



**WE SERVE!**

**CALENDAR**

USA/Canada Forum in  
Memphis Sept 24-26

**SPEAKERS**

March 25 - Mr Don  
Guillory, Executive Director,  
Rapides Parish Coliseum

**BIRTHDAYS**

Glen Armand            3/13  
Linda Wright            3/13  
Martin Heyman        3/14

Markay Dunn Reeves  
3/25

**Door Prize**

Lion Butch Morrison  
missed out on \$10 on  
March 18. We didn't  
draw on the 11<sup>th</sup> because  
of the celebration

**Guests on March 18**

Jay Lynch attended with  
Lion Marion Chaney and  
Lion Mike Monceaux  
brought his college  
roommate, who attested  
to Lion Mike's attendance  
and GRADUATION from  
LSU back in the dark  
ages.

# THE LIONS TALE

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## Special 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

**March 11, 1929-March 11, 2009**

**Plus the news from March 18, 2009**

The Club's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday was celebrated in style with many special guests and events. Mayor Jacques Roy attended and presented the Club with a Proclamation declaring March 11 as Alexandria Lions Club Day. There was a special display of old pictures, scrapbooks and memorabilia. Lion Dick Gates, our longest tenured Lion, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Club.

Lions with 25 or more years in our Club were recognized. A special cake was served for dessert which had been decorated with the Lions Club logo and listed all the 25+ year members.

Those Lions are:

Lion Dick Gates	60 years
Lion Si Sherman	54 years
Lion David Caplan	46 years
Lion John Simon	43 years
Lion Marion Chaney	42 years
Lion Lamar Joffrion, PDG	41 years
Lion Aaron McAllister, PDG	41 years
Lion Chuck Tosten	35 years
Lion Henry Masson	34 years
Lion Geoffrey Bergman	33 years
Lion Joe B. Wolf, Jr, PDG	30 years
Lion Jimmie Bradford	28 years
Lion Richard Anderson	27 years
Lion Harmon Dungan, Jr.	26 years
Lion Mike Monceaux	26 years
Lion Sam Echols	25 years

Lion President Bob Hollingsworth gave a brief history of the Club. Over the past 50 years that the Camp has been established, our Club has donated more than \$400,000 to the Camp. And more recently, we've given more than \$178,000 to the Louisiana Eye Foundation. In addition, we've supported numerous other Lions charities and local charities.

A number of Lions brought their wives. We were graced by the presence of Kathy Dungan, Sarah Tosten, Paulette Gallagher, Norinne Caplan, and Ann McAllister. The media also was in attendance, as were Ken Juneau and Willie Harp.



## 2008-09 Lion Board

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State Rep. Chris Roy, Jr was the speaker following the anniversary celebrations. He presented a proclamation from the State declaring March 11 as Alexandria Lions Day. He discussed the year round work of a legislator. The work doesn't end when the session does. He also recounted some of the political mistakes that he made in his first year, especially in trying to stand up for what he believes is right.

Our speaker on March 18 was City Council President Myron Lawson. He stated that we are fortunate to have a fund balance of \$14 million so that deep cuts won't have to be made. All city employees will be kept on. SPARC is a way to speed projects. There is an emphasis on infrastructure. However, the recent flooding problems may be due to the growth in concrete instead of grassy areas.

He likes to concentrate on the 4 P's of government. Public Works—drainage, SPARC, infrastructure  
Power Supply—he discussed the Cleco settlement. His heart says that if you pay too much for an item at the store, your money is refunded. However the Cleco settlement is an opportunity for the City to accomplish some large projects. The Council is still accepting public input on the settlement distribution decision. Protection—police and fire protection is important. Some improvements need to be made. He believes that the curfew needs to be enforced. Children 11 and 12 years old don't need to be on the streets at 1 or 2 a.m. Truancy is also an issue. He remembers fearing the truant officer as a child. He is shocked by the kids he sees on the streets while school is in session. He also wants to improve convention traffic and tourism in Alexandria. It is a major source of economic development. He stated that the relationships between the mayor and council are improving and that the council approved the mayor' \$50 million in SPARC and Fast Track projects. The question period elicited spirited discussion of the litter problem in Alexandria.

### UPCOMING EVENTS—

The Forest Hill Nursery Festival is March 20-22. Plan now to help sell raffle tickets to raise money for our state projects.

Our Outback Fundraiser will be Administrative Professionals Day on Wednesday, April 22. We have two seatings: 11:00 and 12:30. Take out tickets are also available. Tickets are \$15.