



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

November 13, 2023
Program

Lion Steve Cartee introduced our speaker for the evening, Ms. Jolanda Hutson, Executive Director of the Good Samaritan Clinic.

Ms. Hutson began by noting that about 20% of Cullman County citizens do not have health insurance nor any form of government assistance for their health needs. The Good Samaritan Clinic is there to support them. Most of the patients have jobs but not medical benefits. The Clinic was founded in 2004 to meet this care need. In addition to free regular family and patient support, the Clinic provides monthly audiology support, vision screening in conjunction with Alabama Lions Sight, Mental Health evaluations, a pharmacy dispensary, and specialist referrals.

Lions, and Cullman Regional Hospital which provides essential free lab services. Jolanda thanked the Lions for our continuing contributions and looked forward to a regular bi-monthly visit from the Alabama Lions Sight van.

Under Ms. Hutson's leadership, the Good Samaritan Clinic has been a tremendous asset to our community at large, and in some cases has provided life-saving medical advice and help to its indigent.

Other Business

Lion Dave Gratz is not doing well after his automobile accident and has made the decision to stop additional medical intervention and is off life-support.

Lion Morris Mangum's mother-in-law passed away; her funeral was Nov. 16th.

Former Cullman Lions Club member Wayne McCravy has passed. No arrangements have been announced.



Ms. Jolanda Hutson, flanked by Lion President Chris Brooks and Lion Steve Cartee, was presented with a Club mug following her presentation. Lion Chris seems to have dozed off there for a second.

Last year there were over 3,600 patient visits and 17,000 individual prescriptions issued at a value of over \$5.3 million. The Clinic is supported broadly across the community from businesses, charitable organizations like the



Former Lion Wayne McCravy -- RIP



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Lion President Chris Brooks presented a check to Ms. Alethia Gibbs for the "Wreaths Across America" project. Alethia requested the Club's assistance in laying out over 900 wreaths at the Cullman City Cemetery on December 16th at 10:00 am.



New lion David Wiggins.

Lion President Chris Brooks presenting a big check for Wreaths Across America to Ms. Alethia Gibbs.

Lion Craig Gadow requested Club members help at a clean-up and material condition assessment at the Sportsman's Lake Veterans Memorial this Saturday, Nov. 18th at 9AM; work should take less than an hour. Also, right next door, Lions are needed at 10AM at the Fairground theater to fill diabetic packs for school nurses. Please make one or both meetings.

Lion Charlie Childers requested an RSVP for attendance at the Fair Appreciation Dinner at Cotton Creek on December 18th; this means let him know if you are going & how many guests. Doors open at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. Coat and tie for the gentlemen.

New member David Wiggins was introduced. He recently retired as the East Elementary Principal after many years and now has a second career at Premier Bank of the South. He is married with two daughters.

Lion Sott Starosta is accepting orders for a special run of hand-made, unique Lion coffee cups. They are \$20 per cup.

Nominees for the Fair Board of Directors for a 2-year term include: Lions Charlie Childers, Randy Kraft, Steve Murphree, Milford Parrish, Tim Scott, Carey Thompson, and Jeff Wren. Election is scheduled for the next meeting, Nov. 27th. No Club meeting will be held on the 20th due to Thanksgiving later that week.

The Mobile Eye Clinic will be at the Good Samaritan Clinic 8:15 through 12:15 Wednesday, November 15th. Please contact Lion Bill Ruehl if you wish to assist.

Lion Jerry Bonner request volunteers to assist in preparing a free Veteran's Thanksgiving meal at the West Point High School Cafeteria at 10:00 am.

The Monday, November 27th meeting will be a "member's only" meeting, electing a new Fair Board and a financial review of this year's Fair.



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Upcoming Programs and Events

November 18: Cleanup Veterans Memorial at Sportsman Lake at 9AM, fill diabetic packs at Fairground theater at 10AM--Lions' help needed.

November 20: In observance of Thanksgiving later in this week, there will be no Club meeting.

November 27: This will be a "members' only" meeting. Lion Barry Willingham will present the financial details for the 2023 Cullman County Fair. The Club will also be voting for 4 members of the Fair Association's Board of Directors (BOD) for a 2-year term; every two years half of the BOD stands in a vote for re-election or replacement.

December 18 : The Fair Appreciation Celebration will be held at Cotton Creek (417 3rd Avenue SW) on December 18th at 5:30 PM. Coat & tie attire. The Cotton Creek venue spans the creek, catty-cornered behind the 1st Baptist Church at the corner of 3rd Avenue SW and 5th Street SW.

Our Club meetings are being recorded and can be seen live, or you may view past meetings at the following Facebook web site:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1106236123576541/?ref=share> . Call Lion Craig Gadow at 256-736-8361 if you need help getting to this site.

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).

See Club Committee assignments on the next page.



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1st VP Jim Burke Committees

Committees	Chair	Co-Chair	Members
Diabetes	Javon Daniel	Jason Tielking	
Fair Concessions	David Bussman		
Finance & Community	Don Smith	Jerry Bonner	
Fish & Ham	Carey Thompson	Frank Odell	
Membership	Gary Murphree	David Bussman	Dewayne Wilson
Program	Sam Roberts	Randy Craft	Chris Robinson
Mop & Broom	Richard White	Dave Gratz	
Sight	Bill Ruehl	Steve Cartee	

2nd VP Delane Ray Committees

Committees	Chair	Co-Chair	Members
Area Lion's Liason	Jerry Bonner	Craig Gadow	
Constitution & Bylaws	Bradley Williar	Champ Crocker	
House & Food	Dennis Berse	Fred Osborn	David Bussman
Member Info	Charlie Powell	Dave Gratz	
Song Leader	Richard White	Chris Robinson	
Youth Leo's	Jeff Lawson	Sam Roberts	

3rd VP Jeff Lawson Committees

Committees	Chair	Co-Chair	Members
Tail Twister	Richard White	Richard Gurley	
Fair Parade	Steve Murphee	Barry Willingham	
	Charlie Childers		
Lions Branch Liaison	Dennis Burse	Ron Seybold	
Publicity	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell	
Communication & Web	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell	
New Member Orientation	Frank Odell	George Krigbaum	David Bussman