



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

October 30, 2023  
Program

The seafood buffet that Freddy Day and his crew served up at his place was a feast, indeed, and qualified, itself, as our program --- from frog legs to shrimp (fried & butter-broiled) to catfish and more in between --- it simply could not be beat. The crowd on-hand to partake was the largest I've seen recently, and the place was packed.



Had to form up a double line to start with.

### Other Business



A great many delicious options from which to choose.

Lion Don Scott's sister is at St Vincent's Hospital in serious condition. Lion Gary Murphee is at home and says he may be able to join our meeting again in a few weeks. Lion Ron Seybold had a recent stay in the hospital due to symptoms of a stroke; however, it was diagnosed as a flair-up of his chronic MS and was successfully treated; Lion Ron asked for volunteers for a workday at Ivy Green November 4<sup>th</sup>. Lion Bill Ruehl reported seeing Lion Alton Pitzing (MAL) out shopping and gave him a hand with his wheelchair; he said Lion Alton is doing fairly well and missed seeing us.



I guess this was Charlie Powell's plate.

Lion Scott Starosta provided the minutes from the October 23 BOD meeting as follows: Four applications for Club membership were approved. School Emergency Kits for Diabetes kids were approved for 14 Cullman County and City Schools, as well as for Hanceville schools. Components for these kits be ordered, and the kits will be packaged and delivered by our Club members;



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details will be forthcoming. Also, forthcoming will be more details on our Club's participation in the Lions Quest Program. Donations were approved for the Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame (it was noted that the first American soldier drafted for WW I and the last American soldier killed in WW II was from Cullman), the Wreaths for Americans organization (for veterans interred in Cullman's local cemeteries), and Alabama Lions Sight.

Lion Richard Gurley reported on the status of his committee for developing a slate of candidates for the Fair Association Board of Directors (BOD). He said that he is prepared to announce this slate at the next meeting on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, and that the Club could then vote at the Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Lion President reported on one item from the most recent District 34A cabinet meeting that he was unaware of: And that is that when ever a Club donates to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), it gets credit towards a grant that can be claimed. Based on our Club's past donations, there is \$8,000 from LCIF awaiting our grant request for one of our supported organizations, such as the North Alabama Agriplex. He also noted that LCIF has contributed \$10,000 within 24 hours to our State whenever there has been a major catastrophe like, such as a bad tornado.

New Lion Jimmy Horton attended his first meeting tonight. He stated that he graduated from Eva High School and attended Wallace State. He works at the Cullman Funeral Home with Lion Steve Rodgers. He has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.



Lion Jimmy Horton

<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

November 27: Lion Barry Willingham will present the financial details for the 2023 Cullman County Fair.

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