



WE SERVE!

CALENDAR

**District 8-I Conference
Feb 3-4 in West Monroe**
*See registration attached
to this newsletter*

GUMBO sale
*Cooking Sat Feb. 18 at
Brocato's. SALE at Sam's
Club on Tuesday, Feb. 21*
SALES sheet attached

**NO MEETING ON
Wed., Feb 22**

**Nursery Festival March
17-19**

SPEAKERS

January 18
Chief Loren Lampert,
Alexandria Police Dept

BIRTHDAYS

Richard Anderson	1/1
Viola Britt	1/9
Tommy Reeves	1/10
Norm Thompson	1/12
Marion Chaney	1/22
Butch Morrison	1/24
Billy Hughes	1/27

Door Prize

*Lion Susan won \$10 on
1/4 DOUBLED because
she wore her vest
Lion John Kolwe missed
\$5 and the meeting on
1/11*

THE LIONS TALE

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82 Foxfire Lane
Alexandria, Louisiana 71302
318.442.8781
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January 11, 2017

Happy New Year! Here is our first issue of 2017. And it's a combination of our first two meetings of the year.

Two Card Draw—Lions Tom Gallagher and Hank Smart-- no winner on Jan 4. On Jan 11, still no winner as Lion Jerry Hanaw and Lion John Simon both tried for the same table group.

Tail Twister: Jan 4: What song came out on this date in 1973? Hint: it would apply to half of this room. Lion Chuck couldn't come up with "You're so vain" but Lion Richard knew that Carly Simon sang it.

On Jan 11, Lion Michael Kearney took the timeslot to ask about "Drake's equation" which turns out to be a wild estimation of the number of habitable planets. The same principal applies to his estimation of how much charitable funds could be raised if our club members included gifts to our Foundation account in their wills. Fundraising is getting more difficult, but the earnings from legacies could keep our Lions Club supporting our charities well into the future.

Announcements: Lion Susan needs to apply for the gaming license for the raffle at the Forest Hill Nursery Festival. Prizes include a fish fryer (wildly popular last year!) donated by Lion Taylor Ward and John Ward Hardware, a gift coming today from the Stone Path Garden Center, a child's riding toy donated anonymously, a \$100 Lowe's gift card donated anonymously and a cypress wall clock donated by Lion Scotty Yeager. The Nursery Festival will be March 17, 28, 19 with set up on Thursday March 16. Mark your calendars now to volunteer.

GUMBO is set for Feb. 21 (TUESDAY). Begin selling now! Order form is attached at the end of this Lions Tale.

Lions District 8-I Conference is Feb 3-4. Registration form is attached. Our club will cover registration costs and provide \$100 towards your hotel.



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CUBSIGHT – we have a community screening set for Saturday, January 28 at the Young's Temple Church on Lee St. from 10-1. Lion Glen Armand needs 4-5 helpers that day.

Finances: Quarterly bills went out today. We will pay our state and international dues this month, so prompt payment will help with the cash flow. The Board voted to send half of our budgeted contributions (\$5,500 each) to the Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation and the Louisiana Lions Camp. We'll finish our contributions after we see how our fundraising goes. We are in good financial position with our budget at this time.

Speaker on Jan 4: Katie Sullivan of the American Red Cross (and our own Lion Jackie)

Katie is the Disaster Response paid staff for the ARC in Central Louisiana. The Red Cross has become regional and most staff is elsewhere in the state. Lion Jackie is a volunteer with ARC and helps educate elementary students about disaster preparedness through the Pillowcase Project. Lion Jackie was enthusiastic in teaching her fellow Lions about Red Cross services.

Katie reported that Louisiana had 180 house fires in the month of December. The number was "down" due to the warmer weather at the end of the month. Space heaters are a common cause of fires. The Red Cross also responded to the recent wind/tornado damage in Avoyelles, and of course, all of the flooding this year across the state.

Many people think the Red Cross will make a family "whole" after a disaster. Not true. Services are designed to get a family through the first few days until they can make a plan and mobilize their own resources. Those who respond to disasters are volunteers. The next DAT (Disaster Assistance Team) training will be on Jan 21 from 9-1. All are welcome and encouraged to attend to be able to assist their neighbors in time of disaster membership.

KEEP READING FOR THE **GUMBO SALES FORM** AND THE **DISTRICT 8-I CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM.**



Alexandria Lions Club

Chicken & Sausage Gumbo Lunch

\$8 per 24 oz serving

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Pick up at Sam's Club or Free delivery on orders of 10 or more

ORDER FORM

Business Name: _____

Business Location: _____

Business Contact: _____ phone # _____

NAME	PAID

Please return this form to Lion _____

At _____ by Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Your Lion will collect your money in advance.

Pick up will be at Sam's Club in Alexandria

Your delivery of 10 or more will be made between 11 am and 1 pm

Proceeds support Alexandria Lions Club local community projects



**Registration Form
 District 8-I Convention
 February 3rd and 4th, 2017
 Hilton Garden Inn
 West Monroe, Louisiana**



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Spouse: _____ Lion: _____ Yes _____ No _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Club: _____ Title: _____

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	<i>Before</i> 1/15/17	<i>After</i> 1/15/17		
Full Registration (Includes Friday Night Social)	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00	X _____	= \$ _____
Saturday All-Day	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00	X _____	= \$ _____
Saturday – Lunch Only	\$ 22.50	\$ 25.00	X _____	= \$ _____
Saturday – Dinner Only	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	X _____	= \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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Rooms are blocked at the Hilton Garden Inn; 400 Mane Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291. Call the hotel direct at 318.398.0653 and ask for the *District 8-I Lions Convention* room block. Room rate is \$109.00 plus tax. Deadline for special *District 8-I Lions Convention* rate is January 15, 2017. Book your room early!

Make checks payable to: District 8-I Convention
 Mail Registrations to: DG Barry Stevens
 2017 8-I Convention
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