



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

November 5, 2018

Program

President Mike Ponder introduced our speaker, current District 34A Governor Lion Linda Starr. She was raised near Auburn and was employed as a County Agent for many years. Our own Lion Jay Conway was once her supervisor. She is a graduate of Alabama A&M, a mother of 5 children and grandmother of 8.



District 34A Governor Lion Linda Starr and her husband, Mr. Lanny Starr.

The Governor complimented our Club for being the largest in the District, and a model for others, as well as our support to local LEO Clubs. She emphasized the need for our Clubs to bring in new members. Presently, the District 34A has 1,105 members, and she has set a goal to bring that up to 1,250.

Lion Starr talked about leadership and described her own rise in Lionism. She told how she did not realize that it was highly likely she would be President of her

own Club after accepting the nomination and being elected 2nd Vice President. She also noted that for the first time a woman was elected President of Lions International in 2018; our International President is now Lion Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir. Good luck in pronouncing that.



District Governor Starr talking about her own history as a Lion.

Governor Lion Linda talked about “ringing our own bell” to make sure everyone knows our contributions to our communities and as a call to our own service. For local emphasis she mentioned not only sight, but diabetes, environment, childhood care, and hunger. She discussed the 4 main items of emphasis declared by the International President: Membership, Leadership Development, Fellowship & Overall Satisfaction among Club members, and “telling our story” to the community.

Lion Starr also presented certificates and pins for service to the following Lions: Wendell Copeland, 55 years (although he was absent due to heart surgery recovery), Fred Osborne, 50 years (and perfect attendance), Jerry Eddleman, 40 years, and Austin Monk, 10 years.



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Other Business

Lion Kevin Veal is recovering very satisfactorily from hip replacement following a bicycle accident. Lion Dennis Berse broke a bone in his foot after dropping something on his foot while helping someone move equipment. Lion Wendell Copeland still progressing well from heart surgery, and he was able to make it to church this past Sunday. Lion Mariman Pope fell again and is very weak this week. Lioness Judy Waldrep will have a surgery in Birmingham. Lion Dewayne Wilson is back after a bout with the flu.



Lion Jerry Caudle announcing candidates for the Fair Board of Directors for 2019.

Lions Jerry Caudle, Raymond Williams, and Jim Howard were members of the selection committee that developed the slate of candidates for the Fair Board of Directors for 2019. Lion Jerry announced those candidates as follows: Lions Dennis Berse, Frank Odell, Steve Singleton, Steve Cartee, Rickey Peek, Riley Smith, Richard White, Dewayne Wilson, and Barry Willingham – all great Lions. On November 26th we will have a closed meeting (no guests) at which we will vote to select 6 Fair Board members from these

9 candidates. We will also have a presentation of 2018 final Fair reports.

Lion Jerry Bonner has tickets for the Farm-City Banquet on November 15th at 6:30PM at the Civic Center. Next Monday's meeting, the 12th, will be your chance to get tickets from him; tickets are also available from area banks. A Club member's ticket is free from Lion Jerry, but you will have to pay \$20/ticket for any guests. This year's banquet includes a ribeye steak dinner by Cullman County Cattlemen and Cattlewomen.

The MD-34A convention will be held in Gadsden March 2, 2019.

Upcoming Programs and Events

Nov 12: Ms. Amy Gleaton, Coordinator for the Cullman High School Leo Club.

Nov 15: Farm-City Dinner at 6:30 at the Civic Center.

Nov 26: Closed meeting for final Fair reports and vote on members of the Fair Board of Directors.

Dec 3: Fair Appreciation Dinner at Stonebridge restaurant.

Tale Twister Input

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