



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

November 7, 2022

Program

Our speaker tonight was Lion Ron Seybold. He spoke about the Helen Keller Memorial at Ivey Green in Tuscumbia, Alabama. Lion Ron has assumed the position as Chairman of the Helen Keller Memorial after the passing of PDG Jonny Tuten. Lion Johnny committed over 50 years of service and leadership to the Helen Keller Memorial.



Lion Ron Seybold explains big plans for the Helen Keller Memorial at Ivy Green.

Lion Ron explained that there are several planned renovations and improvements planned for the Helen Keller Memorial. The first phase, for which funding has been received from MD-34A, will be the brick repaving of the side walkway from the main walkway to the Memorial Circle. The estimated cost is \$11.4k. The second phase is the repaving of the Memorial Circle and necessary repairs to the fountain and its wall. About \$4k has been collected against a total cost of \$41.9k. This work should be completed in time for the 100-year anniversary of Helen Keller's challenge to the Lions to be "Knights of

the Blind" on June 30, 2025. The Helen Keller Memorial is seeking separate 501(c)3 status from the Tuscumbia Lions Club which is a 5-1(c)4. This status would allow corporate charitable donations ensuring long term viability.

Lion Ron will also be starting an LCI sponsored blog to let Lions, worldwide, know about Ivey Green. Long term plans include:

1. A location finder for donated bricks.
2. Braille signage.
3. Renovation of glass enclosed displays.
4. Sensory garden.
5. Self-guided tour app.
6. Interactive information stations.

Lion Ron's enthusiasm and knowledge about the Helen Keller Memorial indicate why he will be an excellent Chairman for this institution.

Other Business

Note: Starting next week, November 14th, there will be a slight change in the time meals will be served. Time is **5:30 – 5:45 PM**. Also, beginning at the November 14th Cullman Lions Club Meeting, weekly sign-in sheets will be located at the name-badge holder boxes, and used instead of the green sign-in slips. (The raffle drawings at the conclusion of our meetings will still be done.)

Lion Doug Doggett is undergoing treatment for kidney stones. Lion Wendall



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Copeland was with us tonight following his recent surgery.



Acting Tail Twister Lion Richard Gurley gives Veteran Day quiz to Lion vets Don Smith and George Krigbaum.

Thank-you letter was received from CCCDD for providing Fair tickets and support access to their patrons.

1st VP Chris Brooks announced Fair Board elections are scheduled for Nov 28. Current Fair Board member Lion Richard White has withdrawn his name from consideration for re-election. Please contact Lion Chris if you would like to run for office. Other current Board members who have volunteered to stand again as candidates include: Lions Dennis Berse, Sam Roberts, Chris Robinson, Riley Smith, and Barry Willingham.

The annual Farm City dinner will be held Nov 17. Lions eat free. Spouse tickets are \$25. Please contact Lion Jerry Bonner if you wish to attend. There will be no meeting Nov 21 due to Thanksgiving week.

Nov 28 will be a closed meeting. The annual financial review of Fair operations will be held. Fair Board election will also be held.

The President announced an ad hoc committee to locate and restore or preserve the Club memorabilia currently scattered in several locations at the Fair Grounds. Please contact Lion President Milford if you wish to help.

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> .

If you have any problem getting to the site, contact Lion Craig Gadow at 256-736-8361.

Upcoming Programs and Events

November 14th: TBD. Serving time for meals will begin at 5:30PM, instead of 5:15PM.

November 17: Farm City Banquet.

November 21: No meeting due to Thanksgiving week.

December 6: Fair Appreciation Dinner at Stone Bridge.

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).