



WE SERVE!

CALENDAR

*Board Meeting 2nd
Tuesday each month
August 10 at 6 p.m. at
Dunbar Plaza. All are
welcome.*

SPEAKERS

Lions Forum on 8/11

BIRTHDAYS

It's evidently too hot to have a birthday! None were announced.

Door Prize

7/8—missed by
Tommy Williams

8/4—Lion James
Ballard won \$15.
His first door prize
in 24 years!

THE LIONS TALE

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July 28 & Aug 4, 2010

It's a combination issue of the Lions Tale!

2 Card Draw-- Lion Percy Dauzart and Lion Lamar Joffrion, the your editor and Lion John Paul Adams couldn't find a joker for 2 weeks running, so NO WINNER! The kitty is growing!

Guests:

No guests on 7/28, but on 8/4 we welcomed the ever-smiling Jenny Ballard and Evelyn Onishea from Payne, Moore and Herrington. Both were guest of Lion James.

UPCOMING EVENTS—

- The Board will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 6 pm at the Dunbar Plaza conference room. Lion Stacy Auzenne will host.
- Lions Forum at our meeting on August 11. We'll hear a report from the Board about ideas to improve the \$15,000 raffle, our major fund-raising event.

Other Announcements:

Lion James presented scholarships to 5 counselors at the Lions Camp. One was to the daughter of our own Lion Andy Juneau.





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Lion James reports that it's worth a trip to the camp to see the library cabinets built by Lion Glen Armand.

Our speaker on July 28 was a substitute who did a wonderful and informative job. Lion Darrell proudly introduced **Jerry Barrett** from **CrimeStoppers**. Crimestoppers is funded by \$2 of every ticket. Judge Yeager was instrumental in beginning the program in Cenla. EVERYONE is need to call in tips of possible crimes. It doesn't have to be complete information. The reward for meth labs is \$1000. Some criminals turn each other in to get the money. But it gets a criminal off the street. There is a point system to figure out the amount of reward for a specific tip. The point is to get criminals off the street. We all need to be ambassadors for the program. Many of us have co-workers who travel around the parish and see criminal activity as they go. These "spotters" could earn a nice bonus by reporting what they see. Rewards are paid in cash, anonymously. Callers are given a number code and that code is used to call back to see if a reward was earned and how to pick up the cash. The maximum reward is \$2500.

Our speaker on Aug. 4 was Greg Upton of Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues and Rundell. He presented an overview of the Health Care Reform. The Individual mandate means that all individuals "shall must will" have insurance with a minimum package of benefits by 1/1/2014. If they do not have insurance, there is a penalty tax of \$95 or 1% of income in 2014 which rises to \$325 or 2% in 2015. This will be enforced by the IRS with your tax return.

Exchanges will be established by each state by Jan 2014 so that citizens and some businesses will be able to purchase private plans. The plans MUST offer essential benefits such as ambulatory, emergency,, hospitalization, maternity, mental health, rehab, labs, preventative & wellness, pediatric. Preventative services may not be cost-sharing. Plans will be rated for quality and price, similar to a consumer's report.

There will be premium subsidies to a maximum percentage of income. There also will be cost sharing subsidies to limit the out-of-pocket expenses for co-pays and deductibles.

This was a very informative program and Greg stayed to answer the many questions members had for him. He had excellent charts to show how much costs would be for various income levels.