



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

October 25, 2021

### Program

Lion Vice President Milford Parrish was presiding tonight; Lion President Javon Daniel had a queasy stomach and did not think it wise to venture out. Our substitute Tale Twister tonight was, again, Lion Richard Gurley, who is making some progress in his joke telling proficiency – he actually got some light applause for the last joke he told.

Lion Barry Willingham, who is the Cullman County Revenue Commissioner, had the program tonight, dealing with a couple of subjects. The first was notice that new general issue car tags will be coming days as the current batch us used up or starting in January; you will be issued the new tag when you come in to pay your annual car tax.



**Lion Barry with a sample of the new Alabama tag.** Lion Barry said tags are normally change about every seven years, and that specialty /commemorative tags for universities, clubs, etc. are changed on differing years. Also, anyone who served in the military between September 1945 and Dec. 26, 1991, would qualify for a Cold War tag; you can present a commendation for your service during than period from the

military or present you discharge, DD214 Form to qualify. Instead of a 5-year placard or a special handicapped tag, persons will just be issued a sticker to go in the upper left-hand corner of the tag.



**Lion Barry, obviously, an Auburn fan, laughing at his own joke – after saying that a handicapped person with an Auburn tag could just put the handicap sticker on their tag, but anyone with U of A tag would not need the sticker, because everyone would know that they were already handicapped.**

Lion Barry's second subject was property taxes. His main point was that anyone or their spouse is over 65 they are eligible for not only the standard homestead exemption, but another for their age. He reminded us that if either the husband or wife is totally disabled, they get a total exemption these taxes; to qualify for this exemption, you have to present an affidavit form from your doctor or documentation from Medicare. Anyone over 65, earning less than \$15,000 is totally exempt from paying property taxes if they own no more than 160 acres.

When it came to questions, Lion Don Smith said that he was "aghast" at the lack of logic behind the property parcel numbering system, and he asked Barry to



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explain it to him. Barry was more than happy to do this, saying that it goes back to how surveyor and past U.S. President George Washington did his surveys. It all starts with the upper right-hand corner of the County with “townships” running north & south and “ranges” running east & west. The largest blocks are one-mile square areas called “sections” with smaller blocks from the section divided and continually subdivided by 4 or 2 into blocks down to the smallest levels. The top half of Cullman county has six sections, numbered sequentially to the far left; the next section drops down the next sequential number and numbers to the right, etc. in a serpentine fashion until the whole county is broken into sequentially numbered sections. So, the first numbers you see for a parcel number are its section numbers, followed by like sequencing numbers for further divisions of that section similar to the numbering of the sections. It may be a little confusing, but Lion Don was nodding his head by the time Lion Barry finished.

Lion Barry gave us a particularly good and informative program with more facts and stories than I have included here.

### **Other Business**

Update: I talked with Lion Richard White. Lion Richard saw his neurosurgeon on Tuesday and has surgery planned for November 10<sup>th</sup> on his back. He says that his back is still painful, but that he can use a walker to help get himself around in his house. Update: Bruce Harbison had been in the hospital due to a strong negative reaction to his Covid booster shot. Yesterday, I talked with Lioness Kaye, his

wife who said he continues to improve and expects a full recovery.

Lion Secretary Craig Gadow gave us an update on the Board of Director meeting last week. He reports that the Board successfully concluded the sale of the small piece of Smith Lake property. The Board also did not renew our realtor contract with Justin Dyer for sale of our large Smith Lake property. Lion Craig also reported that the Club had an appraisal made on the value of the boat launch property which appraised at \$500,000. The Club had deeded the boat ramp property from its lake property to the State of Alabama, decades ago. Lions Dennis Berse and Fred Osborne were going to explore options for the Club to re-acquire the boat ramp property from the State; this would require legislative action. The sale of the Club's Lake property may be made with or without the boat ramp if the boat ramp came back into the Club's possession. Also, Lion Craig stated that he had been appointed as a liaison between the Lions Club and the Lioness branch Club to help, in particular, with properly setting up their secretarial records.

Lion Fair President Charles Childers read a nice thank-you note from the Margret Jean Jones organization for our support to their clients at the Fair this year, saying that our Fair continues to be their favorite activity of the year and were forever grateful for the fun memories. Lion Charlie announced that a committee, headed by Lion Morris Mangum, has been formed to develop a slate of candidates for those Fair Board of Directors members who are finishing their two-year term. Those Fair



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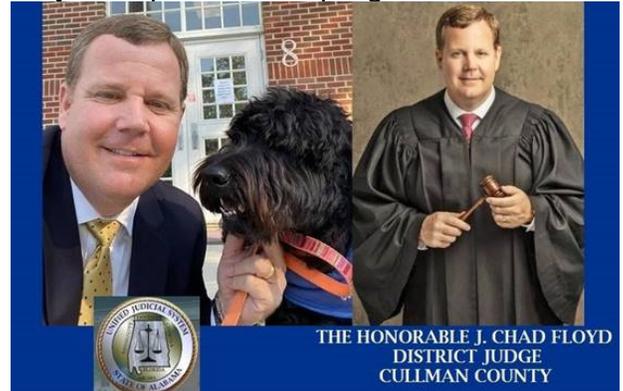
Board members ending their terms include Lions Steve Murphree, Charlie Childers, Carey Thompson, Tim Scott, and Randy Kraft. If elected these members all said they would be willing to serve, again, if elected. All candidates on the slate of Fair Board candidates will be announced at the next Club meeting, and a vote is planned for the 29<sup>th</sup> of November. Lion Charlie said that a full financial accounting for our 2021 Fair would also be presented at the 29<sup>th</sup> meeting, along with the presentations of checks for the Lions & Lioness Clubs. He also gave notice that the Fair Appreciation Dinner will be held at Stonebridge on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Lion Charlie wanted an accurate count of attendees no later than the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting so that he can be sure the Club does not have to pay for anyone's meal who is not going to be there. He asked Lion Greg Gadow to check with the Lioness Club for their attendees.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

November 1: Sheriff /Lion Matt Gentry and a canine team will be our program.



November 8: District Judge /Lion Chad Floyd will present our program.



November 29: Vote for Fair Board Members, presentation of financial outcome for the 2021 Fair, and Fair checks for Lions and Lioness Clubs.

December 6: Fair Appreciation Dinner at Stonebridge. Socialize at 5:30 with dinner served at 6:00PM. Coat & Tie

### 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).



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