



**WE SERVE!**

**CALENDAR**

Nursery Festival Raffle-  
March 14, 15, 16

April 24—Outback  
Fundraiser

**SPEAKERS**

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

**BIRTHDAYS**

Bob Hollingsworth 2/21  
Bruce Adams 2/24  
Patty Gauthier 2/25  
Jimmy Redfearin 2/25  
Fritzi Fine 2/27

# THE LIONS TALE

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**February 20, 2008**

**Lion Jimmy Bradford** led the pledge of allegiance and **Lion Rev. Gary Van Horn** led in prayer.

The **2 Card Draw** grew once again. We were trying to give away \$382, but **Lion Scotty Yeager** couldn't find the jokers, even with TWO tries on behalf of his table.

God must be trying to tell the Bishop to return to our club meetings. Lion Bishop Herzog missed a huge door prize once again. It was \$90 in January and \$100 today. Next week someone could win \$105.

Want to start some gossip? Since **Lion David Caplan** was too busy filling his plate, **Lion Kermit** introduced the lovely Norrine as his guest. We're always glad to visit with Norrine, no matter who claims her as a guest!

Our intrepid Tail Twister read a soliloquy himself today. Lion Gary corrected identified the "these are the times that try men's souls" speech as being authored by Thomas Paine.

Sympathy to Lion Karen Hamilton on the death of her grandmother.

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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 Beverly announced our Spring Social, a trip to Natchitoches for the Cane River Rhythm & Blues Festival. She passed around sign up sheets for Lions to carpool to Mariner's for dinner on April 5. Carpools can go early or stay late to enjoy music on the river.



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Lion President James Ballard noted that we received very nice thank you notes from both the Lions Eye Foundation and the Lions Camp for our recent contributions. We gave \$14,500 to each plus Lion Andy Juneau raised \$1800+ for the Camp.

Lion James also mentioned that the Mid Winter Conference events were very nice. The cochon de lait on Friday and the banquet both were worth attending. Plan now to attend next year.

Lion Dave Perry introduced our speaker, David Williams, a conservationist with the Natural Resource Conservation Services. This agency has been known by a number of names, originally Soil Erosion. The organization is federally funded and works with private landowners. Their goal is to “help people help the land.”

Although they are federally funded, they are locally led. They have four major programs.

Environmental Quality (EQIP) provides financial and technical assistance to help with conservation. For example, if a farmer needs to pipe around a mudhole, the program could help pay for that. One local landowner is receiving help to eradicate honey locusts.

Conservation Technical Assistance is especially helpful for the nurseries in the area. They can advise about water, fences, grasses, etc.

Wetland Resource program can purchase easements to help redevelop wetland areas. And the Wildlife Habitat projects can help landowners with construction of habitats for ducks, crawfish and other wildlife.

The Emergency Watershed Protection program helped clear watersheds of debris after the hurricanes. They also have other programs to provide incentives to farmers using good conservation practices. The goal is “cooperative conservation.” It takes all of us to conserve our environment.