



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

September 10, 2018

### Program

Lion Randy Kraft introduced our speaker tonight, Mr. Mark Phenicie who is the general manager of the Cullman, Applebee's restaurant.



(L to R) Lion Randy Kraft, Mr. Mark Phenicie, and Lion President Mike Ponder.

Although he grew-up in the state of Maine, Mr. Phenicie but moved to Cullman 25 years ago and much prefers this area. Before he began talking he passed out coupons, worth \$5 towards a meal at his restaurant, as well as a menu. He has been with Applebee's for nine years, working as a kitchen manager before taking over as general manager at the Cullman restaurant, which is among a group of 60 franchised such restaurants in the southeast. Mark also mentioned that his wife runs a Cullman KFC; but that they normally abide by a self-imposed rule to not bring food home from their respective eateries.

He highlighted the lunch special for \$7.99 that is served within 12 minutes after the

order is taken, or else the meal is free. There are 8 varied and tasty looking plate-meals on the lunch menu.

Although they don't take reservations, Mark says they can take up to 20 customers without a problem, but they would like to have notice if a large group is planning to show up to make its feeding go smoother. Our Applebee's accommodates local motorcyclists every Thursday night by bringing tables outside the restaurant for service whenever a group of them pull-in and ask; this is a frequent happening. Also, he says that if you call-in an order, there are parking places set-aside for your order so that it can be promptly carried out to your car, without the customer ever getting out of their car.

Mr. Phenicie explained a special deal that his restaurant runs for charitable events. The charity only pays \$200 for its pancake breakfast, then sells as many \$5 tickets as it is able. Thus, after the first 40 tickets are sold, the \$5 from all other tickets sold, are profit to the charity. Making the tickets even more attractive to a buyer is this: with each ticket there comes a \$3 coupon that can be applied for any meal at Applebee's, making the net cost to a ticket buyer as only \$2. These charity events are usually set-up on Saturdays from 7 to 9:30AM. On Veterans Day, the restaurant gives a free meal to any veteran who comes through the door; Mark says it is his busiest and most rewarding day of the year.



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Although keeping good staff is a problem in many local restaurants, Mark says that he has always been able to maintain a good staff with over 55% having been with him since the store opened here four years ago. Right now he has 50 employees working at his restaurant. The restaurant has 14 televisions hanging for the customers to watch local sports events or other shows, but because of copy-write rules, no sound is permitted to accompany these broadcasts. This restaurant is a well-run business and an asset to our community in many ways.

### Other Business

Page 3 of this newsletter shows a draft of Lion work assignments for the 2018 Fair, which runs Oct 4<sup>th</sup> - Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. Generally, most Lions will be working where they did last year. Chairmen of each work assignment group are listed first within each group. If you are unhappy in your assignment, talk it over with your current Chairman and with the Chairman of the group to which you wish to be assigned; Chairmen will coordinate to accommodate changes if feasible. Group chairmen are responsible for making and providing work schedules for Lions within their groups.

Lion Jim Walker hoped to join us at tonight meeting, but it was reported that he had been transported to CRMC's ER this day. Lion Jerry Bonner reported that Past International Director, Lion Yamadu Acosta has past away. Lion Javon Daniel's wife had surgery and will be under-going radiation and chemo treatments.

Lion Richard White thanked the volunteers who helped park cars for the Electric Co-

op's annual meeting, last Saturday. Lion Richard read their names, and the Club applauded him and the following Lions who helped: Randy Kraft, Lummie Speakman, Austin Monk, Bill Ruehl, Fred Osborne, Charlie Childers, Dennis Berse, Barry Willingham, Steve Singleton, Milford Parrish, and Frank Odell.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

Sep 17: Club Picnic at the Walmart Pavilion at Heritage Park. Come at 5:30PM; serving at 6.



Lion Charlie Childers asks for Lions' help for a successful Fair Parade.

Sep 29: Fair Parade. Be behind 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church by 11AM on Saturday, the 29th to help.

### 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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### FAIR WORK ASSIGNMENTS for 2018 (Draft)

	Name	Assignment		Name	Assignment
1	<b>Spradlin, Doug</b>	Ag Exhibits	1	<b>Berse, Dennis</b>	Indiv Exhib & Concession
2	Hammett, George	Ag Exhibits	2	Caudle, Jerry	Individual Exhibits
3	Gurley, Richard	Ag Exhibits	3	Copeland, Wendell	Individual Exhibits
4	Krigbaum, George	Ag Exhibits	4	Eddleman, Jerry	Individual Exhibits
5	Osborne, Fred	Ag Exhibits	5	Fisher, David	Individual Exhibits
6	Pope, Mariman	Ag Exhibits	6	<b>Gratz, Dave</b>	Indiv Exhibits & Barn
7	Rooker, Jim	Ag Exhibits	7	Mangum, Morris	Individual Exhibits
8	Walker, Jim	Ag Exhibits	8	Murphree, Gary	Individual Exhibits
1	<b>Cartee, Steve</b>	Barn	9	Perry, Howard	Individual Exhibits
2	Bagwell, Kevin	Barn	10	Slaten, Terry	Individual Exhibits
3	Conway, Jay	Barn	11	Speakman, Lummie	Individual Exhibits
4	Garrison, Phillip	Barn	12	Williams, Doug	Individual Exhibits
5	<b>Gratz, Dave</b>	Barn & Indiv Exhibits	13	Williams, James	Individual Exhibits
6	<b>Murphree, Steve</b>	Barn & Gates	1	<b>McBrayer, Charles</b>	Maintenance
7	Pinkston, Charles	Barn	2	Christian, Lawrence	Maintenance
8	Sessions, Phillip	Barn	3	Powell, Charles	Maintenance
1	<b>Bussman, David</b>	Concession	4	Richards, Tony	Maintenance
2	<b>Berse, Dennis</b>	Concession & Indiv Exhib	5	Wilson, Dewayne	Maintenance
3	Boozer, Bryan	Concession	1	<b>Bonner, Jerry</b>	Office
4	Earnest, Michael	Concession	2	Boyd, Gordon	Office
5	Goodwin, David	Concession	4	Henke, Ed	Office
6	Grier, James	Concession	5	Singleton, Steve	Office
7	Harrison, Adam	Concession	6	Smith, Don	Office
8	Harbison, Bruce	Concession	7	Thompson, Carey	Office
9	Harris, Ches	Concession	8	Wilhite, Terry	Office
10	James, Patrick	Concession	1	<b>Peek, Rickey</b>	Parking
11	Pitzing, Alton	Concession	2	Aderhold, Mark	Parking
12	Odell, Frank	Concession	3	Benefield, Wesley	Parking
13	Ruehl, Bill	Concession	4	Borden, Clay	Parking
14	Speakman, Josh	Concession	5	Duke, Kelly	Parking
15	<b>Smith, Fuller</b>	Concession & Gates	6	Dvorak, Jonathan	Parking
16	Veal, Kelvin	Concession	7	Eddleman, Chad	Parking
17	Waldrep, Bo	Concession	8	Fromhold, Michael	Parking
18	Waldrep, Scott	Concession	9	Hamm, Mark	Parking
19	Williams, Jeff	Concession	10	Hogue, Matthew	Parking
20	Witcher, Jeff	Concession	11	Mangum, Mike	Parking
1	<b>Scott, Tim</b>	Gates	12	Manning, Andrew	Parking
2	Byrd, Jeff	Gates	13	Monk, Austin	Parking
3	Doggett, Douglas	Gates	14	McSwain, Steven	Parking
4	Galin, Jerry	Gates	15	Parrish, Milford	Parking
5	Gambrill, Chad	Gates	16	Ponder, Mike	Parking
6	Howard, James	Gates	17	Presto, Patrick	Parking
7	Jacobs, Woody	Gates	18	Rainwater, Clark	Parking
8	Kraft, Randy	Gates	19	Ray, Joshua	Parking
9	<b>Murphree, Steve</b>	Gates & Barn	20	Smith, Casey	Parking
10	Pfeifer, Tom	Gates	21	Smith, Cody	Parking
11	Proctor, Bobby	Gates	22	Smith, Riley	Parking
12	<b>Smith, Fuller</b>	Gates & Concession	23	White, Richard	Parking
13	Sumner, Dewayne	Gates	24	Young, Greg	Parking
14	Sinyard, Tim	Gates	1	<b>Gentry, Matt</b>	Security
15	Viverito, Philip	Gates	2	Roden, Tyler	Security
16	Walker, Alan	Gates	1	<b>Robinson, Chris</b>	Theater
17	Williams, Raymond	Gates	2	Bowden, Bobby	Theater
18	Willingham, Barry	Gates	3	Childers, Charles	Theater
19	Wren, Jeffrey	Gates	4	Daniel, Javon	Theater
			5	Floyd, Chad	Theater

**Notes:**

- 1) There are 4 Lions who are booked in more than one Assignment; those are hi-lighted in red.
- 2) There are 7 Lions who have passed or resigned since the last Fair; those names have been deleted.
- 3) All current Lions are listed in these assignments.

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