



WE SERVE!

CALENDAR

Spring Social April 5

Board meeting is April 7
(a MONDAY) this month

The Past Presidents
meeting is Tuesday, April
8 at Tunks.

April 24—Outback
Fundraiser

SPEAKERS

April 2—Renaissance Home

BIRTHDAYS

THE LIONS TALE

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March 26, 2008

Lion Joe Wolf led the pledge of allegiance and **Lion Kermit Pharris** led in prayer.

The **2 Card Draw** was missed AGAIN! We are now down to 20 cards. Great odds, folks! **Lion Peck Twilley and Lion Lamar Joffrion** were the losers.

The door prize grew yet again. This time it was **Lion Jimmy Redfearin** who lost out. Next week we are up to \$130

Lion Dick Gates had as his guest his lovely wife, Charlene.

[Announcements:](#)

- Lion Beverly announced our Spring Social, a trip to Natchitoches for the Cane River Rhythm & Blues Festival and Mariner's for dinner on April 5. Many carpools will meet at Big Lots at 4 p.m. to head out. Be sure to sign up so the reservation number is correct at the restaurant.
- **Lion Susan Ballard** had flyers for the Outback fundraiser on Thursday, April 24. Different tickets are available for each of the two seatings or for take-out. Tickets also indicate whether chicken or steak is ordered. Start contacting businesses now to see if they are interested for their Administrative Professionals. Tickets are \$20 each (club makes about \$8)
- **The Golf Tournament is May 19.** You can contact Lion Mike Kearney at 445-9328 if you can help with hole sponsorships. The Team Entry Forms are available now.
- Lion Bob reported an interesting morning at **Cubsight** at Calvary Baptist this week. We have screened 136 more children since the last report. We go to 1st UMC Alex on April 2-3 at 9:30 (Teams A & B)
- Lion Harmon Dungan received a chevron for his pin recognizing his 25 years in the club from the International president.
- Lion Sam noted that Lion Bill Bush was promoted and is the CEO of HealthSouth. Congratulations Lion Bill!



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Lion Jared Hicks introduced our speaker, Randy Deaton, Senior Resident Agent with the FBI

The Alexandria office has 5 special agents and one support staff. The FBI has two branches—National Security and Criminal. Much of the National Security branch focuses on anti-terrorism. The main office in Louisiana is in New Orleans. Randy's supervisor is in Shreveport. The Alexandria office covers, Rapides, Winn, Avoyelles, LaSalle, Sabine, Natchitoches, Concordia, Catahoula and Grant parishes.

The FBI has stated their priorities: To protect from terrosits, espionage, cyber attacks, corruption, civil rights, international crime, white collar crime, violent crime and to upgrade technology. They handle all the bank robberies, about 2 per year. There is a lot of white collar crime in the area, mostly mortgage and bank fraud. They get a lot of civil rights complaints and have one agent who specializes in this area. Randy remarked that being stopped for a traffic ticket is not a civil rights violation.

Two of the agents in Alexandria are female. There are several task forces such as Safe Streets, Anti Gang, Violent Crime and a Hurricane Fraud task force. Randy works quite a few cases of hurricane fraud.

There have been several high profile public corruption cases in our area such as the recent arrest of the Boyce Police Chief and the Avoyelles sheriff. Randy was unable to comment on an on-going investigation or pre-trial case.

The FBI hires about .1% of applicants. In the past, all agents had to have law degrees or accounting degrees. The FBI is much more diversified now. You need a 4 year degree plus 5 years experience. However, accountants can still be hired just after college and lawyers are frequently hired just after law school. There are stringent physical fitness tests and an extensive background check.

Club members had many questions and enjoyed the presentation very much.