



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

September 11, 2023

### Program

27, from 5:30PM to 8:30PM. Lion Randy Kraft will have details if any Lions wish to attend.

Before our scheduled speaker, tonight, Lion Randy Kraft, after trying to explain how he almost burned up one of the golf carts at last year's Fair Parade, introduced a surprise guest speaker – Colonel (R) Don Fallin, who gave us an update on the initiative to establish a Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame. Col. Fallin explained that during a Veteran's Day ceremony this past May at Veteran's park, five local veterans who were killed in Vietnam, were the first veterans inducted into this Hall of Fame. Eulogies were read for those Veterans and a boxed, US flag was presented to their families. Going forward with this effort, which represents efforts of Cullman's Veterans of Foreign War (VFW), the Disabled American Veterans, and the American Legion, is of great importance to our local veterans. The Veterans Hall of Fame has a board represented by each of these veteran's organizations and by each of our military's branches. This committee seeks nominations to this Hall of Fame through submission of packets which it reviews to determine future inductees. The Cullman Court House has a large wall as you come into the courthouse to get your auto license plates – the wall there will be devoted to the display of plaques with a photo of the inductee and a bio explaining the veterans service to our Country. Col. Fallin explained that most veterans do not want to nominate themselves, so their families or buddies have to be sought out to get the packets submitted. Nominees can be either living or deceased. He noted that a dinner is being planned for inductees and their families and other guests. The dinner will be at the old All Steak location in the Cullman Savings Bank building on October



**Col. (R) Don Fallin updates us on the Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame.**

Lion President Chris Brooks introduced our scheduled speaker, Lion Barry Willingham who presented very timely information regarding homestead exemptions and property taxes. Since Lion Barry is also Cullman's Revenue Commissioner, there is no one more qualified in these subjects in Cullman and probably in the State.

Lion Barry began by letting us know that property owners with exemptions for overseas and disability categories received a notice that they must renew their exemptions and how to go about doing that. Mainly, what he wanted to cover tonight was over age 65 exemptions and who qualifies for them. First case -- if you (or your wife) are over age 65 as of October 1st, you do not have to pay any property tax on the State portion of your property tax no matter how much your income is; you will still have to pay City, County, and School portion of property



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taxes due. The second case is based on how much money you earned according to the Federal Income Tax that you filed. If you don't file a Federal return and you had income less than \$12,000, you are exempt from paying any property taxes at all if you own less than 160 acres. The third case is if you don't file State Income Tax and your property value is greater than \$50,000 you will pay property taxes; but if the property is less than \$50,000 and you live outside the city and you earn less than \$12,000 you don't pay any property taxes at all.

Lion Barry said that you should fill out the forms and send them in. However, his department has added an online renewal portion that may make the renewal process easier. If something happened to the mailed form or if you want, you can go to the website: [cullmanrevenuecommissioner.com](http://cullmanrevenuecommissioner.com) and search for your property PPIN by your name, follow directions and answer questions that are asked there. There is a button that says, "Renew Your Exemption"; clicking it will get you started. If you have questions, you can call the revenue office at 256-775-4902.



Lion Barry Willingham gave us the latest news from the Revenue Commissioners Office.

Lion Barry also said they have started a program now that will notify you of any change of property status in case someone tries to defraud you of your property by falsely claiming ownership or selling your property. There is another button on the web site to set this up or you can go in person to the revenue office.

One of the exemptions that Barry almost forgot to mention is the disability exemption. So, if you or your wife is disabled and has an award letter, a Medicare Card, or a letter from the US military, or a letter signed by two doctors, stating that you are 100% disabled, you can get exempted from paying any property taxes.

### Other Business

Lion Gary Murphee is now at home, continuing to improve, and looking forward to joining us at meetings again, soon. Lion Javon Daniel was back with us tonight following his oral surgery. Lion Gordon Boyd had a bad fall, hitting his head; I'm sure we will get an update on his condition at this Monday night's meeting. Lions Michael Ponder and Eric Ponder mother-in-law passed away.

Lions Sight is looking for volunteers on September 21<sup>st</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Good Samaritan Health Clinic in Cullman.

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



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September 30: Fair Parade

October 2: Last Minute Fair Prep Night with hot dogs & hamburgers ready to eat at 6:00PM.

October 5 – 14: Cullman County Fair.

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



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

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.**

**See Cullman County Fair work assignments on the last page. These have not changed since copies were passed out at tonight's meeting. Let me know if your name is missing. Chairmen of each work group are listed first in that group. They should be contacting you to schedule your work times.**



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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	

### 2nd 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	

### 3rd 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





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FAIR WORK ASSIGNMENTS 2023						
	<b>A AG EXHIBITS</b>		<b>E GATES</b>		<b>H PARKING</b>	
	1 Mitchell, Brad		1 Scott, Tim		1 Roberts, Sam	
secondary	2 Murphree, Steve		2 Willingham, Barry		2 Aker, Adam	
	3 Garrison, Phillip		3 Bales, Matthew		3 Burke, Jim	
	4 Harbison, Bruce		4 Byrd, Jeff		4 Clay, Claude	
	5 Krigbaum, George		6 Doggett, Doug	+Ind Ex	5 Crocker, Champ	
	6 Mitchell, Brad		7 Earnest, Mike		6 Duke, Kelly	
	7 Osborne, Fred		8 Frost, Tyler		7 Fromhold, Mike	
	8 Spradlin, Doug		9 Gadow, Craig		8 Hamm, Mark	
			10 Galin, Jerry		9 Hogue, Matthew	
	<b>B BARN</b>		11 Gambrell, Chad		10 James, Patrick	
	1 Kraft, Randy		12 Gudger, Garland		11 Mangum, Mike	
	2 Smith, Riley		13 Harrison, Adam		12 Manning, Andrew	
	3 Brooks, Chris		14 Howard, Jim		13 McSwain, Steven	
	4 Ponder, Mike		15 Jacobs, Woody		14 Parrish, Milford	
	5 Ray, Delane		16 Murphree, Steve	+Ag Ex	15 Ponder, Eric	
	6 Slaten, Terry		17 Peek, Rickey		16 Presto, Patrick	
			18 Pfeifer, Tom		17 Ray, Joshua	
	<b>C CONCESSIONS</b>		19 Rodgers, Steve		18 Rainwater, Clark	
	1 Bussman, David		20 Speakman, Josh		19 Spaeth, Brian	
	2 Goodwin, David		21 Smith, Jerry		20 White, Richard	
	3 Gurley, Richard		22 Sumner, Dewayne		21 Wilt, Bill	
+security	4 Lawson, Jeff		23 Waldrep, Bo		22 Yearwood, Declan	
	5 Odell, Frank		24 Walker, Alan			
	6 Roden, Tyler		25 Williams, Raymond		<b>I THEATER</b>	
+Maint	7 Ruehl, Bill		26 Wren, Jeffrey		1 Robinson, Chris	
	8 Scott, Don				2 Boozer, Bryan	
	9 Smith, Wade				3 Cartee, Steve	
	10 Starosta, Scott				4 Childers, Charles	
	11 Tielking, Jason		<b>F Security</b>		5 Daniel, Javon	
	12 Williams, Jeff		1 Gentry, Matt		6 Floyd, Chad	
	13 Williams, Bradley		2 Lawson, Jeff	+concessions		
					<b>J INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS</b>	
	<b>D OFFICE</b>		<b>G MAINTENANCE</b>		1 Berse, Dennis	
	1 Bonner, Jerry		1 Ruehl, Bill	+concession	2 Copeland, Wendell	
	2 Seybold, Ron		2 Christian, Lawrence		3 Doggett, Doug	secondary
	3 Smith, Don		3 Powell, Charles		4 Gratz, David	
	4 Thompson, Carey		4 Wilson, Dewayne		5 Green, Cleve	
	5 Wilhite, Terry		5 Boyd, Gordon		6 Mangum, Morris	
					7 Murphree, Gary	
					8 Perry, Howard	
					9 Speakman, Lummie	
					10 Williams, Doug	
					11 Williams, James	