



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

May 19, 2025.

### Program

Our program speaker tonight, introduced by Lion Sam Roberts, was the dazzling Queen of Wallace State, Ms. Marli Kate Powell. She is a graduate of West Point High School and has just transferred to North Alabama State and is majoring in mass communication and marketing.



**Big Smiles as Lion President Chris Brooks presents one of our special cups to Miss Wallace State, Marli Powell.**

Ms. Powell has set her sights on another crown, that of Miss Alabama, the contest which she will be entering later this year. A significant area of consideration in winning this contest is the contestant's impact of their service to the community, especially, young women. Marli has chosen "mentorship" as the area most closely aligned in her experience and talent to serve. She stated that statistics have shown that girls mentored in middle and high school are 76% more likely to be successful. Having a mentor improves stress levels, reduces anxiety, increases confidence, and provides a way of counseling in navigation of teen years. Her personal leadership is apparent from the many

such positions she has held: Class President, National Honor Society, Girls State Representative, Beta Club member. Mentors can be a pivotal factor in shaping self-esteem and overall development. Her accomplished goals have been:

- Raising thousands of \$\$ for Lighthouse Primary School in Kasese, Uganda.
- Partnered with ONE30network and CCBOE schools.
- Engaged with Cullman County Schools, empowering them to lead in our community.
- Advocated the importance of leadership in society for our youth.
- Started working on a book to empower the next generation.

Ms. Marli Kate Powers has certainly set her path for great success in life, and no doubt has the talent and determination to do so.

### Other Business

Lion Mike Ponder remains home from the hospital and is recovering but feeling very weak and not eating well. Lion Javon Daniel is at home dealing with heart concerns. Lion Jerry Smith is doing better and looking forward to attending soon. Lion Ron Seybold has been accepted into an experimental cancer treatment program. Continue praying for these lions.

President Lion Chris reported receiving Thank-You notes from the BBB for the Club's support during the Shred-A-Thon. Lion Chris noted years-of-service for the following Lions: Tyler Roden – 13 years and Chris Brooks, himself, – 6.



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Lion Secretary Scott Starosta read over minutes of last week's Board of Directors (BOD) minutes. One item was a donation supporting 3 members of the Cold Springs High School FFA to attend the National FFA Convention in Orlando; the BOD also approved the same support to other local high schools if they indicate that they are participating in this event. He also noted that the Club purchased at table (8 seats) at The Busom Buddies Foundation fund raising dinner. See Lion Jeff Lawson if you are interested in attending. He said the Club also made donations to the Leader Dog Organization, The Link's "feed the hungry program," and the Distinguished Young Ladies Organization. He noted that Lions David Wiggins and Jeff Lawson will head up a committee to determine scholarship awards of \$1,000 for 7 Leos who supported our Club this year. The BOD voted to fund 15 scholarships for diabetic kids to attend Camp Seale Harris this summer and made a significant donation to the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) in honor of Lion Wendell Copeland.



Lion Secretary Scott Starosta briefs BOD meeting.

Lion Bill Ruehl announced a message from the late Lion Wendell Copeland's family, thanking those Club members who were in attendance at

his funeral, wearing Lion vests, and for the Club's donation made to LCIF in Lion Copeland's memory.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

June 7: Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Ivy Green in Tuscumbia, for Helen Keller's challenge to Lions to become "Knights of the Blind."

June 9: Installation of Club Officers for 2025-2026 will be at Church of Christ, off Hwy 157, near Childhaven. Freddy Day will be catering our meal. RSVP ASAP if you have not already. The Current District Governor Renea Wright will be presiding. "Coat & Tie" is the appropriate wear. Doors open at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00.

June 23: Lions Family Picnic Night at the fairground theater. It starts at 5:30.

June 25: Lion's Sight Mobile Clinic visit at Good Samaritan Clinic.

June 30: Ms. Jacqueline Schendel will be our speaker and will discuss both the Shred-a-thon and an update on current scams.

July 13: Lions International Convention in Orlando.

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### 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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### Committee Assignments for FY 2024-2025

<b>President Chris Brooks</b>							
<b>Committees</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Co-Char</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Member</b>
Nominating	Steve Murphree	Morris Magnum	Dewayne Wilson				
Club History	Dennis Berse	Charlie Powell	Javon Daniel	Dewayne Wilson	Ron Seybold	Scott Starosta	
Explore	Jerry Bonner	David Bussman	Raymond Williams	Fred Osborne	Delane Ray	Craig Gadow	Steve Cartee
<b>1st VP Delane Ray</b>							
<b>Committees</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Co-Char</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Member</b>			
Diabetes	Milford Parrish	George Krigbaum	David Peacock	Javon Daniel			
Fair Concessions	David Bussman	Richard Gurley	Judy Smith				
Finance & Community	Don Smith	Brian Spaeth	Jerry Bonner				
Fish & Ham	Carey Thompson	David Peacock	Jason Tielking				
Membership	George Krigbaum	Javon Daniel	Frank Odell				
Program	Sam Roberts	Randy Kraft	Chris Robinson				
Mop & Broom	Richard White	Dave Gratz	Chris Robinson				
Sight	Bill Ruehl	Steve Cartee					
<b>2nd VP Jeff Lawson</b>							
<b>Committees</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Co-Char</b>					
Area Lion's Liason	Craig Gadow	Scott Starosta					
Constitution & Bylaws	Craig Gadow	Steve Murphee	Frank Odell				
House & Food	Dennis Berse	Fred Osborne					
Member Information	Charlie Powell	Dave Gratz					
Song Leader	Richard White	Chris Robinson					
Youth Leos	David Wiggins	Jeff Lawson					
<b>3rd VP David Wiggins</b>							
<b>Committees</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Co-Char</b>					
Tail Twister	Richard Gurley	Richard White					
Fair Parade	Steve Murphee	Barry Willingham					
Branch Club Liaison	Ron Seybold	Jeff Lawson					
Publicity	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell					
Communications & Web	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell					
New- Member Orientation	Frank Odell	George Krigbaum	Richard Gurley	Steve Murphree	Raymond Williams	Ginger Hogeland	