



President's Corner

By Lioness Maureen Otero LOW Lioness President

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Most people are as happy as they make up their minds to be.
Abraham Lincoln

Thanksgiving is now a memory, so let's look forward to a wonderful Christmas Season. The weather is changing from the perfect days of no humidity and temps in the 60s or 70s to 40s or less. It's time to get out the jackets and coats and show off all the new beautiful boots that are so in fashion.

Most of us have started on our Christmas list, sending cards, purchasing gifts, and planning where to spend the holidays. Some Lionesses will be participating in Kriskindlemarkt at the community center on December 5th, maybe you can find some items there that you can use as stocking stuffers or a bigger item that a loved one would like to have. I know there will be some wonderful baked goods

on sale there. Drop in and browse around between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On December 10th our Holiday House Tour will take place between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are on sale at \$10 per person or \$15 if you wait until tour time. This is not an annual event, and many people who attended in past years have expressed happiness that they had gone on the tour.

Following that event, most people will be completing their shopping and holiday planning--what to cook, who likes what, and how much to cook. Then the big day arrives and everyone celebrates in their own special way, but most important of all it happens with family and friends.

Have a wonderful holiday season, enjoy New Year's Eve, and may the joy of the season be with you.

NOTE—No BOD Meeting in November. The next BOD meeting is December 3rd. Minutes for that meeting will be in the January LOWDOWN

WHAT DO I BRING CHECKLIST?

Wilderness Food Pantry—At least 2 food items in a reusable bag or double plastic bag. If you have extra plastic bags at home and can double bag some, that would be great. It saves the workers time when they are helping the clients.

SAFE House—See pg. 3

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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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Lioness Committees & Activities

Share and Care

By Lioness Ann Walker

- Carol Lee is making an excellent recovery from her knee replacement surgery and wishes to thank all the Lionesses for the wonderful and thoughtful support they have given to her and her family.

If you know of a Lioness in need of our caring thoughts, please contact Ann Walker: 972-4338.

Holiday House Tour

By Lioness Julie Phend

Thanks to Lioness volunteers, everything is in place for our Holiday House Walk on December 12 from 11:00- 3:00. We have five beautiful houses whose owners are busily decorating, volunteers to staff them during the tour, and a booklet chock full of advertising. **Now all we have to do is SELL TICKETS! Please talk this event up to your neighbors and friends.** You can purchase tickets for \$10 each at the December meeting or by sending the money to Michelle Senft at 107 Monument Rd. Locust Grove VA 22508, for pickup at LOW Church on December 12. Tickets may also be purchased at the church on the day of the event for \$12. Please come out and help us make this event a huge success!

December Program

**By Lionesses Carolyn Gordon
and Linda Shnayer**

The Orange Middle School Chorus will entertain us for the December meeting.

December Induction for New Members

By Lioness Kathi Martin

There will be an induction ceremony for new Lionesses at the December meeting. Information for the new Lionesses will be included in the January LOWDOWN.

Lioness Committees & Activities

SAFE House Collection

By Lionesses Phyllis Sakole and Susan Costanzo

We will be collecting donations for SAFE House at our December meeting. We will be parked in front of the Club House for collection before the meeting.

SAFE has a Secret Santa Shop for the children to pick presents for their family members each year. The mothers also shop for their children in a separate room. Former clients are invited back to the shelter to participate.

For the Holiday season there are some special needs. Children's gifts for the Secret Santa Shop would be most welcome. Boys and girls (ages 10-16). They usually receive toy donations for the younger children but need more for this age range. Some suggestions are bath and body lotions, manicure sets, hair clips or headbands, jewelry (expandable bracelets, earrings) and sports related toys such as basketballs, footballs (small or regular size), scarves, gloves, hats, games.

Let's not forget gifts for Moms such as slippers, robes, scarves, jewelry and spa sets.

As always, other needs include powdered detergent, liquid dish soap, bleach, paper towels, and other paper products.

If you aren't able to shop, please consider donating a check made out to S.A.F.E., with "LOW Lioness" in the memo line.

Thanks, as always, for your generosity toward those less fortunate and the organizations providing them crucial support. Happy Holidays to you all!

Christmas Cookies for Visit with Santa

By Lioness Connie Buttmer

Would you like to share some of your Christmas cookies with children visiting Santa? If you can spare a dozen while you are baking for the Open House Tour, please call Connie at 972-0083 to arrange drop off or pickup. You could also bring them to the meeting on the 10th. We need the cookies prior to "A Visit With Santa" on Saturday, December 12th sponsored by the Lake Youth Foundation. They should be marked "contain nuts" or "do not contain nuts".

From the Tamers

By Ellen Bearden and Nikki Buell

The Lake of the Woods Lioness Club December 10th Dinner meeting will be held at the Clubhouse with a 5:45 p.m. social gathering followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please remember to call or email the Tamers by Monday, December 7th, if you are not attending or need a special meal. Dinner will be buffet style. A no-call or no-show will cost you \$17.00 if you are unable to attend this meeting,

Tamers:

Ellen Bearden (972-9595) Email: bebearden@verizon.net

Nikki Buell (412-0104) Email: nbuell113@comcast.net

NOTICE: We RSVP E-mails & phone calls. If you can't attend, you may have your meal picked up.

Dinner

House Salad
Tuscan Chicken
Broccoli
Pasta
Éclair
Coffee & Tea

Vegetarian Menu

Pasta Primavera
Plus sides from the buffet

In consideration of others at our dinner meetings, Lionesses are asked to kindly refrain from beginning their salad until after the invocation and introduction of guests. Thank you.

Twister's Corner

By Lioness Melissa Daly

I am putting up the Christmas tree, decorating it, and decorating the house this weekend. Next I will begin to purchase all the Christmas gifts for his family and mine, including grandchildren. I will wrap each gift and plan the menus for our family Holiday dinners!!! Christmas cards, I stopped doing that years ago! Still I enjoy the magic of Christmas, being with our family, hearing the traditional Christmas music, festive lights on each house, but most of all celebrating the birth of Christ. Looking forward to celebrating with you Lionesses at our December meeting on the 10th.

Our greeters will be Nancy Doseff and Betsy Flanigan.

This month's Twister Questions are:

What is the most popular item to put on top of the Christmas tree?

What country created eggnog?

LOW Lioness 2015-2016 Calendar

Dec. 3 BOD Meeting
Dec. 5 Kriskindlemark
Dec. 10 Lioness Dinner Meeting
Dec. 12 Holiday House Tour
Dec. 16 Child Help Gift Wrapping

Happy Birthday Lionesses!

December 1	Sherry Standley	December 16	Pat Phillipo
December 6	Karen Cakouros	December 18	Dorothea Barnes
December 6	Elaine Freeland	December 21	Linda Shnayer
\December 6	Kathy Walters	December 23	Donna Crawley
December 12	Mary Lou McFarland	December 25	Roselynn Edwards

From the Editor

By Lioness Gail Hardin
Editor, Lioness LOW DOWN

Please get information and articles for the January LOW DOWN to me by December 27th or as soon thereafter as possible.. December 30th is the deadline for submissions for the January newsletter. Forward them either by email, or mail to Gail Hardin, (contact information below). For more information, call Gail.

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