



**WE SERVE!**

## CALENDAR

MidWinter Conference  
Best Western  
Feb. 20-21

## SPEAKERS

Chris Carlone, Louisiana  
Eye Foundation Jan 21

## BIRTHDAYS

1/1 Richard Anderson

1/6 Andy Juneau

1/9 Viola Britt

1/12 Norman Thompson

1/14 Joe Daniels

## Door Prize

Lion Kermit missed winning \$15, so next week some lucky Lion has a chance to win \$20.

# THE LIONS TALE

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**January 14, 2009**

To all who asked, YES WE HAVE A NEWSLETTER!

The busyness of the holiday season kept your editor away from some meetings. But it's a new year and we once again will have regular newsletters.

The good news is that the Club kept meeting and business was conducted.

We gave away LOTS of money during the Lions Tale hiatus.

The \$10,000 Raffle was won by our own Lion Aaron, who has spent almost that much buying tickets over the past 20+ years. Lion Beverly is busy spending the \$3,000 she won in Buenos Aires (I am not kidding).

But the REAL winners were our state projects. We raised more than \$20,000 to be split between the LA Lions Foundation and the LA Lions Camp. Thanks to all the Lions who sold tickets.

The Cash for Gas winner was thrilled since BOTH of her cars were in the shop and the repair totals were almost \$2500, the amount she won in the raffle.

The Two Card Draw deck was new this week. Last week, Lion Lamar's grandson, a college student, won \$200. But this week, Lion Marion Cheney and Lion John Simon couldn't find a joker.

Lion Amy McGinity attended the meeting and presented a check for \$1000 for the Lions Camp to the Club. Each year, her husband's medical practice gives this in lieu of purchasing fruitcakes, candy or baskets for their business holiday gifts. So let's give a big Lions salute to the doctors who were honored with this gift and a big Lions THANKS to Lion Amy and Dr. McGinity for their thoughtful generosity.



## 2008-09 Lion Board

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Lion Emile Belgard was presented a check for \$120 (one quarter's dues) for bringing in a new member. Unfortunately, the quarterly bill was presented at the same time! Don't let that check burn a hole in your pocket, Lion Emile!

## UPCOMING EVENTS—

The Lions MidWinter Conference is in Alexandria at the Best Western on Feb. 20-21. Anyone wanting to attend needs to sign up with Lion Aaron. There is a banquet on Saturday night.

On Friday, Feb 20, the Club is sponsoring the Gumbo Dinner and social for the Conference. Lion Mike Monceaux is cooking and we need Lions to help serve and clean up. The Gumbo Dinner will be at the Main St Community Center in Pineville.

The Forest Hill Nursery Festival is March 20-22. Your Board voted to have two booths. We will sell raffle tickets for the state projects raffle at one, and we will hold our own raffle at the other. Lion Pam is looking for a riding mower, edger, blower, etc to make a nursery package for us to raffle.

Our Outback Fundraiser will be Administrative Professionals week in April. Be thinking of how you will market your tickets and what businesses you might contact. More info will be available soon.

In case you didn't figure it out, the meeting this week was our monthly Lions Forum where we discuss Club business. Lion President Bob gave a "state of the club" update. Our current membership is 93, down a bit from the beginning of our year in July. For the first half of the year, our Cubsight program screened 1,004 children and made 63 referrals. Twenty-five Lions worked 86.35 hours. We'll start screening again soon.

On a personal note, your editor is changing jobs effective Feb. 1. Please make a note of the new e-mail address.