



LRL'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Lake Ridge Lions Club

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From the King Lion's Lair

By Janet Dyess

Fellow Lions,



Well another Lion year has begun and already it is busy with upcoming events and projects we're working on – Bingo, White House Ornaments, Football Mania, and the Craft Show, just to mention a few.

Having two guests attend our July 28th meeting was great! One of the goals this year is to increase membership and become more known in the community of Lake Ridge. The new replacement street signs near Tackett's Mill will add to our exposure – thanks Lion Mike Q.

I remember that I was so nervous the night I joined the Club. Everyone else seemed so sure of what they were doing and enjoying each other's company and that helped me to feel at ease and to feel welcomed. With the installation of each

Dates to Remember

By Lion Michelle Henshaw

Board Meeting: Saturday, Aug. 16th (10:00 AM) at Mitch's Home.

Woodbridge Bingo: Set up Friday, Aug. 15th 6:00 PM; August 18 – 30, 2008 (7:00 PM) at Marumscos Plaza, Woodbridge, VA. No Bingo 8/24.

Visitation Kickoff: Sunday, Aug. 24th, Park West Lions hosting. 4:00 PM.

AARP National Convention: Sept. 4-6, 2008 (Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC) Lions Clubs International is participating.

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new member I feel a surge of pride for them – knowing that they have made the commitment to our community and the needy and that the work we do can change a life.

At the time I joined there were only two other women in the Club. Now look at how diverse we are! One tradition we had, that I would like to bring back starting at our next meeting (September 8th) is the “mix-it-up”. Members will sit with a different Lion at meetings as an opportunity to get to know each other better.

This is going to be a great Lion Year!

YIL, Lion Janet

Dinner Meeting: Monday, Sept. 8th (7:00 PM)

Golf Tournament: Thursday, Sept. 11th.

Board Meeting: Monday, Sept. 15th (7:00 PM)

Dinner Meeting: Monday, Sept. 22nd.

Fall Conference: Oct. 3 & 4, 2008 (Fredericksburg, VA)

Van: Oct. 25, 2008 (Larry's Hair Design)

Craft Show: Saturday, Nov. 1st (9:00-3:00) (Hillendale Fire Station – corner of Hillendale Drive and Dale Blvd.)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Lion Michelle

Happy Birthday to Lion *Jack Edmundson* (8/25); Lion *Frank Paskiewicz* (8/17); and Lion *Tom Pokusa* (8/26).

Happy belated birthday to those who celebrated in July: Lion *Carol Douglas* (7/22); Lion *Mike May* (7/7); and Lion *Neil Mitchell* (7/26).

Happy Anniversary to Lion *Michelle Henshaw* who became a member three years ago (8/05); and to PDG Lion *Gene Trujillo* who became a member 34 years ago (8/74).



Minutes from August 11th Meeting

By Lion Michelle Henshaw

President Lion Janet Dyess called the 3rd meeting of the Lake Ridge Lions Club for 2008-2009 year to order at 7:15 PM. We had 15 members present (Lions Larry, Carol, Tony, Gina, Sharon, Dan., Michelle, Janet, Gene, Hal, Mike Y., Mitch, Mike Q., Rosario, and Mike G.) Four guests were present (Frank Mallett (potential new member), Gloria & Toby Castillo (friends of Lions Tony & Gina), and Lion Jim Alexander (Zone Chair)).

(On vacation: Lion Jack.)

Lion Mike Y., conducted the Pledge; Lion Michelle conducted the members in song; and Lion Tony gave the invocation.

Secretary's Report: was presented to all members present. A motion was made by Lion Tony to accept the report as presented, the motion was 2nd by Lion Dan; members present voted and the motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No report due.

Activity/Committee Reports:

Craft Show: (Chair: Lion Michelle) – Lion Michelle reported that six checks have been received so far for the craft show scheduled for November 1st. Lion Sharon has made inquiries about advertising for the craft show.

White House Ornaments: (Chair Lion Hal) – Lion Hal reported that 400 ornaments have been ordered and has 200 to be distributed tonight. Members will sell ornaments at \$17 each.

Golf Tournament: (Chair: Lion Mitch) – Lion Mitch reported they were in the process of getting some sponsorships.

Woodbridge Bingo: (Chair: Lion Mike G.) – Lion Mike G. reported that there will be a mandatory training for everyone handling money at the Bingo. The training is scheduled for August 12th. Lion Mike G. passed the schedule around – still need 8 slots to be filled during the 2nd week.

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Meeting Minutes from page 2

Note: August 25th meeting has been cancelled due to Bingo.

Football Mania: (Chair: Lion Mike G.) – Money and stubs are due to Lion Mike G. by August 29th (at the latest).

Diabetes Walk: (Chair: Lion Michelle) – Lion Michelle reported that we are signed up as a team and all the details about joining and/or donating to the team has been emailed to the club. The walk is October 18, 2008.

Sight & Hearing: (Chair: Lion Mitch) – Lion Mitch reported that he visited several clients last week.

Membership: Lion Sharon reported that there **Visitation Kickoff** is Sunday, August 24th at Park West. RSVP by August 15th (give money to Lion Sharon). Cost is \$19.

Other newsworthy items:

Lion Tony reported that he received \$33 for the club from recycling cans.

Two programs tonight: Orientation (Lions Sharon & Gene); Zone Chair – Jim Alexander (spoke on increasing membership and will be contacting all membership chairs after he visits with each club).

50/50 winner: Lion Rosario won the 50/50 (total collected: \$22)

Special Raffle: Lion Tony had a special raffle and collected \$36 towards his campaign. Lion Carol won a \$5 gift card to Wal-Mart and Lion Mike Q. won a Lions International mouse pad.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lion Dan, and 2nd by Lion Gene. Motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

White House Ornament 2008

"We shall have an old-fashioned Christmas Tree for the grandchildren upstairs, and I shall be their Santa Claus myself."

PRESIDENT BENJAMIN HARRISON

The 2008 White House Christmas ornament honors the administration of President Benjamin Harrison (1833-1901), the twenty-third president of the United States. Serving one term from 1889 to 1893, Harrison was a centennial president inaugurated 100 years after George Washington. Inspired by the Harrison family's Victorian Christmas tree, this 24 karat gold finished ornament interprets the first recorded tree to decorate the White House. The tree, laden with baubles and garland, is a canvas for all sorts of treats and toys. Beneath the tree are the presents the Harrison grandchildren received: a toy train and a wooden sled await Benjamin, Mary's rosy-cheeked doll sits on a tricycle, and nearby is Marthena's much wished for dollhouse. A three-foot-high Santa Claus completes the season's spectacle.

\$17.00 (checks made payable to "Lake Ridge Lions Club Charities").



From the Editor

To all our Lake Ridge Lions:



The next newsletter will be sent around September 10th. If you have any articles for the September issue please email me at mlhenshaw@comcast.net or send it to me via snail mail: 4206 Glendale Road, Dale City, VA 22193.

This is our newsletter – if you have an announcement you'd like to share, thank someone; have a joke to share, have a recipe you'd like to share...anything – send it and I'll be happy to add it to the newsletter!

Thanks in advance! YIL, Michelle

Did You Know?

The Lions Emblem – At the 1919 convention there was a move to change the symbol, but a young attorney from Denver, Colorado rose to speak. His name was Halsted Ritter. "The name Lions stands not only for fraternity, good fellowship, strength of character and purpose, but above all, its combination of L-I-O-N-S heralds to the country the true meaning of citizenship: LIBERTY, INTELLIGENCE, OUR NATION'S SAFETY."

Did You Know? Continued...

The January 1931 issue of THE LION Magazine featured this interpretation of the association's name:

Our name was not selected at random, neither was it a coined name. From time immemorial, the lion has been the symbol of all that was good, and because of the symbolism that name was chosen. Four outstanding qualities—Courage, Strength, Activity and Fidelity—had largely to do with the adoption of the name. The last mentioned of these qualities, Fidelity, has a deep and peculiar significance for all Lions. The lion symbol has been a symbol of Fidelity through the ages and among all nations, ancient and modern. It stands for loyalty to a friend, loyalty to a principle, loyalty to a duty, loyalty to a trust.

The emblem consists of a gold letter "L" on a circular purple (or blue) field. Bordering this is a circular gold area with two Lion profiles facing away from the center. The word "Lions" appears at the top and "International" at the bottom. The Lions face both past and future – showing both pride of heritage and confidence in the future.

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