



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

March 17, 2025.

Program

Our program tonight was the formal induction and pinning of new Club members which was performed under direction of District 34-A Governor-Elect, our own Lion, Craig Gadow. The group of new Lions includes those who have become members of our club in the past year, which totaled 11. Inductees and their sponsors included the following Lions:

Inductee	Sponsor
Aker, Adam	Ponder, Eric
Hampton, Ory	Daniel, Javon
Horton, Mary	Horton, Jimmy
Johnson, Lee	Willingham, Barry
Monk, Brian	Kraft, Randy
Pinyan, James	Kraft, Randy
Poulin, Quinten	Gurley, Richard
Ray, Danny	Ray, Delane
Ruffner, Sam	Twilley, Dean
Schofield, Sean	Gadow, Craig
Schofield, Melinda	Gadow, Craig



District 34-A Governor-Elect, Lion Craig Gadow delivering his opening remarks.



Lion Richard Gurley attaches Lions pin to newly formally inducted member, Lion, Quinten Poulin.



This is the largest number seen formally inducted at one time in recent memory and made for an impressive sight, as they stood shoulder to shoulder across the dining room.



Newly inducted Lion Danny Ray [left] and his sponsor & brother, Lion Delane Ray, holding their certificates of membership and sponsorship.



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Lion Craig told our Club that he was donating \$5 to the Lions Club International Fund in the names of each of our inductees. He explained this could save the lives at the rate of \$1 per life-saved or a total of 55 lives, thanks to its use in buying measles vaccine in poor populations around the world. He challenged each of us to support the Lions Clubs International Fund. He also spoke about how renowned our Club is within Alabama and beyond, and about Lions Club International being one of the top two community service organizations in the world.

Other Business

Lion Carey Thompson reminds all Lions that everything appears to be a “go” for the Fish & Ham Dinner. We seem to be shorthanded on Leos, attributed to the start of our schools’ Spring Break which falls on the same date as our event this Saturday, March 22; doors to the school cafeteria will open at 7:30AM. It is essential that as many Lions as possible make a point of supporting this project. We have already had notice of several Lions that are unable to attend. Also, keep in mind that Lions are also needed this Friday afternoon in preparation for the event, starting at 3:30PM or as soon as you can get there after that time; we expect to finish by 6:30PM.

Alabama Lion Sight Mobile Clinic Schedule is March 25, April 24, and June 25. Lions help will be needed on those days at Good Samaritan Clinic.

Let’s remember to keep Lion Ron Seybold and Lion Javon Daniel in our prayers. Lion Don Scott was in attendance tonight following improvement in his recent back injury.

Lion Secretary Scott Starosta reported on last week’s Board of Directors meeting. Donations

were made to Curt’s Closet, Girls and Boys State, Brooks Place, Cullman Library, Wallace State, and local schools.

Lion Frank Odell announced a new set of round-table discussions and presentations for our new Lions. Lion Raymond Williams was the presenter for this evening.

Our Club had excellent attendance, tonight, as noted by Lion President Chis Brooks as the best he’s seen.

Upcoming Programs and Events

March 21: Prep for Fish & Ham Dinner at CMS cafeteria at 3:30-630PM.

March 22: Fish and Ham Dinner. 7:30AM - 7:00PM.

March 24: Election for Club’s Board of Directors (BOD). See page 5 for sample ballot.

April 5th & 6th: Lions helping park cars for Blooming Festival at St. Bernard’s, 7:30AM to 6:00PM.

April 24-25: State Lions Convention in Montgomery. Past Lions International President will be speaker.

May 10: Shred-a-Thon is May 10th at the Hobby Lobby parking lot.

July 13: Lions International Convention in Orlando.

See page 4 for Club Committee Assignments



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See page 5 for sample BOD ballot for voting
at our March 24th 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).



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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	



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Sample Ballot for the *March 24th* Election of the 2025-2026 Board of Directors



President

- Lion Delane Ray (I)
- Lion Wendell Copeland

1st Vice President

- Lion Jeff Lawson (I)
- Lion Doug Doggett

2nd Vice President

- Lion David Wiggins (I)
- Lion Jeff Wren

3rd Vice President

- Lion Craig Gadow (I)
- Lion Jason Tielking

Secretary

- Lion Scott Starosta (I)
- Lion Raymond Williams

Treasurer

- Lion Don Smith (I)
- Lion Andrew Manning

Lion Tamer

- Lion Charlie Powell (I)
- Lion Terry Slaten

Tail Twister

- Lion Richard White (I)
- Lion Doug Spradlin

Director

** Vote for two **

- Lion Cleve Green
- Lion Freddie Osborne
- Lion Milford Parrish
- Lion Steve Rodgers (I)

Membership Committee

- Lion David Bussman
- Lion George Krigbaum

