



# THE LIONS TALE

Alexandria Lions Club

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## WE SERVE!

### Birthdays

John Gilchrist – 02/04

Brent Caplan – 02/07

### 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 John Simon **Prayer:** Lion Gary Van Horn

**Two Card Draw:** Lion Tom Gallagher and Lion Lamar Joffrion. No winner today.

**Guests:** Norrine Caplan, wife of Lion David Caplan  
Brad Smith, business associate and friend of Lion Donna Vilar

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

Tail Twister Dave’s participants and questions: **Lion Jacob Bryan** (Which country produces the most crude oil?) – Correct answer: Russia; and **Lion Jimmy Bradford** selected by Lion Jacob (the 3<sup>rd</sup> person to Lion Jacob’s left), (Which former U.S. President spoke to his wife in a foreign language to keep private matters private and what was the name of the language?) – Correct answer: Herbert Hoover - Chinese. Both Lion Jacob and Lion Jimmy answered incorrectly. Your Editor never saw the fines move across the room. You Editor thinks we need an audit of the assessments and fines collected!!!!

#### Piccadilly Lunch

Of those wearing Lions attire today: Lions Gary Van Horn, Darryl Andrews, James Ballard and Dave Perry, Lion Secretary Jim was the winner of the free Piccadilly Lunch.

#### Attendance Prize

Lion Jacob Bryan won the \$10 attendance prize.

#### Announcements and Comments

Lion President told a couple of jokes. Again, *surprisingly*, your Editor did not record the jokes or the punch lines!

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.

The Forest Hill Nursery Festival will be held March 16-18 and again this year, the club will have two booths selling raffle tickets. Lion Willie Watson has details if you need them and he will need workers in the booths.

The Louisiana Lions Camp work days will be held March 23-25. Your Editor does not have information to share on this subject, but you should be able to get that from Lion Jim Ballard.

Lion Jim has two Lions pins available for a fee: Louisiana Pin and Prestige Pin. Please contact him if you are interested.

Lion Tom updated the club on Lion Harmon. He is in the Versailles and taking physical therapy. A visitor or two would be great! Harmon, we are thinking about you and remembering you in our prayers.

Lion Pat Wilson was back and apparently moving better. Good to have you back Pat!

#### Upcoming Programs

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

Lion Brent introduced Alexandria Mayor Jacques Roy as today’s speaker. Mayor Roy is the 23<sup>rd</sup> mayor of Alexandria and is in his second term. According to Mayor Roy, Alexandria came through the “Great Recession” with a \$4.8M surplus to create \$17M-\$18M fund balance. It took a lot of work. Overtime had to be cut and attrition helped eliminate the need to terminate personnel. Also, almost all Non-Government Organization spending was eliminated. To continue to survive strong, the city must require competent city leadership; it must become a knowledge based community; it must be engaged in the governance of the community and it must invest in infrastructure. After several questions, the club evidenced it’s appreciation to Mayor Roy with applause and a Lions Club coaster.

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