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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 13 – Lion President J. Brown will introduce LTC(R) Steve Howard, a former member of Gen. Odierno's personal staff, will talk about the surge in Iraq.

August 20 – Lion Alicia Winegar will introduce Congressman John Carter

August 27 – Lion George White will introduce Coach Bryce Monsen and the Temple High School Football Team

Sept. 3- Lions will meet at Temple College's Health Science Center.

LIONS CALENDAR

August 11 – Lions Board meeting, noon, Cotton Patch Café

August 13 – Lions noon meeting, Gober

August 14 – Backpack stuffing with Rotary Club at Temple High's South Campus from 4-6pm.

August 20 – Lions noon meeting, Gober

August 27 – Lions noon meeting, Gober

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lion President J. Brown requests that all committee chairpersons submit a brief description of their responsibilities.

Lion 1st VP Ray Harper did a good job filling in for Lion President J. Brown.

Please keep Lion Randy Sepulvado in your thoughts and prayers as he prepares for surgery on August 14.

Please try and find time to help us stuff backpacks with Rotary Club on August 14 from 4-6pm at Temple High's south campus. I hope those Rotary members are small.

Please set aside Sept. 12 on your calendar to help with the lasagna supper and Wildcat parking. We will be spread pretty thin.

The board will be voting on a 3rd VP for the current year at our meeting August 11. Lion Berry has resigned from that post.

No one won the pot...I think.

This is a joke I made up all by myself...

If Lion Petty and Lion Alicia made a salad dressing, what would it be called?

O.L. & Winegar!! Bwah ha ha!!

GUESTS

Gary Jones was the guest of Lion Gary Gosney.

GREETERS

August 13 – Lions Glenn Brandt & Alan Brown

August 20 – Lions Jon Burrows & Tex Burrows

BIRTHDAYS

August 9 – **Lion Singin' Sam Farrow**

August 10 – **Lion Doug Trainer**

UPCOMING MEALS

August 13 – Kolache Kitchen – Chicken pot pie, tossed salad, banana pudding

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

Lion Past President Roy Wells introduced Andy Higgins, President of VVM Internet Services. VVM began providing local internet service to the Temple area in 1994. Mr. Higgins spoke briefly on the challenge of providing a service that is now distributed by much larger companies like AT&T and AOL. He says that providing excellent customer service enables small businesses to compete with larger impersonal companies.

Mr. Higgins spent more time speaking on the challenges that face internet companies and end-users. He said thwarting SPAM is a constant battle and that our email addresses are typically discovered using guessing software, viruses, and phishing. Ways to avoid include using a filter, that learns from our ongoing input, and not signing up for mailing lists from lesser-known commercial websites. The balancing act is in catching bad messages while allowing important ones through. Not unlike our own membership process...just kidding. Although filters have a 98% catch rate, the best way to stop SPAM is to utilize sender verification software.

Mr. Higgins sees the future of software as a service. This is called "cloud computing" where everything that is now stored on our home and office computers will be stored and accessed via the internet. This will enable us to access all of our information wherever there is access to the internet. This may prove to be safer and more efficient than the current network systems.

During the Q&A, Mr. Higgins offered solutions and resources to many common user issues.

It was a very good program.

See you next week!

