



# THE LIONS TALE

Alexandria Lions Club

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**WE SERVE!**

## Birthdays

According to the records provided to the Editor, no Alexandria Lions have birthdays falling between 09/15 and 09/21!

## 2011-2012 Lion Board

### President

*Darryl Andrews*

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### 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:** Lion President Darryl Andrews

**Pledge:** Lion Bob Hollingsworth, PDG      **Prayer:** Lion Kermit Pharris

**Two Card Draw:** Lion Chuck Tosten and his compadres were the lucky "drawers". They **ALSO** won the \$200 pot on the 2<sup>nd</sup> card drawn.

**Guests:** None

#### Announcements:

The Lion President opened the meeting by welcoming Alexandria Lions to the Open "Mic" Forum meeting. He acknowledged that there were no guests and that there would be no **Tail Twister "Double Whammy"** fun as the Tail Twister was absent.

[Actually we had three visitors, but they sat in the other part of the restaurant. A 'Colonel' Hale??, a Leesville Lion, came in and fixed his plate and a plate for his wife and a sitter rather than going through the normal serving line. ????? Lion President simply remarked, "Once a lion, always a lion."]

Lion Markay gave an update on the upcoming Lions 'Holiday' Gala which is scheduled for Tuesday evening, December 6, 2011 and will be held at the Diamond Grill downtown. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 pm and the meeting/remaining festivities will begin at 6:30 pm.

Lion Susan was asked to talk about a new fundraiser – Poinsettia Sale. We will be selling red poinsettias with a green pot wrap for \$10 each. Pre-orders must be in by October 26<sup>th</sup> and they will be delivered on November 29<sup>th</sup>. A blank order form is attached to this edition of *The Lions Tail* so that you can start taking orders right-a-way. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lion Susan. Her phone numbers are on the order form. [FYI: A poinsettia is a euphorbiaceous perennial native to Mexico and Central America, with variously lobed leaves and brilliant scarlet bracts. It is most often associated in the U.S. with Christmas festivities. The plant was named after J.R. Poinsett, 1779-1851, a U.S. Minister to Mexico who discovered the plant there in 1826.]

Lion President asked Lion Glen to speak briefly about the Cubsight Eye Screening program that we are so involved in. His handout material is provided and will surely prompt questions. Please feel free to give Lion Glen a call. He will surely be glad to answer those questions and sign you up as a volunteer to assist in screening.

Screening is done on children between 12 and 60 months of age. Generally speaking, the normal screening session requires one 'camera' operator, one greeter, one staging person and two to four scribes to process the paperwork. Under normal circumstances, the rate for screening is about one per minute. However, if the child or others in the room are unruly, it will take longer. It is always best to keep the child as quiet as possible and the center workers are great about assisting in that regard.

At a distance of about 18" from the eye, the 'camera' can detect "far" and "near" sightedness, astigmatism, and some tumors. The normal rate of referral from our screens is 8% to 10%.

Lions are encouraged to wear a Lions vest or other Lions attire and refrain from any negative comments that could spook the children. Children should be encouraged to remain quiet and still during the very brief process. Occasionally a child will need to be steadied to encourage a timely and accurate screening.

Thanks Lion Glen for leading in this program and for sharing the process with club members.

**Other Business:** Lion Bob requested loading assistance from club members on this coming Sunday afternoon. (Meet at the soccer field near the Renaissance Home.) Lion Emile Belgard's uncle has donated his eye examination chair and equipment to Louisiana Lions and Lion Bob will be transporting that equipment.

Lion Chuck reminded those present of the upcoming opportunity to "Ring the Bell" for The Salvation Army. Those present would like two dates at the same location if possible.

The \$15K Raffle Drawing will be held at Harold Miles Park on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 6:00 pm. Lion Kermit has offered to provide the food for the event.

Next week's program will be presented by **Dr. Barber - The Louisiana Maneuvers**.

Lion Jacob reminded members about the Susan G. Komen Race for The Cure and the Lions' participation in that event. Please register early. Wear your Lions vest or other Lions attire and the club will pick up your registration fee. The club will match all contributions up to a total of \$500.

#### Piccadilly Lunch

Lion Gary was announced "winner" of the Piccadilly lunch amongst those wearing Lions Club attire at this meeting: J. Ballard, B. Hollingsworth. C. Tosten

**Attendance Prize:** Tom Ryder won the \$15 attendance prize.