



# Lake Ridge Lions Club

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## FROM THE KING LION'S LAIR

*By Lion Janet Dyess, President*

Hello Fellow Lions,

District Governor John Redden and Cabinet Secretary Virginia Redden and Region Chair Rose Robinson visited our Club on Monday, Sept 8th. DG Redden spoke of Lions teamwork and goals for LY 2009.

What a great turn out for the Woodbridge Bingo! Thanks to everyone who was able to attend the training session and had the opportunity to work.

But especially thanks to the Lions who helped out at the traffic accident that occurred on evening at the motel across the street from the tent. Several Lions immediately jumped into action – crossing Rt. 1 to offer medical assistance, provide traffic control (critical for the arriving fire trucks) and calling 911.

I noticed that the remaining Lions quickly took over their functions – the work still flowed – Lions working together as one - no direction no

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## VISITATION KICK-OFF HIGHLIGHTS

Six Lake Ridge Lions attended the Visitation Kick-off on Sunday, August 24, 2008. The Kick-off was held at Park West and was packed with Lions and guests. Representing the Lake Ridge Lions were: Lions Nancy & Dan Hilleary, Sharon Diefendorf, Michelle Henshaw, King Lion Janet Dyess, and VDG Lion Tony Reyes.

The event began with the Pledge of Allegiance, a song lead by PCC Shirley Wilson and then an invocation. After a couple of announcements, food was served buffet style.

Many awards were given to the various Lions attending; Lake Ridge Lions received a patch for State Achievement Award; Lion Tony received the 100% President's Award; and Lion Michelle received the 100% Secretary's Award.

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*DG John Redden & King Lion Janet.*

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*"To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation." LCI Mission Statement*

## STEP OUT TO FIGHT DIABETES WALK

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### White House Ornaments:

Don't forget to turn in monies for sold ornaments! Contact Lion Hal and/or Lion Nancy Hilleary if you need more ornaments.

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*"Did you know that more than 20 million adults and children have diabetes and 54 million are at risk?"*

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*By Lion Michelle Henshaw (Team Captain)*

Save the date! The date for the Diabetes Walk is Saturday, October 18, 2008. And it will be held at the same place as last year – Micron Technologies in Manassas.

This is our second year for the walk. So far we have three club members signed up (Lions Michelle, Mike Garit, and VDG Tony) and one non-member – Wanda Deem – has signed up. This is also Wanda's 2<sup>nd</sup> year walking with our team!

As you may know, diabetes has greatly affected my life; and may have affected your life too. Did you know that more than 20 million adults and children have diabetes and 54 million are at risk? While these numbers are staggering, there's something you can do: Join our Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes team! Step Out is the fund-raising walk of the American Diabetes Association. This fall, more than 200,000 participants will walk in over 150 cities across the country to show their dedication to finding a cure.

Signing up is easy! Use the link below to help our team make a difference. The funds we raise will support the American Diabetes Association's important research, education and advocacy efforts.

Join me and our Lake Ridge Lions' team, and together we can take steps towards fighting diabetes! You can visit the web address: <http://stepout.diabetes.org> and search for Lake Ridge Lions to join. If you cannot join the walk you may donate. If you have any questions just let me know. Thanks in advance for your support!

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discussion. Just picking up and quietly stepping into another's place. And I thought this is what we do – Lions provide that reassuring but unseen hand on the back supporting and helping others when needed.

*YIL – King Lion Janet*

"Some people spend their lives looking for "the" key – whether it's to happiness; their hearts or whatever – Some people are the key"



*50/50 tickets anyone? Lions Mitch & Jack at the Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

The following Lions have a birthday this month: Nancy Hilleary (9/23) and Ray Raines (9/11);

The following Lion is celebrating the anniversary of becoming a Lion this month: Mike Quinlan (1996)



*DG John Redden, Lion Michelle, and VDG Tony Reyes (Visitation Kick-off)*

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

### NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lion Hal and his wife Lee became grandparents earlier this month! Their first grandchild – Quincy Jane Johnson weighing in at 8 lbs. 10 oz. Baby, parents, and grandparents are doing fine. Congrats Hal & Lee!

Lion Michelle & her husband Steve will be going on a much needed vacation. They will be gone September 13 – 23.

Lions Nancy & Dan Hilleary, Michelle, and King Lion Janet visited Carlisle, PA over Labor Day weekend. While driving they spotted a white van with the Lions' logo on it. They decided to stop and take a picture. After taking a few pictures, the owners of the house came out and after introductions found out that Chester and his wife were members of the Boiling Springs (PA) Lions Club. The impromptu "meeting" lasted about 45 minutes. The van is used by the Boiling Springs Club to sell food (hot dogs and such) at various local events. It's one of their best fundraisers. Just goes to show you...you never know when you'll meet another Lion.



*Impromptu meeting with Boiling Springs Lions*

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Then the real excitement came! The highlight of the afternoon came when the announcement for best newsletter was made. In past years an award for best two-page, best four-page, and best email newsletter was given.

This year the committee decided to give one award for best newsletter. When it was announced that the Lake Ridge Lions Club had won – you definitely could hear our group (and not to mention see us when several of us jumped to our feet) in excitement! A beaming Lion Michelle walked up to receive the award for our club. Lion Michelle was definitely speechless, but was heard saying, "It was my goal to win this award for my club!"

#### Important Dates to Remember

Sept. 22 – 7pm @ Brittany's – Dinner Meeting

Sept. 28 – Taste of Stafford - 1-4pm @ Harbour Inn. Contact Aquia Evening Lions for more info). \$10/advance; \$12/door.

Oct. 3 & 4 – Fall Conference, Fredericksburg, VA (Wyndham)

Oct. 13 – 7pm @ Brittany's – Dinner Meeting

Oct. 18 – Diabetes Walk – Micron Technologies, Manassas

Oct. 25 – Locks of Love – Larry's Hair Design

Oct. 27 – 7pm @ Brittany's – Dinner Meeting

Nov. 1 – Craft Show - 9am – 3pm @ Hillendale Fire Station

## VISITATION PROGRAM

*By Lion Sharon Diefendorf*

The Visitation Program is intended to promote fellowship and provide an opportunity to meet and socialize with fellow Lions and Lionesses. Visitation is intended to facilitate an exchange of ideas at the Club level and to foster support and friendship between Clubs.

### **Qualification Requirements for a Visitation**

1. Qualifying Visits include visits to any official Club Dinner Meeting of another Club and attendance at a District or State Lions Convention, the District Visitation and Awards Dinner, Fall Conference, Pin-Swaps, and Joint or Multi-Club Meetings (e.g. Tri-State).

Presidents and Secretaries attending a Zone Meeting at a Club in the Zone will count as a qualifying Visit. Zone Meetings not conducted at a Club Dinner Meeting will also qualify as a Visitation.

2. Visitations where a Lions is an honored guest (Zone or Region Chairman official visit or where a Lion gives the Program) also qualify as a Visitation regardless of whether the Lion pays for his/her dinner or not. Visits to informal gatherings of Lions do not qualify as a Visitation.

### **100% Member Visitation Award**

1. Each active member on the Club roster as of July 1, 2008 and members joining prior to April 1, 2009 must make one Visit during the period of the 2008-2009 Visitation Program.

2. Clubs that lose an active member during this period need not show a Visitation for the Lion provided the dropped member has been properly reported on the Monthly Membership Report to Lions Club International.

### **Club Visitation Award**

1. Team size for qualifying Club Visitation is based upon club size. Clubs with an active membership of 25 or more must have two or more Lion Members in a Visitation team for a qualifying visit. Clubs with an active membership less than 25 may make qualifying Visits with a single member. Regardless of the Club size, any member attending a meeting at least 50 miles from his/her Club or a meeting in another district will qualify as a Club Visitation.

2. Each Club must make at least 16 qualifying club Visits (16 different clubs) to qualify for the "Club Visitation Award". A Visitation to each Lions and Lioness Club in its Zone is required.

3. An "Official" visit by a District 24-A Cabinet member shall count as a Visitation regardless of whether he/she pays for dinner.

4. A single Visitation may be counted toward qualification requirements for both the "100% Member Visitation Award" and the "Club Visitation Award" as long as both criteria are met.

