



# The Tale Twister

## Cullman Lions Club

September 16, 2024

### Program

Lion Sam Roberts introduced our speaker tonight, the Honorable U.S. Congressman Robert Aderholt, serving Alabama's 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.



President Lion Chris Brooks, flanked by Congressman Robert Aderholt and his wife, Caroline.

Congressman Aderholt knew quite a few of our Lion members and shook most everyone's hand before sitting down to dinner. He stated that Cullman was really the heart of his district which has a population between 700,000 and 800,000 citizens. He said he is originally from Haleyville and had been home for the weekend before going back to Washington in the morning.

The Congressman wanted to give us an idea about what's going on in Washington right now. He says that Congress has been trying to pass budget appropriation bills for the budget year that starts October 1<sup>st</sup>. He explained that there is little doubt that the budget would not be passed by that time but would likely have to pass a continuing resolution to keep the government running until the budget was passed which is what has happened every year for the

past few decades. With varied contentious politicians numbering 435 house members and 100 senators, all with opinions on how to spend about a trillion dollars, he says that it's very difficult to reach a deal. But without at least a continuing resolution (CR) passed, the Government could declare a partial shutdown, which has sometimes occurred in the past. He said that the House has passed 5 out of a total of 12 appropriation bills, but that the Senate has not passed any, so far. A continuation bill may be passed for 60 days, 90 days, or 120 days. One of the impacts to getting the budget bills passed is the attachment of some congressmen adding pork within the bills. One bill that is certainly not pork, but he hopes to get approved is the "Save Act," which basically says that any non-citizen, whether in the U.S. legally or illegally, will not be allowed to register to vote and that allowing them to register would be a crime. This is something that many Democrats are against. This bill passed the House, but not the Senate. It will not be included in a CR, in order for the CR to pass without a related delay. He noted that in Alabama last year, three thousand non-citizens tried to vote. Congressman Aderholt also pointed out that the national debt is now \$35 trillion dollars. To provide an illustration as to how much even \$1 trillion is – he said that if you paid \$1 million every day since the time of Jesus, it would not reach \$1 trillion (you would have to keep paying just over another 715 years to get there). So, continuing to pass budgets that keep dramatically increasing debt is not a sustainable option.

Another issue or problem the Congressman addressed was the lack of border security. During the current administration, 10 million illegals have been detained at least, and another



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2 million are “got aways” that escaped to parts unknown in the U.S. 350 of those detained were on the terrorist watch-list. It appears that the current administration actually wants more illegals allowed into our country in hopes that they will vote for Democrats, despite the obvious potential harm it causes.

In concluding his address, Congressman Aderholt talked about how important getting out the vote will be in this coming Presidential election across the Nation. All 435 House members are up for re-election. At this point, the Republicans only have a 4-seat majority, with 13 seats up for grabs, going either way. In the Senate, the Democrats have a 1 seat majority with 34 seats up for re-election and 7 states that could go either way (These seven states are Arizona, Montana, Michigan, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.). The Presidential race is really neck and neck at this point, and these same seven states that likely decide the senate majority will likely determine the Presidential race also.

Congress Aderhold reminded us that he has an office here in Cullman. His staff in this office are Mr. Carson Clark and Ms. Jennifer Ray, from whom you may address political concerns or seek other assistance; he also said that you may call him directly.

### Other Business

Lion President Brooks said that he had an email from Lion Ron Seybold, who wrote that he was not doing well with his experimental cancer treatments and was still in much pain and on oxygen, full-time. Lion Bill Ruehl had a call from Lion Wendell Copeland who said that he was still down with Covid. Lion Randy Kraft’s brother passed away. We need to keep these Lions in our prayers.

We had great news tonight that 3 new Lions had been accepted into our Club. Lion Javon Daniel introduced new Lion Ory Hampton. Lion Ory was our program speaker several weeks ago as the Director of Development at the Christian School. Next, Lion Delane Ray introduced his brother, new Lion Danny Ray. Lion Danny has been retired for four years, having spent most of his career working for First Alabama Farm Credit. He has been a Lion before at Fairview and is looking forward to helping all he can for our Club. The third new Lion was introduced by Lion Richard Gurley; this was new Lion Quinten Poulin who recently moved to Cullman from Huntsville. He has been employed in Lion David Bussman’s construction business and has worked the past 4 years during our Fair in the Lion’s Concession Stand.



**New Lion Ory Hampton.**



**New Lion Danny Ray.**



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New Lion Quinten Poulin.

### Upcoming Programs and Events

September 26: Good Samaritan Dinner at Cotton Creek at 6:00PM. A special table for 8 will be provided for the Lions. The meal will include steak and shrimp followed by a live auction. See Lion Brooks for tickets.

September 28: Cullman County Fair Parade. Lions should assemble to help at 10:00AM at the City Parking Garage. Also, Fair exhibits begin to be received at 9:00AM in Bldg #1 of Fairgrounds. See the calendar at [Cullmanfair.org](http://Cullmanfair.org) for more information.

September 30: Fair kick-off, Monday meeting and work night. Hot dogs/hamburgers served starting at 4:00PM with expectations being completed before 6:00PM.

October 3 - 12: Cullman County Fair. All hands.

October 22: The Farm-City organization is having a Proclamation Breakfast at Alabama Farm Credit at 9:AM. See Lion Brooks for tickets.

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

See page 3 for initial Fair Assignments and page 4 for Committee Assignments. See me if you have been left off lists.

### 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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<b>FAIR WORK ASSIGNMENTS 2024</b>			
<b>A AG EXHIBITS</b>		<b>E GATES</b>	<b>H PARKING</b>
1 Mitchell, Brad		1 Scott, Tim	1 Roberts, Samuel
2 Murphree, Steve	+Gates	2 Willingham, Barry	2 White, Richard
3 Krigbaum, George		3 Byrd, Jeff	3 Aker, Adam
4 Osborne, Fred		4 Doggett, Douglas	4 Clay, Claude
5 Spradlin, Doug		6 Earnest, Michael	5 Crocker, Champ
6		7 Frost, Tyler Jordan	6 Duke, Kelly
		8 Gadow, Craig	7 Fromhold, Michael
<b>B BARN</b>		9 Galin, Jerry	8 Hogue, Matthew
1 Kraft, Randy		10 Gambrill, Chad	9 Gentry, Matt
2 Smith, Riley		11 Gudger, Garlan	10 Jackson, Quin
3 Brooks, Chris		12 Hogeland, Ginger	11 James, Patrick
4 Ponder, Mike		13 Horton, Jimmy	12 Lawson, Jeff
5 Ray, Delane		14 Howard, James	13 Mangum, Mike
6 Slaten, Terry		15 Jacobs, Woody	14 Manning, Andrew
		16 Murphree, Steve	15 McSwain, Steven
<b>C CONCESSIONS</b>		17 Peek, Rickey	16 Parrish, Milford
1 Bussman, David		18 Pfeifer, Tom	17 Peacock, David
2 Gurley, Richard		19 Rodgers, Steve	18 Ponder, Eric
3 Cartee, Steve	+Theater	20 Scott, Don	19 Presto, Patrick
4 Goodwin, David		21 Smith, Jerry	20 Ray, Joshua
5 Hampton, Ory		22 Sumner, Dewayne	21 Rainwater, Clark
6 Odell, Frank		23 Twilley, Dean	22 Spaeth, Brian
7 Pinion, James		24 Waldrep, Bo	23 Yearwood, Declan
8 Poulin, Quinten		25 Walker, Alan	
9 Roden, Tyler		26 Wilhite, Terry	<b>I Security</b>
10 Tielking, Jason		27 Williams, Raymond	1 Gentry, Matt
11 Wiggins, David		28 Wren, Jeffrey	2 Lawson, Jeff
12 Williams, Jeff			
		<b>F THEATER</b>	
<b>D OFFICE</b>		1 Robinson, Chris	<b>J INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS</b>
1 Bonner, Jerry	+Mainten	2 Childers, Charles	1 Berse, Dennis
2 Wilt, Bill		3 Boozer, Bryan	2 Berse, Shannon
3 Seybold, Ronald		4 Cartee, Steve	3 Copeland, Wendell
4 Smith, Don		5 Daniel, Javon	4 Doggett, Douglas
5 Starosta, Scott		6 Floyd, Chad	5 Gratz, Dave
6 Thompson, Carey			6 Green, Cleve
		<b>G MAINTENANCE</b>	7 Mangum, Morris
		1 Ruehl, Bill	8 Murphree, Gary
		2 Powell, Charles	9 Perry, Howard
		3 Wilson, Dewayne	10 Speakman, Lummie
		4 Wilt, Bill	11 Williams, Doug
			12 Williams, James



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<b>President Chris Brooks</b>							
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
<b>1st VP Delane Ray</b>							
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					
<b>2nd VP Jeff Lawson</b>							
Committees	Chair	Co-Char					
Area Lion's Liason	Craig Gadow	Scott Starosta					
Constitution & Bylaws	Craig Gadow	Steve Murphee					
House & Food	Dennis Berse	Fred Osborne					
Member Information	Charlie Powell	Dave Gratz					
Song Leader	Richard White	Chris Robinson					
Youth Leos	David Wiggins	Jeff Lawson					
<b>3rd VP David Wiggins</b>							
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					