



WE SERVE!

CALENDAR

*Camp Counselor
scholarship
presentation
7/23/10*

*District Cabinet
Meeting in Monroe at
ULM on August 7*

*Board Meeting 2nd
Tuesday each month*

SPEAKERS

Proctor & Gamble 7/28

BIRTHDAYS

None this week!

Door Prize

Lion Kathleen Dunlap missed the \$5 door prize. Next week it will go to \$10

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2 Card Draw-- Lion Percy Dauzat and speaker Paul Cooper couldn't find a joker after the lovely Noreen drew their tickets.

The **Pledge** was led by Lion Joe Daniel and the **Prayer** by Lion Gary Van Horn.

Guests:

Lion David Caplan continues to bring guests. This week it was the lovely Noreen along with Matt & Buffy Strodard. We were glad to see Buffy's mom Lion Fritzi Fine back at the meeting. Lion Marion Chaney had as his guest Jay Lynch from Baron, Heinberg & Brocato Architects. Lion Michael Kearney was back at the meeting and brought his beautiful wife, Sandra.

Lion Jim Walters received his Lions vest at the meeting.

Tail Twister Lion Mike Monceaux and his new knee were at the meeting this week. We were glad to see Lion Mike but could have skipped the introduction to his new knee!

UPCOMING EVENTS—

- The previously announced date for the trip to the camp was incorrect. The trip is Friday, July 23 everyone was notified via email. This is the closing ceremony for the last session of camp. Our Club will present scholarships to 5 counselors who have worked at camp this year.
- Everyone is welcome to attend the District Cabinet meeting in Monroe on August 7. See DG Lion Bob Hollingsworth if you'd like to attend.



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Our speaker was Paul Cooper of HIP. He spoke on the Downtown Hotels Initiative.

HIP assumed management of the Fulton on April 1. Effective July 1, HIP is leasing the Fulton and hopes to purchase. The process of due diligence to acquire the Bentley has begun.

There are 5 elements to the Downtown Hotels Initiative:

1. The Bentley—will be renovated and restored. And YES the stained glass will be returned.
2. The Fulton is in the process of selecting the best match of a National Brand to affiliate with.
3. The Riverfront will receive upgrades as HIP begins management of the facility.
4. A parking garage is planned for the area, probably where the Bentley lot is currently located, near the Alexandria Museum of Art.
5. A Town Square is planned to link the two hotels visually. The portico for the Fulton will face the Bentley and there will be a portico there as well. They will be tall enough to accommodate tour buses. There will be trees. Food & beverage vendors, etc. There will be an emphasis on walkability and livability. The City is providing \$4.3 million for this portion of the project. No City money is going to the hotels.

The bridge from the Bentley to the Riverfront will be removed so that guests will access the street level and be enticed by street level businesses.

There should be a \$500,000,000 economic impact on the parish over 10 years and \$25 million in tax revenue.

The Bentley sale should be completed by Nov 1.

Since April 1, the Fulton now has all room rentable (170), new AC, new flat screen TVs and the Jackson Square Sports Lounge is open for business. The Lounge is available for private parties as well.

Everyone is invited to patronize the Fulton and see the improvements. Several Lions commented on the good quality of the daily lunch buffet.