fred Osborne, Jerry Bonner, and Jerry Galin.

Lion Javon Daniel announced that the Chamber of Commerce Shred-a-thon would be this year at King Edward Plaza on Saturday, May 13th.

Lion Carey Thompson was presented with a Lions International pin for past efforts in sponsoring Lions into our Club.

Lion Tail Twister David Bussman presented a kid's fishing kit to Lion Carey Thompson for heading up the Ham & Fish Dinner this year; he gave York Pepper-mint candy to Lions Barry Willingham and Milford Parrish for their cool handling of incidents during the Fish & Ham Dinner; he gave joke prizes of a Zero candy bars to Lions Steve Murphree, Mike Ponder, and Morris Mangum for their work during the Fish &



Lion David & Lion Carey



Lion David & Lions Barry & Milford



Lion David & Lions Steve, Mike, & Morris

Our Club meetings are being recorded and can be seen live, or you may view past meetings at the following Facebook web site:



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1106236123576541/?ref=share> .

If you have any problem getting to the site, contact Lion Craig Gadow at 256-736-8361.

Upcoming Programs and Events

March 13: A guest speaker from Master Gardner has been invited.

May 13: Shred-a-thon. Details to follow.

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).