



## President's Corner

By Lioness Marge Howard, LOW Lioness President

*For today in the town of Bethlehem a child is born, and his name is Jesus.*

Holidays are just around the corner, and most of us are busy gathering our decorations. I do not have a certain area where I keep decorations so, in all probability, I will be buying some new stuff because I cannot find everything I want.

I recently heard a sermon on "surrendering my stuff." Stuff we just can't get enough of. I, for one, do not want any of my stuff to go. I guess some of us feel comfortable with our stuff—we may not use it, or take it out to look at our stuff, but we just want it around. At Christmas time, we receive more stuff we do not need so we put it away some place in the house. I have read, or heard on TV, where people regift stuff. This is a good idea. I do not plan to regift anything, but I do plan to give some of my clothes to the Salvation Army.

We received a letter from Lion Vrla B. Leach, 24C Leader Dog Chairman, thanking us for our

support of the program. This organization has been in existence for over 72 years. For the period 7/1/09-6/30/10, District 24C contributed \$13,601. There are presently 31 active recipients of leader dogs in Virginia with seven of the 31 being in 24C.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> at LOW Church, we are hosting a dinner for the fire and rescue volunteers. This is headed up by Lioness Maureen Otero, with help by her committee members.

December 11<sup>th</sup> is our Holiday House Tour. If you did not purchase tickets yet, they will be available at the LOW Church—the beginning of the tour.

I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a very healthy and happy New Year.

*Christmas—A widely observed holiday on which the past nor the future is of so much interest as the present. Author unknown*

**Please Note: The Lioness January dinner meeting has been cancelled.**

**Agenda—see pg. 4**

## WHAT DO I BRING CHECKLIST?

**Sheltering Arms—See pg. 6**

**Wilderness Food Pantry-** At least 2 food items in a reusable bag or double plastic bag. Side dishes are always needed.

**Lake of the Woods Lioness Club**

Post Office Box 811  
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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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**Lois Powell**

**The Insider's View**

Minutes from the  
December 2, 2010  
Lioness BOD Meeting

Attending were Lioness board members Mary Altman, Karen Cakouros, Marge Howard, Marti Martin, Jean McLallen, Linda Ogletree, Zoila Ortega, Pat See, Ann Walker, Pat Watterworth, Ann Wood, and Barbara York.

Minutes from the October 28, 2010, meeting had been previously distributed, and the Board accepted them as written.

The Treasurer's report was accepted and filed for audit.

**President's Report – Marge Howard**

- Request for MAL status from Carolyn Gordon, Sharon Kaltenmark and Lourdes DeSanto were received and granted by the Board.
- Other correspondence included a thank-you letter from the principal of the Locust Grove Middle School for our donation of \$400.00 to their library fund; a Charter Night invitation from the Lions of Nelson; a thank-you letter from Orange County TRIAD for our donation of \$100; an informational letter from the Lions Hearing Foundation with levels of giving; a request for future program consideration from the Lions District 24-C Leader Dog Chairperson; and letters of appreciation from the Confroy family and LOW Fire and Rescue for our memorial gifts in memory of James Confroy.
- Inasmuch as the LOW Clubhouse is not available for our January meeting, President Marge Howard asked the Board's opinion as to the advisability of cancelling next month's dinner meeting. Lioness Tamer Karen Cakouros stated that if we held our meeting at the church, the expense to the club would be \$175.00. After a brief discussion, IT WAS MOVED BY Ann Walker and DULY SECONDED by Marti Martin that the January meeting be cancelled. MOTION CARRIED. Furthermore, IT WAS MOVED by Pat See and DULY SECONDED by Karen Cakouros that the \$175.00 saved by cancelling the meeting be donated to Canine Companions for Independence in appreciation of the presentation by Jim Purton at our November dinner meeting. MOTION CARRIED.
- The LOW Fire and Rescue Dinner will be held this Friday, December 3, with 109 attendees, and at that time, President Marge Howard will present a gift from our club of \$1,000

**First Vice President's Report – Zoila Ortega**

- Attendance on Mondays at the Eyeglass Recycling Center has been very disappointing in the past months. However, First Vice President Zoila Ortega reported that 18 Lionesses have signed up for that day

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and Barbara Strain has volunteered to open on Mondays. Therefore, improvement in attendance is anticipated.

- Approximately 125 Holiday House Tour tickets have been sold to date, with continued sales expected.
- Gift wrapping for Child Help East will take place on December 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### Second Vice President's Report – Marti Martin

- In November, the residents of Germanna Heights enjoyed making snow globes as a craft project conducted by the Lionesses. On December 8, the Lionesses will hold a holiday party and luncheon for the residents and the committee is requesting a check for \$30.00 as a donation to the volunteer entertainment. Therefore, IT WAS MOVED by Karen Cakouros and DULY SECONDED by Zoila Ortega that a donation of \$30.00 to the Flat Run Ramblers be approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- Concern has been expressed over the fact that advertisements and announcements that do not directly relate to the Lioness Club have been distributed on the dining tables. Furthermore, it was pointed out that our policy regarding this has been inconsistent. After a brief discussion, it was agreed upon that no printed material that is not directly related to LOW Lioness Club business and activities will be permitted on the dinner tables at the monthly membership meetings.
- With respect to publicity, Second Vice President Marti Martin reported that photos and articles regarding our recent contributions to the Locust Grove Middle and Elementary Schools were submitted and published, and First Vice President Zoila Ortega is setting up a photo opportunity for the contribution to Germanna Community College's Nurse Aide Certification Exam Scholarship Program, which was recently established by our club.
- The Wilderness Food Pantry will hold a food drive this Saturday, December 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the LOW Clubhouse lower level parking lot and at the Food Pantry trailer.
- Nine White House ornaments for the year 2005 that were recently uncovered will be sold at our upcoming dinner meeting and at the Holiday House Tour for \$5.00 each.
- Connie Buttimer will make an announcement at our dinner meeting, requesting cookies for the Lake Youth Foundation's "Visit with Santa," to be held on December 18, with a sign-up sheet on the table in the Presidents' Room that evening. Additionally, she is in hopes that the sheriff will be present to conduct the Safe Assure Program, which involves making a CD with a video of each child and obtaining the child's fingerprints.

#### Tamer's Report – Karen Cakouros

- The club is doing well in targeting meal costs to stay within the \$16.00 range. Additionally, a discussion was held regarding meal options, with differing opinions expressed.

#### Tail Twister – Pat Watterworth

- The mixer in October was well received and determined to be quite successful; with this in mind, it was felt that a mixer every three to four months would be appropriate.

#### Membership Chairman's Report – Linda Ogletree

- Orientation was held today and one new member, Carol Stanley, will be inducted at our dinner meeting next week. Furthermore, Membership Chairman Linda Ogletree stated that there are several who will be joining us early next year, after completing their requirements for membership.

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Directors' Comments

- Lioness Director Barbara York presented a policy statement prepared by the Directors regarding emergency fund allocations. After a brief discussion, IT WAS MOVED by Ann Walker and DULY SECONDED by Pat See that the following policy be adopted and included in our handbook: *"Should an emergency arise with an individual or an organization requesting money from the Lioness Benevolence Fund for immediate disbursement, the individual or committee chairperson should contact the President, who only has the authority to disburse monies not to exceed \$100.00. If the request is for more than \$100.00, the President must call an emergency meeting, consisting of the First Vice President and at least three (3) more Board members, forming a quorum, to decide if the request is a valid emergency and if we should disburse the amount requested. If approved by the majority of the quorum, the Treasurer would be notified to disburse the funds."* MOTION CARRIED.

Immediate Past President – Pat See

- Immediate Past President Pat See was pleased to report that a client of Fred Getty's, husband of Lioness Christine Getty, has donated a substantial number of books for our sale this spring at our annual flea market; everyone was most appreciative of Mr. Getty's referral.

Unfinished Business

- Secretary Ann Walker pointed out that we still have three individuals who are delinquent in paying their membership dues. In light of the fact that the Lions have a final deadline of September and inasmuch as we have made repeated verbal and e-mail contact with these members to no avail, it was decided that a final letter asking for their intent be mailed, stating that we appreciate their friendship and past participation, but if we did not receive their membership payment by December 31, 2010, we would regretfully acknowledge that they no longer wish to participate and they would be removed from our membership roster. The Board felt this was fair and appropriate.

There being no further business to come before the LOW Lioness Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

**Agenda**

Lake of the Woods Lioness Club  
December 9, 2010  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Invocation by Beth Sundberg  
Introduction of Guests  
Dinner  
Induction of New Member  
Program—Musical Program  
Announcements and Committee Reports  
Announcement of Birthdays  
50/50 Raffle  
Food Bank Raffle  
Adjournment

# Lioness Committees & Activities

## Holiday House Tour

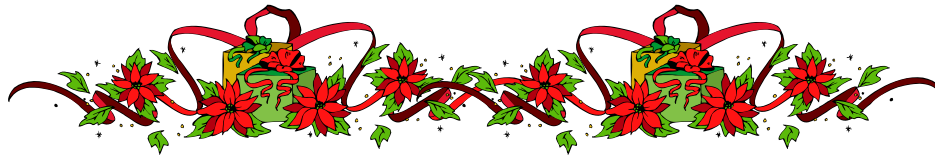
**By Lioness Chris Wyant, Committee Chair**

Holiday House Tour tickets will be on sale for \$10 at the December Lioness Meeting. They will also be sold on the day of the tour, December 11, at The Lake of the Woods Church for \$12.

The tour will feature the following lovely, unique homes:

Bren and Jon Anderson, Trails End Road  
Elaine and Joe Freeland, Washington Street  
Carol and Ray Greeney, Monument Road  
Dave Karfgin, Madison Circle  
Zoila and Yara Ortega, Lakeview Parkway

We hope you will plan on joining us on what promises to be a festive way to get into the holiday spirit. See you there!!



## Cookies for Holiday House Tour

**By Lioness Donna Crawley**

Please don't forget to bake your cookies for the Holiday House Tour on December 11. We need at least 97 dozen cookies for the 200 ticket holders. We will be at the Church at 11:00 a.m. to receive them.



# Lioness Committees & Activities

## Sheltering Arms

By Lioness Norma Ervin

The residents and staff at the homeless shelter in the town of Orange are always grateful for any assistance we as a club can give them. Your generous checks in October totaled almost \$400. If you chose to donate a check this month it should be to Sheltering Arms and write Lioness in the memo line. There are currently 8 children living at the shelter. The 5 girls range in age from 9 months to 15 years. The 3 boys are ages 3 to 9. Unwrapped toys would be welcome. Also for adults any warm clothing in sizes 1X or 2X are needed. Winter gloves, scarves, socks and underwear would be appreciated. There are also men living there so items for them could be donated. We as a club need to spread some cheer to these people who have nothing this year.

## Membership News

By Lioness Linda Ogletree  
Membership Director

We will have an induction of a new member at our December 09 Dinner Meeting. We are most pleased to welcome Carol Stanley sponsored by Lioness Connie LeMay. Please include the following information in your handbook:

Carol F. Stanley  
220 Birchside Circle  
Tel: 972 4026  
email: [stmr327@verizon.net](mailto:stmr327@verizon.net)

Please take the opportunity to say hello to Carol at our meeting!

Lioness members who have inquired about the next scheduled induction --- since we will not have a January meeting, I believe it would be best to plan on March giving us time to "regroup" and fulfill requirements. Let's get busy and make that a big night!!! If I can assist in any way, please give me a call x7713.

## From the Tamers

By Lionesses Karen Cakouros and Carol Lee

The Lioness December 9 dinner meeting will be held at the Lake of the Woods Clubhouse starting with social time 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 Carol Lee at 972-8920 or Karen Cakouros at 972-9043 by Sunday, December 5. Please remember that this is a set meal and if you have any special needs, you must let us know by December 5. Also, please remember that "no shows" (members who do not attend and have not called to cancel) and those calling after the December 5 deadline will be billed for their dinner. Dinners are \$16.00.

The dinner will be buffet.

### December Dinner

**Plated Salad**  
**Chicken Cordon Bleu**  
**Red bliss potatoes**  
**Green beans almonidine**  
**Carrot cake**  
**Coffee, hot or iced tea**

## Twister's Corner

By Lioness Pat Watterworth

Christmas is forever, not for just a day,  
 for loving, sharing, giving are not to put away  
 like bells, and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf;  
 The good you do for others is good you do for self.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!

Greeters for December:

Jo Cates  
 Linda Ogletree

## LOW Lioness 2010 Calendar

December 9	Lioness Dinner Meeting
December 11	Holiday House Tour

Happy Birthday  
Lionesses!

Decmeber 6 Karen Cakouros	December 15 Judy Ayers
December 6 Elaine Freeland	December 16 Lourdes DeSanto
December 6 Kathy Walters	December 16 Pat Phillipo
December 12 Mary Lou McFarland	December 18 Dorothea Barnes
December 13 Sue Schafer	December 22 Joan King
December 14 Ruth Lemmerman	December 23 Donna Crawley

**From the Editor**

By Lioness Gail Hardin  
Editor, Lioness LOW DOWN

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

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