

LAKE OF THE WOODS LIONESS

LOW DOWN

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President's Corner

By Lioness Pat See, LOW Lioness President

An optimist is the human personification of spring.
—Susan J. Bissonette

I am one happy Lioness. Who would have guessed we would have an early spring. Here it is the last 10 days of March and already we have had a week of perfect spring weather. I made my maiden voyage to 9.9 this week to get rid of several bags of leaves. As much of a pain as it is to rake – it sure beats shoveling snow. Getting up close and personal with the soil you can see all the green coming up and it is truly magical.

It was great seeing all of you at the last dinner meeting. I want to thank Kathy Walters for filling in for the tamers this past meeting. What a great job she did. I am also looking forward to learning more about the Spring Fashion show that she and Val Protiva are chairing this May (May 26th to be exact). Be sure to mark your calendars.

By the time you read this

the annual Flea Market will be over, but as of this writing it is coming up next weekend. I know it will be a great success thanks to Toni Ruther and her co chairs for putting so much time and effort into it. I also know about now Carol Lee is counting books as she goes to sleep each night. Jan Wright and Mary Nolan have obviously been very busy because everywhere I look I see signs publicizing the event. Great job ladies!!

At the March dinner meeting I read a letter from Lion Bill Tidball of the Madison County Lions Club requesting our help in an upcoming "Mission of Mercy" free dental clinic. For those ladies who were unable

to attend the dinner meeting, this is a new project that the Lions of Virginia have partnered with the Piedmont Regional Dental Clinic and the Virginia Dental Health Foundation as sponsors. The clinic is taking place on April 30th and May 1st. The clinic will have a staff of approximately 300 dentists and dental professionals working and expect to be able to treat approximately 600 patients. I asked for your help in this most worthwhile event, and you once again did not let me down. Without hesitation or previous notice, eighteen Lionesses signed up to work the project. To top it off, our Fire and Rescue Chairs, Maureen
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WHAT DO I BRING CHECKLIST?

SHELTERING ARMS—See pg. 5

WILDERNESS FOOD PANTRY—At least 2 food items in a double plastic bag. The pantry can especially use sides, peanut butter, and jelly. Children's books are always appreciated.

Lake of the Woods Lioness Club

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Meetings are held at the LOW Club House on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Social hour at 5:45 p.m.

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The Insider's View

Highlights from the
March 25, 2010
Lioness BOD Meeting

In attendance were Kathi Martin, Pat See, Barbara Rakes, Ann Walker, Linda Ogletree, Donna Crawley, Carol Greeney, Ann Wood and Jean McLallen Taylor. Mary Lou McFarland attended for the Scholarship Committee.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the February meeting were published in the March LOWDOWN. Donna Crawley moved, and Ann Walker seconded, that they be accepted. The motion was passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report is attached to the hard copy of these minutes. The report has been filed for audit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Jean Stutz has requested to be removed from MAL status. Approved.
- President See reported that the committee for the May Fashion Show requested that the proceeds from the event be earmarked for Safe House. The theme for this event would be "Women helping Women". Ann Wood moved that we approve this; Carol Greeney seconded the motion, which passed. During discussion, it was decided that since this is a new fund-raising event, it might be possible to dedicate future Spring Fashion Shows, if held, to highlighting a specific Lioness benevolence, i.e. Sheltering Arms, Wilderness Food Pantry, etc..
- A committee has been formed to attend the organization meeting for the Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic to be held in Barboursville on April 30-May 1. The committee includes Maureen Otero, Arlene DeSimone, and Sue Merna. Eighteen Lionesses have volunteered to assist. (Information concerning this event, which is co-sponsored by Piedmont Regional Dental Clinic/Virginia Dental health Foundation and the lions Clubs of Virginia, is attached to the hard copy of these minutes), and the committee will attend the organization meeting in order to see whether or not we are actually needed.

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President

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Otero, Arlene DeSimone and Sue Merna volunteered to be our coordinators. I cannot thank you enough. This is truly in the spirit of "We Serve". The coordinators will attend a meeting on April 7th to determine what our assignments will be. When they come back they will be able to provide more details as to what time we need to be there and what exactly we will be doing.

So, what else has the LOW Lioness Club been doing? Ask Mary Lou McFarland who in partnership with the Lake Youth Foundation has been busy interviewing candidates for the Germanna Scholarships. At our April dinner meeting we will get to meet the recipients. You, ladies, make this happen. All the fund raising events in which you participate make these scholarships possible. Then there is the LOW Lioness Bridge Scholarship awarded to a LOW college bound youth. In case some of the newer Lionesses don't know, the \$1,000 funding for this scholarship is generously provided by Lioness Jan Lemieux from the proceeds of her Bridge Classes. Thank you Mary Lou and Jan Lemieux for your tireless efforts in this most worthwhile contribution to our community

This certainly has been and continues to be a busy year for this club. Following the Flea Market on March 27th, we have the Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic on April 30th and May 1st, White Cane Days on May 14 and 15 chaired once again by Rima Laviano, and the all new Spring Fashion Show on May 26th chaired by Kathy Walters and Val Protiva. Also, let's not forget the continued efforts exerted by so many of you on a regular basis working the Food Pantry and Eyeglass Recycling. For those of you who "meant" to contribute your time to these projects, it is not too late. The Eyeglass Recycling is always open to drop in help. Just show up any Monday and Thursday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Ferris Bldg. If you can't make it at exactly 9:00 a.m. it is no problem, just show up as soon as you can. It is a great way to catch up on just about anything while "serving" your club.

Finally, I wish to thank the Nominating Committee chaired by our Immediate Past President, Carol Greeney, for the outstanding job they did in putting together so quickly such a wonderful slate of officers for next year. The new LOW Lioness Board for next year is:

President – Marge Howard

1st Vice President – Zoila Ortega

2nd Vice President – Marti Martin

3rd Vice President – Janet Berge

Secretary – Ann Walker

Directors – Donna Crawley, Pat Confroy, Barbara York

Treasurers – Jean McLallen and Ann Woods

Membership – Linda Ogletree

Tamers – Karen Cakouros and Carol Lee

Twister – Pat Watterworth

On behalf of the entire LOW Lioness Club, thank you ladies for accepting these most important leadership roles for our club. I know you will be successful in making next year one of the best years ever for this club. Our new President for next year, Marge Howard, will now begin her first important task for next year in the selection of her chairpersons. If there is a particular task that you would like to do, please contact Marge and let her know. These chair positions are such a vital leadership role to our club. Please, let us all give Marge our support in making her term a fun, successful year.

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President

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As I close this month, I found a short little verse that I thought appropriate to us Virginians this year:

First a howling blizzard woke us,
Then the rain came down to soak us,
And now before the eye can focus -
Crocus. ~Lilja Rogers

Insider

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1st VICE-PRESIDENT

- Raffle tickets for the Lions of Virginia Foundation will be sold at the Flea Market (March 27) and will be sold at the April dinner meeting.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT:

- Ann Walker reported that PDQ printing is going out of business, so Editor of the LOWDOWN Gail Hardin will have those which must be mailed copied at Staples.
- FOOD PANTRY: After discussion, it was decided that we should start to wean food recipients from plastic bags. Starting in MAY, Lionesses will be asked to bring food items in canvas bags (available at all retail locations). It will take a few months, but a supply will be built up, and then they'll be given out to Pantry clients. The clients will be responsible for bringing back their bags each month. It was noted that Dollar General has 2 bags for \$1.00. Until there is a good supply, we will continue to use plastic bags, which are still needed.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

- There is 1 person to be inducted; the induction will take place at the May meeting.

DIRECTORS:

- The ballot for the changing of the by-laws, and the election concerning same will take place in MAY, rather than April.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Lioness Committees & Activities

SHELTERING ARMS

By Lioness Norma Ervin

The residents at the homeless shelter in the town of Orange were very HAPPY to receive your donated items for Christmas. . They are glad to see warmer days so the children can play outdoors. This month the needs are: large trash bags, gallon size zip-lock bags, paper towels, hand soap, laundry detergent and dishwasher detergent. Cash is always needed and appreciated to pay for utilities. Checks may now be made out to Sheltering Arms and write Lioness in the memo line. Thank you for your support for this vital community organization.

NOTICE—Proposed Change in ByLaws

From President Pat See

The membership vote on whether to strike the LOW residency requirement from the Lioness ByLaws and Constitution will take place in the May meeting. The ballot will be included in the May LOW-DOWN.

SHARE AND CARE

By Lioness Jean Stutz

Jeanne Dietz has been struggling with ongoing complications from a medical procedure. She is now home and on the road to recovery. We welcome her back and look forward to Jeanne's return to Lioness.

Pat Watterworth will have total knee replacement on April 5th at MWH. Wishes for a speedy recovery and Pat's return to Lioness in May.

Sarah Pitts has undergone testing and radiation treatment at UVA Hospital. Please remember Sarah as she struggles through this difficult time.

Please remember all these and other Lionesses who are struggling with various illnesses. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery and return to good health.

Proposal for Membership

The following individual is proposed for membership in the Lake of the Woods Lioness Club, sponsored by the Lake of the Woods Lion's Club, a part of the International Association of Lion's Clubs.



Name _____

Birthdate _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

Business Address _____

Work Phone _____

Email Address _____

Names of Spouse _____

Is she/he a Lion/Lioness _____

APPROVAL

This invitation has been approved by the following:

Sponsoring Lioness _____

Date _____

Membership Chairman _____

Date _____

Board of Directors _____

Date _____

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Employment History _____

Volunteer History _____

Hobbies _____

Special Abilities (music, art, etc.) _____

From the Tamers

By Lionesses Marue Biggs and Betty Girman

The Lioness April 8 dinner meeting will be held at the Lake of the Woods Clubhouse starting with social hour at 5:45 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.. If you are unable to attend this meeting, are bringing guests, or need a special meal, you must phone Betty Girman (972-2882) or Marue Biggs (972-5374). The cut-off date is April 3.

Please remember "no shows" (members who do not attend and have not called to cancel) and those calling after the April 3 deadline, will be billed for their dinner. Dinners are \$16.00.

The April dinner will be plated.

April Dinner

Plated Salad (Ranch &
Quatro Fromage Dressings)
Roast Pork Loin
Whipped Sweet Potatoes
Broccoli Spears
Rolls and Butter
Eclairs
Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea

Twister's Corner

By Lioness Laurel Buongiovanni

April showers bring May flowers!

Greeters: Betty May and Lois Ward

The tail is twisting, Twister's listening.

LOW Lioness 2010 Calendar

April 30 & May 1 Mission of Mercy
Free Dental Clinic

May 14 & 15 White Cane Days

May 26 Spring Fashion Show

Happy Birthday Lionesses!

April 1	Wilma Fairbairn	April 13	Ellen (Soherr) Brauch
April 2	Joanne Hurst	April 13	Paula Hornaday
April 4	Carol Lee	April 16	Barbara Lee
April 4	Sarah Pitts	April 18	Bonniebeth Folte
April 4	Catherine Rainey	April 19	Ginny Bayer
April 5	Nona Moskal	April 20	Billie Patterson
April 6	Helen Desarmeaux	April 22	Nancy Strain
April 7	Marge Howard	April 24	Jean McLallen
April 9	Peggy Dowd	April 30	Joan Johns

From the Editor

By Lioness Gail Hardin
Editor, Lioness LOW DOWN

The deadline for submission of newsletters articles for the May LOW DOWN is April 20. Please forward them either by email, or mail to Gail Hardin, (contact information below). For more information, call Gail.

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