



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

May 18, 2020

### Program

Tonight, there was no program, but this meeting marked the Club's first since the State-ordered shutdown of all such meetings due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We met in Exhibit Bldg. #1 at the Fair Grounds. So, there was a good bit of catching up to do with the Club and each other.



Lion President Andrew Manning welcomed us back as Lion Secretary Don Smith looks on.

Our meeting began with a moment of silence in remembrance of Lion Jerry Caudle who passed-away since our last meeting. It was also noted that Lion Clark Rainwater's sister passed away this month. Lion Jim Rooker is continuing with chemotherapy.

Lion Secretary Don Smith read a listing of our Club's contributions, approaching \$60,000 that the Club's Board of Directors approved during the current pandemic hiatus:

- Chrome-books for remote instruction for underprivileged students
- Distinguished Young Women

Senior food drive to United Way  
Alabama Lions Sight  
Cullman Caring for Kids food bank  
Cullman Good Samaritan Clinic,  
which helps those without health insurance and the underprivileged

Lions International which includes donations for 20 Melvin Jones awards for our Club members.

Continued individual eye exam and glasses support.

Boys and Girls State (The American Legion will roll these funds forward into 2021)

In addition, the BOD voted to waive the April through June quarterly dues for all Club members in recognition of our many small business owners who have been hit financially during the economic lock-down.

The Lion Secretary then facilitated the Lion President in presenting award of LCI membership pins as follows: Diamond pin to Lion Jerry Bonner and Gold pins to Lions Milford Parrish, Richard White, and Andrew Manning. These pins are in recognition for bringing in new members during the Lions Centennial Year.

Thank-you notes were received for the Club's financial support from Leader Dogs for the Blind, Victims Services, Mental Health, Alabama Lions Sight, Bosom Buddies, Cullman Caring for Kids, and the Agriplex.

Lion David Bussman was lauded and applauded for the many days (weeks,



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actually) that he and his construction crew worked and contributed in expanding and upgrading the Lions Concession stand at the Fairgrounds. This work would have cost many thousands of dollars for the Fair Association. Lion Charlie Powell put together a slide show of this construction work, and he then emailed it to all Lions and also posted it on the Lions Club web page. Lion David has taken on many upgrades at the Fair Ground over the past several years for free and on his own initiative. Lion David was also applauded for his leadership in running the concession stand, which brings in significant funding for both the Lions Club and the Fair Association.

No Club meeting will be held this coming Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, due to Memorial Day.

### Other Business



The meal tonight was a plate of BBQ pulled pork & chicken, along with slaw, potato salad, baked beans, a dinner roll, as well as a choice of great deserts. No club in town eats a better meal than we do, week in and week out.

Past Club member, Lion Craig Gadow is back in Cullman and has been accepted as a member back into our Club.



Welcome back, Lion Craig Gadow.

This past Saturday, thirteen Lions helped in manning the annual Better Business Bureau Shred-A-Thon. More than 2 tons of documents were shredded; many old prescriptions were turned in. Lion Javon Daniel also got a number of monetary contributions and food for Cullman Caring for Kids.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

May 25: No meeting due to Memorial Day.

June 1: TBD. This meeting will be held at our regular meeting venue, Christ Hall of St. John's Evangelical Church. Possible announcement for Club officer candidates in the upcoming election for 2020-2021 may be made.

### Tale Twister Input

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