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THE LIONS TALE

Alexandria Lions Club

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CALENDAR

November 14
\$15,000 Raffle Dinner
and Drawing at the
Farmer's Market.

Save the Date: our Holiday
Party is set for Tuesday,
Dec. 5 @ Brocato's

SPEAKERS

Clifton Spears, ADA for
Juvenile Division 8/23

Fowler Fish Hatchery 8/30

BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Fine 8/7
Bob Royer 8/9
David Caplan 8/12
Scott Yeager 8/15
Bill Carstens 8/16
Richard Besson 8/22
Stacy Auzenne 8/28

Door Prize

Lion Richard Besson
shouldn't have left early!
He missed \$10.

Two Card Draw—Lion Hank and Lion Bob H were the “lucky, but not lucky” ones who missed the jokers.

Guests: Lion Hank Smart introduced prospective new member, Major Terry Riggs of the Salvation Army.

Goodbye for a while.....Lion Gary is heading to Viet Nam on a special trip. He will have lots of stories to tell when he returns in October.

Lion Alfred Cook, III, our newest member, received his membership pin by his sponsor, Lion Hank. Lion Hank is well on his way to winning the membership drive competition!

Tail Twister: Lion CC was missing. The Club voted to fine her 2¢.

Rock on: Lion Richard Besson left before Lion Jackie could give him his birthday rock. Lion Jackie had an “anniversary rock” for Lion Hank’s Club anniversary, and one for Lion Alfred, to welcome him and celebrate his pinning.

Announcements:

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. But if you can wait until Oct 6 to drop items that would be easiest for the Club. The sorting will begin at 8 a.m. on the 6th. The sale will begin set up at 5:30 a.m. on Oct 7

Cubsight: Lion Allen Robertson is organizing the teams for this fall. Team B needs a team captain.



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Speaker: Louisiana Heart Gallery

Karley Duhon and Andria Fontenot

The Louisiana Heart Gallery is a volunteer effort to spotlight children available for adoption in Louisiana. Volunteer photographers, such as Andria, take pictures of adoptable children and a traveling 8x12' display, featuring children and their stories, is shown in public places to recruit families. Families must be certified adoptive parents in order to receive details on the children or meet them. The children also are placed on a state and national registry. Check out www.adoptuskids.org The display is currently on exhibit at the Alexandria Mall. Many churches host the display to educate their membership. The Louisiana Dept of Family and Children Services (DCFS) will hold the next foster/adoptive parent certification class in October.

As Andria and Karley met foster families and heard the stories, they began to realize there was a larger unmet need. So they have started the Foster Care Closet, housed at First United Methodist Church in Alexandria. Foster parents receive their first "board" payment for the care and feeding of a child AFTER the child has been in the home for 30 days. So foster parents often must purchase clothing, school supplies, shoes, etc for the children. This is especially hard on foster parents who take a baby needing formula and diapers, and perhaps equipment such as a crib, stroller or car seat. The Foster Care Closet keeps needed items on hand, gathered by donations, and allows foster parents to "shop" without paying for items. It's an amazing ministry!

They also have supplied the DCFS office with an emergency closet filled with supplies so children can be cleaned and fed at the DCFS office in the middle of the night if they come into care then.

An upcoming project will be a "pack & play" drive for portable cribs.

Volunteers are always needed at the Foster Care Closet. Volunteers sort and hang clothes and assist foster parents in their "shopping" for items. Check out the Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/fostercareclosetalexandria/> If you hit the "sign up" button at the top of the page, it takes you to the volunteer scheduling page. But go to the Facebook page to learn more, even if you don't "sign up" to volunteer.

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