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THE LIONS TALE

Alexandria Lions Club

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August 23, 2017

CALENDAR

Board Meeting @
Kingsville Baptist Church
on Sept. 12, 6:00 p.m.

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

Fowler Fish Hatchery 8/30

Ron Smith, Cleco 9/6

Clint Bullock, Air Traffic
Controller at AEX 9/20

Larry Cordaro, LSUA
Basketball Coach 9/27

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 Markay missed \$15.
And we miss YOU!

Two Card Draw—Lion John Simon and Lion Darryl were trying for a poker hand with a pair of twos. But no joker.

Tail Twister: Lion CC asked Lion Stacy for the number of bones we have at birth, compared to the number we have as adults. No biologists in our midst. The correct answer was 270 at birth and 206 as adults.

Cubsight: Lion Allen Robertson is organizing the teams for this fall. Team captains are needed for Teams A & B. Lion Joe Crouch is captain for Team C.

Lion Hank Smart, sponsor, presented our newest member, Major Terry Riggs of the Salvation Army with her membership pin.

Rock on: Lion Jackie gave a birthday rock to new member Lion Terry, who's birthday was in July. Lion Stacy got his as well. Lion Terry also received a welcome packet from Lion Jackie.

Lion James will collect used eclipse glasses to send to Astronomers without Borders to be used by South American students in the next eclipse.

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



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Speaker: Clifton J. Spears, Chief of the Juvenile Division

Rapides Parish DA's office (Also, brought Jessie Price)

Mr. Spears is a native of Alexandria and has extensive experience with the juvenile justice system, both as a public defender and now as a prosecutor.

The juvenile system is complex and is not taught in law school. The Children's Code was developed fairly recently to codify the many laws affecting juveniles.

The goal of the juvenile system is to keep kids out of jail once they are adults. This can be done by intervention as children become "delinquent" or by intervention into broken family systems. FINS (families in need of services) deals with bad home situations. Economic problems are usually the root. Sometimes Christy Kelly from the judges' office can intervene informally before a FINS case is opened. But sometimes judges must order services.

CINC cases are children in need of care. This is when parents are the primary problem, either by abuse or neglect. Drug cases are the cause of much of the neglect in the system. But studies show that children are most successful when the family can be healed.

Delinquency is any crime that also would be a crime for an adult. A "status offense" is a "crime" due to the child's status as a juvenile, such as a curfew violation. Many curfew violation stops result in an arrest for a crime, since many car burglaries and vandalism happen after curfew hours. Mr. Spears stated that 90% of cases are due to bad parenting. Parents don't discipline young children and are unable to discipline teens.

Lack of "beds" or space to incarcerate juveniles means that the judicial system is constantly trying to juggle who goes home on probation and who remains in detention. There are only 16 beds STATEWIDE for violent girls who offend. And there are NO beds for pregnant girls due to liability issues.

Mr. Spears was a very entertaining speaker and the Club certainly would enjoy having him return.