



# Lake Ridge Lions' Club Newsletter

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## From the King Lion's Den

Lion Tony is away on business this month, but hopes that everyone attends the April 14<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup> meetings!

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*"You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." – Melvin Jones' personal code*

## Annual Region V Lions Social

**When:** Wednesday, May 7, 2008

**Time:** 6:30 – 9:00 PM

**Where:** Padrino's II (Dumfries Shopping Plaza)

All you can eat pizza, pasta & salad buffet - \$15.00 (soft drinks, tax & tip included).

Please RSVP to Lion Michelle by NO LATER THAN April 14<sup>th</sup>.



*DG Joe installing new LRL members*



## Club Birthdays & Anniversaries!



*Lion Bill (Dale City) presenting an award to LRL*

Don't forget to wish the following Lion a Happy Birthday!

**Michelle Henshaw** (4/28) ☺

We have no Lions celebrating Anniversaries this month; however, we have one new member (**Frank Paskiewicz**) and two new affiliates (**Debbie Paskiewicz** & Lion Nancy's husband, **Daniel Hilleary**) that joined in March and were installed by District Governor Joe Volpe (during his official visit to our club on 3/24/08). Welcome new lions!

**IT'S GREAT TO BE A LION!!!**

## Comments on Winter Conference

*By Lake Ridge Lions*

Below are the comments received from Club members who responded to my inquiry about the Winter Conference (via email dated Feb. 28th):

### Comments from email sent out to all members shortly after conference:

- Yes, I attended the Winter Conference and thought it was a really good conference. I did not however, get a chance to attend any of the sessions that were held Saturday morning. I did hear that the session that was presented on Diabetes was very good. I was also told by Lions from other clubs that the conference was really great and well attended, much more so than Winter Conferences in past years.
- The dinner theatre on Friday night was simply fantastic and was really enjoyed by all. That is a good deal instead of having a dinner at the hotel and playing bingo or some other activity.
- The registration set up was convenient for everyone. Working at the registration table was not difficult since the envelopes were marked to show who owed money when they first received their envelopes. We only had trouble with three men from one club that insisted that their club had sent the registration money in the mail which had never been received. The two individuals working at the registration table at that time went through all of the registration forms that had been received with payments and could not locate their registration form. One of the Lions was pretty rude insisting that he did not owe any money. Our club did not press the issue but advised Tony and hopefully he has straightened it out with that Lions Club (Arlington Host.)
- The luncheon on Saturday afternoon was also well attended and the food was o.k. The program was very interesting, even though I'd seen the presentation given by another Lion in the past.
- Overall I thought it was a very good conference and hopefully everyone else did, too.
- Attended, but we had to leave early because of illness. From what I saw - Registration was handled very efficiently and was always well staffed.
- Hotel accommodation and price was excellent.
- Dinner/show was very tiring due to the lateness. Transportation to and from the hotel when shuttle was needed by guests was rather chaotic (we were kind of left on our own), which added to the lateness. Due to this, I missed the session I most wanted to attend, on the LAMP project, which was at 8:30 in the morning. I suggest in general, that sessions should not start before about 9:00 AM.
- I did attend, but spent most of my time at the Registration Desk. Over all I think it was a good Conference.
- *Wrong?* Did not have blank registration forms at the desk for on the registrations; Info about display tables was scarce; no signs prepared to show who had what table; Staff a registration desk in not have list of clubs/vendors who paid for tables; Poor control of sequence of tables to go thru lunch buffet line.
- *Done differently?* Designate an on-site deputy for the Conference Chair with responsibility to handle routine administrative issues and know where the Chairperson is or have readily available contact with him/her if big problem arises. This would free the Chairperson to handle the big issues.
- I thought it went fairly well. I attend many seminars/symposia like this each year and this conference compared favorably to those professionally managed. It seemed anything that could go wrong was either prepared for, or covered well.

#### **PLUS:**

Check-in packs very well organized.

Club/vendor tables well done. The traffic got crowded so it may have been better to put the tables in the big room just off the lobby.

Staying on schedule - exceptional.

Lunch program - excellent.

Best Program - nurse from Potomac Hospital

Certificate for speakers - nice touch.

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*"One of the best, if not  
THE best conferences"*

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**NEGATIVE:**

\$16 for the lunch - outrageous. Lunch menu a letdown.

Not having the sound system for Mike Garrett's video impacted his presentation.

Big screen in meeting room (not the auditorium) was at waist level, too low for anyone beyond the 1st row; should have been lifted up on a table.

Although the business meeting Saturday afternoon had an agenda, it seemed disorganized. That was only partly due to moving the schedule up by an hour.

- Yes I did attend
- Do right? the lanyards, brochures, location, price, luncheon food was good and affordable (I think for that reason we had more people attending the luncheon than previous conferences I've attended)
- Do wrong? Multiple people working on same task and micro-managing - if given task then let the person assigned do the work - just check back for progress report. Needed more help even if only making phone calls would not have put so much on a few members.
- Sessions? Have back-up if speaker needs to cancel and broader scope of classes.
- Assign attending members an area to assist or provide breaks for others and one as a greeter for speakers/presentations who are not Lions (intro, show location, etc).
- Unable to attend the Winter Conference, but on Sunday morning following the WC I received a most noteworthy bit of praise concerning the club's hosting the Winter Conference from a long-time Lion and his wife (a Lioness at one time).
- He reported to me that was "one of, if not the best" Winter Conference that has been held in District 24-A. He went on to tell me that everything went off on schedule, and that he has attended plenty of 24-A conferences. I know that to be a fact.
- *Attend?* Yes
- *Right?* The lanyards – great idea (if used again at other conferences – hopefully they will be used again). The luncheon – excellent price for what was served; the dinner – great price for meal & show.
- *Wrong?* Having classes on Saturday start at 8:00 AM. Heard several complaints about that (especially from those that went to the dinner the night before). Not having signs to direct people (apparently more signs were needed). Club tables – way too close together; surprised that the hotel did that.
- *What did you think about the sessions?* Could only attend one and it was very well done.
- *Anything we could have done differently?* Overall I think the WC was one of the best I have attended; however, for the planning of the WC it didn't feel like a club project. It felt more like a job and not really a fun job. It seems all the planning was done and there was no room for any type of change. Budget didn't seem well planned out. Sometimes it seemed there were several people working on the same things (prior to the conference and at the conference). Having a Co-Chair of the Conference would have been a good idea so the Co-Chairperson would have responsibility to handle routine administrative issues that could come up; and have that person know where or how to contact the Chairperson if big problem arise.



## Nominations for 2008-2009

*By Nominations Committee*

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs, and those of the Lake Ridge Lions Club, a Nominations Committee consisting of the following members was formed: PDG Gene Trujillo, Lion Janet Dyess, Lion Mike Quinlan, and Lion Mike Yuenger.

The meeting was held at 7:15 PM on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008. As a result of this meeting, the below named Lions have been nominated to serve as Officers for the year 2008 - 2009 as the Board of Directors.

**President:** Lion Janet Dyess

**Secretary:** Lion Michelle Henshaw

**Lion Tamer:** Lion Jack Edmundson

**Membership Chairperson:** Lion Sharon Diefendorf

**Permanent Director:** PDG Gene Trujillo

**Immediate Past President:** Lion Tony Reyes

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Lion Mike Quinlan

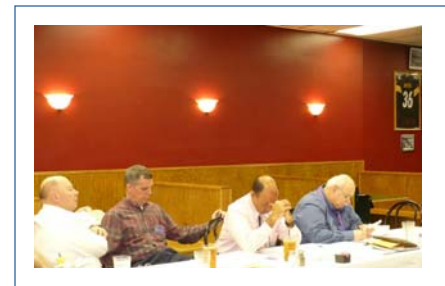
**Treasurer:** Lion Mike Yuenger

**Tail Twister:** Lion Mitch Bukzin

**Director:** Lion Mike Garit



Make plans to join Lion Mitch and others on April 26<sup>th</sup> for a trip to the eyeglass center. For more information - please contact Lion Mitch.



*Three Mikes & a Hal.*



## Earth Day at the NVLYC

Everyone has been invited to join the Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp on April 19, 2008, to share good fellowship and help with needed repairs and maintenance. Plan to be there at 9:00 AM, lunch will be served to all Lions and guests who come out to the camp.

Contact Lion Phil or Lion Sharon Schrack ([syschrack@comcast.net](mailto:syschrack@comcast.net)) for more information, or to let them know you plan to attend (so they will be able to plan the lunch).

# Calendar of Events

APRIL 2008



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 World Wide Induction Day @ Park West Lions Community Center
13	14 Dinner Meeting	15	16	17	18	19 NVLYC – Earth Day
20	21 Board Meeting	22	23	24	25	26 8:15 AM Eyeglass trip
27	28 Dinner Meeting	29	30			

## Noteworthy...

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** (3:45 PM): Aquia Harbour – Charity Texas Hold'em Tournament

**April 28<sup>th</sup>**: Woodbridge Lions 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament, Bristow Manor Golf Club  
(contact: Woodbridge Lions for more info)

**May 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**: LOV State Convention, Holiday Inn, Bristol, VA

**June 6<sup>th</sup>**: Leesburg Host Lions Club – Annual Gary Cochran Memorial Golf Tournament, Westpark Golf Club, Leesburg, VA (Contact: Lion Currell Tiffany – 703-777-2345 – for more info)

**June 8<sup>th</sup>**: District Officer Training, Briar Woods High School, Ashburn, VA (registration form is in the April Lion Reporter)

**June 21<sup>st</sup>**: Tentative date for LRL Installation (details to follow)

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**: Lions International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand

The April edition of the Lion Reporter can be located online.

The Sight & Hearing Mobile Screening Unit is urgently in need of drivers/technicians. It's a paid position! Contact Lion Ralph Thompson (703-280-2356 or any other Van Board Member if you are interested.

## Program Roster

Meeting Date	Program Assignee	Topic if Known
March 10	Gina Reyes	NVLYC
March 24		<i>District Governor Joe Volpe's Official Visit</i>
April 14		
April 28	Mike Garit	?
May 12		
May 26	No Meeting	Holiday
June 9	Mike Yuenger	?
June 23	No Meeting	Installation of Officers

**Topics that we should have programs on include:** Sight presentation, Canine Companions, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp, Safety, and Sight & Hearing Unit (just to name a few).

## Editor's Note

*By Lion Michelle Henshaw*



Remember to send your articles for the newsletter by May 5<sup>th</sup> for them to be included in the May edition of our Club's newsletter.

To submit an article, contact Lion Michelle via telephone (571-332-8891); email ([mlhenshaw@comcast.net](mailto:mlhenshaw@comcast.net)); or simply hand over a handwritten/typed note at the dinner meeting.

Pictures in this newsletter are courtesy of Lion Michelle.