



WE SERVE!

CALENDAR

MidWinter Conference
Best Western
Feb. 20-21

Past Presidents'
meeting at Tunk's to
nominate officers and
Board for next year
March 3

USA/Canada Forum in
Memphis Sept 24-26

SPEAKERS

Christus Hospice –what is
hospice care and how are
volunteers utilized 2/18

United Way of Cenla on
agency accountability
2/25

BIRTHDAYS

Door Prize

Lion Joe Wolf missed
out on \$5. So next
week, the Door Prize
rises to \$10.

THE LIONS TALE

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Another week with no winner in the Two Card Draw! Lion Susie and Lion Karen couldn't find the jokers.

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.

The Forest Hill Nursery Festival is March 20-22. Plan now to help sell raffle tickets to raise money for our state projects.

Our Outback Fundraiser will be Administrative Professionals week in April. We actually have it scheduled for the "Day" on Wednesday, April 22. We have two seatings: 11:00 and 12:30. Take out tickets are also available. Tickets are \$15 and are a choice of steak or chicken, salad, bread, green beans, tea or cola, and cheesecake, with or without raspberry sauce. DELISH!!! See Lion Susan for tickets to sell! Gratuity is NOT included in the ticket cost. Guests will be encouraged to tip the volunteer wait staff. The use of the restaurant and labor is donated by Chris Meyer, manager of Outback. Many Club members plan to wear vests or polos and help the servers with water and tea. We are ordering extra brochures so that every guest will know what our club is about and the projects we support.



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Today was our monthly Lions Forum.

We are doing well with our fundraising projects. The Board voted to release the budgeted donations to the Louisiana Lions Camp and the Louisiana Eye Foundation. Our club is giving \$9500 to EACH. If our spring fundraisers go well, we will be able to donate even more! While our Activity Fund is doing well, our Club operating budget is feeling a cash flow pinch. If you are late paying your bill this quarter, please make an effort to at least partial pay. If 10 members are \$100 behind on the bill, that's a \$1000 cash flow crunch. Let's try to be more timely.

Lion David suggested that we try to get some publicity in the national Lions newsletter for our outstanding support of the Camp and Foundation. Many clubs don't give as much, yet get recognition.

Several Club members plan to participate in the Heart Walk on March 7. The Board voted to match member donations up to \$500. See Lion Aaron. We'd like to bundle the donations and give in memory of Lion Dr. Tom Davis who was instrumental in getting the heart center set up at Rapides Regional.

We need to continue to bring in new members to the Club. Remember that you will receive a quarter's free dues if you sponsor a new member. Lionism is a wonderful way to serve the community and we need to be proud of our accomplishments and invite others to serve with us.

The Past Presidents will meet on March 3 to nominate the Board and officers for election next year. If you have suggestions or would like to serve, please speak to a past president. They all have "past president" on their name badge, so they are easy to spot! The Board and officers work hard to keep the club growing and serving. They couldn't do it without support from the club, but the club wouldn't be effective without them. There is no "length of membership" requirement. New club members are welcome to volunteer to serve. You must be willing to meet monthly and to become active in the service projects of the club. Board members serve a one-year term.

No more Cubsight screenings are scheduled for the spring. If you have a specific request, we'll try to accommodate it, but we are not contacting new schools or day cares. Many of our volunteers are busy with tax season.