



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

October 28, 2024

Program

Lion Randy Kraft introduced Commander Brian Monk of the Cullman VFW, noting that the Commander has 17 years of service in the US Army and has 6 kids and also serves as the Deputy Coroner for Cullman County.



Commander Brian Monk of the Cullman VFW, presented with our Club token of appreciation from Lion President Chris Brooks, with Mr. Sean Schofield and Lion Randy Kraft to their left.

Commander Monk talked about activities surrounding Veterans Day, coming up on Monday, Nov. 11th. The VFW will be setting out US flags on the highway from Vinemont past Tractor Supply, which will stay out until Nov. 12th. His group will have a booth out at the Cullman Airport for the Veterans Day airshow & celebration. He said the VFW tries to help with groceries, transportation, wheelchairs, or whatever is needed to assist vets. The next big event for the VFW after that will be providing Vet with a free Thanksgiving meal at the Branding Iron Steakhouse in West Point on the Monday before Thanksgiving; every year it feeds about 1300 veterans and their families. The VFW also collaborates with the Sheriff's Department in delivering these meals to house-bound veterans.

Brian stated that anyone can call him if they wish to donate turkeys and hams.

Brian then introduced Mr. Sean Schofield who talked about another event that the VFW is helping to sponsor, "Toys for Tots," which will be headed up by Sean and his wife this year. He began by thanking the Club in supporting his religious mission to Ukraine a couple of years ago and in support the use of a fairground building for the Toys for Tots event this year in storing, organizing, cataloging, then packaging gifts for distribution. He said their mission is to give hope to indigent children on Christmas, which otherwise might not happen. He said that in the past this event has been shared with Cullman, Lawrence, and Morgan counties, but this year Cullman will have its own program. He said that this means that all the money and gifts collected will stay here in Cullman for its children. He said that he is trying to work with Churches and charity & social services organization within Cullman. Sean invited Club members to participate in helping and in providing potential families' contact info for their consideration in receiving gifts for their children.

The men who spoke to us this evening are great examples of those who also following our Club's moto of service and making our community great.

Other Business

Lion Howard Perry was in attendance with us tonight after several weeks absence due to issues related to his heart.

Lion Javon Daniel was absent tonight, also with heart issues. His doctor advised him to rest and refrain from any strenuous activities and take



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prescribed added medicines, but said surgery was not possible for him at this time. He has asked for your prayers.

President Lion Chris Brooks announced years of service for the following Lions: Jerry Galin – 52 years, Brian Boozer – 40, Phillip Garrison – 18, Adam Aker– 2 years, and David Wiggins – 1 year. Lion Chris also reminded us that the next meeting will feature a “breakfast meal.”

Lion President Brooks recognized Lion Milford Parrish for his work in delivering diabetic supplies to all the City schools. Lion Milton then recognized other Lions that assisted in this work – Lions George Krigbaum, Javon Daniel, David Peacock, and Charlie Powell. Lion Milford said that he had contacted the head nurse for the County schools, who told him just to bring the supplies to her and that she would distribute them to all the County schools as she makes her regular visits.

Lion Bill Ruehl called for another round of Lion support for the Lion’s Sight van in making another call at the Good Samaritan Clinic. He invited Lions to drop by this Wednesday just to see how these visits are conducted and appreciated.

Lion Frank Odell announced another new Lion roundtable session tonight and said that Lion Ginger Hogeland, who just finished all her new Lion sessions, would be the presenter for tonight’s session.

Lion Don Smith announced that he is prepared to received Lion Club dues – cash, check, or credit card. See or contact him if you need to get caught up.

Upcoming Programs and Events

November 4: Cullman DA, Lion Champ Crocker will be our speaker.

Cullman County District Attorney Lion Champ Crocker has been scheduled to be the Guest Speaker at the November 4th Cullman Lions Club meeting.



November 6: The Link charity will be having a gala dinner and auction at the Cotton Creek venue at 6PM. Out Club has several free tickets for anyone wishing to attend. See Lion Chris Brooks.

November 21: The annual Farm-City Banquet will be held at Loft 212 at 5:00PM. See Lion Brooks for tickets.

December 2: Closed meeting. Fair Board election and presentation of financial reports from Fair.

December 10: Wreaths Across America for deceased veterans at Cullman City Cemetery at 10AM. Lion will be needed to help transport wreaths and with placement of wreaths. Details to follow.



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December 16: Fair appreciation dinner at Cotton Creek. Details to follow.

Tale Twister Input

See page 4 for Committee Assignments. Note:

At the request of Frank Odell, changes were made to Constitution & Bylaws (added Lion Frank Odell) and the New-Member Orientation (added Lions Richard Gurley, Steve Murphree, Raymond Williams, and Ginger Hogeland) Committees.

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	