



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

Sep 19, 2022

Program

We did not have a program speaker tonight, but we did cover a lot of other business.

Other Business

Lion Chris Robinson asked for prayers for his son and the family of Mr. Zak Stewart. Zak was murdered at a car dealership in Slidell, La., and he was the roommate and best friend of Lion Chris' son.

Lion Alton Pitzing and his wife Pat are home and their health is improving. Lion Wendell Copeland is at home and may not undergo surgery, after a diet change. Lion Frank Odell is improving after contracting Covid.

Lion Ricky Peek was awarded the Lion of the Year Award for 2020-2021. His award was delayed due to Covid and lost until it was realized that it was still not presented last year.



Lion Ricky Peek accepting Lion of the Year Award for 2020-2021.

The second Club history and orientation meeting was held for newer Lions tonight at Freddie's Delicatessen, following the

regular meeting. Lion Richard White spoke about the Fair and Lion Carey Thompson talked about the Fish and Ham Dinner.

Lion Charlie Childers asked Lions to meet at 10am on Oct 1st at the bottom level of the City parking deck to help prepare for the Fair Parade lineup. The parade starts at 2pm. Lion Don Smith added that exhibit-turn in starts also starts Oct 1; this will be at the Fairground, starting at 9am in building 1. The Cullman County Fair, itself, opens Oct 6.

Lion Richard White thanked those Lions who helped park cars for the Electric Co-op meeting on Saturday, the 17th: Besides Lion Richard, those were Lions Dennis Berse, Fred Osborne, Randy Kraft, Richard Gurley, Bill Ruehl, Carey Thompson, and Milford Parrish.



Lions Jason Tielking and Dennis Berse directing traffic at the Electric Co-op meeting.

Lion President Milford Parrish spoke about a letter he received from Ms. Jasmine Harden, the Volunteer Station Coordinator for the Senior Companion Program at Community Action Partnership of North Alabama. She is recruiting volunteers to help her program. Volunteers must be



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seniors over the age of 55 and whose income is 200% below the poverty level. Volunteers receive a monthly, tax-free stipend that helps them with expenses not quite covered by Social Security or pensions. They have to go through in-service orientation and annual 24 hours of in-service training. The clients, served, are frail or chronically ill, but who want to continue living their own homes, and who need help with activities of daily life. Most clients cannot afford the cost of private services or assisted living and are referred by health providers or other professionals in the community. Volunteers are covered by supplemental insurance during the hours they are working. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming such a volunteer, contact Ms. Harden at the following: Office – 256-260-3154 or cell – 256-341-9374. Lion Milford testified that he had friends and family who used this program and said that they do a fantastic job. Lion Milford asked for a motion that the Club use its social media to get the word out on this. Lion Richard made the motion, which was seconded by Lion George Krigbaum and approved by the Club.

Randy Kraft reported on a visit that he made to the Jackson County Fair as an Alabama State Fair Association Representative. He noted that their Fair went from 32 commercial exhibitors last year to 137 this year and tripled their revenue from last year. The VFW-American Legion run their Fair. We can, likewise, likely expect to have a banner year.

Tail Twister Lion David Bussman quizzed the audience tonight about our Club's

history and awarded boxes of snacks to those with the right answers. Examples of questions were: Where did the Club's founders meet in 1954 for the first time to talk about organizing the Club (answer – St. Paul's Lutheran Church)? For the 1959-1960 who received the Lion of the Year Award (answer – Chester Freeman? Lion Charlie Powell has these historical facts and many more listed under a tab of the Club's website, Cullmanlions.com.

Lion Treasurer Jerry Bonner presented a Melvin Jones Fellow, Progressive Award to Lion Tim Scott.



At the Fair Office Lion Tim Scott receives Melvin Jones Fellow, Progressive Award from Lion Jerry Bonner as Lion Charles McBrayer observes.

Lion Barry Willingham asked Club members, whose wives are already in the Lioness Club, to consider helping work the Gates during the Fair. See Lion Barry if they would consider doing that.

Our 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> .



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If you have any problem getting to the site, contact Lion Craig Gadow at 256-736-8361.

The Cullman County Fair Association President Lion, Charlie Childers presented donations to Cullman 4-H Clubs through Cullman's Agricultural Extension Service and to Cullman's Master Gardeners through its representative, Ms. Holly Hirsbrunner for their continued support of our Fair.



Kerri Roberts
4-H Foundation
Regional Extension Agent

Lion Charlie Childers
President
Cullman County Fair Association

Kira Sims
Coordinator
County Extension



Lion Charlie Childers and Ms. Holly Hirsbrunner.

Upcoming Programs and Events

September 26: Last regular meeting before Fair.

October 1: Fair Parade. Lions on site at 10AM. Parade at 2PM. Fair Exhibits registered in Bldg #1, starting at 9AM.

October 3: Fair work night. Meet at usual site, Commission on Aging at 5:00PM, for a light meal, and head to fairgrounds for final work-tasks before the Fair.

October 6-15: 2022 Cullman County Fair.

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).