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# THE LIONS TALE

**Alexandria Lions Club**

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## CALENDAR

*Board meeting*

*Tuesday, 7/11*

*6 p.m. @ AFCO*

*conference room*

This is a combined meeting of the old and new boards.

## SPEAKERS

Lions Forum 7/12

## BIRTHDAYS

James Ballard 7/7

Chuck Tosten 7/7

Tripp Dungan 7/8

Sam Echols 7/10

Clint Virden 7/10

Susan Ballard 7/13

Jim Waters 7/15

Patrick Cunningham 7/18

Taylor Ward 7/30

## Door Prize

*Lion Jerry Hanaw missed \$10. Everyone figures it's Lion Jackie's fault for not bringing him.*

*July 5, 2017*

Two Card Draw—Lion Gary tried and failed, but Lion Bob Royer won for his group. The kitty had grown to \$325!!!

Next week we'll start with a full deck and the minimum \$200 kitty.

Lion President Pam is reinstating the Lions' toast, but as a unison motto rather than a toast. Each week we will repeat together:

*Not above you, not beneath you, but WITH you in Lionism.*

**Guests:** It was an undeclared prospects day! Lion Allen brought Jason Brown of Fox 48 to see what our Club is about. Lion Kermit brought Chuck Thomas, complete with application and dues! Welcome to both.

**Tail Twister:** Lion CC asked Lion Joe Crouch to name the incoming District Governor, and the name of our District. With some cheating, Lion Joe came up with District 8-I, but didn't know that Lion Debbie Fitzgerald of the Greater Ouchita Lions Club is our new District Governor. Lion Chuck Tosten then shared some information on the tallest flagpole, which is taller than the Statue of Liberty and is located in Cheboygan, WI. It flies a 70x140' flag, weighing 220 pounds dry and 300 pounds wet.

## Announcements:

The combined Boards will meet on 7/11/17, at 6 p.m. at the AFCO conference room. Lion Darryl will host.

We extend our deepest sympathy to former Lion Heather Matlock on the death of her mother, Dian Wise.

Start collecting now for our garage sale in October!



## 2017-18 Lions Board

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**Pam Wunderlich**

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### Speaker:

Dr. Chris Maggio, President of Northwestern State University

Lion Darryl introduced Dr. Maggio, who is a NSU Demon, through and through. Dr. Maggio grew up in Natchitoches and graduated from NSU. He received his doctorate from Grambling. He is a well known track coach, and has been a part of the NSU faculty for 29 years in a variety of roles including VP, Dean of Students and Assistant Provost. During his time leading the NSU Foundation, the Foundation surpassed fundraising goals to raise \$31million for the recent capital campaign.

Dr. Maggio became the 19<sup>th</sup> President of NSU in May, after being the interim since January. He was very complimentary of the work of Lions. His daughter is a Leo and recently assisted with Carnival Day at the Louisiana Lions Camp. She was very moved by meeting the campers and seeing the importance of the Camp.

The various institutions of higher ed work well together in our area. NSU has created a number of partnerships, especially with the community and technical colleges. NSU has 9,811 students on the main campus and has satellite programs in Marksville, Ft. Polk, Shreveport, and of course the Learning Center of Rapides at the England Airpark. There are about 3,000 students in online classes.

After a 2-year visioning process, NSU determined 5 areas of strategic importance. Dr. Maggio intends the strategic vision to be a living, changing, growing document.

1. Academic excellence: they are about to begin offering a doctoral program in education with 2 majors—workforce education and community/technical college leadership. A doctorate will also be offered for nurse practitioners through the school of nursing. They are beginning to offer certifications for allied health so that graduates don't have to leave the state for certifications.
2. Student experience: Housing, food service, activities
3. Athletic promise—academics, athletics, community service. Athletes provided 3,000 community service hours.
4. Market responsiveness—partnering with employers and working on soft skills in addition to technical
5. Community enrichment—theater, music, international programs, faculty exchanges.

State funding dropped from \$40.5 million in 2007 to \$19 million in 2017. So the work continues.