



## THE ALPHA LION NEWSLETTER

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# Coming Events!!

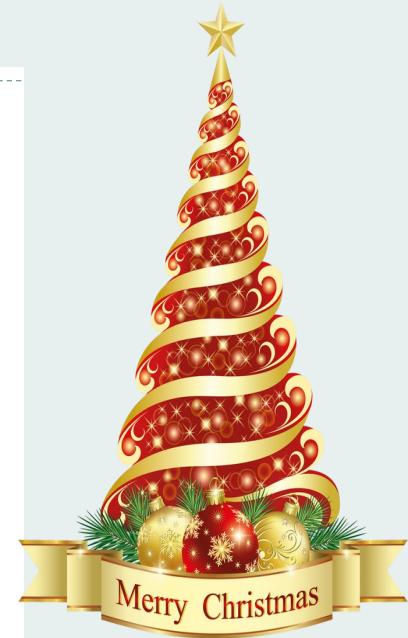
**Thursday, December 9th—BOD meeting.  
All members are eligible and encouraged to attend.  
7:00 pm**

**Thursday, December 16th—Regular meeting. Social at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm.  
Meal is \$20.00. A surcharge will be added if paying with debit or credit card. Cash bar.  
This will be our Holiday Celebration meeting.  
We'll have Katherine Kitchens playing the harp.  
This will be a great opportunity to bring prospective members!!  
Join us!!**



**Facebook.com/Alpharetta Lions Club**

**Website: <https://www.alpharettalions.com>**



### ALPHARETTA LIONS CLUB OFFICERS 2021-2022

President—Tony Pickens  
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As we approach the end of the year, it makes me saddened to look back at the people we've lost this year. It has been a tough time for so many families losing their loved ones, losing their jobs and their lively hood. But at the same makes me appreciate more what I have. So many times we take for granted, a roof over our heads, food on the table, clothes on our backs and a family and friends I can just pick up the phone and they'll be there to help in whatever they can.

As many of you know we lost Tony's daddy this past April. He had been sick for a long time and we knew it was coming but of course you're never ready to let a loved one go.

He was a strong, hard working, full of life, generous, loving human being and I feel so proud and so incredibly grateful for having had the opportunity to take care of him.

We still miss him but we know he's in a better place. I'm confident we'll see him again some day.

A few months ago, we lost our Fellow Lion, E.C. King . He was a great man who loved playing golf. He was a great addition to our club and our golf committee. We appreciate his friendship and we'll forever miss him.

Last month we lost one our most endearing friends, Antonio Fundaro, Owner of Casa Nuova Restaurant. Both him and his sweet wife Maria had been strong supporters of our club for many years. We'll miss him dearly!

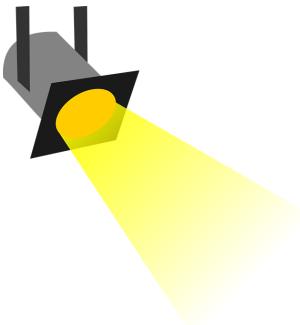
So I've figured it's not complicated... life is short and very fragile! Love, hug and care for your family and friends today! My mom had this poem on her dresser and for so many years I looked at it and now that I'm older and hopefully a little bit wiser I treasure and appreciate it. Never take anything or anyone for granted. Live and love like its your last day on earth!! We're only here for a short period of time. Make the best out of it!

Thank you so much for your love, support and encouragement during this year.

On behalf of my husband Tony and I we wish you a wonderful Christmas and an amazing New Year!! Let's continue doing what we do best! SERVE!!

Tony & Lillian Pickens

*Yesterday  
Is History*  
*Tomorrow  
Is A Mystery*  
*Today  
Is A Gift*  
That's why they call it  
*The Present*



# SPOTLIGHT



Thanks you so much to all of you for getting gift certificates, dining in or ordering take out or just helping spread the information about this event.

Profits were \$1,500. That is very good considering that we no longer have lunch. I think the most we received was \$1,800 or \$1,900 and that included lunch.

There were good crowds  
all evening.

# November Highlights!!

**Sunday, November 7th—American Legion Cruz-In.** Our club had a tent selling brooms, bird houses, bird feeders, educating people about who we are and what we do. Thank you so much to Amy and Peyton Andrews, Mark & Valerie Pamperin, Dennis Chapman, Bill Requa, Fred Edwards.



**Tuesday, November 9th— Lions at Casa Nuova.**

**Thursday, November 11th— BOD meeting.** Tony Pickens, Presiding  
Present: Chris Burt, Mark Pamperin, Rob & Mary Lefebvre, Sue Kath,  
Holly Hunter, Charlie Andrews, Fred Edwards, Garner & Amy Andrews,  
Charlie Andrews, David Crawford.



**Thursday, November 18th—Regular meeting. Tony Pickens, Presiding**  
In honor of November, National American Indian Heritage Month, our guest speaker was Jon Gardner, “Standing Bear”, longtime friend of Tony Pickens. He is part Cherokee Indian. His Cherokee blood line can be traced back to the Trail of Tears. His regalia it's all made by himself and his family. He volunteers his time to talk to kids at school and perform “pow wows” around the state.





November is National American Indian Heritage Month. The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the rich ancestry and traditions of Native Americans.

**Tuesday, November 23rd - Cooking of Turkey Breasts and Salmon Slabs!!**  
Thanks to all the volunteers for helping!! We cooked 25 turkeys and 19 salmon slabs. (I forgot to take a count when we marinated but I think that is accurate). The number of orders for salmon was 27 since many people buy half slabs.

The helpers were Mark & Valerie, Fred Edwards, David Crawford, Amy, Charlie and Peyton Andrews, Rob Lefebvre and Tony Pickens. We started at 7 am and finished about 11 pm.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND MANY  
BLESSINGS TO ALL OF YOU  
BORN IN THE MONTH OF  
DECEMBER!