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CALENDAR

**Board meeting—
August 11 at 6 p.m.
1st Federal Bank**

SPEAKERS

August 12 Forum

August 19 Nick Verrett,
District Engineer, La DOTD

August 26 Habitat for
Humanity

BIRTHDAYS

Matilde Bradford 8/ 3

Charles B. Fine 8/7

Bill Bush 8/10

David Caplan 8/12

Harmon Dungan, Jr 8/14

Scotty Yeager 8/15

Bill Carstens 8/16

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The 2 Card Draw kitty was back to \$200 and a new deck after a big win last week by **Lion Percy Dausat**. **Lion Gary Van Horn and Lion Tom Gallagher** couldn't find the jokers, so it will grow again next week.

Lion James Ballard had as his guest, Evelyn Oniesha, a new accountant with Payne, Moore and Herrington. Former Leo Jenny Ballard needs an application—we've stopped counting her as a guest!!!!

Lion President Viola traveled to the Camp in July to present scholarships to 6 of the counselors. The decisions were tough this year as we had 9 applicants. Thanks to Lion Bob, Lion Susan, Lion Hank and Lion Aaron for their help in reviewing the scholarship applications. The closing ceremony is always a great reminder of HOW WE SERVE.

Lion Susan continues to harass our Tail Twister. She stole **Lion Chuck's** Lion from him several weeks ago. We had to call for some decorum as Lion Chuck ended up bleeding on the head table (just a few drops—your president had band-aids in her purse). Then last week she presented him with a Band Aid coupon. Then THIS week she created a diversion so the Lion could be stolen by others. Lion Chuck, are you ready to give the job back to her???

After a big door prize win by **Lion Jared Hicks, Lion Brandon Sues** missed out on \$5. And Lion Jared, we gave you love AND money last week and you stayed away? What more do we have to do to get you to come regularly????

At the Forum next week, your president will give you some information on the District 8-I Membership Drive. **District Gov. Lion Jackie Morse** has some great ideas.



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Lion Hank Smart scheduled some wonderful speakers in July and August. Thanks for a job well done!

Speaker Notes from the past few weeks:

Clyde Holloway, who represents our area on the Public Service Commission, expects that after the 2010 census that districts will be redrawn. He certainly expects the congressional districts to change and that may lead to some redrawing of the PSC as well.

He quickly pointed out that TV and cable are NOT under the PSC but the FCC regulates that industry. He stated that he gets many calls regarding cable and TV, but it is out of his jurisdiction.

The City of Alexandria Utilities are not under the PSC since it is government owned. But Cleco and the various co-ops are.

Mr. Holloway spoke at length about his concerns regarding the cap and trade bill before Congress. He is more concerned with utility costs than environmental concerns.

Dr. Jim Barnett presented a very interesting program on orchids which are native to the Kisatchie National Forest. The Central Louisiana Orchid Society is working with a science teacher from Shreveport who has a grant to reintroduce and strengthen the native orchids in their habitat. The history of clear cutting the forest is why these plants no longer are easily found.

Joe Vaughn is the Regional Director of the LA Dept of Revenue and Taxation. He explained some changes in recent legislation. The annual "back to school" tax free weekend is Aug 7-8. The first \$2500 of a single item is exempt from the 4% state taxes. But in September (Sept 5-6) there is a 2nd Amendment Tax Free weekend. Firearms and hunting equipment will be exempt from **both state and parish taxes**. So if you have plans to buy hunting equipment or firearms, wait another month. (Editorial comment—what does that say about our state that we offer a bigger tax break for guns than school supplies??? I guess hunters have a more effective lobby than schoolchildren)

Mr. Vaughn also discussed the upcoming amnesty for delinquent tax payers. That amnesty period is Sept 1- Oct 31. There were quite a few questions and comments about this. The state hopes to receive \$200 MILLION or more in delinquent taxes.