



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

November 6, 2023  
Program

Lion Craig Gadow introduced our speaker, tonight, 1st Vice District 34-A Governor Renee Bright. Her resume includes retirement as a Lt. Colonel in the Army, earning a Bronze Star and other medals; she is now a manager in aviation missile technology projects at Redstone Arsenal, and has volunteered in many community activities such as assistant Girl Scout Master. Before her presentation, Ms. Bright upstaged our Tail Twister, Lion Richard White – not by telling a lame joke, but by holding a contest to see if our Lions held the most common objects expected in men's pockets. These included knives, combs, gum or mints, photos of loved ones, the most change, etc. She awarded candy to the first couple of Lions that could produce these objects as she called them out. Lion George Krigbaum was awarded candy for have the most change, but Ms. Bright then instructed Lion Richard to pick-up all the change on the tables; however, Lion George won the pot drawing that the end of the meeting; so, he ended up far ahead.



1st Vice District 34-A Governor Renee Bright

The night was not all fun & games. Ms. Bright spoke about Lion Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and how far the money goes that it collects. For instance, she stated that each \$100 feeds 100 children, or pays for two cataract operations, or buy equipment that can treat 8 pediatric cancer patients, or measles vaccinations to 100 children.

Ms. Bright was very complementary for the meal tonight as well as our Club, in general. She said that our Fair was not only special because of the many charitable donations it produced but also because of the positive bonding effects, allowing local families and the entire community to experience with their attendance; she also noted that over 50,000 visitors came to our Fair. She noted that our Club had provided 12 District Governors. She called out to our Club's many veterans and asked for a round of applause for them. She also highlighted some of the Clubs other accomplishments. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Bright gave us an uplifting presentation.

### Other Business

Fair Board President Charlie Childers asked to send him a RSVP email for this year's Fair Appreciation Celebration on December 18th at 5:30 PM. This year it will be held at Cotton Creek Cullman 417 3rd Ave SW, Cullman, AL 35055. Please RSVP Charlie at [cgchild7799@gmail.com](mailto:cgchild7799@gmail.com).

Lion Richard Gurley reported on the status of his committee for developing a slate of candidates for the Fair Association Board of Directors



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(BOD). BOD election is scheduled for the Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Lion Dave Gratz (90 years old) is still in a Birmingham hospital slowly recovering from a head-on auto accident; he had broken bones in both feet, 2-ribs, and his jaw, and a brain-bleed; recovery has been slow, and he is having a second surgery on one of his feet. Lion Gordon Boyd is at home recovering from his recent fall. Lion Terry Wilhite's father passed away Monday, Nov. 6.

PCC (Past Council Chair) Michele Mosley presented to the Club the Melvin Jones Model Club Award and to Lion Jerry Bonner the International Presidents Pin for his leadership during the Campaign 100. Our made the largest donation to LCIF in the State. It's award as a Model Lions Club meant that we donated \$500 for each Club member to LCIF.



Lion Jerry Bonner holding the Melvin Jones Model Club Award after PCC Michele Mosley presented it to the Club.

Lion Don Smith shared highlights from the Alabama Lion Sight (ALS) quarterly meeting, stating that the two ALS screening sight trucks had screen 2,200 citizens year-to-date, and had referred 550 of those to the Lions Eye Clinic in Birmingham for eye treatment; many of those

are indigent and qualify for free treatment. He also noted that our Club had made a significant contribution to ALS.

Lion Carey Thompson provided updates to the 2024 Fish & Ham. The venue is planned to be the Cullman Middle School cafeteria, again. Principle Jake Johnson says that a new gravel parking area, directly across the street from the cafeteria will be completed within the next couple of months, as the houses there now are going to be torn down. Two tentative dates for the event are February 24<sup>th</sup> or March 9<sup>th</sup> (Keep these dates open). Firm details will be developed in early January.

Lion Milford Parrish shared the highlights from the Ivy Green Workday. Several Lions from our Club and around the district participated and accomplished a lot.



Lions at Ivy Green workday.

BOD will be meeting on November 13, please send any topics/items for the agenda by Thursday November 9th to Lion Chris Brooks, Scott Starosta, or Craig Gadow.

Lion Craig Gadow displayed the Cullman Lions Club guest coffee mugs. Any member who





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would like to purchase one for \$20 let Lion Scott Starosta know. The mugs were designed and created by a local 17-year-old entrepreneur.

There are about a dozen different designs.



Mugs for sale. Get one.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

November 13: Ms. Jolanda Hutson, Executive Director of the Good Samaritan Clinic, will be our guest speaker.



**Jolanda Hutson**  
- Executive Director -  
Good Samaritan Health Clinic of Cullman

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

November 27: 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 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church at the corner of 3rd Avenue SW and 5<sup>th</sup> Street SW.

### 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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### 1<sup>st</sup> 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	

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	

### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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