



WE SERVE!

CALENDAR

SPEAKERS

Aug. 27th—Rick Ranson,
Chamber of Commerce

BIRTHDAYS

Belated wishes to

Harmon Dungan	8/14
Scott Yeager	8/15
Bill Carstens	8/16
TJ Shufflin	8/19

Happy Birthday to:

Janice Cutchall	8/20
Dale Rachal	8/21
Richard Besson	8/22

THE LIONS TALE

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After pledging allegiance to our country and its flag, **Lion Rev. Gary Van Horn** voiced our blessing.

The 2 Card Draw kitty is growing each week. **Lion JP Adams** and **Lion Mike Kearney** drew for it but couldn't find those jokers.

We had several guests. **Lion James Ballard** brought Chris Emmerick from Payne, Moore and Harrington. Lion James and others tried to give her an application. **Lion Chuck Tosten** introduced Past District Gov. Lion Lee Mott. State Sen. Lydia Jackson attended with our speaker. **Lion Pres Bob** made a couple of jokes about Sen. Jackson's employer, his competitor Capital One, before realizing that perhaps Sen. Jackson served on some banking rules committees. Oops! (She doesn't and certainly didn't seem to mind the kidding. She's a good sport and a good friend to many in Alexandria.)

The Cubsight program has set our first dates for September. We will go to CCAC on Sept 9, 10 and 11, then the next week on Sept. 16 and 18. If you can help out, contact Lion Bob. He'll be getting out the Team assignments soon.

PDG Lion Lee Mott announced a fishing tournament on Sept 27 at Toledo Bend. This will benefit both the Eye Foundation and the Lions Camp. He asked for donations for the "ditty bags" and also prizes for the kids who participate. There is a raffle with 6 prizes. For \$1 your ticket may be drawn for the fishing boat, a 4-wheeler, \$3,000, a cruise, a fishing trip or a fishing rod. The need volunteers to help get things ready. Call Lion Chuck if you can help and he'll get your information to PDG Lion Lee.



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We are gearing up for our \$15,000 raffle. **Lion Susan** has the tickets and is prepping them for distribution at our first meeting in September. **Lion David Caplan** spoke about the need for all of us to get started early selling the 400 tickets. Grand prize is \$10,000 with 2nd place getting \$3,000 and 3rd place receiving \$2,000. This is a great opportunity for our Club to earn lots of money for our projects. To remind everyone, last year we distributed more than \$120,000 from our fundraisers and various grants and donations received. What a wonderful achievement!

Lion Mike Monceaux missed out on some gas money to get to the first LSU game. The door prize was \$25 and will rise to \$30 because of Lion Mike's absence.

Carolyn Hoyt, founder and director of the Next STEP program returned with her video presentation. (Our scheduled speaker, Dr. Bob Bush, cancelled due to the funeral of Zoo Director Les Whitt.) Next STEP provides transitional housing for survivors of domestic violence. It's where women and their children can go after their 45-60 days at Turning Point.

The video opened with a chilling 911 recording. A six-year old named Jamie called to get help for her mom. As she was on the phone, her mother was murdered by her ex. Jamie could be heard sobbing, "my mommy's dead."

Locals such as Judge Tom Yeager and Judge Patricia Koch spoke about the need for transitional housing, as did Chief Coutee and former Pineville Chief Barber.

In the two weeks since Ms. Hoyt first spoke to us, an additional murder during a domestic dispute has occurred in Rapides Parish.

Special thanks to Cecil Meyers, Executive Director of the Central Louisiana Community Foundation, for his technical help in showing the video. The Community Foundation served as the fiscal agent for Next Step while they were applying for their non-profit status.