



WE SERVE!

CALENDAR

Zone meeting and 8-1
Cabinet meeting
Nov. 1, 10 a.m-2 p.m. at
Kees Park.

SPEAKERS

Our speaker isn't confirmed,
so come next week to be
surprised! Lion Dave Perry
is working on some
interesting speakers!

BIRTHDAYS

Stephen Huffman 11/4

**DON'T FORGET
TO VOTE!!!**

Door Prize

Lion Shirley Byrd
missed the \$10 door
prize. It goes to \$15
next week. Maybe your
editor's luck has finally
changed and I'll win
one soon!

THE LIONS TALE

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Lion Marion Chaney brought his co-worker and prospective member, Mitch Charrier, to our meeting. We hope to see you back soon, Mitch!

Your editor was thrilled to be the winner of the \$50 Outback gift certificate in the "Back to meetings month" perfect attendance drawing. Anyone who thinks there was some sort of fix should ask why my name has been drawn precisely ONCE in 10 years for the weekly door prize. I've missed some big jackpots (Lion Beverly!) and the one time my name was drawn, it was \$5.

There are still 50 or 60 "unclaimed" tickets for the \$15,000 raffle. **Lion Susan** has only gotten the money and stubs back for 70 tickets. Most are still in the hands of Lions who are selling. **Lion John Simon** was selling portions at the meeting. Only 2 more weeks! Get the money in to Lion Susan ASAP. If you don't think you'll be able to sell the ticket(s) you have, PLEASE return them so someone else can give it a try. The Club is committed to giving away this money. We NEED to cover our costs. And we WANT to raise lots of money for our projects.

Last week the 2 Card draw started over without a winner. But this week, **Lion Aaron** beat **Lion Gary** to one of the jokers and won \$200. His magic ticket number was 666. Did Halloween week have anything to do with this? I guess we should all be grateful that Lion Rev. Gary didn't have the 666. But what does that say about our good Baptist Lion Aaron? hmmm

Dress as a Lion for Halloween and sell "**Cash for Gas**" raffle tickets on Friday, Oct 31st at the Alexandria WalMart on North Blvd. Then we'll return to the Alex WalMart on Friday, Nov. 7. Our next sales weekend is Nov 14-15 at the WalMart in Pineville. Call Lion Aaron, Lion Susan or Lion Bob if you can help out. Lion Aaron sent around sign-up sheets.



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There will be a Zone meeting and 8-I Cabinet meeting on Saturday, Nov. 1, 10 a.m-2 p.m. at Kees Park. This is a great opportunity to meet with other Lions in the area and get ideas for our club. Any Lion is welcome. Don't limit this to officers!

The Pineville Lions Club is sponsoring an alumni basketball game at Louisiana College on Sat, Nov 1 at 5:30 at LC's fieldhouse. Proceeds will support our Lions charitable projects.

Lion Hank Smart introduced our speaker, Dr. John Barnett of the LSU AG Center. The many Ag Centers are part of the LSU system. There is a Chancellor for the Ag Centers, just as there are chancellors for each of the entities in the system, such as LSU-BR, LSUA, LSUE, LSU Medical, etc. Dr. Barnett reports to Dr. Bill Richardson, Chancellor of the Ag Centers and not to Dr. Martin, Chancellor of LSUA. LSUA is considered a sister campus.

The Dean Lee Research Center is actually older than LSUA. It is a research farm. The Ag Center also runs the state 4-H camp in Pollock (Camp Grant Walker) and is about to open a 4-H museum in Mansura.

For several years, Central Louisiana has enjoyed the DeWitt facility which is a livestock complex and multipurpose facility. The state built a massive evacuation center next door which now belongs to LSU and is under the management of the Ag Center. Although scheduled for occupancy in November, it was completed on August 15.

Gov Jindal decided that the scope of the evacuations for Hurricane Gustav at the end of August made it imperative to open the shelter in spite of having no furniture or staff. The state Dept of Social Services was supposed to staff it. But because of the short notice and other problems, the Ag Center was given the task. Dr. Barnett said he was fortunate to have several out-of-state experts arrive with volunteers in tow to direct operations. The American Red Cross volunteers acted as Operations Managers and the US Dept of Health provided full medical services and set up the hospital area of the massive shelter.

Dr. Barnett was very pleased with how well the shelter functioned and was grateful for the wonderful volunteer help he received. He encouraged everyone to drop by and see the shelter.