



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

January 13, 2025

Program

Our speakers tonight, introduced by Lion Scott Starosta, were Athelia Gibbs and Anita Winslow from Wreaths Across America. These ladies represent the Dripping Springs Chapter of the DAR. The pair thanked us profusely for the Club's help for the past three years in storing, transporting, and laying wreaths. 1,020 wreaths were placed, which was just a little short. She said that they plan to get a listing of all veterans buried in the public cemetery as well as a related map to make sure that all veterans interred there will receive a Christmas wreath more efficiently for their graves next year. She related a story about a lady who visited her Dad's grave there and had wondered who had placed it and why. She found out about the DAR's project and expressed her gratitude to Ms. Gibbs for this project by honoring those veterans they don't even know and respecting their service.



DAR Representatives, Ms. Athelia Gibbs, and Anita Winslow. Someone asked Ms. Gibbs, "Why not just get one big wreath to represent all veterans buried there?" She explained that there are larger wreaths for each branch of service, but putting

one per person and calling the name & placing the wreath is part of a process such that each veteran is not forgotten by calling their name, thanking them for their service, and placing the wreath. This takes place all across America wherever our deceased veterans lie. The wreaths used here in Cullman are the same as those used at Arlington and other National Cemeteries across the U.S.

Lion Scott Starosta announced removal/clean-up of wreaths resulting of the "Wreaths Across America" project. Our Club was asked to help with this at 10AM on Saturday, the 18th at the Cullman Public Cemetery.

Other Business

Lion Wendell Copeland was back with us tonight, and Lion Gary Murphree passed the word that he hopes to join us next week; Lion Jeff Lawson underwent knee surgery this past week, but as still able to join us, also. Lion Jerry Smith is still undergoing rehab in Huntsville and staying with his son there for now. Lion Javon Daniels has a sinus infection and the flu; he also passed words that he has a new cardiologist and is undergoing new testing and evaluation for his heart.

Lion Chris Brooks announced that Frank Odell & crew will start New Member Roundtable on January 27, and we will have a new member induction ceremony in February

Lion Carey Thompson said a few words about the Club's first big project for the new year, the Fish & Ham Dinner. Most everybody will end up assigned to the same position they had last year, unless they want to see if Lion Carey can move a slot around for them to transition into. There was a show of hands to see who would not be



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

able to work either the last week of February or the first week of March, which has been the norm in recent years. Last week of Feb. would not work due to conflict with Alabama Fairs Association convention (hosted at our Fairground). Someone raised the issue of Cullman High's prom date being in early March. Lion Carey said he would get more data in order to have the optimum, reasonable date. The are the results (we'll discuss next meeting):

22 Feb Freshman & JVB Soccer Tournament @ CHS
 CHS VAR Baseball Hewitt Trussvll vs Flor @ CHS 1:00
 CHS VAR Baseball vs Florence 4:00
 CHS VAR Baseball vs Hewitt Trussville 3:00
 Southerner/Fair Queen Beauty Pageant
Alabama Fairs Convention @ Fairgrounds

1 Mar CHS Basketball Final Four @ BJCC
 CHS Girls Basketball State Finals @ Birmingham
JV Soccer Tournament, Feb 28-Mar 1
 VG Soccer Shamrock @ CHS, Feb 28-Mar 1
 CHS 9G Baseball vs Spain Park 11:00
 Baseball SP vs Hillcrest @ CHS 1:00
 CHS 9G Baseball vs Hillcrest 3:00

8 Mar CHS JV Baseball vs Helena 3:00
 CHS JV Baseball vs Homewood 11:00
CHS Senior Prom

15 Mar CHS 9G Baseball vs Hewitt Trussville 11:00 and 1:00
 CHS Outdoor **Track/Field 1A-7A Cullman Classic**
 Outdoor Track- **JV/Varsity Cullman Classic**

22 Mar All clear at CHS - **but 1st day of spring break**

29 Mar End of Spring Break - Closed, No help

5 Apr CHS JV Baseball vs Mortimer Jordan 11am & 1 pm

12 Apr All-State Band Festival - Mobile, AL
 CHS VAR Baseball vs Homewood 11:00

19 Apr Spring Musical Performance - Auditorium 2pm & 7pm

26 Apr Spring Musical Performance - Auditorium 2pm & 7pm
 VAR Baseball 2nd Round Playoffs TBA

3 May VAR Baseball 3rd Round Playoffs TBA

10 May VAR Baseball 4th Round Playoffs TBA

17 May * All Clear - **graduation next Friday**, 23 May

Dates in pink could be considered "No."
 Date in green could be considered "Yes."
 Other dates are maybe.
 (This is just my opinion.)

Upcoming Programs and Events

January 20: Reigning Miss Cullman County Fair Miss Avery Gerstman will speak.



See page 3 for Committee Assignments

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).



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

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	