



17 February 2015

Lions Pride

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REGULAR MEETING CALENDAR for Remainder of FEBRUARY:

The **Regular Meeting** of the **Wichita Falls Founder Lions Club** will be at **11:30a, 18 February 2015**, at Luby's Cafeteria Banquet Room. **Program Chair for February is Lion Bruce Boyd.**

18 February 2015: **Dr. Shero Early** - Signs of Dementia

25 February 2015: **Adele Lewis** - TxDot

Lion Pres. Rodney has named the **Program Chairs** and they are (**Lions All**); **February, Katharine Schlosser**; February, Larry Miller; April, Norman Mason; May, Jack Lavy; and June, Ayers Cermin.

MEMBERSHIP CALANDAR for the MONTH of FEBRUARY:

Every Thursday of Every Week: **Meals on Wheels**, Lion Joe, Lion LaDonna and Lion Rodney do the Wheels every Thursday. Want to join them? **Meet at the Kitchen at 10:15a each Thursday.**

09 March 2015: **Monthly Board of Director's meeting**, all members may attend. Dutch treat lunch. 11:30a, Luby's Cafeteria meeting room.

17 & 19 February 2015: (?) **State Hospital Bingo Parties**. Lion Katharina, Chair, Host Lions to be announced.

18 February 2015: **Regular weekly meeting**, 11:30a at Luby's Cafeteria.

25 February 2015: **Regular weekly meeting**, 11:30a at Luby's Cafeteria.

WORDS WORTH READING:

Frisbeetarianism is the belief that when you die, your soul goes up on the roof and gets stuck.

- George Carlin

THE OLD ARMADILLO:

'A SHOT OF WHISKEY' - In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS - American fighter planes in WW2 had machine guns that were fed by a belt of cartridges. The average plane held belts that were 27 feet (9 yards) long. If the pilot used up all his ammo he was said to have given it the whole nine yards.

BUYING THE FARM - This is synonymous with dying. During WW1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm so if you died you "bought the farm" for your survivors.

IRON CLAD CONTRACT - This came about from the ironclad ships of the Civil War. It meant something so strong it could not be broken.

PASSING THE BUCK / THE BUCK STOPS HERE - Most men in the early west carried a jack knife made by the Buck knife company. When playing poker it was common to place one of these Buck knives in front of the dealer so that everyone knew who he was. When it was time for a new dealer the deck of cards and the knife were given to the new dealer. If this person didn't want to deal he would "pass the buck" to the next player. If that player accepted then "the buck stopped there".

RIFF RAFF - The Mississippi River was the main way of traveling from north to south. Riverboats carried passengers and freight but they were expensive so most people used rafts. Everything had the right of way over rafts which were considered cheap. The steering oar on the rafts was called a "riff" and this transposed into riff-raff, meaning low class.

COBWEB - The Old English word for "spider" was "cob".

SHIP STATE ROOMS - Traveling by steamboat was considered the height of comfort. Passenger cabins on the boats were not numbered. Instead they were named after states. To this day cabins on ships are called staterooms.

SLEEP TIGHT - Early beds were made with a wooden frame. Ropes were tied across the frame in a criss-cross pattern. A straw mattress was then put on top of the ropes. Over time the ropes stretched, causing the bed to sag. The owner would then tighten the ropes to get a better night's sleep.

SHOWBOAT - These were floating theaters built on a barge that was pushed by a steamboat. These played small town along the Mississippi River. Unlike the boat shown in the movie "Showboat" these did not have an engine. They were gaudy and attention grabbing which is why we say someone who is being the life of the party is "showboating".

OVER A BARREL - In the days before CPR a drowning victim would be placed face down over a barrel and the barrel would be rolled back and forth in an effort to empty the lungs of water. It was rarely effective. If you are over a barrel you are in deep trouble.

BARGE IN - Heavy freight was moved along the Mississippi in large barges pushed by steamboats. These were hard to control and would sometimes swing into piers or other boats. People would say they "barged in".

HOGWASH - Steamboats carried both people and animals. Since pigs smelled so bad they would be washed before being put on board. The mud and other filth that was washed off were considered useless "hog wash".

CURFEW - The word "curfew" comes from the French phrase "couvre-feu", which means "cover the fire". It was used to describe the time of blowing out all lamps and candles. It was later adopted into Middle English as "curfeu", which later became the modern "curfew". In the early American colonies homes had no real fireplaces so a fire was built in the center of the room. In order to make sure a fire did not get out of control during the night it was required that, by an agreed upon time, all fires would be covered with a clay pot called-a "curfew".

BARRELS OF OIL - When the first oil wells were drilled they had made no provision for storing the liquid so they used water barrels. That is why, to this day, we speak of barrels of oil rather than gallons.

HOT OFF THE PRESS - As the paper goes through the rotary printing press friction causes it to heat up. Therefore, if you grab the paper right off the press it's hot. The expression means to get immediate information.

Charles Harper, editor