



**WE SERVE!**

**CALENDAR**

*Installation Banquet  
June 20 at Southern  
Creations*

**NO MEETING ON  
JUNE 21 AFTER THE  
BANQUET ON TUES.**

**SPEAKERS**

TBA

**BIRTHDAYS**

Paul Blais 6/2  
Mike Monceaux 6/6  
John Paul Adams 6/8  
Kermit Pharris 6/8  
Amy McGinity 6/9  
Kathleen Dunlap 6/10  
Gary Van Horn 6/18  
Don Fowler 6/28  
Roy O. Martin, III 6/29

**Door Prize**

*Lion Tom Gallagher won  
\$35. Wait, he was  
wearing his vest....double  
it to \$70.*

# THE LIONS TALE

**Alexandria Lions Club**

*82 Foxfire Lane*

*Alexandria, Louisiana 71302*

*318.442.8781*

*www.alexions.com*

*June 14, 2017*

Two Card Draw—Lion JP tried twice, but couldn't find the jokers.

**Guests:** none

**Tail Twister:** Lion Darryl asked Lion Chuck (really, the Colonel????) what is the significance of this day. Obviously, Lion Chuck knew it was Flag Day.

A sympathy card for Lion Aaron was circulated. A previous email had notified the Club of the untimely death of Lion Aaron's daughter, Annette McAllister Lewis, age 38. A link to her obituary is here:

The Board voted to spend \$250 out of the General Fund on a donation to the Lewis' infant son's educational fund.

Any Lion wishing Lion Aaron's contact information can reply to this email, or contact the Ballards for the information.

**Announcements:**

The Installation Banquet is June 20. There is no charge for the Lion (unless you make a reservation and don't show) and guests are \$25. We'll be at Southern Creations at the foot of the Jackson St. bridge in Pineville. 6 p.m. is the social time and dinner is at 6:30.



---

## 2016-17 Lions Board

### President

**Don Fowler**

### 1st Vice-President

**Pam Wunderlich**

### 2nd Vice-President

**Susan Ballard**

### 3rd Vice-President

**Jackie Auerbach**

### Secretary/Treasurer

**James Ballard**

**PDG**

### Tail Twister

**Darryl Andrews**

### Lion Tamer

**John Paul Adams**

### Membership Chair

**Viola Britt**

### Ex-Officio

**C. C. Prudhomme**

### Board Members

**Jim Gallagher**

**Kermit Pharris**

**Bob Royer**

**Clint Virden**

**Taylor Ward**

**Scotty Yeager**

### Editor

**Viola Britt**

**308-2077**

[vvbritt@gmail.com](mailto:vvbritt@gmail.com)

©2017- All rights reserved.  
Reproduction of any part prohibited  
without permission

### Speaker:

Laura-Ellen Ayres, Director of Rapides Parish Library

Lion Kermit introduced Mrs. Ayres, a native of Central Louisiana. She received her Bachelors from Louisiana College and Masters from Vanderbilt.

Copies of the 2016 Annual Report were available for Lions. One of the biggest accomplishments was the building program. The Libuse Branch is under construction to replace the Gunter Branch. The Main (downtown) Branch was added to the National Register. Our own Lion Gene Glanker was the architect for that building and lived to see it added to the Register.

Circulation was up 10% in 2016. The electronic library was a big part of the growth, with a 52% increase. That includes e-books for readers such as a Kindle or Nook, music (3 free song downloads per week) and movies.

A big trend at the Library is partnership. Books A Million held a drive for new books and toys that the Library can use as incentives. The Hispanic Community in Glenmora holds a program on the importance of car seat usage, then gives free car seats to participants. The Martin Family Foundation supports technology at the Library by funding classes on coding, robotics and software. They also provide technology grants. And of course, our Alexandria Lions Club provides a grant for large print books.

While there is always a lot of programming for children and teens, there is increased programming for adults. There are book clubs, maker days (using the 3D printer) and special events. The Robotics classes keep a waiting list. And Lion Brent attested to the popularity of the Lego Club for kids on Saturdays.

The digital Town Talk is very popular with genealogists and history buffs. You can read issues from 1883-1920 so far.

Lion President Don presented Mrs. Ayres with a donation of \$1000 to support the large print books program.



***PEZ Candy lost its most loyal fan this week. Annette McAllister Lewis donned a pair of funny socks and Converse tennis shoes and danced right out of our arms and into God's on June 10, 2017, ending a much too long battle with multiple myeloma. She was born December 14, 1978 in Rapides Parish, Louisiana. She left the heat and humidity and moved to Nashville TN for more heat and earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Belmont University. She made her way to the cooler mountains of Asheville NC where she lovingly served her family, Biltmore Church, The Lions Club, Phi Mu Sorority, earned a master's degree in human resources from WCU and dominated the Mahjong table.***

***Though she left her beloved Louisiana years ago, she didn't leave the party - always smiling, always cooking, always welcoming and always making reasons to throw a celebration anytime, for any reason, without warning. And let there be no mistake that any televised New Orleans Saints game became a mandatory holiday.***

***She accomplished more love in her 38 years than most people do in a full lifetime. She fell in love with only one man. Then, together, they fell in love with a precious baby boy. She had hundreds and hundreds of friends. She picked up stray dogs, organized meal trains and baby showers. She dressed in costumes for birthday parties and Halloween, taught Sunday school, took tiny bottles of hotel shampoo to women's shelters, loved Icees and snow cones, and fought this illness until the end with bravery, humor and grace.***

***Her biggest passion was selflessly demonstrating the love of Christ to others. Be it serving coffee at church, participating in Love Loud service projects, delivering food to those in need, and most recently showing love to women with unexpected and unplanned pregnancies.***

***We will miss her huge sweet smile, her roasted broccoli, her quick wit and her unconditional love, but we are thrilled that she is skipping down the streets of gold because this little saint went marching in!***



***She is preceded in death by her beloved dog, Jack Richard, and survived by her wonderful husband, Robert Lewis, her beautiful son, Doughton and her feisty dogs, Gumbo & Nola; her very proud parents, Aaron & Ann Motte McAllister; her big sister, Adrienne Kort, and her sweet (mischievous) nieces, Chloe & Claire - all of Asheville NC.***

***We will celebrate her love of life and colorful spirit on Friday, June 16, right after nap time, at 2 pm at the Arden campus of Biltmore Church, 35 Clayton Road, Arden, NC. No formal attire please, just be you... but maybe you in Converse tennis shoes.***

***There will be plenty of flowers so please consider making a gift to either 1) a scholarship fund for Doughton Lewis – please make checks payable to Robert Lewis and send to PO Box 6245, Asheville, NC 28816 or 2) Mountain Area Pregnancy Services where donations can be made online <https://www.mtnpregnancy.com/donate>***

