

LAKE OF THE WOODS LIONESS

LOW DOWN

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President's Corner

By Lioness Pat See, LOW Lioness President

"I made no resolutions for the New Year. The habit of making plans, of criticizing, sanctioning and molding my life, is too much of a daily event for me.

Anaïs Nin

It is a few days before Christmas and what a week it has been! Did somebody say "Let It Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow"? Hopefully it didn't put too much of a damper on your holiday. The good news for me is that the shoveling afforded me an opportunity to work off some of the excessive sweets in which I have been indulging. Yikes. That was the optimistic part of me. The other part said "Are you kidding? Like there isn't enough to be done without adding 3 days of constant shoveling to the list of activities? Oh My Gosh!!!!

Well, not just another year, but another decade has past. We are now in the 2010's. But, before I get into the 2010's I would like to advise you of De-

cember 2009 Lioness events. Since our dinner meeting the annual Fire and Rescue Dinner was held on December 15th. This event was chaired by Maureen Otero and cochaired by Arlene DeSimone, Peggy Dowd, Sue Merna, and Rima Laviano. I was so impressed with all that these ladies did to make this dinner so very special for our Fire and Rescue. The food was fabulous and abundant, there were mugs presented to each guest, door prizes of poinsettias, and best of all – Santa Claus was there. For the record, even in his beautiful suit of red trimmed in white fur, special Santa eye-glasses and authentic jingle bells, he reminded me a lot of Arlene DeSimone. I wasn't

sure why until he so graciously thanked the guests for helping him this year after he had been run over by a car while walking his dogs in front of his house. (Everyone knows Santa has reindeer and Arlene has dogs, dah!) This was truly a great event and I was so very proud of our Lioness Fire and Rescue chairpersons for making it so special.

On December 16th our Child Help Chairperson, Zoila Ortega, was accompanied by Lionesses Ann Walker, Kathy Martin, and Mary Lou McFarland for the annual Child Help East Christmas Wrap event. I have heard that the event went real well. Thank you ladies for helping this

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WHAT DO I BRING CHECKLIST?

Wilderness Food Pantry—At least 2 food items
In a double plastic bag

NOTHING for Safe House or Sheltering Arms.
Safe House will be collecting in February

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

December 3, 2009

Lioness BOD Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Pat See and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. It was attended by Lionesses Kathi Martin, Pat See, Jean McLallen Taylor, Ann Wood, Barbara Rakes, Marge Howard, Carol Lee, Betty Girman, Marue Biggs, Ann Walker, Pat Confroy and Carol Greeney.

Minutes from the October BOD meeting were accepted; Carol Greeney moving and Carol Lee seconding.

The Treasurers' report was read and filed for audit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Zone Chairman Selven Powell sent an e-mail reminder that all Zone 21-C Lions/Lioness chapters need to donate to the Bland concert. This donation is already budgeted and will be sent.
- MAL status has been requested by Marge Howard (Jan/Feb/March) and Judi O'Neill (Jan/Feb/March). Kathi Martin moved and Carol Greeney seconded that these be accepted; passed unanimously.
- The Fire and Rescue Dinner will be held at the LOW Church. Marueen Otero and committee are planning the event. President Pat See will present a donation check at the dinner. The food will be purchased from Ukrops.
- The Lake Youth Organization Visit with Santa will be December 5 but we have not been requested to furnish cookies.
- An assortment of membership and attendance pins was given us by Lion Chairman Doris Lanham. Since the pins were all dated they could not be used, but we have donated them to the Lions for use by the Pin Collectors.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

1st VP – Marge Howard reported:

- Monte Carlo night was a success, and Chairman Carol Greeney did an outstanding job. Over \$1,000 was made.
- Gail Hardin sold White House Christmas ornaments and made a profit of \$733.00.
- Eyeglass Recycling volunteering continues to be a problem; volunteers are badly needed.

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President

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wonderful cause. A special thank you to Carmi Gryniewicz for donating Christmas wrap for this event. Also, with any luck, Carmi might be joining us at our January dinner meeting after months and months and months of illness. It will be great having her back with us.

Last, but not least – Gail Hardin single handedly raised over \$740 selling the White House Christmas Ornaments. Gail has truly taken this “thought” and made it a huge fund raising success for us. From all of us, Gail – Thank You!

Lioness Events coming up for 2010 – February 7th is the Bland Contest. Paula Hornaday is chairing this event. I went to this for the first time last year. It is truly amazing! March 27th – other than my sister’s birthday, it is the Flea Market and Book Sale. Toni Ruther is chairing this event again this year. Be sure to keep this date on your calendar as an event to work. It is a big money maker and is a lot of fun. Carol Lee will be chairing the book sale, BUT, she is NOT going to do any of the physical work. Between her back problems and newest health issues she cannot be handling the physical aspect of this event. I am therefore asking for the support of anyone who can help out with this.

Happy New Years Everyone. I look forward to seeing all of you at the January dinner meeting. In conclusion, I leave you with a quote from Jay Leno “**Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average. Which means you've met your New Year's resolution**”. Always.....**We Serve**

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●A discussion was held by the Board concerning new fund-raising projects. It was decided that a Spring luncheon and fashion show be a possibility. Betty Girman and Carol Greeney will look into this and report at the January meeting.

2nd VP – Ann Walker reported that the Treats on the Point (Halloween) was a success, with huge attendance. After discussion, it was decided that the Lionesses do not need to furnish a table, since there were more than enough people giving candy out.

3rd VP – Carol Lee reported that books are already coming in for the Flea Market Booksale. She suggested that local Boy Scouts would be a big help; this was approved.

TAMERS – no report.

DIRECTORS – Barbara Rakes reported that there have been requests for more mixers at the monthly dinners. We will try to have them 4 times a year; sometimes it is difficult to arrange because of Governor's visits and/or Charter night. There will be a mixer in January.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Lioness Committees & Activities

Christmas Spirit at Childhelp

By Lioness Ziola Ortega

It is 10 days before Christmas, and the first day I have been filled with the Christmas spirit. In a remote, beautiful, rural setting in a meeting room, off of a barn, 9 women and 1 man converted an unbelievable number of presents into “gifts from Santa”. The location was Childhelp East Alice C Tayler Village in Lignum. The people were 4 Lionesses, 2 LOW volunteers, 3 additional volunteers from the LOW Childhelp East Auxiliary and the Childhelp East director of Community Relations. We worked from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., wrapping toys for all the girls and boys at the Village. In return, we were infused with the Spirit of Giving that the Season is really about. Thank you Lionesses for coordinating our participation. Thank you Childhelp for making it possible for it to really feel like Christmas. Can't wait to do it again next Christmas.

Share and Care

By Lioness Jean Stutz

- Pat Watterworth is still suffering from shoulder pain due to a fall in October. We hope the MRI results gave her good news and she is on the road to recovery.
- Doris Velona is recovering from her bout with pneumonia and congestive heart failure. We wish her a speedy recovery.
- Mary Lou McFarland has recovered nicely after surgery.
- Virginia Bayer continues to struggle with ongoing health issues. As of this writing, all is well and we pray for continued good health.

We are asking for your continued prayers and well wishes for these and other Lionesses. Also, please continue to pray for their families.

Would you please contact Jean Stutz—5408—with health concerns for any Lioness or family member so we may acknowledge them with a card.

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 January 14, 2010 dinner meeting will be held at the Lake of the Woods Clubhouse starting with social hour at 5:45 pm followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. 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 January 9, 2010.

Remember "no shows" (members who do not attend and have not called to cancel), and those calling after the January 9 deadline will be billed for their dinner. Dinners are \$16.00.

The January dinner will be a buffet.

January Dinner

Bread Boule
Plated Salad
Pumpkin Pie
Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea

Twister's Corner

By Lioness Laurel Buongiovanni

January now is here--
A fine new start for a
whole new year

Greeters: Martha Grandy and Peggy Dowd

LOW Lioness 2010 Calendar

January 28 Lioness BOD Meeting

February 7 Bland Contest

March 27 Flea Market and Book Sale

Happy Birthday
Lionesses!

January 4 Lois Ward

January 29 Gayla Gamble

January 4 Christine Wyant

January 30 Jeanne Stoll

From the Editor

By Lioness Gail Hardin
Editor, Lioness LOW DOWN

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

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