



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

May 13, 2024

### Program

Lion Sam Roberts introduced Ms. Laura Quick of Good Grit Agency.



Lion Chris seems to have lost his arms.

Ms. Quick was a worthy replacement for the Fair Queen who had to cancel. Laura quipped that in the only beauty contest she had entered she came in as 3rd runner-up in a 4-person field. She is the wife of local entrepreneur Shane Quick who is an ex-Lion. Laura grew up just outside of Savannah Georgia, raised by her grandmother in poor circumstances. She was able to go to college and attended Florida State University. In 2012 she moved to Birmingham and started a magazine, "Good Grit" which now has a circulation of 300k in 12 states. It focuses on positive aspects of the southeast United States with highlights on volunteers and non-profit support groups. I noted this quote from the magazine's on-line section under "About" – {*Good Grit* is the only southern culture magazine capturing the authenticity of the perseverance that exists in the human spirit. We believe that the South is compiled of people from here and people who love it here—and maybe they aren't "from around here"—but they've fallen in love,

and they are staying. The south has been begging for a progressive and truthful representation of who we are and who we want to be, and that also pays tribute to the legacies worthy of moving us forward.} Laura married her husband Shane in 2014 and is now a Cullman resident with a son attending Saint Bernard.

Laura has not forgotten her humble roots. She stated that 25% of the children in Cullman are raised in poverty. A non-profit she started, "Dream Different" has provided 235 beds and bedding for children in need at a cost of about \$300 per bed. She also is involved with a group, "Les Dames," which provides free feminine hygiene products. This group has already installed 5 free dispensers in Cullman County schools with a target of all 26 Cullman schools.

Ms. Quick was a delightful speaker who showed that her beauty was more than skin deep.



Lion Sam Roberts keeping Ms. Laura Quick entertained prior to her speaking.

### Other Business

Photographer: Lion Charlie Powell

Editor: Lion Carey Thompson

Associate Editor: Lion Don Smith



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Lion Gary Murphee continues recovery from injuries due to a fall at Woodland.

Lion Ron Seybold is in good spirits while battling cancer and has a lung procedure this week.

Lion Don Scott thanked the club for supporting the Ramp projects. In the past two years 36 ramps have been built at a cost of \$26k. This funding has been provided from the Cullman Lions Chairty which is headed by Lion Raymond Williams. Cullman Lions Charity is a separate organization affiliated to the Club in the same manner as the Cullman Fair Association .



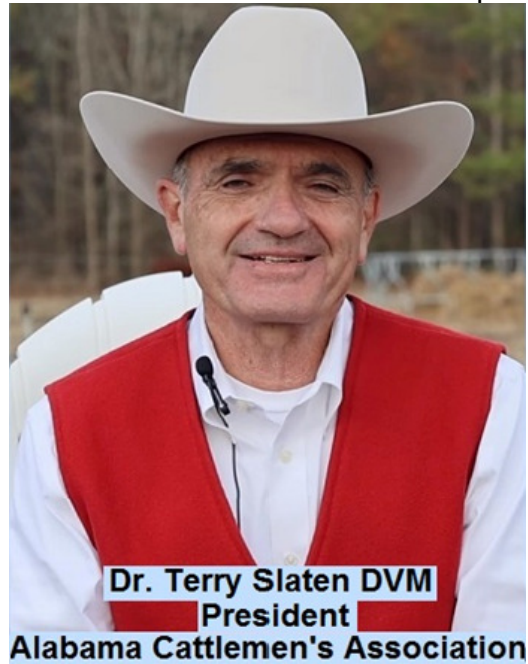
Another proud graduate from our Club's Lions Roundtable College. Lions George Krigbaum and Frank Odell congratulate Lion David Wiggins (C).



Lion Don Scott shared his appreciation for Lion Raymond Williams' help in guiding funding support from Cullman Lions Charity for building handicap ramps for people in need.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

May 20: Lion/Dr.Terry Slaten, President of Alabama Cattlemen's Association will speak.





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June 3: Ms. Janet Davis, Executive Director of First Source for Women will speak.



**Janet Davis**  
Executive Director  
The First Source For Women

June 10: Cullman Lions Club and Branch Club New Officer Installation and Banquet at Cullman Church of Christ, located at Childhaven Rd & Hwy 157. Doors open at 5:30 with meal at 6:00PM. Coat and tie event, as usual.

### **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).

**See Club committee assignments on page 3.**



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<b>1<sup>st</sup> VP Jim Burke Committees</b>			
<b>Committees</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Co-Chair</b>	<b>Members</b>
Diabetes	Javon Daniel	Jason Tielking	
Fair Concessions	David Bussman		
Finance & Community	Don Smith	Jerry Bonner	
Fish & Ham	Carey Thompson	Frank Odell	
Membership	Gary Murphree	David Bussman	Dewayne Wilson
Program	Sam Roberts	Randy Craft	Chris Robinson
Mop & Broom	Richard White	Dave Gratz	
Sight	Bill Ruehl	Steve Cartee	
<b>2nd VP Delane Ray Committees</b>			
<b>Committees</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Co-Chair</b>	<b>Members</b>
Area Lion's Liason	Jerry Bonner	Craig Gadow	
Constitution & Bylaws	Bradley Williar	Champ Crocker	
House & Food	Dennis Berse	Fred Osborn	David Bussman
Member Info	Charlie Powell	Dave Gratz	
Song Leader	Richard White	Chris Robinson	
Youth Leo's	Jeff Lawson	Sam Roberts	
<b>3rd VP Jeff Lawson Committees</b>			
<b>Committees</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Co-Chair</b>	<b>Members</b>
Tail Twister	Richard White	Richard Gurley	
Fair Parade	Steve Murphee	Barry Willingham	
	Charlie Childers		
Lions Branch Liaison	Dennis Burse	Ron Seybold	
Publicity	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell	
Communication & Web	Sam Roberts	Charlie Powell	
New Member Orientation	Frank Odell	George Krigbaum	David Bussman