



WE SERVE!

CALENDAR

Board meeting 6 p.m. March 11 at Logan's Steakhouse

Nursery Festival Raffle-
March 14, 15, 16

April 24—Outback
Fundraiser

SPEAKERS

Lions Forum March 13

BIRTHDAYS

Lion Debbie Mafouz 2/28
Lion Glen Armand 3/13
Lion Linda Wright 3/13

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March 5, 2008

Last week was bad for me. So sorry I didn't get the newsletter done! And we had a guest, prospective new member Shirley Byrd who came with Lion Pam Wunderlich. Welcome!

Lion Glen Armand led the pledge of allegiance and **Lion Rev. Gary Van Horn** led in prayer. (Last week it was **Lion Joe Crouch** and **Lion Sam Echols**)

The **2 Card Draw** grew once again. We were trying to give away \$476, but **Lion Tom Gallagher** couldn't find the jokers, even with TWO tries on behalf of his table of colonels (and Welcome back, Lion Harmon!). Obviously, last week **Lion Peck Twilley** and **Lion Sam Echols** also had no luck.

The door prize continues to grow each week. Last week, **Lion Bruce Adams** missed \$105, then **Lion Lee Fine** missed \$110 this week. Will someone win \$115 next week????

[Announcements:](#)

- Our Club will raffle off a shotgun at the Forest Hill Nursery Festival, March 14, 15, and 16. Lion Sam once again passed around the sign up sheets. Tickets are available NOW if you don't plan to attend to purchase one there.
- Lion Beverly reminded all of 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.
- Lion Susan Ballard again announced the Outback fundraiser on Thursday, April 24. Tickets will be available soon. Start contacting businesses now to see if they are interested for their Administrative Professionals.
- Lion President James Ballard noted that we received a very nice thank you note from District Gov. Lion Cathy Comeaux, thanking the club for help with the Mid Winter Conference.
- Lion David Caplan announced that the Temple Sisterhood is holding the annual corned beef lunch fundraiser on Tuesday, March 18. He has tickets if anyone is interested!



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- **Lion Bob Hollingsworth** distributed our spring Cubsight schedule. Team C starts on March 12, then Team A on March 13 at CCAC. Team B is March 18 and Team C again on March 19, all at CCAC. Your Team Leader will notify you of the exact location. We then start our schedule at church preschools. Watch the newsletter for dates and times. Included in the packet was a list of all teams and members. **Lion Sam Echols** leads Team A (473-3036), **Lion Henry Masson** leads B (443-8368) and **Lion Chuck Tosten** leads Team C (442-1016). If you'd like to join a team, you are MORE than welcome! WE SERVE!

Last week, **Lion Dave Perry** introduced our speaker, Bill Fotenot of Cleco. We learned about the construction of Rodemacher 3. The new plant is designed to help fight rising costs of power. It changes the proportions of natural gas and solids. Cleco estimates a cost savings of \$4 billion. The presentation was very interesting. The club especially enjoyed watching the fast forward time elapse photography of the construction.

Lion Jared Hicks introduced our speaker this week, Ed Robicheaux, who happens to be his father-in-law. Ed is with the Louisiana Forest Service. He started with pictures of the incredible damage of the hurricanes in 2005. Forest Service employees are often first on the scene at disasters because of their experience in fighting forest fires and dealing with crises. They have "incident management teams" who can travel the country to help out. The team from Pennsylvania had real problems with our heat and humidity.

He then turned to a discussion of typical and non-typical fires. The photos were amazing. Arson has decreased in the past few years, but damage is high because of the timing of the fires. Another problem is the political changes which have decreased the ability to respond in a timely manner to fires. Many don't realize that timber is a \$5 billion industry in Louisiana and is vital for our economic health. We now have about 3,000 fires per year, down from about 7,000 per year. Detection is the key as is timely response. Many states are instituting the "fire wise" program which establishes building codes for fire prevention and safety. Louisiana has not yet instituted this. However, some insurance companies will not insure houses built outside of the fire wise program guidelines.