



**WE SERVE!**

## CALENDAR

Board Meeting at Cajun Catfish on Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.

MidWinter Conference  
Best Western  
Feb. 20-21

USA/Canada Forum in  
Memphis Sept 24-26

## SPEAKERS

Heart Association 2/4

## BIRTHDAYS

Belated wishes to Lion  
Marion Chaney 1/22

## Door Prize

The door prize was missed again, so next week it rises!!!!

# THE LIONS TALE

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**January 28, 2009**

Well, in spite of my declaration that yes, we have a newsletter, maybe it won't be weekly! Actually, I was out of town last week, so that's why we missed one.

Lion Chris Carlone from the Louisiana Eye Foundation was the speaker last week. He brought some terrific information to the club. He is returning on Saturday to pick up a TRUCKLOAD of eyeglasses that have been collected from the Central Louisiana area. On Saturday around noon or 1 p.m. Lion Aaron, Lion Gary and Lion Chris are loading the truck. **THEY NEED YOUR HELP!!!** Contact Lion Aaron to help.

The Two Card Draw deck is finally losing some cards. Lion Tom Gallagher drew twice for the table, but couldn't find the jokers.

Lion Susie Miller, our newest Lion, received her pin today, accompanied by her sponsor, Lion Emile.

A former Lion, new to town, visited the Club today as Lion Emile's guest. Welcome to Michael Trueblood, who is with Peoples State Bank. Sgt. Linda Hall from the Salvation Army accompanied her husband, Lion Ron.

Lion Tim Brocato took a lot of ribbing from the group, but we sure were glad to see him again.

Our next Cubsight is Feb. 3 at Alexandria Country Day, starting about 9:30. We'll have about 60 students to screen.

## 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 Street Community Center in Pineville.



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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.

Lion Mary Wilmore introduced Angela Stewart of Red River Bank. She offers a number of financial seminars at the bank. She presented on the problem of Identity Theft. Often there is a spending spree attached to the theft. But often the cost is in the time it takes you to regain your good credit rating. How does it happen? Trash pickers, wallet theft, email phishing are common. But often it is an acquaintance or relative. Sometimes the thief will change the address on an inactive account so the victim doesn't realize there is a problem. What to do??? Deter, Detect and Defend.

To deter—shred, using a cross cut shredder, pre-approved credit offers, medical bills, anything with account information. Your SSN is the easiest way for a thief to steal. Don't use obvious passwords or PIN numbers. Only give information when YOU initiate the contact.

To detect—watch for statements to be sure the address hasn't been changed for mail to be diverted. If credit is denied when you didn't apply, then someone tried to open in your name. Check credit yearly. The only truly "free" site is [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).

To defend—you can call a credit bureau and have a fraud alert placed on your account. Anyone opening a credit line on you will need extra careful ID on you. If 90 days isn't enough, you can get an extended 7-year alert. That requires a police report and affidavit. Military members on active duty can get an active duty fraud alert that lasts a year. A security freeze doesn't allow you or anyone to open a new account. It is free for those 62+ or victims. For others there is a \$10 fee and it costs \$8 to lift it. Closing old accounts can be a safety factor as well.

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