



WE SERVE!

CALENDAR

Board Meeting: **6:30 p.m.**
October 14, First Federal
Bank. *Note time change!*

SPEAKERS

October 15 Lions Forum

October 22 Jam Downs,
Rapides Parish District
Attorney

October 29 Dr. John
Barnett, LSU Ag Center

BIRTHDAYS

Lee Fine 10/9

John Simon 10/17

THE LIONS TALE

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October is "Back to meetings" month at the Alexandria Lions Club. Club members with perfect attendance for the month of October will be eligible for a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to Outback. There were 31 Lions at our first meeting, but 9 of them were missing this week. So as of today, 22 Lions are eligible. Don't miss or you're out of luck!

Lion Hank Smart introduced our speaker, Bob Carroll of the Southern Forest Heritage Museum. Also with us was Claudia Trowell, an educator who is the education coordinator for the Museum. Their goal is for the museum to become the premier field trip destination for school groups. Teachers can get a lot of curriculum information to plan lessons around a field trip.

The Museum gets as many out of state visitors as locals. Too many locals may have heard of the museum but haven't visited. It's a well kept secret that needs to be told.

In 1892, the Crowell and Spence logging company set up a mill to harvest the virgin longleaf yellow pine in central Louisiana. All the equipment was ordered from the north since there was no manufacturing base in the south. In 1969, the mill shut down unexpectedly and the workers simply walked away. Thermoses and other gear was left as is. So when the Crowell family donated the mill to the Museum, there were many artifacts available for display. It is the only working mill in the south.

The Museum is working to develop programs to entice visitors. On October 25, they are hosting "Legends and Lore." There will be a 90 minute excursion which starts with an animated film about a headless horseman, then a railcar ride into the woods, and then a return for storytelling. This will be a great opportunity for you to bring your grandchildren. Around Christmas, they are planning a Polar Express type experience they are calling "Pinestraw Express."

The Club then watched a video tour of the museum.



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- The 2 Card draw is growing since no one can find the jokers! This week **Lion Paul Blais** and **Lion John Simon** continued the “club” theme in their draws (the Ace and King). They were drawing for \$506. But no joker! Next week we’re down to 22 cards!
- **Lion David Caplan** introduced “Brent’s mother” as his guest . Norinne, you are welcome as always. The Caplans have just returned from a visit with former Lion Donald who is in grad school at the Univ of Chicago. His new baby is beautiful and he and his physician wife are doing well. Tell Lion Donald that we miss him
- Our “Cash for Gas” raffle ticket sales had another great weekend. SuperOne in Pineville (next to the K Mart at the 165/167 junction) is the site of sales this weekend on Friday and Saturday afternoon/evening. **Contact Lion Aaron or Lion Bob if you can help out.** Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. The cash prize is \$2500 and we’ll draw on Dec. 3.
- **WE NEED YOU to help this weekend.** Lion James and Lion Susan Ballard are so faithful. But Lion Susan was in the hospital instead of at our meeting due to a nasty bug. Lion James was home trying to fight it off. So they won’t be helping. YOU need to help fill the gap.
- **Lion Joe Daniels** got REALLY lucky and had his name drawn again for the doorprize. This time he won \$20
- We are in the midst of sales for our \$15,000 raffle. 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. Don’t forget that you can sell parts of a ticket. Example: 5 \$20 shares.
- Lion Bob reminded everyone of the upcoming Cubsight schedule. Team A is scheduled for Oct 9 at 1st Baptist Pineville and Team B is Oct 15 at Prompt Succor. Then it’s Team C again at 1st UMC Alexandria on Oct 21. Calvary Baptist is our site on Nov 12 (Team A). If you can help out, don’t worry about whether it’s your team or not. You’ll see what the project is all about by participating. Screenings start at 9:30 am. If you know of other locations that need to be screened, let Lion President Bob know and we’ll add them to the list.