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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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 20 – Lions noon meeting, Gober
August 27 – Lions noon meeting, Gober
August 28 – Zone Meeting, 6pm, Gober

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Jones became Lion Gary Jones and was sponsored by Lion Gary Gosney. Lion George White performed the ceremony.

Please keep Lion J.W. Perry and family in your prayers as they mourn the passing of his brother, Samuel Earl Perry.

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

Please set aside Sept. 12 on your calendar to help with the lasagna supper and Wildcat parking. We will be spread pretty thin. Lasagna Chairman Lion John Francis is doing an excellent job.

Lion Charles Pierce is our new 3rd VP. Thank you Lion Charlie for your service.

I won \$5, which shouldn't surprise you because according to some, I ALWAYS WIN!
Bitter, party of one! Bitter, party of one!

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

If Lion Mike and Lion James opened a laundry service, it would be called.....are you ready?....

WASHAM –WRIGHT

These are getting harder.

GUESTS

The lovely **Patrice Hunter** was the guest of Lion Jim Hunter.

Also lovely **Stephanie Vanicek** was the guest of her dad, Lion Brian Vanicek. She is part of his pride.

Ed Boyle was the guest of Lion Gary Gosney

Ken Chambers was the guest of Lion Mike Hamby

GREETERS

August 20 – Lions Jon Burrows & Tex Burrows

August 27 – Lions Amy Castillo & Ann Chamlee

BIRTHDAYS

August 15 – **Lion Mary Klentzman**

August 17 – **Lion Frank Hajda**

August 18 – **Lion Charles Verheyden**

August 18 – **Lion Tommy Bowling**

UPCOMING MEAL

August 20 – Susan's Catering – Spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread, salad, red velvet cake

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

Lion President J. Brown introduced Retired LTC Steve Howard, a former member of General Odierno's personal staff, who described the strategy and effectiveness of the surge in Iraq.

LTC Howard began by implying that one of the worst deterrents to their success in Iraq is the media's portrayal of events. The surge began in Dec. 2006 with operation Furdh Al-Quanoon when troops were increased from 130,000 to 174,000. the strategy changed from a come in-clean-leave to more of a come in-clean-maintain methodology. This enabled troops to build rapport with local citizens, eventually resulting in a group of concerned citizens called "the brothers of Iraq."

Operation Phantom Thunder was a 3 week campaign that used smartbombs to pinpoint Al Qaeda safehouses and bring in bad guys. By Dec. 2007, 9 of the 18 Iraqi Provinces were under the control of Iraqi Security, increasing to 12 currently. The 2nd surge was made by the Iraqi Army that is split into 10 divisions of 20,000. Captain Math tells me that is 200,000. Operation Phantom Phoenix involved northern Iraq and has resulted in over 1000 detainees and seizure of several thousand weapons. The surge has resulted in Baghdad going from a ghost town to a thriving city, over 350% increase in available electricity, increased oil revenue, 60-70% drop in civilian deaths, and decreased ethno-sectarian violence. It's nice to hear good information from someone who actually knows.

See you next week!