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CALENDAR

Nominating meeting & announcement of the proposed slate April 11

2nd announcement of nominees and announcement of election is April 18

Election meeting is April 25

State Convention
April 20-22
N.O, Airport Hilton

Pulled Pork Fundraiser
May 1 (no meeting 5/2)

SPEAKERS

April 4, 2018—Lion Viola Britt and Mrs. Keri Murphy of the Children's Advocacy Network and CASA

BIRTHDAYS

Tony Demarco 4/4
Ron Herzog 4/22
Joe Crouch 4/25

Door Prize

Lion Matt Stroderd missed \$5.

THE LIONS TALE

Alexandria Lions Club

82 Foxfire Lane

Alexandria, Louisiana 71302

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www.alexions.com

March 28, 2018

Guests: Lion Jackie introduced her friend, Dan Cohn, who is retired from real estate and is the uncle of her son-in-law. Lion David Caplan brought the lovely Norrine.

Our Tail Twister was missing. Sad!

Lion Jackie presented a membership memento to Lion Lamar, who joined the club in March of 1968.

Announcements:

Past Presidents' Nominating Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 to discuss and make our recommendations for the Officers and Board of Directors for the 2018-2019 Lions year. Additional nominations may be made on Wed. April 11 when the slate is presented to the Club. See the calendar in the left column for additional dates for the election process.

The Pulled Pork Sandwich Fundraiser is set for **Tuesday, May 1**. Everyone needs to sell pre-orders. The order form is page 3 of this newsletter. Lion Susan distributed them at the meeting as well. We will NOT have a meeting on May 2.

Other important dates: the Installation of Officers is set for June 19 at Country Inn and Suites in Pineville.

Guitar Raffle will be drawn on June 27 during our regular meeting.

Speaker: Mrs. Jessica Viator
Executive Director of the Manna House

The Manna House was started 28 years ago by Fr. Foley of Cabrini Catholic Church. During his homily, he spoke on God's commands to care for one another. After the sermon, he invited any of those interested to come to a meeting to discuss ways to be the hands of God in the community.



2017-18 Lions Board

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Although only a few attended the first meeting, the group soon grew. Mrs. Olla Rae Chicola offered the use of her former grocery store as a location and they opened serving sandwiches for lunch.

Mrs. Viator had a long career at Cleco in logistics and construction oversight. After she retired, she was asked to consider becoming the director of Manna House. She had been praying about what her next steps would be and soon saw that God was leading her to Manna House. Manna House was in the red financially, but with strong leadership, soon had enough support from the community to return to the black.

Manna House feeds 6800 each month. Most are homeless, but many are working and cannot stretch their budgets far enough. Manna House asks no questions, but feeds all who come. Some have medical expenses that take all available funds and leave nothing for food. We all are "one life instance from needing help."

Manna House is open 365 days per year with volunteer help. It takes 10-15 volunteers each day to prepare and serve. Manna House receives only local funding. Food is mostly donated by hospitals and restaurants who have excess. They CANNOT accept excess food after funerals, parties, etc. All food MUST be prepared in a health certified kitchen. The utility bill is the largest expense that Manna House has. Each meal costs \$4 in expenses. They recently added a Donate button to the website <http://givetomannahouse.com/> This is an easy way for the community to support Manna House. Some families, churches, businesses or other organizations sponsor a day and provide the funds and volunteers. If anyone wants to do this, signage is welcome on that day.

Volunteers begin work 9-11 prepping food (chopping vegetables, making salads, etc) for the next day. Lunch is served 11:30-1:15 and then volunteers clean up. Volunteers can work either the morning or afternoon, or all day.

PULLED PORK FUNDRAISER ORDER SHEET





Alexandria Lions Club

Pulled Pork Sandwich Lunch - \$8

Includes BBQ Beans, Coleslaw and Dessert
Tuesday, May 1st - 11am until 1pm

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Knights of Columbus Hall
6656 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria, LA

Please return this form and payment to
Lion _____
by Wednesday, April 25th.

*Your orders of 10 or more will be delivered between 11am and 1pm on Tuesday, May 1st.
Proceeds support Alexandria Lions Club local community projects.*