



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

May 20, 2019

Program

Lion George Krigbaum introduced our speakers, tonight, Misses Tracy Smith, RN & Adriann Basch, both are Health Science Teachers, representing the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA), and who accompanied their students in the CATA Lee County tornado relief efforts last month. As a reference, refer back to the Other Business section in "The Tale Twister" of Apr 25th which talked about this mission. As an interesting note, Ms. Basch was our 2001 County Fair Queen. Accompanying the teachers, tonight, were four of local High School students who participated in the Lee County mission trip. One of the students, Ms. Tamela James actually delivered most of our program, talking about her own experiences on the trip. In the future she plans to attend Wallace State, pursuing a nursing degree.



President Lion Mike Ponder and Lion George Krigbaum are in the background with teachers, Ms. Tracy Smith (far left) and Ms. Adriann Basch (far right). Students in the center are Ms. Misti Mealer, Ms. Tamela James, Ms. Saydi Clowers, and Ms. Destiny Griffin.

Tamela expressed thanks for inviting these representatives of the CATA Community

Outreach mission to Lee County. She said that she vividly remembers the tornado disaster that Cullman suffered on April 27, 2011, and all the assistance that poured into our County after that. And that she and her companions were grateful to have a chance to pay back some of that help. She also mentioned several other organizations and people that helped in the logistics for this mission, besides our Club. She described meeting students from other schools and the friendships that developed in working together for a good cause. Their main job on devastated areas was removing debris, including cutting-up and removing downed trees. Cooperation and morale among all the participants were excellent. Overall, Tamela described the event as a great learning, giving, sharing, and fulfilling experience. The teachers & others that helped organize and plan this event, as well as Lion George Krigbaum for his escorting of the group, deserve huge kudos for the parts they played in this venture.

Other Business

No meeting next week for Memorial Day.

Our Club has agreed to support parking at the Rock the South for Friday May 31st from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm and Saturday June 1st from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. This can become the second greatest regular revenue generator for the Club, adding more than we net for 3 Fish and Ham dinners after expenses. If we do well, we will be asked back; if not, this will be a hit



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to our sterling reputation. We will need at least 25 Lions per 6-hour shift (for 2 shifts a day) present throughout the event, covering 6 parking lots. A few jobs will likely require only sitting in place as visitors come into parking areas (bring your own portable chair & maybe an umbrella). So, even if you can't do much walking around, you can still be of help. There will be a tent with water in each parking area. More detailed info will be coming by email. If you can help but have not already been in contact with Lion Ricky Peek, who is handling scheduling, please contact him at 256-347-1090. As of Saturday, the 25th, we have a shortfall of Lion volunteers – the Club has committed to do this because of faith in you. After this, we can discuss whether or not we do it again next year. For now, let's get off our butts and do this. **MAN-UP! You are Lions and WE SERVE !!** That's all I'm gonna say.

New Lion Chris Brooks was welcomed into the Club tonight. He was sponsored by Lion Gary Murphree. He lives in Vinemont and works for R.E. Garrison; he's married and has a 16yr old son, a daughter, and 3 grandsons.



Lion Chris Brooks

Secretary Lion Don Smith read the last Board of Director Minutes: Funding was approved for Foundry Farms, Camp Seale Harris, and Alabama High School Leadership attendees. Funding was also approved for The Good Samaritan Clinic, pending a financial report from its treasurer. A discussion was held regarding funding a major school playground project for disabled children. It was deferred pending a presentation by the school Principal. The Vice Presidents formed an ad hoc committee to recommend 5 deserving Lions for Melvin Jones Fellowships; approved Lions will be recognized at the Officer Installation.

The Lion Secretary also provided details as to why we will not be meeting at the All Steak: "The price per meal at the All Steak on May 6th exceeded over \$20 a plate with only rice, beef tips in a thin sauce and sautéed beans offered as the main course. When the Secretary asked the manager if this is all we received for \$20 a plate, the manager told the Secretary "he could leave if he wanted to and that all Club members could leave if they wanted to." Given both poor value for the money and a clear indication that the All Steak no longer wanted our business, the Board rescinded its decision to eat at the All Steak through the end of June. Additionally, the podium built by the late Lion Jeff Smith was removed from the All Steak as well as any other Lion items not permanently affixed to the building. The Food Committee will explore alternate venues and report to the Board of Directors. Until further notice, the Club will be meeting in Christ Hall at St. John's Church.



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Upcoming Programs and Events

May 27: No meeting due to Memorial Day.

May 31-- Jun 1: Parking for "Rock the South"; see Other Business, above; more details pending.

June 3: Mr. Jason Nunnelley, Executive Director of Technology Village Cullman. Meeting will be at St. John's Church in Christ Hall.



Mr. Jason Nunnelley

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)