



WE SERVE!

CALENDAR

Board meeting on Nov 11 at
First Federal Bank—6 p.m.

SPEAKERS

Sheriff Chuck Wagner will
speak on Nov. 12

Raffle Drawing on Nov 19

No meeting Thanksgiving
week

BIRTHDAYS

Andy Juneau Nov 7

Door Prize

The Doubler card was
drawn for the first time
in years. It didn't help
Lion CC Prudhomme
who missed \$30.
Without the doubler, we
go to a \$20 door prize
next week.

THE LIONS TALE

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Lion Emile brought an old friend, J.D., to the meeting. We're always happy to have guests!

That back table (**Lion Paul, Lion Hank, Lion Dave, Lion Joe, Lion Emile and whoever else I forgot**) needs to buy more **Two Card Draw tickets**. For the second week in a row, **Lion Aaron** had the chance to draw for the joker with a ticket he bought just after the back table bought theirs. If ya'll had bought another \$5 worth, YOU could have drawn the joker two weeks running. Your editor still thinks there is something superstitious about Lion Aaron's luck. That 666 ticket Halloween week still has me spooked! (Lion John Paul Adams just couldn't match Lion Aaron's luck, although he had a shot at finding the joker)

There are still 15 "unclaimed" tickets for the \$15,000 raffle. **Lion Susan and Lion James** have gotten the money and stubs back for 185 tickets. There are still 200 in the hands of Lions who are selling. Get the money in to Lion Susan by next week please. 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. Bring your guests to the drawing on November 19.

"Cash for Gas" raffle tickets are on sale Friday (today!) at the Alexandria WalMart on North Blvd. 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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Lion Susan missed the meeting since she was in the hospital. We missed you Lion Susan! I hope you got out today as promised. All of us need to work extra hard when you are out. You do more than your fair share!!!

Lion Bob reported that the District had 93 gift cards to help with hurricane relief. Our club distributed 15. Many of the recipients have expressed great appreciation and Lion Bob has heard some incredible stories of need.

To date, the Club has screened 912 children through our **Cubsight** program. We have a 6.7% referral rate. Our next screening is Nov 12 at Calvary Baptist's daycare. Even though it's Team A scheduled to work, ANY Lion is welcome to come help out. We get started at 9:30.

Lion Chuck Tosten is recruiting Lions to ring bells for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle drive. We are signed up to ring at both WalMart (North Dr by the Mall) and Sam's Club on Saturday, Dec. 6. We probably will work 9-6. Lion Chuck will have a sign up sheet next week.

Due to a speaker cancellation, we held our monthly Lions Forum. Your editor reported on her experiences at the U.S./Canada Forum in Saskatoon in September.

Our Club sends the 1st Vice President each year so that person can get enthused and prepared to be president. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet Lions from all over and to get a better sense of Lions throughout the world. The International President and many International Board of Directors attend. It is definitely a time to work, with seminars starting at 8 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. The meals have inspirational speakers of international stature. Friday evening is the only "playtime," although there is a lot of fun going on in the workshops.

The 2009 USA/Canada Forum will be in Memphis. Some of the Louisiana Lions are considering trying to charter a bus so that more Lions can attend. Our Board of Directors is strongly considering making funds available to help pay registration costs for members who choose to attend.

After the meeting, Lion Harmon Dungan offered to try to arrange a tour of St. Jude's Children's Hospital for any in our club who go to Memphis.