



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

March 9, 2026

### Program

Our speaker for tonight called in sick and has been rescheduled for next month.

### Other Business

Lion Javon Daniel remains in stable, but restricted-activity status with his heart condition. Lion Bill Ruehl was absent tonight, but he has bounced back after his bout with pneumonia.

Roundtable discussions for new Lions are as follows:

RT3-Mar 16 — BOD & Operations.

RT4-Apr 20 — Beyond our Club:

District, Multi-District, & Global operations.

Lion Steve Cartee gave a report on status of ticket sales receipts outstanding from the Fish & Ham Dinner. There are a couple hundred tickets not yet accounted for. Lion Steve announced that after tonight, money or unsold tickets should be turned in to Lion Don Smith. He also commended Lions Sam Roberts and Steve Murphree for easily out-pacing all other Lions in our Club in terms of tickets sold. It still appears that our profit from the Dinner will surpass those of the last couple of years. Final profit numbers will be announced by Lion Treasurer Don Smith, after all tickets are accounted for. Don also noted that in the future, any left-over food that is given to another charitable organization, such as the Foundry Farm, would be booked as a donation from our Club and not booked as an expense item in accounting for the Fish & Ham Dinner.

Lion Steve Murphree announced that our Club needs to have a list of newly elected Club officers submitted to Lions International by June, and that he, and Lions Morris Mangum and Dwayne Wilson were named as the nominating committee. This committee intends to submit a slate of officers on March 30<sup>th</sup>, followed by an election on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Lion Steve encouraged Lions to respond affirmatively if contacted by his committee to stand as a candidate on the election ballot. He also encouraged anyone interested in holding an officer position in the Club to contact him or another member of the nominating committee.

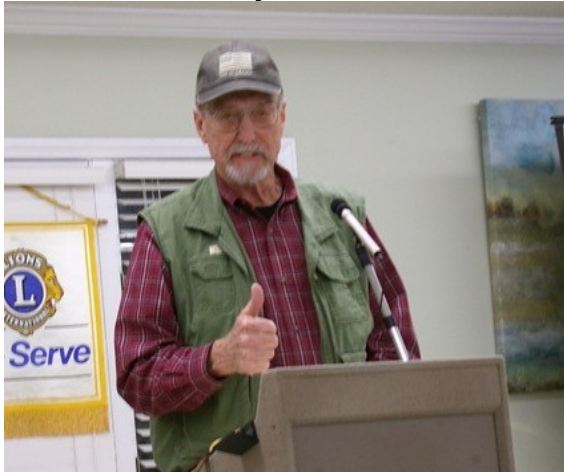
Lion Riley Smith gave us a report on his most recent meeting with Alabama Lions Sight Board of Directors. In his own words: "This was the best meeting we've had since I've been involved. Everything was upbeat. We had all of our numbers balanced. We paid off all the debt that we incurred through the lack of payment of the employment taxes and stuff like that, that's all been cleared. So it was a state of the union kind of thing." Total income approached \$1 million and ended the year with a profit. "That's the first time we've seen anything like that in the last two or three years. Because records were lousy, we were spending money and not looking at the bank account and yada yada yada. ... This is a plus we have not had the last couple of years. We have the endowment fund to complete all of our employee taxes and things that come through in February for the year ... Financials are good."



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Lion Riley also reported on the mobile eye clinic effort which saw 2,018 patients at 41 different sites in 28 counties. For our efforts at the Good Samaritan Clinic, we had 112 exams and issued 101 eyeglasses. There are also independent eye screener teams of 2 or 3 people that visit small clinics, schools, churches, etc.; they screened 300 people. One of these screener teams may be formed locally and approach our Club for possible funding to work the Cullman area. Lion Sean Schofield has already volunteered.



Lion Riley Smith gives thumbs-up status on Alabama Lions Sight operations.

If you cannot attend a future Club meeting, here is a video-link that Lion Craig Gadow has set up for you to watch and join-in:  
Video call-link: <https://meet.google.com/hmv-fque-cbj>

### Upcoming Programs and Events.

April 18: Cullman's Mayor, our own Lion Woody Jacobs, will be our speaker.

April 20: Club meeting will be at the Agriplex at 5:30PM. The Club has made significant contributions to the Agriplex. We have been invited for the dedication & opening of the Agriplex's Teaching Kitchen, part of its multi-million-dollar expansion.

April 27: Ms. Kathy Sloss will be speaking about the Rails to Trails Conservancy.



June 15: Club Officer Installation at the Church of Christ on Child Haven Road.

June 29: Club Family Picnic at the Fairgrounds.

### 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 256-426-3207 (C). Lion Don can be reached at 256-737-7433 (H) or 256-426-7722 (C).