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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Mar. 4 – Dr. Glenda Barron – President of Temple College

Mar. 11 – Tom Fairlee – Temple College Jazz Festival

LIONS CALENDAR

Mar. 2 – Executive Board Meeting, Sammons
March 2, 5:15pm at Extraco on 31st: there will be an officer nominating committee meeting. All Past Presidents are expected to attend.

Mar. 4 – Regular noon meeting, Gober

Mar. 9 – Board of Directors mtg, noon, Cotton Patch

Mar. 11 – Regular noon meeting, Gober

Mar. 12 – Annual Show critique, 6:30pm, Manor de Gosney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please keep **Lion Eddy Lange** and his family in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn the passing of his father.

We'd like to have everyone at the Show critique on **Thursday March 12 at 6:30pm** at Gosney's. We need all the help we can get making decisions for next year's show.

Somebody won \$5 in the drawing but I failed to write it down.

Mark your calendars for our annual golf tournament at Sammons on **May 2**.

Don't forget to sell bricks every chance you get.

GUESTS

Joe Mankowich was the guest of Lion Bob Gosney
Temple Police Chief Gary Smith was the guest of Lion JW Perry. No one was arrested.

GREETERS

March 4 – Reuben on rye Marek and Gary Jones

March 11 – Randy and Carol Sepulvado

BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 19 – Lion Henry "Butch" Jezek (**Butch? Really?**)

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

Lion Roy Wells introduced **John Perry**, author of two Civil War books and numerous articles. Mr. Perry's presentation of "A True American Hero" was as captivating as the previous three talks he has given to our club.

Jack Lucas was born in 1928 in North Carolina. He excelled in sports such as basketball, football, and baseball and was an accomplished outdoorsman. At age 13, he was moved by the attacks on Pearl Harbor and felt the military was his calling. At age 14, he lied about his age, forged his mother's signature, and joined the U.S. Marine Corps. Through his training on Paris Island, SC, he became proficient as a sharpshooter and machine gun crewman. By age 16, he was a fully trained combat soldier. His true age was discovered by the Marines and he was allowed to stay in non-combat status, thus losing the rank he worked hard to achieve. In 1945, he went AWOL and was considered a deserter. Lucas secretly boarded and hid in a military transport bound for Japan. He was soon discovered again but at age 17, was allowed to replace another soldier who had fallen ill. The marines on the transport were assigned to capture Mt. Suribachi, a key Japanese military base on the island of Iwo Jima. His group was assigned to capture an adjacent airfield where they encountered a Japanese pillbox. Two grenades landed in the midst of Lucas and his group and instinctively, he dove on both to absorb the blast. Only one detonated but it did substantial damage. Miraculously, he stayed conscious and was carried to a hospital ship. He was dropped twice en route and almost drowned. His only regret was that he didn't have the opportunity to kill more enemy soldiers. He endured 22 surgeries and 7 months in the hospital and eventually was awarded the Medal of Honor from President Harry S. Truman; Lucas was the youngest ever to receive this award. He attempted to go to Vietnam as a paratrooper but was held back and decided to quit. Lucas was the guest of President Bill Clinton at his 1995 State of the Union Address. He died of Leukemia in 2008.
Jack Lucas: A True American Hero.