



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

September 28, 2026

Program

We had no out-side planned program speaker tonight. But Lion Randy Kraft talked to us about a segment of his speaker-program plans for our Club.



Lion Randy Kraft

He began by thanking the Club for playing along with the surprise birthday visit from his family last week. He says that he still has cake left over from that event. He then talked about his program plans to bring up some of our older Lions to talk about their experiences with our Club since joining. Then he talked about his own --- about how he and Lion Chris Robinson (his cousin, by the way) joined together. Lion Barry Willingham was Club President at that time, and he put Lion Randy to work. One of his first positions as a Lion for both he and Lion Chris was heading up the program committee. He was also a trustee for the Lions Youth Leadership Program that was run out of out of Troy University. He was also appointed to be a district representative for the Alabama Association of Fairs, located in Montgomery; he is now vice-president of that organization, and will be moving up to be its President in the coming year. Lion Randy, along with Lions Chris Robinson, Sam Roberts, and Cindy Pinyan, will be signing up Lions with years of

experience to talk about their experiences in the Club. Quoting him as follows:

"But I'm just telling you, the things you get involved with as a lion will it'll shape you in a different way. You'll learn things that you never had any idea about... I have volunteered Fred Osborn for our first show and tell, and he's going to give us a program and talk about some things that he's done in the past, and then he's going to show his gun collection, too."

Other Business

Monday October 12th, we are going to start at 4:30 here, having hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, chips, and cokes. You can grab and go, or you can sit down and eat whatever you desire. Then do coordination, possible work, scheduling, and planning with your group for the Fair. But we're going to start at 4:30. Hope to be through by 6PM.

Lion Charlie Childers thanked all our Club members who came out for the Fair parade. He said we had a great turn-out from the community. Total parade number of participants was 139, which was 25 or 30 less than last year. It still took about an hour for the entire parade to pass by. All the school bands were there, and they earned cash from our Club for their participation. There was only one incident of note; a six-year-old boy ran out in front of a car and got knocked down hard before the parade even started; he only had a few scratches, but ended up in a neck brace, anyway. Also, one of the older Cadillac convertibles that one of the school Fair Queen contestants was riding in broke down, and she did not get to finish the parade. Lion Charlie also gave his appreciation for the Sheriff's Department help with traffic control and security. We had excellent weather,



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and several folks appreciated that the parade was not on Octoberfest week-end.

Lion Randy Kraft also mentioned that the Fair is adding a mule team & wagon for free rides over six nights. This ride will not go on the Fair Grounds but will travel a path to and within Sportsmen's Lake Park.



Lion Brian Spaeth with his cute daughter, who was hoping to see real lions at our meeting tonight.



Lions Shane Smith, Charlie Powell, Richard Gurley, and Sean Schofield, along with Lions Sight staff serving at the Good Samaritan Clinic with vision screening this past Wednesday. Lion Sean had invited our members to come out and see how much our Lions Club efforts mean to the citizens who come there for help.

Page 4 of the newsletter shows Club members work assignments for the Fair. If you wish to change your assignment, work it out with chairpersons of the to & from groups involved. If you have been left-out, contact Lion Carey Thompson.

Upcoming Programs and Events.

Oct 5: Ms. April Bowen of Victoria's Hope will speak.



Victoria's Hope Director, April Bowen with Lions Milford Parrish and Charlie Powell.

Oct 10: Exhibits first begin to be accepted in Bldg. #1.

Oct 12: Fair Work Night & Pep Rally meal. Come in to eat starting at 4:30. Then meet up with your work group to make sure things are in order and verify your own schedule with your work-group Chairman/co-Chair for Fair starting the following Thursday (that's just 3 days later).

Oct. 15 through 24: Cullman County Fair.

Jan. 11: Ms. Michelle Lee, founder and Executive Director of Healing through Creativity Foundation will be our speaker.



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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 256-426-3207 (C). Lion Don can be reached at 256-737-7433 (H) or 256-426-7722 (C).

See Fair assignments on next page.



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FAIR WORK ASSIGNMENTS 2026-V4

A AG EXHIBITS		+Gates	E GATES		+Ag Ex	I PARKING		+Security +Security +Security
1	Mitchell, Brad		1	Willingham, Barry		1	Roberts, Samuel	
2	Murphree, Steve		2	Schofield, Sean		2	White, Richard	
3	Garrison, Phillip		3	Bryant, Jeremy		3	Aker, Adam	
4	Krigbaum, George		4	Earnest, Michael		4	Clay, Claude	
5	Osborne, Fred		5	Gadow, Craig		5	Duke, Kelly	
6	Ray, Danny		6	Gambrill, Chad		6	Fromhold, Michael	
7	Spradlin, Doug		7	Gudger, Garlan		7	Hadwin, Tony	
8	Byrd, Jeff		8	Hamm, Mark		8	Hogue, Matthew	
			9	Jackson, Quinn		9	Gentry, Matt	
B BARN			10	Johnson, Lee		10	James, Patrick	
1	Kraft, Randy		11	Martin, Joe		11	Lawson, Jeff	
2	Smith, Riley		12	Murphree, Steve		12	Mangum, Mike	
3	Brooks, Chris		13	Peek, Rickey		13	Manning, Andrew	
4	Ray, Delane		14	Rodgers, Steve		14	Monk, Brian	
5	Slaten, Terry		15	Scott, Don		15	Parrish, Milford	
6	Williams, Bradley		16	Smith, Jerry		16	Ponder, Eric	
			17	Sumner, Dewayne		17	Ray, Joshua	
C CONCESSIONS			18	Waldrep, Bo		18	Rainwater, Clark	
1	Bussman, David		19	Walker, Alan		19	Ruffner, Sam	
2	Gurley, Richard		20	Wilhite, Terry		20	Sivilli, Joseph	
3	Cartee, Steve	+Theater	21	Wren, Jeffrey		21	Spaeth, Brian	
4	Crocker, Champ		22	Scott, Arleigh		22	Smith, Shane	
5	Hampton, Ory		23	Galin, Jerry				
6			24	Jacobs, Woody		J Security		
7	Pinyan, James					1	Lawson, Jeff	+ Parking
8	Poulin, Quinten					2	Hogue, Matthew	+ Parking
9	Roden, Tyler		F THEATER			3	Gentry, Matt	+ Parking
10	Starosta, Scott	+Office	1	Robinson, Chris				
11	Tielking, Jason		2	Childers, Charles		K INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS		
12	Wiggins, David		3	Carpenter, Noah		1	Peacock, David	
13	Williams, Jeff		4	Boozar, Bryan		2	Gratz, Dave	
14	Brown, Bruce		5	Cartee, Steve	+Conces	3	Daniel, Javon	
			6	Floyd, Chad		4	Doggett, Douglas	
D OFFICE			7	Hogeland, Ginger		5	Green, Cleve	
1	Wilt, Bill	+Mainten	8	Twilley, Dean		6	Mangum, Morris	
2	Pinyan, Cindy					7	Marks, Brooke	
3	Ruehl, Bill	+Mainten	G MAINTENANCE			8	Perry, Howard	
4	Smith, Don		1	Ruehl, Bill	+Office	9	Schofield, Melinda	
5	Starosta, Scott	+Conces	2	Powell, Charles		10	Williams, Doug	
6	Thompson, Carey		3	Wilt, Bill	+Office	11	Williams, James	
			4	Wilson, Dewayne		12	Bragg, Rodney	
Note: Light tan means person is on 2 jobs. Yellow indicate chair & co-chair of group.			H Not assigned			13	Pfeifer, Tom	
			1	Bonner, Jerry		14	Rowe, Chris	
						15	Windeknecht, Brooke	