



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

February 3, 2025.

Program

No speaker tonight. Tail Twister Lion Richard Gurley did give Lion Carey Thompson some blow-back after last week's Tale Twister opined that Lion Richard had come up short with his jokes last week. But, you know, sometimes the truth hurts.

Other Business

--Lion Ron Seybold asks for continued prayers as he battles cancer. Following his trip to Birmingham VA this past week, Lion Ron returned with a battery-powered wheelchair, a lift for getting in & out of a car, and a ramp to assist getting in & out of his house.

--Lion Jerry Smith is doing well in recovery and hopes to be able to drive again in a couple of weeks.

--Lion Charlie Childers is getting better, following his heart attack, although he did have to go back to the ER with his blood pressure getting too low.

--Lion Terry Wilhite's wife, Wendy, passed away unexpectedly.

--Lion Javon Daniel has been told to continue taking it easy and not to do anything to stress his heart until further evaluation, at least.

Lion Bill Ruehl recognized the Lions who served at Alabama Lion Sight last week – Lions Milford Parrish and George Krigbaum. They had nearly a full house of folks seeking vision help.

Lion Carey Thompson provided updates on the Fish & Ham Dinner (March 22nd) assignments.

On the subject of Ham & Fish Dinner, Lion Steve Cartee will be in charge of having Lions sign for

their Dinner tickets starting next week. However, he does not want to begin taking money for tickets until a couple of weeks later. He also says not to tear off the ticket stub; that will happen as tickets are redeemed at the Dinner.

Lion Randy Kraft reminded us he was overseeing and making arrangements for the Alabama State Fairs Association's convention for this year in our Fairgrounds' Bldg. #1 on Friday & Saturday, February 21 & 22; he said that he could use some help on that Friday with registration and parking inside the Fairgrounds. Some of the activities include a silent auction and a dance with jazz band and DJ. If you would like to help and maybe attend, see Lion Randy. Convention attendance is expected to be 80-100 people. Several prominent politicians will be speaking.



Lion Randy Kraft talks about the upcoming Alabama State Fairs Association Convention at our fairgrounds.

Lion Don Smith reported on last year's interest revenue from the proceeds of the Smith Lake land, which was a surprisingly healthy figure.



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Lion Steve Murphee reported that the nominating committee is putting together the 2025-2026 Officers' slate for the March 3 meeting.

Lion Chris Brooks shared Lions' years-of-service anniversaries for the following Lions: Raymond Williams—43 years, Charlie Powell—31, Jeff Byrd—15, Jeff Lawson—2, and Cleve Green—1.

Lion Scott Starosta is taking orders for T-Shirts in order that new members, in particular, will have them for the Fish & Ham Dinner. Contact him if you want one. Short sleeves are \$15; long sleeves are \$17. The order will take 2 or 3 weeks to be delivered to the Club.

Lion President Chris Brooks read a very appreciative thank-you letter from the "Link." Our Club's donation helped to fund 12,500 acts of assistance, 42 individuals in recovery, and 380 kindergarten kids in a reading group.

Upcoming Programs and Events

February 10: Mr. Jeff Young, Co-owner of the Mary Carter Store, will speak on a piece of Cullman History.



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February 21-22: Alabama State Fairs Convention at Fairgrounds, Bldg. #1.

March 7-8: District 34-A convention in Huntsville on Pulaski Pike at Bob Harrison Wellness and Advocacy Center.

March 22: Fish and Ham Dinner.

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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).



There's not another Club that can beat our consistently great food from Freddy's Catering. Lion David Gratz gets his.



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Committee Assignments for FY 2024-2025

President Chris Brooks							
Committees	Chair	Co-Char	Member	Member	Member	Member	Member
Nominating	Steve Murphree	Morris Magnum	Dewayne Wilson				
Club History	Dennis Berse	Charlie Powell	Javon Daniel	Dewayne Wilson	Ron Seybold	Scott Starosta	
Explore	Jerry Bonner	David Bussman	Raymond Williams	Fred Osborne	Delane Ray	Craig Gadow	Steve Cartee
1st VP Delane Ray							
Committees	Chair	Co-Char	Member	Member			
Diabetes	Milford Parrish	George Krigbaum	David Peacock	Javon Daniel			
Fair Concessions	David Bussman	Richard Gurley	Judy Smith				
Finance & Community	Don Smith	Brian Spaeth	Jerry Bonner				
Fish & Ham	Carey Thompson	David Peacock	Jason Tielking				
Membership	George Krigbaum	Javon Daniel	Frank Odell				
Program	Sam Roberts	Randy Kraft	Chris Robinson				
Mop & Broom	Richard White	Dave Gratz	Chris Robinson				
Sight	Bill Ruehl	Steve Cartee					
2nd VP Jeff Lawson							
Committees	Chair	Co-Char					
Area Lion's Liason	Craig Gadow	Scott Starosta					
Constitution & Bylaws	Craig Gadow	Steve Murphee	Frank Odell				
House & Food	Dennis Berse	Fred Osborne					
Member Information	Charlie Powell	Dave Gratz					
Song Leader	Richard White	Chris Robinson					
Youth Leos	David Wiggins	Jeff Lawson					
3rd VP David Wiggins							
Committees	Chair	Co-Char					
Tail Twister	Richard Gurley	Richard White					
Fair Parade	Steve Murphee	Barry Willingham					
Branch Club Liaison	Ron Seybold	Jeff Lawson					
Publicity	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell					
Communications & Web	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell					
New- Member Orientation	Frank Odell	George Krigbaum	Richard Gurley	Steve Murphree	Raymond Williams	Ginger Hogeland	