



**WE SERVE!**

**CALENDAR**

*Board meeting  
Tuesday, 7/11  
Location TBA*

**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**

*Your editor neglected to write down the name of the Lion who missed \$5. It was someone who rarely attends.*

# THE LIONS TALE

**Alexandria Lions Club**

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*June 28, 2017*

Two Card Draw—Lion Jackie and Lion CC each tried, but couldn't find the jokers. The kitty is getting bigger. A new Lions year doesn't impact the kitty or the door prize.

**Guests:** Lion Jackie introduced Michelle Bournstein, who is with a local IT support company. Lion Brent introduced Graves Theus.

**Tail Twister:** Lion Darryl asked Lion Jackie to guess how much was raised in his Lion this year. Lion Jackie overestimated with a guess of \$86. The actual amount was \$52.11

Not only was it Lion Don's final meeting as President, but it was his BIRTHDAY! So of course, the Club sang to him.

**Announcements:**

The new Lions Year begins July 1. We welcome Lion Pam as our President. The combined Boards will meet on 7/11/17, location to be announced. Lion Darryl will host.



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## 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**

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**Jim Gallagher**

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### **Speaker:**

Jim Clinton, CLEDA

Lion Kermit introduced Jim Clinton of the Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, a friend to many Lions.

Jim began by talking about the book, *Bowling Alone*, and the impact that the author has had. One of his main assertions is that social capital peaked in the 1930s. America is poorer due to this loss of social engagement.

Today, we see less engagement than ever. That is why civic organizations such as the Lions Club is so important. Jim believes that the internet has had a negative impact on civility.

The role of CLEDA is to improve economic outcomes. Historically this has been seen as business development. However, there is a move from being industrial recruiters to being community developers. Businesses want to locate where there is a good quality of life for their employees. But all communities claim that they “are a great place to raise a family.” We need to distinguish ourselves. The focus in Central LA is “we make good stuff.”

Manufacturing is retooling and the service sector is automating. There are not as many jobs in agriculture or manufacturing due to automation. So the quality of the workforce is an important driver.

While the knowledge base in Cenla is improving, so is the rest of the world’s. We are just keeping up, not surpassing others.

The partnerships with the technical college and local businesses are key. High school students are now being tested for workforce readiness and can receive certifications along with their diploma. Louisiana College is adding a computer science degree. Northwestern has a program available online. We are under-resourced in our community. Go to [cenla.org](http://cenla.org) to see the numbers.

What makes us different will be the gamechanger. We need to offer more than low taxes and cheap labor. The economy values skills. Programmers don’t need degrees, they need skills. That is a huge area for growth.



***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>***

