



# THE LIONS TALE

**Alexandria Lions Club**

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## CALENDAR

July 26, 2017

*Board meeting*  
August 8 @ 6 p.m. AFCO  
board room

### **SPEAKERS**

LSUA Continuing ed 8/2  
Lions Forum 8/9  
LA Heart Gallery 8/16  
Clifton Spears, ADA for  
Juvenile Division 8/23  
Fowler Fish Hatchery 8/30

### **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 Stacy Auzenne won*  
\$5

**Two Card Draw**—Lion Gary evidently won while your editor was on vacation, but returned the winnings to the Club. Lion CC and Lion Hank tried and failed to win with a new deck this week.

**Guests:** Lion Clint introduced Shawn Martin, minister of music and seniors at Kingsville Baptist, as his guest.

**Tail Twister:** Lion CC took a break this week.

### **Announcements:**

The Board will meet on 8/6 at 6 p.m. at the AFCO conference room. Lion Susan will host. All members are welcome.

Start collecting now for our garage sale in October! The date is Oct 7 and the place is the parking lot of First UMC on Jackson St. Lion Pam and Lion Susan have the keys to the Go-Mini and will meet anyone who has items to donate.

Several Club members attended a recent closing ceremony at the Lions Camp in Leesville. Our Club presented 5 \$500 scholarships to some deserving counselors. Reports are that the weather was pleasant for a change. The group had a great evening!



## **2017-18 Lions Board**

### **President**

**Pam Wunderlich**

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

**Susan Ballard**

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**Jackie Auerbach**

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### **Tail Twister**

**C. C. Prudhomme**

**Lion Tamer**

**John Paul Adams**

### **Membership Chair**

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**Don Fowler**

### **Board Members**

**Jim Gallagher**

**Kermit Pharris**

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### **Speaker:**

Dr. Rick Brewer, President of Louisiana College

Lion Darryl introduced the 9<sup>th</sup> President of LC and encouraged Club members to find an opportunity to hear Dr. Brewer share his musical talents. Dr. Brewer has been president of LC for 2 years.

Dr. Brewer started his talk by telling the Club that a management book he read said that employers need to look for 3 things in employees: 1. Humble 2. Hungry and 3. Smart. Two of the 3 just won't work.

LC has faced challenges in the past few years. But Dr. Brewer believes that God has brought the college through. Last year, the fundraising efforts brought in \$5.5 million. Financial challenges are being overcome.

New degree programs are being offered. The Master in Social Work begins this year, with 3 years of funding from the Rapides Foundation. This is a faith based MSW, which is very unusual. Dr. Brewer referred to "passion with a purpose." LC teaches the WHY, not just the WHAT.

An insurance claim has led to \$20million in improvements to the campus...roofs, windows and a refurbishment of Guin Auditorium. A series of concerts and events will be held to celebrate the re-opening. LC is the community's school. Save the date now for a Nov. 3 concert by a Beach Boy tribute band.

LC now has 6 graduate programs, including Education and nursing. LC now offers the opportunity to go from RN to MSN all online. The new flat tuition means that students can take more classes and finish earlier without extra tuition. LC is also launching a partnership in engineering with LA Tech. This is the only public/private partnership.

LC also is starting a BS in computer science. They have a partnership with a company, Invoke, from Baton Rouge. LC also has programs in business and criminal justice designed for adults who have fulltime jobs.

The LC budget is based on an enrollment of 1500. They hope to regain that 2010 level by 2020. When Dr. Brewer arrived in 2015, enrollment was under 1000. The fall enrollment this year is expected to be 1100.