

2006-2007 DISTRICT 8-S MARCH 2007

District Governor Calendar for March

This month is a month of Region meetings as well as the Cabinet meeting at Marrero Lions Home (see below). Please check the list of dates and locations for the Region meeting for your club. This will be a very important one as the district takes on a new endeavor to wrap up by the end of the Lion year. Make sure you attend to find out all about it.

Region 1 – March 22 – 411 West Canal St., Thibodaux (next to Western Sizzlin)

Region 2 – March 20 – St. Charles Room, Boutte

Region 3 – March 15 – TBA

Region 4 – March 5 – Clearview Lions Home

You will be receiving correspondence about particulars for your Region.

Third Cabinet Meeting – March 29 Doors open at 6 P.M. Marrero Lions Home 2334 Baratavia Blvd, Marrero. Marrero Lions Club is offering a meal starting at 6:30 P.M. consisting of:

FRESH GREEN SALAD w/RANCH DRESSING
BAKED MEAT LOAF w/CREOLE SAUCE
GREEN BEANS WITH POTATOES
BUTTERED SLICED CARROTS
DINNER ROLLS, BUTTER
ASSORTED DESSERTS
SODA OR DRAFT BEER

COST: \$7.00 PER PERSON.

PLEASE LET THEM KNOW HOW MANY WILL BE ATTENDING FROM YOUR CLUB SO THEY CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY. FOR MORE INFO OR RESERVATIONS, CALL: LION AL BERGERON @ 504-347-1367 OR PRESIDENT LION L.A. BOUDREAUX @ 504-328-1273. THANKS!!!!

Secretaries: The State Convention committee is putting together the Memorial ceremony and need your support. Please provide either of the two below with a list of all of your deceased members to complete the program. This list should include all members (Lionesses also) that have passed away since the last State Convention. Please notify either Lion Lois Foret (3107 Orris Lane Apt 102, Metairie, 70002 504-887-5728 ms.roadrunner@cox.net) or DG Bryan Foret (4220 Haring Road, Metairie, 70006 504-455-3973 bryanforet@hotmail.com) as soon as possible.

Happenings around the District

Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Open House - Metairie Lions Club Sunday March 11, 2007 - The Metairie Lions Club located at 1627 Metairie Road (located next to St Catherine of Siena Church at the corner of Bonnabel Blvd and Metairie Road) in old Metairie, sponsors an open house every year for the Metairie St. Patrick's Day parade. The doors open at 10:00 AM and remain open until the parade is over at that location. There will be food, drinks, chips and snacks, and desserts for sale for the duration of the parade. This is an annual event for the parade. Everyone is invited to come in and sample our wares, and come in to rest for a while. We will also be having a membership drive and will offer information about our club to anyone who is interested. Contact Christina Bode for more information @ 220-6207 or 831-1933, or email at c3b4@bellsouth.net.

Annual Cancer Walk – Lady Dot Rogers indicates that the **Bourg Lions Auxiliary** will hold their 7th annual Cancer Walk on Saturday March 24th. They are looking for sponsorships; all proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

A Day at the Races – The **Lakeside Lioness Club** will be hosting a Day at the Races on Thursday March 22. The cost is \$18 per person. This will include the entrance to the club house and a lunch. The lunch will include a choice of red beans, sausage, salad or chicken salad on a bed of lettuce with fruit and soup de jour. All meals include dessert, tea and coffee. The event will be held at the **Fair Grounds Race Course** 1751 Gentilly Blvd,

New Orleans, LA 70119 and the race course opens at 11:30 a.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling **Lioness Virginia Cullens** at 504-835-3025. We hope that you will be able to attend this fun activity.

Relay for Life Again from **Lady Dot Rogers** who indicates the **Bourg Lions Auxiliary** will participate in this event to be held in Houma on April 28th. They are looking for sponsorships; all proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

Garage Sale once again from **Lady Dot Rogers** who indicates the **Bourg Lions Auxiliary** will have their annual garage sale on April 19th and 20th at the Bourg Lions Home. Merchandise is being accepted so their will bargains galore. All proceeds goes towards making club donations in their area.

A note from Elsbeth and Bob Moore (District guest for the 2006-2007 LDS)

Words cannot express how honored we were to be able to join you and your Lions at your Leadership Seminar. We have done a great deal of traveling (away about every weekend and almost all of October) since we were with you but the time with you and all your Lions had a special place in our hearts.

It was a wonderful convention in every way. We loved the Friday night dinner, the Saturday workshops were so well done & the Sunday banquet was fun. Seeing Bobby Eichhorn and I acting as waiters added to the great night. The tour of New Orleans with you made the weekend even more special. Everyone that visits New Orleans should see what Katrina did.

You made us a part of your Lions family and so proud to be a Lion. You touched our hearts. Looking forward to seeing you in Chicago.

State Convention Urgent Allons e'Lafayette is fast approaching with only 9 weeks left (May 4, 5 and 6 in Lafayette, LA) before the beginning of the annual Multiple District convention. The convention committee has been working tirelessly making this one of the best yet. You can count on some great timely speakers for the weekend including the Saturday lunch speaker Bobby Jindal, U.S. Representative from the 1st District of Louisiana Sunday morning speaker Dr. Frederick P. Cerise, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, and our special Lions International Guest Past International President Clement "Clem" Kuziak, served as International President for the 2004-2005 Lions year. Lion Clem was also the chair of LCIF that was so instrumental in the Lions recovery after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. You will also be treated to the inaugural performance of the Louisiana Lions Jazz Band at the various functions of the convention.

State Convention Chairman, Bob Andrepont, PDG is asking you and your Lions club to bring "copies" of photos of Lions doing hurricane relief work. Photos will be displayed in the lobby of the convention center during the convention. After the convention they will be gathered together and placed in a photo album and shipped to Past International President Kuziak.

Let us not forget to recognize your members, candidates, businesses with ads in the Convention program book. Ads are \$200 for a full page, \$100 for a half page and \$50 for a 3 line contribution ad. The committee is also accepting any draw one prizes or donations for the committee chairs (Lions Fred and Sissy Lantz) to purchase gifts for you to win. Every Lion in the state received an application in the most recent copy of the "Louisiana Lion" so get yours turned in now!

Leadership Chair MERL Team 8-S – Lion Bob Williams, PDG

Failed Leadership - A Failure to Communicate with others!

Campaign Sight First II contributions and pledges reported as of February 27, 2007 since the beginning of the fund raising effort:

AIRLINE	\$5,000.00
LA BONNE TERRE	\$1,000.00

MARRERO	\$1,000.00
UNIVERSITY PARK	\$1,000.00
No Club Assigned	\$279.77
- Total for 8-S	\$8,279.77

The worldwide total is **\$81,500,000** towards the goal of \$150,000,000. Lions International President Jimmy Ross **wants us to exceed \$90,000,000 by the start of the Lions International 90th year.** Can you help meet the challenge?

Cub Sight report from Lion James Fuentes, District 8-S Cubsight Coordinator
AMBLYOPIA

The general term amblyopia applies to poor vision which is not due to any observable disease and which cannot be corrected by glasses. It may be congenital (present at birth) or may develop later.

Sometimes the cause is unknown; however, blindness can often be prevented if proper steps are taken. A common example is "lazy eye" or *amblyopia ex anopsia*, affecting perhaps one to two percent of children. This condition occurs in a young child if one eye becomes so dominant that the other is suppressed and deteriorates through lack of use. This is likely to happen if the two eyes focus differently because of strabismus or because one eye is more nearsighted than the other. One eye may fall into disuse as the person relies on images from the other. However, the eye may appear perfectly normal to others. If this problem is discovered and treated early enough (generally before the age of six or seven), often the unused, weak eye will regain its strength. Otherwise permanent loss of vision may result. The Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation, Cubsight program provides free preschool screening tests in an effort to find and refer these children before the vision of one eye is completely lost. Treatment generally consists of correcting the basic inequality of the eyes through surgery or corrective lenses and/or putting a patch over the strong eye temporarily to force the weak one to work again. Eye examinations at birth and again by three years of age are recommended to increase chances of early detection and effective treatment.

STRABISMUS

Commonly called "crossed eyes" when the eyes turn in and "wall eyes" when they turn out, this condition is frequently due to muscle inequality. It can result from trauma at birth, hereditary factors, or other disorders. It must be treated--usually with corrective glasses, medication, surgery, patching of one eye, orthoptic exercises, or some combination of these.

More response from the “Coats for Kids” Project –

From **Luling Elementary School Principal Tresa Webre** – On behalf of all the students who received a jacket from the Lions Club, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my heartfelt thank you to every person who helped to make this generous donation possible. From those who raised the money, purchased and delivered the jackets, to the people responsible for setting this up, I cannot thank you and them enough. It was so rewarding to see the faces of these children as they received their very own jacket! I know this is one of those memories that they will have for a long time to come. We are so grateful that you thought of Luling Elementary when planning this project. Thank you and may God bless all of you!

From **Jefferson Elementary School Principal Carolyn Sanders O’hare** – Again many, many thanks for the beautiful coats for our students.

Moving around - During the past month we have received updated information on a couple of Past District Governors who have different mailing addresses. First is **PDG Augusto “Gus” Cristales**, new address 201 Rue Dubuorg Dr, Apt 503, Laplace, LA 70068 new phone 985-652-7081 and then also **PDG Fred Bologna**, 100 Devon Rd, Laplace, LA 70068. We also have a new address on President **Joaquin Wong, Southshore Guatemala**, 1202 Joseph St, New Orleans, LA 70115-4217

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