

# Lake Ridge Lions Club



## From the King Lion's Den

Thank you for all the support during this past year. All the members participated in some aspect of club activity. You made this a banner fund raising year which enabled us to expand support of youth activities and area social services while still supporting Lions International and District programs.

Please continue the outstanding support for King Lion Tony not only as President of the Lake Ridge Lions, but also in his campaign for Vice District Governor.

Next month Ilse and I move to the Fredericksburg area. After twenty-eight years it will be very strange to attend a Lions Club other than the Lake Ridge Club. No matter what club I join, I will always be with the Lake Ridge Lions Club in spirit.

Thanks, Hank

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

### 2007 VA State Lions Convention

Attending the Convention were the following Lions: Janet Dyess, Hank Fink, Michelle Henshaw, Nancy Hilleary, Tony Reyes, and Mike Yuenger.



## Installation Dinner

The Installation Dinner will be held at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club at Ft. Belvoir. Time will be 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Cost will be: \*\$18.00 for members and \$32.00 for guests. This price includes gratuity. The club is paying \$14 (per member) towards the members' meals. At the end of this newsletter is a copy of the menu. The entrée choice is one of the following: Baron New York Strip Steak with Burgundy Sauce (**cooked medium only**) or Roasted Cornish Hen Stuffed with Wild Rice. (\*note change in price to members' price – sorry it was calculated incorrectly in previous newsletter). If you would like to attend - please contact Lion Michelle with your entrée order, by no later than Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. **Payment for meals (for members & guests) are due by Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>!** Submitted by the Social Committee (Lions Michelle Henshaw, Nancy Hilleary, Janet Dyess.)

## Diabetes Walk

On Saturday, October 13, 2007, the Lake Ridge Lions will be walking in the American Diabetes Association's "Step Out to Fight Diabetes" walk.

October 13<sup>th</sup> may seem like a long time away, however it will be here before we know it and we need to form our team. Please consider joining this walk to fight diabetes. We need a minimum of 5 walkers to form a team! Click on the following link:  
<http://main.diabetes.org/goto/LakeRidgeLions>

The registration fee is \$15 but it will go towards your goal of whatever you set for yourself. Which will also be part of our team's goal (which we've set at \$1,000.)

Hundreds of area participants will take part in this 3-mile walk through conveniently located and walker-friendly Innovation Technology Business Park in Manassas, VA. Prepare for fun and inspiration as food, clowns, face painters, and special guest speakers kick-off the walk. After leaving the start/finish at Micron, you will wind your way through Innovation and the beautiful and growing Prince William Campus of George Mason University. Submitted by Lion Michelle Henshaw

## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

<u>Month</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<b>June</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	Dinner Meeting: Program TBA	Brittany's
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting	Lion Hank's Den
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Installation Dinner	Ft. Belvoir's Officer's Club
<b>July</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	Dinner Meeting: Program TBA	Brittany's
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting	Lion Tony's Den
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dinner Meeting; Cancelled	Due to Woodbridge Lions' Bingo
	July 23 <sup>rd</sup> – August 4 <sup>th</sup>	BINGO (Monday – Saturday) w/Woodbridge Lions	Marumsco Plaza Shopping Center (Rt. 1 in Woodbridge)
	<b>August</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	Dinner Meeting: Program TBA
20 <sup>th</sup>		Board Meeting	Lion Tony's Den
27 <sup>th</sup>		Dinner Meeting: Program TBA	Brittany's
<b>Sept.</b>		7 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> Annual 2-Person Charity Golf Tournament
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Dinner Meeting; Program TBA	Brittany's
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting	Lion Tony's Den
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Dinner Meeting; Program TBA	Brittany's

## Nomination Committee

Here is the slate of officers for 2007-2008.

**President:** *Tony Reyes*

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** *Janet Dyess*

**Secretary:** *Michelle Henshaw*

**Treasurer:** *Mike Yuenger*

**Lion Tamer:** *Mitch Bukzin*

**Tail Twister:** *Nancy Hilleary*

**Director/Membership Chair:** *Mike Garit*

**Permanent Director:** *PDG Gene Trujillo*

**Immediate Past President:** *Hank Fink, Jr.*

## Fall Craft Show 2007

It was voted by the Board that there will not be a Fall Craft Show this year. We will try again next year! *Submitted by Lion Michelle Henshaw*

## Scholarship Winner

The winner of the 2007 Lake Ridge Lions Club Memorial Scholarship is Brittini Dixon-Smith of Woodbridge Senior High School (WSHS). The Committee felt that Brittini was “the total package.” Brittini and her mom attended our May 14<sup>th</sup> business dinner and after her speech she definitely is the “total package”.



*King Lion Hank, Brittini, & Lion Jack.*

She is a bright, serious student who is active in school activities (placing 9<sup>th</sup> in her class of over 500 students). Brittini is a member of the National Honor Society and is planning to attend Stanford University this fall. She is also the President of the Student Council, a member in several service clubs, and a French tutor.

*(Scholarship Winner Continued)* She was a contestant in the National American Miss Pageant, where she was on the Queen’s Court as 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up and was recognized as Best Spokesmodel. Brittini is also an athlete. She is the Captain of WSHS volleyball and track teams, is a member of the basketball team, and is the reigning Virginia State long jump champion.

Brittini’s outstanding character and commitment to service is what really caught the attention of the Scholarship committee. She also finds time to provide service to the community. She participates in the Relay for Life and has used her participation in the American Miss Pageant to act as a spokesperson for breast cancer awareness. She has also organized a Dance-a-thon to further this cause, and hopes to raise \$1,000 which will be donated to one of the Susan G. Komen 60-mile breast cancer walks.



*King Lion Hank, Brittini, Brittini’s Mom, & Lion Jack.*

interesting. While in Richmond recently – the “3 Amigos” (also known as Janet, Nancy, & Michelle) had the opportunity to visit the museum and take the tour. The garden was very beautiful and peaceful. A perfect place for a wedding! ☺ Believe it or not...they were preparing for a wedding ceremony the very next day! No joke! There was a handful of us ready for the tour and our tour guide was a lot of fun. Very informative and obviously a very big fan of Poe. You might even meet a ghost too! Lion Janet swears that Lion Michelle was “touched by the spirit” as we entered the third building. Lion Michelle thought she felt a mist of water on her arm as she walked through the door, however, the floor, ceiling, and walls were not wet. Also a door that Lion Janet had closed and latched shut suddenly opened. We asked the tour guide if there are ghosts there and she said, “you’d be surprised as who you might ‘meet’ around here.” Guess you’ll just have to visit to find out! *Submitted by Lion Michelle*



*President-elect Lion Tony at the State Convention wearing his Lion hat and showing his Lion Pride!*

### Other Announcements



Gene Trujillo 6/2  
 Rogers Woolfolk 6/6  
 (former member) Vivian Pritchard 6/18

### Edgar Allen Poe Museum, Richmond, VA

If you ever have the opportunity to visit the Edgar Allen Poe Museum in Richmond – by all means go! The tour is not long at all and quite



*Lion Michelle at the VA Gold Cup (helping the Warrenton Lions sell programs & pins; Lion Janet & Lion Gale were also there helping out.)*

## A Note from President-elect/King Lion Tony

Fellow Lake Ridge Lions, as I look forward to the new Lions Year, I am very excited about the challenges and opportunities facing us. I have thought about my goals for the club and for myself as President. Listed below are the goals that, with your support, I will strive to achieve. When you see me meandering away from these, please get me back on track.

Incoming District Governor Lion Joe Volpe's theme for the year will focus on improved communications. I support that theme and ask that you, my fellow Lake Ridge Lions, do the same. I think that this theme should be carried forward to include improved communications with the communities we serve. By increasing the public's awareness of our activities, assistance projects, and functions we can become a better and bigger club. Maybe we should set up a Communications Committee to work with the Membership Chairman.

### 1. Lake Ridge Lions Club 2007-2008 Goals:

#### a. **HAVE FUN AT THE MEETINGS**

- b. Conduct the meeting professionally
- c. Set and follow the agenda for each meeting
- d. Efficient / Effective time Management of Meetings
  - i. Follow parliamentary procedures – details will be forth coming
    - 1. Dinner meeting – will adhere as time allows
    - 2. Board – strict adherence
  - ii. Caution – the Lion Tail Twister will be watching!

#### e. **HAVE MORE FUN AT THE MEETINGS**

- f. Have at least one program per month at the dinner meeting
- g. Make a visitation to all clubs in zone
- h. Have all active members make a visitation
- i. Learn more about each other – have 3 minute bios at every meeting (one or two members per meeting)
- j. Diabetes Walk October 13, 2007 – We made a commitment to donate this year from our charities funds. I think that if we can get enough support for the walk, we can exceed and donation we gave this year. I ask everyone to consider singing up as a walker, but if not possible, sponsor one of your fellow Lions who will sign up. Lion Michelle is coordinating the effort and has published details in our LRL Newsletter (repeated in this month's again).

#### k. **HAVE LOTS OF FUN AT THE MEETINGS**

### 2. Continue with the current Activities / Charities Fund Raisers:

- a. Football Mania
- b. Hoops Mania
- c. White House Christmas Ornaments
- d. Golf Tournament
- e. White Cane Days
- f. Hearing Days
- g. Bingo
- h. Bus Trips to Atlantic City
- i. LOVF Raffle

- 3. Have some of our affiliate members attend dinner meetings and return to active status.
- 4. Implement the new Family Membership Dues initiative from Lions International.
- 5. Identify Other Activities / Charities Fund Raising Opportunities.
- 6. Identify New Administrative Fund Raisers.

## Installation Dinner Menu

Please choose one entrée and RSVP to Lion Michelle by Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> (via email or returning the bottom portion of this page at the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>). Payment is also due on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Price includes a Garden Salad with House Dressing, Green Beans Almandine, Oven Brown Potatoes, and Rolls with Butter, Iced Tea and Coffee.

*Please choose ONE the following main courses:*

Baron New York Strip Steak with Burgundy Sauce (cooked medium only)

Roasted Cornish Hen Stuffed with Wild Rice

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### Lake Ridge Lions Club's 2007 Installation Dinner

**Member name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest? Please circle: Yes No If yes...Name of Guest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle or check menu choice for member (cost: \$18.00):**

Baron New York Strip Steak with Burgundy Sauce (medium) \_\_\_\_\_

Roasted Cornish Hen Stuffed with Wild Rice \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle or check menu choice for guest (cost: \$32.00):**

Baron New York Strip Steak with Burgundy Sauce (medium) \_\_\_\_\_

Roasted Cornish Hen Stuffed with Wild Rice \_\_\_\_\_



**Family Membership**

The Family Membership Dues Rate membership initiative is an exciting opportunity for Lions to welcome and expand services to their community. With family members as the main focus, Lions Clubs International offers a reduced dues rate to its members and presents special programs, activities and opportunities for families.



**NEW! Family Membership Brochure** - Give this brochure to potential new Lions. The brochure explains how family can be involved in a Lions Club and how their family can make a difference in your community. Available in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish.

**Common Family Membership Questions**

The Family Membership Dues rate began on January 1, 2007. This is a permanent program that was ratified as part of the Lions Clubs International Constitution.

**Who Qualifies?**

This program applies to existing or new Lions in and/or joining the same club and living in the same household related by birth, marriage and other legal means - such as parents, children, spouses, aunts/uncles, cousins, grandparents and in-laws of spouses.

**How Does The Family Membership Dues Program Work?**

The first family member (Head of Household – HH) is required to pay the full International Dues (US\$39.00) and any applicable entrance fee. Up to four more subsequent qualifying family members over the age of majority in the same household and the same club shall pay one-half of the standard annual dues (US\$19.50) and no association entrance fees.

**When To Certify Family Units:**

The Family Unit Certification is to be completed when reporting new members using the Web Monthly Membership Report (WMMR) or the Monthly Membership Report (**MMR – paper version**). Once a family unit is certified, recertification is only necessary when there is a change of address or membership status. The certifying of Family Units corresponds with the semi-annual per-capita billing cut-off dates of November 30 and May 31.

**New Family Members**

In order to receive all the benefits of the Family Membership Dues Rate, as new family members are added to your club's roster, the Family Unit Certification must be completed. Lions Clubs International will not issue a credit to clubs who submit the Family Unit Certification after the new member has been added; in these cases the family membership dues rate would take effect with the next semi-annual per-capita billing cycle and the club will be billed for the new member's entrance fees.

**Existing Lions**

Existing Lions who were certified as 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th members of a Family Unit by November 30, 2006, received a reduced international dues rate on the January 1, 2007 semi-annual per capita billing, and do not need to be recertified as part of a family unit.

Existing Lions who are 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th members of a family unit that were not certified before December 1, 2006, and were certified as part of a family unit before May 31, 2007 will receive the reduced international dues for the July 1, 2007 bi-annual per capita billing.

**From the “editor”:** Articles for the July issue will be due Wednesday, July 4, 2007.  
Please email ([mlhenshaw@comcast.net](mailto:mlhenshaw@comcast.net)) or mail (4206 Glendale Road, Dale City, VA 22193)  
to me no later than Independence Day! *Submitted by Lion Michelle*

