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# THE LIONS TALE

**Alexandria Lions Club**

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*February 28, 2018*

## CALENDAR

**Past Presidents  
Nominating Meeting**  
6 p.m. on March 20  
Brocato's Restaurant

**Forest Hill Nursery  
Festival is March 16-18.**  
Set up day is March 15.

**LSUA Civic Club  
Lunch **CANCELLED****

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

## SPEAKERS

March 7, 2018 – Mr. Preston Mansour, Executive Director of the Family Justice Center of Central Louisiana

March 28, 2018 – Ms. Jessica Viator – Executive Director of Manna House

## BIRTHDAYS

John Kolwe 3/8  
Glen Armand 3/13  
Markay Reeves 3/25

## Door Prize

*Lion Stella Craig missed  
\$25*

## Announcements:

Lion Tom Gallagher is settling in to his new home. He'd love to hear from his friends in Lionism. His email and cell are unchanged. His new address is 3950 Towne Club Parkway #3215, Cumming, GA 30041.

**Lion David Caplan** will represent our Club at the upcoming Heart Walk on March 3. Fellow walkers and donations are welcome!

Past Presidents' Nominating Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 to discuss and make our recommendations for the Officers and Board of Directors for the 2018-2019 Lions year. If you have someone you would like to nominate, please make sure that person is willing to take the position if elected. Additional nominations may be made on Wed. April 11 when the slate is presented to the Club.

The LA Lions Camp Board meets March 10-11 at the Crowne Plaza in New Orleans, across from the airport.

Save the Date and prep your tastebuds for the Pulled Pork Sandwich Fundraiser on May 1. More details to come. We will NOT have a meeting on May 2.

While dates are being saved, 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. Many thanks to Lion Clint for arranging our Spirits sale day. We've been invited back when the weather is more cooperative! Let's sell those tickets!!!!



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## **2017-18 Lions Board**

### **President**

**Pam Wunderlich**

### **1st Vice-President**

**Susan Ballard**

### **2nd Vice-President**

**Jackie Auerbach**

### **3rd Vice-President**

**Clint Virden**

### **Secretary/Treasurer**

**James Ballard**

**PDG**

### **Tail Twister**

**C. C. Prudhomme**

**Lion Tamer**

**John Paul Adams**

### **Membership Chair**

**Chuck Tosten**

**Ex-Officio**

**Don Fowler**

### **Board Members**

**Jim Gallagher**

**Kermit Pharris**

**Jarryd Raynes**

**Allen Robertson**

**Bob Royer**

**Jim Waters**

**Scotty Yeager**

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### **Speaker: Linda Hutson, Food Bank of Central LA**

The Food Bank has just completed a capital campaign which allowed for expansion of facilities. All are welcome to attend the Ribbon Cutting for the new expansion on March 8 from 5-7 p.m. The cooler space was doubled so that more perishable food can be accepted and used. There now is a client service area which allows for more privacy for those giving personal information to determine eligibility. Staff is also available to help clients apply for the SNAP (food stamp) program. This must be done online and many clients are not computer literate.

Much of the food is distributed via partner agencies such as Manna House, the Salvation Army, shelters, non-profits, and church food pantries throughout the 11 parish service area. There also is a mobile food pantry which distributes to individuals at remote locations such as the Winnfield Farmer's Market.

Eligibility is based on the Federal Poverty guidelines. The exception is the backpack program for children, which is distributed based on recommendations of school personnel. Teachers and staff know who the hungry children are, and no application is needed. There are 1200 children served in this program and sponsorship is \$150 per child per year. Kids Café is another age specific program where children receive a meal and tutoring. This is located at the Pineville Youth Center and the Natchitoches Boys and Girls Club.

The adopt a senior program is open to disabled adults age 60+ who meet income eligibility or any senior 65+ who is income eligible. Sponsorship for this program is \$150/year per senior. They receive a food box towards the end of each month.

Food is primarily donated. Large corporate donations come through Feeding America which supports 200 food banks in the US. There also are food drives in schools, churches, etc. Some food is purchased, such as for the backpack program.

Grocery stores now are donating food that is approaching "best use by" dates. The Food Bank is very careful about following food safety guidelines. All food must be labeled.

Volunteers are always needed, especially in January and in the summer. There are 2 Saturdays per month where food is boxed in addition to the weekdays. Groups, families, churches, scout groups, etc are all welcome. Evening hours can be accommodated for a group as well.