



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

May 3, 2021

Program

Lion President Javon Daniel led tonight's meeting. There was no guest speaker, but we did have a few jokes shared by a couple of our Lions. In addition, Lion President Javon invited a couple of senior Lions to come up to the podium. These were Lions Steve Cartee and Wendell Copeland. Lion Javon then ask them to each answer a couple of questions. The first question: Why did you join the Lions Club? Lion Wendell said that his and his wife's best friends over the years had been Lion Chester and Hilda Freeman. We all know what an influential person Lion Chester was, and he told Lion Wendell about all the good people who were in the Club and the great things that it was doing in helping our community; so, he joined; this was 1964. Then Lion Steve told his story which was that he knew Lion Alan Wood from his job at Am South Bank when Lion Alan, along with his boss, suggested that he join the Club. Not only did he hear about the great accomplishment of the Club, but the Bank was going to pay his Club dues, also. Lion Steve said, his main rationale for joining, initially, was to get a free meal at the meeting. But once he joined, that benefit became secondary to serving the community.

The second question: What's the funniest thing that happened during your time in the Club? Lion Wendell told a story concerning Lion Charles Young, who he was instrumental in bring into the Club. He said he was introducing Lion Young to other members of the Club and showing

him around. Lion Young was a little shy around ladies, but Lion Wendell convinced one of the waitresses who was serving at one of Lion Young's first meetings to help with a gag on him. She got in position whereby Lion Young came up behind her. Then she exclaimed, "Ouch, why did you pinch me?" That just floored Lion Young and everyone else, as he tried to deny it ever happened. Lion Steve could not come up with anything off the cuff, but Lion Don Smith reminded us of the time the Tail Twister told an inappropriate joke at a meeting that was attended by young ladies that were being honored for their work in the community; we Lions just had to cringe and shake our heads that time.



Lion Javon Daniel questions Lions Steve Cartee and Wendell Copeland on Club membership.

The third question: What would you say to someone who you wanted to join the Club? Lion Wendell said that some of his best memories, experiences, and friendship can be traced back to our Club. Then, he said, "It doesn't get much better than that." Lion Steve said that initially it may be a little difficult to explain all that we do, how hard we work in helping our community, and to note the high quality of the individuals, now and in the past, who are Lions, and how proud they should be to associate with



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them. Lion Barry Willingham spoke up to say, before he became a Lion, that he came initially to present a program on the Revenue Commission's work. But at that meeting he gained insight into how our Club operated, what it was accomplishing, and who members were. Then, he wanted to be a part of it.

Other Business

Lion Secretary Don Smith gave a Board of Directors report on last week's meeting. The Board approved a Fair Board recommendation that it should go forward with a compliance audit of its financial records; if any irregularities are discovered, the audit would be expanded. The board also approved 15 PTSD injections for Cullman County veterans. This was the treatment that was highlighted in last week's Tale Twister, concerning Col. (retired) Ken Brown's presentation.



These guys are having entirely too much fun. Lion Don also used his opportunity at the podium to enlighten us with some additional Covid-19 statistics. The main point of this discussion was that over 50% of the people who show as positive for Covid-19, are actually showing a false

positive. Concluding, he says that although we need to honor the severity of the disease, we need keep in mind that the number who actually get it is being over-inflated. He also invited anyone who wished to check his statistical numbers to borrow Lion Randy Kraft's calculator; there were no takers for that.

Lion Tail Twister David Bussman was reported as still doing well, but he was absent tonight. There was speculation that he was unable to hitch a ride.

Lion Tamer David Gratz brought a guest with him tonight; that being his son-in-law, who is spending the week with him. The lad is probably going to get a few dancing lessons during his stay.

Upcoming Programs and Events

May 10: Weekly Club meetings continuing every Monday.

May 22: Annual Shred-a-Thon in the King Edward parking area. Lions should be on the scene between 8:30 and 8:45AM.

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).