



WE SERVE!

CALENDAR

Installation Banquet on **Tuesday, July 15** at the Conference on the Greens. (on Harold Miles Dr off Hwy 1) Social begins at 6:30 (cash bar) and dinner at 7 p.m.

NO MEETING on July 16

SPEAKERS

Interim Installation July 2

BIRTHDAYS

Belated birthdays to

Scott Brame 6/12

Gary Van Horn 6/18

Tommy Williams 6/24

Happy Birthday to:

Roy O. Martin III 6/29

Jimmy Bradford 7/03

James Ballard 7/07

Chuck Tosten 7/07

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Your editor hates to admit she was at the R--- International Convention last week.

Lion TJ Shufflin led the pledge of allegiance and **Lion Rev. Gary Van Horn** led in prayer.

Lion Richard Anderson had tickets TWICE in the 2-card draw this week, but couldn't find the joker.

Lion Chuck Tosten brought a guest, former Lion Wayne Ryan

Either your editor has finally gone mad with wedding stuff, or your president forgot to draw the door prize.

Announcements:

- The Installation Banquet scheduled for Tuesday, July 1 at the Conference Center on the Greens (on Harold Miles Dr. off Hwy 1, just north of Airbase Road) has been postponed due to the vandalism at the site. The new date is Tuesday, July 15 at the Conference on the Greens. The Club voted to postpone rather than find a new location. We wanted to support the business in their time of stress. We will have an abbreviated installation at the meeting July 2.
- We **WILL** meet on July 2, but we will NOT meet on July 16 following the Installation Banquet.
- Your kinder, gentler Tail Twister, PDG Lion Joe Wolf, turned in the proceeds from his year as Tail Twister. The grand total was \$123.55.
- More was added to that total after the auction of an Air Force tie. Lion Marion Chaney was the high bidder at \$15.



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Today was our scheduled Lions Forum. But before we got started, Lisa Harris from the City of Alexandria stopped by to let us know about a special opportunity.

Que'in on the Red is held each March. Judges for the competition are trained by the Memphis BBQ Network. The organization is holding a training class for interested locals to become BBQ judges. The class is Saturday, August 9 from 8-2:30. The cost is \$30. Two teams will provide entries to be "judged" as practice. Once you are trained, you can judge Memphis BBQ Network events in nearby areas. Once you judge 3 events, you are "certified" and invited to judge all over the country. The deadline to register for this training is July 25. The next Que'in on the Red is scheduled for March 20-21, 2009.

During the Lions Forum Lion President James wanted us to learn more about Lions programs that stay under the radar. One such program is the eyeglasses recycling. Lion Aaron, Lion Gary or Lion Harmon collect the glasses. Lion Harmon takes them to the Eye Foundation meetings and a club in Ponchatoula cleans and sorts them by prescription. Last year, 8,000 pairs were sent to Honduras. We are on track for 6,000-8,000 this year.

Lion Gary explained the process for obtaining eyeglasses for those in need in our community. To be eligible, a person must make less than \$18,000 per year. The application asks for complete financial and other information. Children can normally get glasses through LaCHIP, so the Lions program is for adults.

Although our club raised the most money in District 8-I, the Pineville club makes the most referrals. If more of us in the club were aware of these programs, we could advocate for those in our area. The same is true of the Camp. We give more money, but don't sponsor as many campers as do other clubs.

Lion Joe Wolf explained about the Council of Governors. This group handles the business of the state, most notably the state convention. At convention, you often will hear reference to this group.

Lion Chuck reminded everyone that we recently received information on the "Fair Share" campaign. This encourages every Lion to give \$66 to the Camp and Foundation. If every Lion gave his/her "fair share" we would have no need for fundraising. The budgets would be covered.