



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

June 10, 2024

Program

Tonight was 2024-2025 new officer installation night, held at Cullman Church of Christ. We started off the evening with a great meal of grilled steak and shrimp shish kebabs from our long-time caterer, Mr. Freddy Day and crew.

President Lion Chris Brooks, who will begin serving a consecutive term as President, recognized those at the head table and began detailing a funding-record-breaking list of charitable donations that our Club has made in the past year -- such as the Good Samaritan Health Clinic, the North Alabama Agriplex, Alabama Lions Sight, Wreaths Across America (honoring deceased veterans in our cemeteries), Truth in Nature Rodio (helping fatherless kids), Camp Seale Harris, and many, many others. He also thanked the Lions for their support of our projects, in particular, the Cullman County Fair and the Fish & Ham Dinner. President Lion Ginger Hogeland followed similarly listing its Club's support for its focused charity, Cullman Caring for Kids, and others such as Committee on Church Cooperation (CCC) helping the elderly, First Choice for Women, Lions Clubs International, and scholarships for LEOs.

Following Club achievements, awards were announced, beginning with Lions of the Year: Lion David Gratz for our Club and Emma Thornton for the Branch Club. Next, chevron pins and commendation letters from the Lions International President for years of service milestones within the Cullman Lions Club were Copeland (60), and Jerry Bonner (60).

After an introduction by Lion Ron Seybold, Past Lions International President Frank Moore III was on hand to oversee induction of new

officers for our Club, as well as our Branch Club. As he swore them into their respective officer positions with both humor and respect, Lion Frank advised them of expectations that are necessary for their positions. The fact that a person of Lion Moore's stature was on hand for this event is an indication of the high regard that our Club has within Lions International. He expressed his appreciation for the history of great success and stellar reputation that our club has maintained.



Lion of the Year Awardees, Lions Dave Gratz from our Club and Emma Thornton from the Branch Club.



Recipients of chevrons & letters of commendation for their years of service to the Cullman Lions Club: Lions Fred Osborne (55), Wendell Copeland (60), and Jerry Bonner (60). (each photo shows them flanked by Lions Frank Moore and Chris Brooks)



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Incumbent Lion President Chris Brooks and outgoing President Ginger Hogeland giving highlights of past year in their Clubs.



New Lion President Stephanie Lawson receiving Branch Club gavel from outgoing President Ginger Hogeland.



Lion Ron Seybold introducing Past Lion International President Frank Moore III.



Lion Ginger Hogeland receives a testimonial plaque in sincere appreciation for her leadership and cooperation in bringing both Clubs closer together over the past year.

2024 – 2025 Officers

	Cullman Lions	Club Branch
President	Chris Brooks	Stephanie Lawson
Immediate Past President	Milford Parrish	Ginger Hodgeland
1 st Vice President	Delane Ray	Judy Smith
2 nd Vice President	Jeff Lawson	Suzi Rooker Starosta
3 rd Vice President	TBD	
Secretary	Scott Starosta	Catherine Haggard
Treasurer	Don Smith	Gail Swafford
Tale Twister	Richard Gurley	Jolene Hammick
Lion Tamer	George Krigbaum	Jo Etta Wilt
Director	Craig Gadow	Carol Nielsen
Director	Steve Rogers	Nelda Powell
Director	Bill Wilt	Judy Mangum
Director	Claude Clay	
Membership Chair	Gary Murphree	Jane Rooker
Membership Vice Chair	Javon Daniel	LaDonna Alen
Membership Member	Frank Odell	



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Side by side: Newly installed Officers of the Cullman Lions Club and its Branch Club

This Lions' new officer induction event appeared to be a satisfying and enjoyable occasion for everyone present.

Upcoming Programs and Events

June 17: Mr. Tim Culpepper, CEO of Cullman Electric Co-op will be our speaker.



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Tale Twister Input

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