



# THE LIONS TALE

Alexandria Lions Club

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**WE SERVE!**

## Birthdays

C.C. Prudhomme – 12/27  
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### Editor

*Kermit Pharris*

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**Call to order:** President Darryl Andrews

**Pledge:** Lion Mike Monceaux **Prayer:** Lion Gary Van Horn

**Two Card Draw:** Lion John Paul Adams and Lion David Caplan. No winner today.

**Guests:** Ben Caplan – Son of Brent Caplan, Grandson of David Caplan  
Georgia Brown and Julia Funderburk – Members of the Heart City  
Pacesetters Lions Club supporting the speaker, Ingrid Johnson  
Toma Epps – Co-worker of Linda Smith at Capital One Bank

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

Tail Twister Dave hit us hard with difficult questions, but one participant knew the answers: Selected participants today were **Lion Brent Caplan** (Which former U.S. President could read from an English text and translate and rewrite that text simultaneously? What were the two foreign languages and with which hand did he write the translation? – Answer: James A Garfield; left hand: Latin; right hand: Greek. and Lion Mike Monceaux selected by Lion Brent, (How many pounds are in a long ton?) – Answer: 2,240. The Pres and Tail Twister both had to put up a dollar as **Lion Brent answered correctly**. Lion Mike was obligated to pay the Tail Twister \$1.00 as his response was incorrect AND he did not have on his Lions Pin!

### Announcements

A Christmas card and open envelope was passed around for a gift for our waitress. We collected \$125.25 for her and presented it at the meeting. She was very appreciative.

In response to the theft of bicycles from the Salvation Army, the club sent around a bag to collect funds. Lion Joe Crouch sent the Editor an email later in the day stating:

The club responded to the theft of bicycles at the Salvation Army by collecting (in the meeting) and donating \$450.00 to the Salvation Army. I delivered the check immediately after the meeting. While I was there, I checked on the total collected by our Lions manning of the Red Kettles on December the 3<sup>rd</sup>. I am pleased to report that our Lions collected a grand total of \$2,263.10 for the Salvation Army that day. Perhaps you will have an opportunity to pass this information along with your next Lions Tale. Once again, our Lions Club has stepped up to the plate and done an amazing job. Way to go Lions.

**The club will not meet on December 28<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be January 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### Speaker

Today's speaker was Ms. Ingrid Johnson, a local attorney who created DREAM (Determined to Reach, Expose And Motivate) This youth leadership development group is dedicated to instilling in youth the desire to love God, love who they are and serve others. Through planned learning experiences, participants are given the opportunity to enhance their character, expand their skills, interest and creativity and focus on influencing change in the community. Involvement in the group provides growth in the areas of competence, confidence, and responsibility, which shows a commitment to being the leaders of tomorrow. Ms. Johnson founded DREAM in 2002 with the assistance of some legislative funding. It provides services for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders and is currently partnered with the Heart City Pacesetter Lions Club. Ms. Johnson is very determined and her enthusiasm was appreciated by the club. After she was thanked with applause, Lion President Darryl gave her an Alexandria Lions Club coaster. She was again thanked with applause.

### Piccadilly Lunch

Lion President announced Lion Gary as “winner” of the Piccadilly lunch amongst those wearing Lions Club attire at this meeting: D. Andrews, G. Van Horn, and J. Daniels

### Attendance Prize

Tail Twister Dave was the winner of the \$20 attendance prize.

**Merry Christmas & Happy Hanukkah to all!**