



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

June 24, 2024

### Program

Following an introduction by Lion Sam Roberts, Pastor Ory, Hampton, Director of Development for Cullman Christian School. Lion Sam noted that Ory had served as the campus pastor at Daystar Church, is a native of Addison, and just recently appointed to his current position.



Pastor Ory Hampton, Director of Development for Cullman Christian School talks about his organization as Lion Sam Roberts looks on.

Pastor Hampton stated that he has been in pastoral ministry for the past 17 years, believing that the Christian faith is not really Christian if it just stays behind 4 walls. And he has wanted to have an opportunity to be directly involved where his kids (2 of his 4 children are adopted) were. This desire has come to fruition for him at Cullman Christian School. The school was initially founded in 2006 and remained small but stable. However, since 2022 it spurted from 180 to over 300 today. Ory attribute this growth to people realizing a negative direction that our society and culture seemed to be heading; they see the positive aspects that a Christian focused education can provide. Ory notes the rapid growth Cullman is seeing. (We heard Mr. Tim

Culpepper from the Electrical Co-op talking about this last week.) Ory says his school is making plans for this growth, especially in light of the current Alabama law for next year that will allow families with funding vouchers to support their children's attendance in private schools. The Cullman Christian School is purchasing the property at their present location, adjacent to the Margaret Jean Jones Center, and it intends to add 12 additional classrooms and a student resource center. This addition will also add offices and conference rooms. This addition will then be followed by a two-story building with 20 more classrooms. He said that his school is looking for partners to help realize these plans through tax-deductible gifts, and individual and corporate sponsorships. The School seeks not only financial help, but prayers.

Pastor Hampton says that the schools mission seeks to serve the community by providing an academically rigorous education with a biblical world and life-view. The school's staff comes from multi-denominational Christian faiths --- Baptists, Methodist, Pentecostal, and other protestants religions with a central message that Christ is the way.

The Branch Lions Club President Stephanie Lawson asked if this school would be interested in establishing a Leo Club. Pastor Ory affirmed that he would be. The School also had an entrant to the Cullman County Fair Queen contest this past year.

Pastor Ory ended his address by saying that he wanted his school to teach a generation of students not to only be able to talk the talk, but to walk the walk in developing decent citizens for our community.



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### Other Business

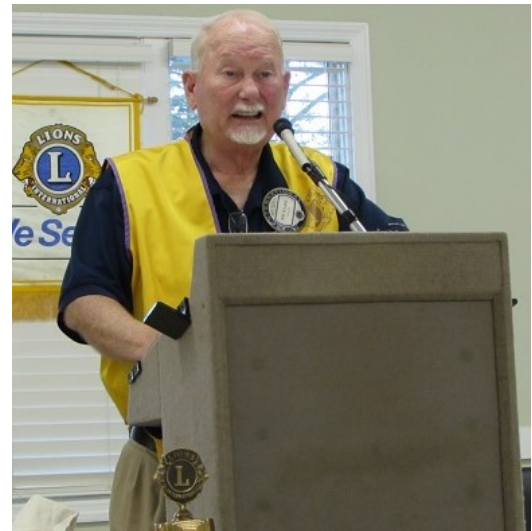
Lion Chris Robinson thanked his fellow Lions for their prayers and words of support after his wife underwent treatment for cancer. He shared the good news that she has just been diagnosed with no signs of the disease. But she must still endure another operation in July, and follow-up treatment will continue, as necessary.

Lion Jerry Smith reported that he had talked with Lion Gary Murphree who is still in rehab at Woodland. Lion Jerry says that Lion Gary still has some leg problems but otherwise seemed pretty happy.

Lion Lummie Speakman was in attendance with us tonight, along with his son, Josh.

Lion President Brooks recognized Lion Claude Clay on his 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary as a Lion. Lion Chris announced that the Merchant's Bank would be holding its Annual Charity Golf Classic Tournament at Terri-Pines on October 7<sup>th</sup>. He also read a thank-you note from Cullman Caring for Kids for our contribution last week.

our Club's support for Lions Quest were tabled for a future BOD meeting. A proposal was made for the Branch Club to share profits and costs for joint projects, such as the County Fair and the Fish & Ham Dinner, as well as events, such as the new-officer installation night dinner at a set rate of 15% of total profits & costs. This proposal will be taken into consideration by the Branch Club next week. The BOD approved donations to First Source for Women and the Cullman Farm-City Event. Honorariums were made for Dream Difference (providing bedding and beds for children in need) and to the Church of Christ for the Club's use of their facility for our officer installation dinner.



Lion Richard White served as Tale Twister for the final night of his tenure. He actually got a few laughs for one of his jokes. He also served his final fine on Lion Steve Cartee for his phone ringing during the meeting. However, Lion Steve got the last laugh when he won the pot, concluding the meeting.

**In observance of Independence Day, there will not be a Cullman Lions Club meeting on Monday, July 1st.**

◆◆◆◆◆ **We Serve** ◆◆◆◆◆ *Lion Chris Brooks*  
THE LIONS MOTTO *Club President*



Lion Don Smith reported on last week's BOD meeting. Two potential new Club members, Mr. & Mrs. Lance & Kathy Jeffery, were approved for membership; Lion Randy Kraft sponsored them. Unfortunately, we had two members removed from our roles due to non-payment of dues. Past President of our Branch Club, Lion Ginger Hogeland was approved for transfer of her membership into our Club. Further plans for

Lions Frank made a report about the activities of the membership committee with emphasis on the new-member roundtable sessions that have been conducted. He noted that we had five new members last year that had been attending those sessions and his belief that it contributed to retaining all of those new members in their



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attendance and participation in Lion activities. He also thanked other Lions who helped with the roundtable, particularly, Lion George Krigbaum; he also had praise for the impact of the roundtable sessions.



Lions Frank Odell and George Krigbaum address the Club about positive impact of new-Lion Roundtable discussions, while Lion President Chris Brooks takes notes.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

July 1: No meeting due to the 4th of July Holiday this week.

July 8: Treasurer Lion Don Smith will provide update on Club's financial status. This will be a closed meeting.

### **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).