



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

September 25, 2023
Program

We did not have a scheduled program planned for tonight, but an unplanned visitor, Ms. Athelia Gibbs. She asked our Lion President Chris Brooks for an opportunity to speak to the Club about a worthy project that she was supporting. Ms. Gibbs is a member of the Dripping Springs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).



Mrs. Athelia Gibbs from the Dripping Springs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Ms. Gibbs said that the Nation Organization of the DAR had become a corporate sponsor of a group called Wreaths Across America (a 501C charity organization). One of the main purposes of this organization is to honor deceased veterans across the country by placing live wreaths on their graves. DAR Chapters are urged to participate by selecting at least one local area cemetery and to place these wreaths on veterans' graves on the third Saturday of December. Ms. Gibbs' chapter chose the Cullman Public Cemetery for this event. She said that her chapter started last year and placed 262 wreaths which was far short in covering all the veterans buried there; their goal this year is to cover 850. Ms. Gibbs is from Eva, and its Lions Club contributed last year to this

event. She asked for our Clubs help in sponsoring this event, and she left forms such that any Lions, desiring to do so, can contribute, and can specify a specific veteran's grave to receive one of these wreaths. She described the event as a very moving ceremony, followed by individuals placing the wreaths and announcing aloud the names of deceased veterans, making sure they are not forgotten or unappreciated for their sacrifice.

Other Business

I heard from Lion Charlie Childers that the Fair Parade was "perfect" -- no fires or other emergencies. There were 218 entries. We'll let Charlie get into details at our first meeting after the Fair. Thanks to all the Lions who participated and contributed to the great parade. The Jr. ROTC from Cullman High School was scheduled to lead the parade and will be on hand for opening ceremonies of the Cullman County Fair.

Lion Bill Ruehl recognized Lions George Krigbaum and Jerry Smith for their service at last Wednesday's Alabama Lions Sight event at Good Samaritan Health Clinic.

Lion Frank Odell requested concession stand volunteers from 2-5:30PM on the Saturdays/Sunday during the Fair. If you can serve and are not scheduled reach out to David Bussman.

Lion Craig Gadow reported that the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind Band, that represented the Alabama Lions at the last international convention, will be at the Fair on



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Oct 7th at 4pm. They will perform in the pavilion and enjoy fair food following. Please give and support these students.

Lion Greg Gadow announced that in 2027 Huntsville, Alabama will be the site of the USA-Canada Lions Forum. There will be about 2,500 Lions from the US and Canada, including many international representatives from the Lions home office. Details on the agenda and scheduled events will be announced on future dates.

The next district 34-A cabinet meeting is on Saturday October 21st from 9:30 – 2:00 PM at the Hokes Bluff Lions Community Bldg.

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

October 2: Fair Prep Night – continuing preparation for the Fair with hot dogs & hamburgers served, starting at 5:00PM, until 6:00PM.

October 5 – 14: Cullman County Fair (No Club meeting on the 9th).

October 7: Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind Band will perform at the fairground pavilion at 4PM.

October 16: First meeting, following the Fair -- Fairy tales

October 21: Lions District 34-A cabinet meeting is on Saturday October 21st from 9:30 – 2:00 PM at the Hokes Bluff Lions Community Bldg.

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



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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 the August 28th 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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1st 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

