



# THE LIONS TALE

Alexandria Lions Club

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## WE SERVE!

### Birthdays

Bill Bush – 8/10  
David Caplan – 8/12  
Harmon Dungan, Jr. – 8/14  
Scotty Yeager, III – 8/15  
Bill Carstens, Sr. – 8/16

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Call to order: Lion President Darryl Andrews

Pledge: Lion Joe Daniels

Prayer: Lion Gary Van Horn

Two Card Draw: Both eligible cards were pulled by Lion Chuck Tosten and his compadres. No winner for this \$200.00 pot. (2<sup>nd</sup> week in a row for Lion Chuck's group.)

Guests: Don Fowler, Co-worker of Jim Waters

#### Tail Twister Fun – "The Double Whammy"

Selected participants were Marion Chaney (What La. City is the Frog Capital of the world? – Answer: Rayne, LA. - Fined 50 cents for not knowing the answer and 50 cents for not wearing a Lions Pin.) and James Ballard (Which La. Governor lived the longest? – Answer: Jimmy Davis – Fined 50 cents for not knowing the answer.) Be alert, your time may be coming soon! Wear your pin to at least save yourself 50 cents.

#### Announcements:

Lion Viola Britt 'apologized' for attending the Rotary Club meeting yesterday, but did pass on a funny from ex-Louisiana Governor, Edwin Edwards. When questioned about his age of 84 years, he responded that "You're only as young as the woman you feel!" (*I can't believe your Editor actually put that quote in this publication. I will apologize for him!!!*)

Lion President Darryl conveyed that "hospice" would be our meeting for next week. (*Your Editor is not sure which one!*)

Lion Michael Kearney introduced Mr. Bob Bush from LSUA, our speaker for the day. (*Your Editor understood that he is the Department of Business Chair and possibly the Friends of LSUA Chair. He's not sure, but neither was Lion Mike!*) Mr. Bush provided a lot of great information about the status of LSUA and what's happening south of town: everything from Governor Jindal's higher education budget cuts to accreditation. The state could make some great strides in education if it were willing to be open-minded. Right now, the universities in Louisiana are funded 50% by the State of Louisiana and 50% by donations.

LSUA was created as a 4-year institution possibly in 2006. It is now no longer offering 2-year associate degrees but is offering a general business 4-year baccalaureate degree.

LSUA is very appreciative of the support from the community and both are good for each other. LSUA wants to know what it can do differently to meet the needs of central Louisiana including new programs and delivery systems.

Good things about LSUA include: Fully accredited and working on its way to meet the Gold Standard AAC. on the way to having a 4-year degree in accounting and management, has a strong foundation board and is modernizing to the best of its abilities. LSUA is also moving toward becoming a 'pedestrian' campus.

Mr. Bush reminded us about the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> annual gala. Last year's event raised \$200K for student scholarships (40 at \$5K each). Club members asked numerous questions to which Mr. Bush provided great responses. The club thanked Mr. Bush with applause. Lion President Darryl presented him with an Alexandria Lions Club Coaster.

#### Closing Remarks:

Lion President Darryl reminded us of the "plethora" of upcoming birthdays. Please note them above. Led by Lion Aaron McAllister, The club sang "Happy Birthday" to Lion Bill Bush who turned ?? on August 10th.

Lion Ron Hall missed out on the \$10 Attendance Door Prize because he was absent.

Lion President Darryl was winner of the Piccadilly Lunch amongst those wearing Lions Club attire at this meeting: J. Daniels, J. Ballard, T. Gallagher, G. Van Horn, S. Ballard & C. Tosten.

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