



# THE LIONS TALE

Alexandria Lions Club

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**WE SERVE!**

## Birthdays

Billy Hughes, Jr. 01/27

## Board Meeting

02/13/12 at 6:00 pm

Location to be announced

## 2011-2012 Board

### President

**Darryl Andrews**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

**Stacy Auzenne**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

**Jacob Bryan**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President

**Bill Bush**

### Secretary/Treasurer

**James Ballard**

### Tail Twister

**Dave Perry**

### Lion Tamer

**Michael Kearney**

### Membership Chair

**David Caplan**

### Ex-Officio

**Hank Smart**

### Board Members

**Glen Armand**

**Susan Ballard**

**David Caplan**

**Joe Daniels**

**Kermit Pharris**

**Jim Waters**

**Willie Watson**

### Editor

**Kermit Pharris**

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**Call to order:** President Darryl Andrews

**Pledge:** Lion Chuck Tosten **Prayer:** Lion Kermit Pharris

**Two Card Draw:** Lion Jim Ballard and Lion Chuck Tosten. No winner today.

**Guests:** Norrine Caplan, wife of Lion David Caplan  
Ken Nelson, husband of Lion Lee Ann Nelson

### Tail Twister Fun – “The Double Whammy”

Tail Twister Dave's questions may be getting easier **OR** our lions are getting smarter: Selected participants today were **Lion Brent Caplan** (When was the first U.S. patent issued and for what?) – Answer: July 31, 1790 for making potash; **and Lion Chuck Tosten** selected by Lion Brent, (What is the only country in the world that will not, by law, allow divorce?) – Answer: Philippine Islands. Both Lion Brent and Lion Chuck answered incorrectly. Your Editor saw at least one \$1.00 bill moving across the room for a fine. What happened to the other one?????

### Piccadilly Lunch

Even though there were several dressed for the drawing, there was no drawing. Your Editor does not know why, but thought he heard something like *somebody could not catch up with the manager* or something like that. Those wearing Lions attire were: Lions Gary Van Horn, Darryl Andrews, James Ballard and Dave Perry.

### Attendance Prize

Lion Andy Smith missed the \$15 attendance prize.

### Announcements and Comments

Lion President told a couple of jokes. Your Editor did not record the jokes or the punch lines!

Lion Monceaux left the room before the club could get an update from Baton Rouge. HMMMM!

The District 8-I Conference will be held in Monroe on February 18 and 19. As a reminder, the club will pay each attending member's registration and one night at the hotel. Entertainment is expected to be SUPER! International Director, Dr. Gary Anderson will be a guest speaker.

Lion Sam Echols, Mayor of the Village of Forest Hill, informed the club that regardless of what has been published in the newspaper and heard on television, he **IS** and **INTENDS TO BE** the Mayor of Forest Hill until there is a recall and he is removed by Police Chief Bear Carroll. He has no intentions of sending a “resignation letter” to the Secretary of State.

Lion David encouraged those present to plan to walk in the American Heart Association Heart Walk on March 3, 2012. Club members have previously walked in honor of Dr. Tom Davis and funds collected were matched by the club up to \$500. More information is forthcoming

Mr. Gary Perkins was to speak today, but Lion President overbooked speakers. Mr. Perkins agreed to return at a later date.

### Upcoming Programs

02/01/2012	Alexandria Mayor Jacques Roy	“State of the City”
02/08/2012	Pineville Mayor Clarence Fields	“State of the City”
02/15/2012	Lions Open Forum	
02/22/2012	Mr. Charlie Weems	LSU / Politics / Football
02/29/2012	Mr. Charlie Elliott	“Million Air Alexandria”

### Today's Speaker

Our own Lion Lee Ann Nelson who is Major Lee Ann Nelson with the Salvation Army gave a great update on the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army was started in 1865, the same year President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. It was started out of the Methodist Church by William Booth in London, England. Within 5 years it had spread to over 100 countries. Both Lee Ann and her husband Ken work for the Salvation Army. Ken is a paid employee and Lee Ann is a volunteer. \$20,000 in cash contributions (of which the Alexandria Lions club directly gave \$350) allowed the Salvation Army to provide a great Christmas for so many deserving CENLA residents. The Salvation Army in Central Louisiana gave out 157 bicycles. Four Hundred sixty families were assisted and 732 children received toys. After several questions, the club evidenced it's appreciation to Lee Ann and Ken with applause and Lions Club coasters.

**See you next Wednesday – Bring a guest or a “missing-in-action” member!**