



WE SERVE!

CALENDAR

Feb 15-16—District
Lions mid-winter
Conference at the Best
Western in Alexandria

Nursery Festival Raffle-
March 14, 15, 16

SPEAKERS

Feb 20 David Williams,
Natural Resource
Conservation Service

Feb 27—Bill Fontenot of
Cleco will update us on the
power plant construction

BIRTHDAYS

John Geiger 2/14
Ashley Rhodes 2/14

THE LIONS TALE

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Lion Pam Wunderlich led the pledge of allegiance and **Lion Kermit Pharris** led in prayer.

The **2 Card Draw** grew once again. We were trying to give away \$352, but **Lion Bob Hollingsworth** and **Lion Chuck Tosten** couldn't find the jokers. Your trusty editor proved they were there as she returned the deck to the box to wait for next week's draw.

Lion Jenny Sooter came to the meeting in hopes of winning the door prize. But **Lion John Amos** missed the \$95 and so someone has the chance at an even \$100 next week.

Someone's car alarm went off during the announcements. Many Lions were in and out, checking the safety of their cars. Lion Mike, if so many Lions are worried about cars, maybe you can do some business!

Announcements:

Lion Chuck updated the club on **Lion Harmon**. He has moved to his daughter's house to continue recovery in Baton Rouge.

Lion Sam announced that our Club will raffle off a shotgun at the Forest Hill Nursery Festival, March 14, 15, and 16. Sign up sheets to sell tickets will go out in Feb. Mark your calendars NOW!! It's a beautiful festival and lots of fun. We need to raise money for the Camp and Eye Foundation.

Lion Lamar announced that he attended the Eye Foundation Board meeting last week. The made about \$115,000 from the Bowl game raffles. One Lion in Natchitoches sold more than 100 tickets (at \$100 each). Wow! That's a salesman!

Congratulations to Lion James and Lion Susan for **Leo Jenny's** wonderful accomplishments. She was selected as the Rapides Parish High School Student of the Year. What a terrific kid! We are so proud that she is "one of ours."



**2007-08
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Today was our monthly Lions Forum where we conduct the business of the Club and learn more about Lionism.

Our President was out sick with the flu, but Lion Bob was a worthy VP.

He reviewed the actions of your Board at the meeting on Feb. 12. He reminded the Club that so far this year, we have given more than \$34,000 to charity, primarily the Camp and Eye Foundation. We talk a lot about our fundraising events such as the Shotgun Raffle, Golf Tournament and the upcoming Outback Fundraiser, but we shouldn't lose sight that the reason for these is our charities. Last year we gave \$53,000, so we still need to raise more to meet that record.

Lion Hank Smart announced that the Golf Tournament committee is seeking corporate sponsors for the Tournament. The more we get, the more we give.

Lion Susan (recovering from surgery and taking care of Lion James) has arranged for our Outback Fundraiser on April 24. This is the Thursday of Secretary's Week.

Tickets may be sold for the 11:00 seating, the 12:30 seating or for carryout. Diners may select either a steak or chicken. This is a full meal with salad, bread, dessert and drink. Tickets are \$20. The servers work for tips only, so please encourage folks to leave a gratuity. This is a wonderful fundraiser for the club with very little effort. All we need is for members to sell tickets to their business contacts. Last year was our first effort and we raised about \$1300 for our charities.

Lion Beverly is working on a Spring Social. She passed out sign up sheets for Lions to carpool to Mariner's in Natchitoches for dinner on April 5. There is a wonderful music festival that day. Carpools can go early or stay late to enjoy music on the river. Lion Bob went last year and said it was a great show.