



**July 11, 2009**

**A message from LHSL Founder and President, Deb McPherson:**

## **LHSL 2008-09 Year in Review**

LHSL completed it's first full year of events, bringing the entire Lynchburg area homeschool community together.

The initial event was the [Science Fair Kick-off](#) Informational Meeting in October '08, hosted by [Timberlake Baptist Church](#). The [Science Fair](#) was held at the end of February '09 at the old [Thomas Road Baptist Church](#) campus. The grand prize winner, Mark Jones, won an iPod!!

The [Election Night](#) event, held on Election Night in November '08, saw approximately 150 gathered. Children of all ages enjoyed a variety of activities and entertainments, learning how to be active citizens and good stewards of our freedoms. This was hosted by [Under the Son Academy](#) at [Living Word Baptist Church](#).

The [Liberty University Homeschool Tennis Clinic](#) came under the LHSL umbrella this year and has a good support base for future clinics. This was held in April '09 at [The Sports Racket](#), with court time being donated as the courts for the [Liberty University Flames Tennis Team](#) were being rebuilt.

The year ended with the [1st Annual Central Virginia Homeschool Graduation](#), a beautiful graduation ceremony, celebrating the accomplishments of 11 homeschooling families in completing their 12 years of 'at home' education. Teens and their families also came together throughout the 2008-09 year on a monthly basis for a variety of [Teen and Family Fellowship](#) opportunities that were organized by the LHSL Graduation Committee and hosted by local homeschool families.

Throughout the year, communication was facilitated by this website and by [Lynchburg Area News & Information for Christian Home Educator's LA NICHE Yahoo! Group](#), started 3 years ago by Laura Young. This communication aspect now includes venues on the [Homeschool Lounge](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LA NICHE Blog](#).

*I want to thank each of you involved in these events for all the time and effort that you have given, to make homeschooling a little easier and more fun for the entire community!!*

**Science Fair Committee:** Tricia Kruse, Christy Sattler, Sue Jones, Sandy Bowen, Shannon Carroll, Lori Gassler

**Election Night Committee:** Linda Hodge, Lenaya Smith

**Tennis Committee:** Mary Frazier, Maria Brown, Beth Reeves, Julie Thomas, Laura Young

**Graduation & Teen Activities Committee:** Laura House, Sue Jones

**LA NICHE:** Kat Crosier, Rebecca Riggins, Laura Young

**LHSL:** Robert and Lisa Derke, Kat Crosier, Christy Sattler, Laura Young

**Home Works:** Robert and Lisa Derke, Britain and Michelle Crooker, Christy Sattler, Laura Young

**May God bless you this summer, as you rest and prepare for next year!**

*Stay tuned in the coming weeks for further announcements about events and developments and a name change for LHSL!!*

In His Service,  
Deb McPherson  
President, Lynchburg Home School Leaders