



WE SERVE!

CALENDAR

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

Tues. March 10 - 6PM Board Meeting at Ryan's, Pineville, in front of Walmart.

USA/Canada Forum in Memphis Sept 24-26

SPEAKERS

United Way of Cenla on agency accountability
2/25

March 4 - Lion's forum

March 11 - State Legislator Chris Roy, Jr.

March 18 - City Council President Myron Lawson.

March 25 - Mr Don Guillory, Executive Director, Rapides Parish Coliseum

BIRTHDAYS

Lion President Bob Hollingsworth

Lion Bruce Adams

Door Prize

Lion Darryl Andrews won \$10-- Put it to good use!

THE LIONS TALE

Alexandria Lions Club

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February 18, 2009

The Club's luck with 2 Card Draw continues. Lion Scotty looked for the joker on behalf of the table, and Lion Bob tried as well, but the jokers couldn't be found.

WELCOME BACK, Lion Matilde!!!! We were thrilled to see Lion Matilde back with us after too long an absence.

Lion Karen brought as her guest, Ashley Davis who is with the Crisis Intervention Team program. They train law enforcement on better ways to handle citizens with mental illness. Come back anytime, Ashley.

UPCOMING EVENTS—

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.



**2008-09
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Your editor has started a new job as the Bereavement and Volunteer Coordinator with Christus Hospice, and gave a brief overview of the volunteer needs at the Hospice.

We use "friendly visitors" to chat with patients and their families. Clerical volunteers help with mailouts and filing in the hospice office. There will be a volunteer orientation on Thursday, Feb. 26 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Christus Hospice office at 4801 Jackson St, Suite B, located behind Patton Jewelers.

Our speaker today was Todd Curtis, Account Manager, with Christus Hospice. Most people don't realize the wide range of services available through hospice. A common mistake is to wait too long before signing up for the services. Patients not only can receive visits from an aide to help with bathing and personal care, but nurses, a social worker and the chaplain visit regularly as well. One question was how does hospice differ from home health. Hospice can provide more services more frequently than home health. It is the next step in care.

Christus is a faith based organization and provides the only not-for-profit hospice in Central Louisiana. Because of the non-profit status, there are some funds available to provide for additional needs of patients that may not be covered by insurance. Medicaid, Medicare and many private insurances fully cover hospice care. Hospice provides most medicines and supplies needed by patients.

The area's first In Patient Unit for hospice care will open in March. Christus Hospice has leased a wing of the Summit Nursing home and has furnished it in a homelike manner. There will be 8 patient beds to start with. There will be full time coverage of a RN, LPN and CNAs at the unit. Patients who are at the end stage (5-7 days before death) often are too sick to remain at home, but don't want to go to a hospital. This is a good place which has nursing coverage 24/7 as a hospital does, but has space for up to 2 family members to spend the night in the room with the patient. It is a less formal and more comfortable space than a hospital. Christus hopes to be able to expand to 16 beds as need demands.

Families may call Christus Hospice at 448-6764 to schedule an assessment if they have a family member who may be in need of hospice services.