



# The Tale Twister

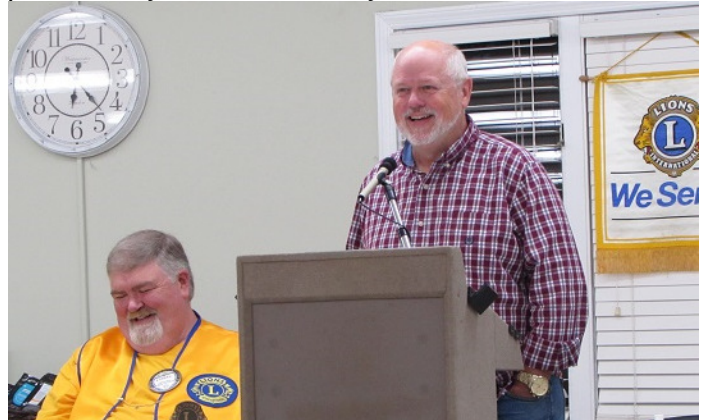
## Cullman Lions Club

October 16, 2023  
Program

Fair President Lion Charlie Childers kicked off our program tonight with an initial report on our latest highly successful Fair. The attendance was down just slightly. However, we did raise the entrance price by \$1, and Kissel, our midway contractor, started charging taxes on their tickets. Thus, our profits look likely to surpass those of last year. More details will follow in the coming weeks. Lion Charlie noted one "first" this year -- Roto Rooter did not have to be called out even once, due to the maintenance and sewer refurbishment and higher capacity toilet work that was completed this year. There were no serious accidents; the worst was a boy who fell, suffering a cut on his head which did not stop him from getting on the ride which he had been waiting for. Lion Charlie said that he heard many compliments on the midway staff, cleanliness, and security apparent throughout the Fair -- one such visitor was from California. In addition to help from local school organizations such as Leos and student councils, we even had some Vinemont Cheerleads who came out to help; we also had a couple of dog trainers from Pet Smart who helped, as well as a couple of people from the Hanceville Lions Club. He stated that our Fair Queen, Miss Avery Flynt, will compete in the Miss Alabama Teen Contest at the University of Alabama in March.

The only little dust-up Lion Charlie noted was between a couple of young girls (they were cousins) over some clothes. One other incident that Lion Charlie mentioned was that someone came up to report that 4 men were locked in the rest room and could not get out. He said he thought that they were all in the same stall, doing no telling what. However, Lion Bill Ruehl

investigated to find that the door lock mechanism to the restroom itself, not a stall was broken, and he was able to let the men out and fixed the door. Lion Charlie said the only thievery noted was 2 jars of honey. The honey had been a hot item in past years, also, particularly, on Senior Day.



**Lion Charlie Childers shares some experiences from our latest Fair.**

Lion Randy Kraft bragged about all the maintenance work accomplished in the barn prior to Fair opening, such as painting, a new hand washing site, replacement wood structure, and replacement of dangerous drains (one of the cows was slightly cut on one last year). He said they had a record number of sheep and goats; they had dairy cows for the first time in about four years, and about 70 head of cattle and 16 horses. Lion Randy said his helpers in the barn and petting zoo really did a "magnificent" job, even wearing cowboy hats. In addition to the usual dogs in the pet show, there were ducks, a rabbit, and a turtle.

Lion Barry Willingham reported that use of credit card readers was up nearly 50 percent this year. He had high praise for Lion Tim Scott in the hectic job scheduling the ticket booth folks, the



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stamp gates, and pass gates to make sure everything was covered, even when someone did not show up.

Lion Sam Roberts said one of the mothers told him how impressed her boys were with his parking crew. She came home to find her 2 sons with hot-wheel cars lined up all over the living room. They explained that “they were parking cars like the Lions at the Fair.”

Lion David Bussman has special praise for Lion Richard Gurley and Dana Willingham; both worked at the Concession stand every day during the Fair. Also, he extended appreciation for all that served in the concession stand, including Lion Frank Odell who installed a new oven, and Lion Steve Cartee’s wife, Melissa, who worked five shifts, plus all of Senior Day.

Lion Don Smith reported that photography exhibits were much higher in number over in Lion Dennis Berse’s Bldg # 1 this year, primarily due to adding an additional day for turn-in. Lion Don said he suggested to the Extension Service people to include donkeys and mules in the barn exhibits next year, but he was told that they were just too stubborn and disruptive to include with the other animals. Lion Richard White commented on this, telling Lion Don that we already had more than enough asses running around the Fair.

### Other Business

Lion Gordon Boyd had a birthday celebration planned for this Sunday afternoon. However, he suffered injuries from another fall; he is recovering at Woodland nursing home. Keep him in your prayers.

Lion Chris Brooks read a thank you letters from Victim Services and Leader Dogs for the

blind. Victim services, in their letter, said that we achieved their “Silver” level and are providing the Club with a table of 4 seats at their Masquerade Ball, as well as putting out publicity for our contribution.

4th New Member Roundtable will meet next Monday after the meeting.

In early November, four current members of the Fair BOD will have come to the end of their current terms. An election will be held to fill those positions for a 2-year term. Details will be forthcoming.

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.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

November 6: Ms. Renie Bright, Vice District Governor will speak.



**Renie Bright**  
District 34A, 1st Vice District Governor



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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

### **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