



Lions Pride

23 January 2012

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REGULAR CLUB MEETING:

The regular meeting of the **Wichita Falls Founder Lions Club** will be at **11:30a, Wednesday, 25 January 2012** at **Luby's Cafeteria**. **Lion Camron Ward** is Program Chair this month. Here is the program for this meeting and for the remainder of December:

25 January 2012: – **Bill Hysmith** with Capital Farm Credit, Real Estate Appraiser – Discuss briefly Rural Real Estate Appraisal/his missionary work in Africa.

Lion President Ayres Cermin has named the **Program Chairs** for each month of this Lion Year. The Program Chair for **February, Darrel Kirkland**; March, Norman Mason; April, Lou Murdock; May, Bruce Boyd; June, Melodie Berry; July Derek Dansby.

OTHER MEETINGS CALENDER:

Every Thursday of Every Week: Meals on Wheels, Lion President Ayres is working with members to keep this important project of our Club going.

09 February 2012: State Hospital Party, Lions Hosts for February: Lions Jerry Elam & Frank Rubane. Meet **Lion Mike Lockstone** at the Hospital gate at 06:20p.

Future Volunteer Hosts are: Lions all: **February, Lions Jerry Elam & Frank Rubane**; March, CC Hayley & Norm York; April, Joe Cullen & LaDonna Cullen; May, Dan Gray & TBA; June, TBA. Lion President still needs volunteers for several months.

13 February 2012: Monthly **Board of Director's meeting**, all members may attend. Dutch treat lunch. 11:30a, Luby's Cafeteria meeting room.

Wichita Theatre party: Watch for special dates as announced at our Club Meeting. The new seats are in place now and they are great!

Texas Oklahoma Fair Board: There will be a **Fair Board** meeting in February. I think the date has been set but I am not sure so **watch for the date next week**.

24 March 2012: District 2E-1 Officer Training – Details to follow, to be at Luby's Cafeteria. Hold a place in your schedule for this if you are a club officer.

FROM THE OLD ARMADILLO:

Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882 – 1945), also known by his initials, **FDR**, was the 32nd President of the United States (1933–1945) and a central figure in world events during the mid-20th century, leading the United States during a time of worldwide economic crisis and world war. The only American president elected to more than two terms, he facilitated a durable coalition that realigned American politics for decades. With the bouncy popular song "Happy Days Are Here Again" as his campaign theme, FDR defeated incumbent Republican Herbert Hoover in November 1932, at the depth of the Great Depression. FDR's persistent optimism and activism contributed to a renewal of the national spirit, reflecting his victory over paralytic illness to become the longest serving president in U.S. history. He worked closely with Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin in leading the Allies against Germany and Japan in World War II, but died just as victory was in sight.

In his first hundred days in office, which began March 4, 1933, Roosevelt spearheaded major legislation and issued a profusion of executive orders that instituted the New Deal—a variety of programs designed to produce relief (government jobs for the unemployed), recovery (economic growth), and reform (through regulation of Wall Street, banks and transportation). The economy improved rapidly from 1933 to 1937, but then relapsed into a deep recession. The bipartisan Conservative Coalition that formed in 1937 prevented his packing the Supreme Court or passing any considerable legislation; it abolished many of the relief programs when unemployment diminished during World War II. Most of the regulations on business were ended about 1975–85, except for the regulation of Wall Street by the Securities and Exchange Commission, which still exists. Along with several smaller programs, major surviving programs include the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, which was created in 1933, and Social Security, which Congress passed in 1935.

As World War II loomed after 1938, with the Japanese invasion of China and the aggressions of Nazi Germany, FDR gave strong diplomatic and financial support to China and Britain, while remaining officially neutral. His goal was to make America the "Arsenal of Democracy" which would supply munitions to the Allies. In March 1941, Roosevelt, with Congressional approval, provided Lend-Lease aid to the countries fighting against Nazi Germany with Britain. With very strong national support he made war on Japan and Germany after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, calling it a "date which will live in infamy". He supervised the mobilization of the U.S. economy to support the Allied war effort. As an active military leader, Roosevelt implemented an overall war strategy on two fronts that ended in the defeat of the Axis Powers and the development of the world's first atom bomb. In 1942 Roosevelt ordered the Army to inter 100,000 Japanese American civilians in camps in the inland West, away from the Pacific coast. Unemployment dropped to 2%, relief programs largely ended, and the industrial economy grew rapidly to new heights as millions of people moved to new jobs in war centers, and 16 million men and 300,000 women were drafted or volunteered for military service.

A liberal Democrat, Roosevelt defined his ideological position as "a little left of center" and also called his cabinet "slightly to the left of center".

His request approved, the CNN News photographer quickly used a cell phone to call the local airport to charter a flight. He was told a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport. Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger. He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut, and shouted, 'Let's go'.

The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off. Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, 'Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides.'

'Why?' asked the pilot.

'Because I'm a photographer for CNN' he responded, 'and I need to get some close-up shots.'

The pilot was strangely silent for a moment, finally he stammered, 'So, what you're telling me, is . . . You're NOT my flight instructor?'



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