



WE SERVE!

CALENDAR

May 6—
Board meeting,
6 p.m. at Fire
Mountain in
Pineville. This is a
week EARLY

SPEAKERS

May 8—Bob Tompkins,
sportswriter with the
Alexandria Town Talk

BIRTHDAYS

Bobby Lester	May 5
Brandon Sues	May 5
Jim Smilie	May 6
Geoffrey Bergman	May 7
Dave Perry	May 9

THE LIONS TALE

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Lion Henry Masson led the pledge of allegiance and **Lion Joe Crouch** led in prayer.

Guests today were Shirley Porterville (Lion Susan's mother) and Leo Jenny Ballard, guests of Lion James Ballard. Leo Jenny looked beautiful in her Sunday best. She and her grandmother had just come from Bolton's Senior Awards and Lion James admitted, when asked, that it took 3 of them to get all of Jenny's awards to the car.

And we were delighted to welcome the lovely Norinne Caplan, guest of Lion David.

The **2 Card Draw** is playing with a smaller deck each week. But **Lion Hank Smart** and **Lion Joe Crouch** couldn't find the jokers.

The Door Prize was \$15 and goes to \$20 next week since **Lion Michael Kearney** is obviously too busy planning the Golf Tournament to come to the meeting!

Announcements:

- **The Golf Tournament** is **May 19**. Contact **Lion Mike Kearney** at 445-9328 if you can help
- **Lion Susan Ballard** sent the report that we raised (cleared) \$1400 at the Outback fundraiser.
- **Lion Bob Hollingsworth** reported that our Club's Cubsight program screened a total of 1165 children with 178 hours of service. There were 40 referrals for possible problems, or 4% of those screened.



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Lion Bob Hollingsworth introduced our speaker, **Lion Ray Cecil** of the Lions Camp in Leesville.

Although there was some teasing about “the same old pictures,” Lion Ray did have a wonderful presentation with NEW photos from last summer, Lion PDG Lamar!!!

As always, it is so inspiring to see the smiles and hear the stories about the impact that Camp has on children. There were wonderful photos of children sitting in the grass, who normally are confined to a chair.

This is a busy time at Camp. There are several capital projects underway such as a covered area and sidewalks for the carnival. Rain shouldn't have to chase the campers indoors this year.

The American Camping Association accredits the Lions Camp. Camp offers two 1-week sessions for children with developmental disabilities, two 1-week sessions for children with physical challenges, and two 1-week sessions for diabetes camp. They serve about 500 kids in the six weeks of camps. There is a lot of interaction between campers and counselors. The ratio is 1:2 or 2 ½, or sometimes 1:1 depending on the camper's needs. Activities are modified as needed so that campers can participate in everything. The lakefront program is primarily for the diabetes camps.

Lion Ray thanked the Alexandria Lions Club for the wonderful support throughout the years. Our Club has given \$332,719 to the Camp as well as \$16,315 of in-kind gifts. We have provided scholarships for counselors for at least 20 years. He reminded the Club of the importance of Camp to the campers and their families

Before Lion Ray left, Club President Lion James presented a \$10,000 check from Lion Henry Masson, who also made a \$10,000 donation to the Eye Foundation. Although the Club gave Lion Henry a standing ovation, he quickly and quietly left before he could be photographed. Lion Henry exemplifies the Lions Motto—“We Serve” and doesn't need or want recognition. But we do appreciate you, Lion Henry.