



THE LIONS TALE

Alexandria Lions Club

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WE SERVE!

CALENDAR

April 16, 2008

April 16 –Outback tickets and money DUE (call Susan if you need to wait until Thurs aft)

April 24—Outback Fundraiser

SPEAKERS

April 23—Lions Forum (election of officers and Board)

April 30—Lions Camp

BIRTHDAYS

Dick Gates 4/18

Bishop R. Herzog 4/22

Joe Crouch 4/25

Lion Mike Monceaux led the pledge of allegiance and **Lion Richard Anderson** led in prayer. There were no guests today.

The **2 Card Draw** was almost a full deck. **Lion Gary Van Horn** drew TWICE this week, but couldn't find the joker.

We gotta shuffle those cards! **Lion Jimmy Redfearin** would have won the \$5, AGAIN! Your editor didn't spot him in all the talking after the meeting, so I think we will go to \$10 next week. Either that, or Lion Aaron owes Lion Jimmy the door prize.

Announcements:

The second reading of the slate of nominations is.

President, Lion Bob Hollingsworth; *1st VP*, Lion Viola Britt; *2nd VP*, Lion Dave Perry; *3rd VP*, Lion Hank Smart; *Sec/Treas*, Lion PDG Aaron McAllister; *Tail Twister*, Lion Susan Ballard; *Lion Tamer*, Lion Joe Daniels; *Membership*, Lion Mike Kearney.

Board of Directors, Lion Beverly Price, Lion Pam Wunderlich, Lion Paul Blaise, Lion Bill Bush, Lion Mary Wilmore, Lion Joe Crouch, and *Ex- Officio*, Lion James Ballard.

- **The Golf Tournament is May 19.** Contact **Lion Mike Kearney** at 445-9328 if you can help
- **Lion Susan Ballard** was collecting tickets and money for the Outback fundraiser on Thursday, April 24. If you can sell a few more tonight, call Lion Susan NOW. She'll give Outback the final count and money tomorrow at noon.
- **Lion Chuck Tosten** reminded all that today is the 66th anniversary of Jimmy Doolittle's raid on Tokyo.
- The Club was recognized for working well with our Leo club. Both clubs received a "Serving Together" Banner patch.
- **Lion Richard Anderson and Lion John Simon** received Life Memberships from the Lions Eye Foundation for outstanding support.



2007-08 Lion Board

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Congratulations to **Lion President James and Lion Susan Ballard** for raising a wonderful daughter. Almost all at the meeting had seen the article in today's Town Talk about Leo Jenny being named the State's Ms Future Business Leader. Leo Jenny will compete at the FBLA National Convention.

Lion Beverly Price introduced our speaker, Dr. Scott Culpepper, history professor at Louisiana College. He presented a very interesting overview of the Civil War capture of New Orleans.

General Benjamin Franklin Butler was known as a "political" general. He was an attorney in Massachusetts who had a reputation for being a bit slick, finding loopholes in laws. One example was the law requiring that dog wear muzzles. His dog didn't like a muzzle, so he placed it on the dog's tail. The law didn't specify the dog's mouth. The law was soon changed. The Confederacy placed a chain across the Mississippi River just south of Ft. Jackson and Ft. St. Philip. The concept was that if ships did manage to get past the chain, they would be caught in the crossfire of the forts. There was little or no actual defense of New Orleans. They depended on the river defense holding. However, Admiral Farragout decided to run the chain. By the time the Confederacy learned of the plans, there was insufficient time to send reinforcements. After breaking the chain, they got past the forts and entered New Orleans. The confederate troops under Lovett evacuated. Gen Butler was sent to New Orleans by McClellan, who expected him to lose. New Orleans was a rough city. The people were angry at the confederates for leaving and at the union for conquering. Butler's 1st order was to allow the city government to continue ruling and to allow confederate currency to be legal. That all soon changed. Within 2 weeks the currency was declared void and the mayor was imprisoned. His most controversial order was #28. The women of New Orleans showed their disdain for the soldiers in a variety of ways. A Harper magazine cartoon depicted women spitting on the soldiers. Basically, Order #28 stated that any so called "lady" who insulted an officer would be treated as a prostitute and subject to fines and/or imprisonment. Dr. Culpepper shared several humorous examples of women's disdain. Butler's nicknames included "The Beast" and "Spoons." He had a habit of confiscating the silver from property owners in the area. Butler also had problems with the international community, especially with ambassadors. He allowed his brother, Andrew, to trade with Confederate ruled areas, although he fined internationals for doing the same. When Butler was relieved after about 7 months, three record books of his rule disappeared and have never been found.