

# LAKE OF THE WOODS LIONESS

## LOW DOWN

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### President's Corner

By Lioness Zoila Ortega, LOW Lioness President

How have we done and who has done it?

2011 was a wonderful year! Look at what we have done in just December 2011:

- Participated in the first L.O.W. Chriskindmarkt and conducted a very successful sale of bake goods and rediscovered Christmas treasures.
- Wrapped hundreds of Christmas presents for the children at Childhelp.
- Provided a wonderful dinner for the LOW Fire and Rescue Squad at which 82 Squad members and their families attended.
- Supported the Food Pantry, the Orange County Free Clinic, Safe House, the Orange County Public Schools and several other worthy organizations.
- Generated over \$100 in rebates for the Lioness Club from the gift card program.
- Installed 4 new Lionesses (Welcome Lucille, Glennah, Geri and Mary).

Definitely, Kudos are due to us all for a great month and a great 2011. However, I wanted to especially acknowledge, in this the very first newsletter of 2012, a

group that rarely gets singled out. That is the Lioness members that sit on the Board. These women meet the last Thursday of every month to guide and direct the club as to the activities that it will undertake and how it will undertake those activities. The Board ponders policy, refines proceeds, and safeguards the organization. I personally want to thank the Board members for all they do and for how they do it all. They work diligently, without fanfare, graciously giving of their time and talents to make the LOW Lioness Club the organization it is. Who are these women?

- Ann Walker, Secretary
- Patricia Berry/ Emily Slunt, Treasurers

- Carol Lee, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Beth Sundberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Christine Wyant, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President
- Carol Greeney/ Sue Merna/ Janice Wright, Lioness Tamers
- Nora Simpson, Tail Twister
- Michelle Senft, Membership Director
- Mary Altman/Maureen Otero/ Barbara York, Directors
- Marge Howard, Immediate Past President
- Mary Dee, Lion Liaison

I can predict that 2012 will also be a wonderful year because of how well all of us Lionesses work and because of how well our Board members lead.



### WHAT DO I BRING CHECKLIST?

**No lioness meeting in January—  
See you in February**

**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.

**2011-2012 Board of Directors**

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**Carol Lee**

**2nd Vice President**  
**Beth Sundberg**

**3rd Vice President**  
**Christine Wyant**

**Lioness TAMERS**  
**Carol Greeney**  
**Sue Merna**  
**Janice Wright**

**Tail Twister**  
**Nora Simpson**

**Membership Director**  
**Michelle Senft**

**Directors**  
**Mary Altman**  
**Maureen Otero**  
**Barbara York**

**Past President**  
**Marge Howard**

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**Lion Liaison**  
**Mary Dee**

**The Insider's View**

Minutes from the  
December 1, 2011  
Lioness BOD Meeting

Attending were Lioness board members Mary Altman, Pat Berry, Mary Dee, Carol Greeney, Carol Lee, Zoila Ortega, Maureen Otero, Sue Merna, Michelle Senft, Nora Simpson, Emily Slunt, Beth Sundberg, Ann Walker, and Christine Wyant, as well as Youth Outreach Chairman Connie Buttmer

Minutes from the October 27, 2011, meeting had been previously distributed, and the board accepted them as written. Additionally, Secretary Ann Walker reported that she represented the club at the District 24-C Fall Conference in Staunton last month and found both the seminar on ethics and the lecture on "tuning up" one's club interesting and passed along the information to the president for her review and consideration.

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

**President's Report – Zoila Ortega**

- Correspondence included a request for MAL status from Susan Costanzo, Diane Weller, Sharon Kaltenmark and Rima Laviano, as well as a request from Past President Marge Howard for Affiliate Membership. All requests were approved. There were also thank you letters from the three schools to which we made a recent contribution, as well as notes from Betty Girman and Carol Greeney thanking the club members for their expressions of sympathy.
- President Zoila Ortega and First Vice President Carol Lee attended the Lions Zone Meeting last month and received several award patches to honor our club's outstanding efforts.
- President Zoila Ortega proposed that a gift of a peace dove pin be presented to the members of the Orange County High School Chorus Group that will be performing at our dinner next week, and all felt this was most fitting.
- The Gift Card Program is moving along well. November showed a profit of \$127.00, and December looks quite promising. The possibility of selling the cards at the next Lions Club meeting was considered and it was decided that our club will seek permission to do so through our Lions Liaison, Mary Dee.
- Concern was expressed that the percentage of households at LOW that contribute to our Fire & Rescue is disappointingly low. To help promote more extensive participation, IT WAS MOVED by Carol Greeney and DULY SECONDED by Maureen Otero that a collection container for the LOW Fire & Rescue be placed whenever we have the opportunity during our fund-raising efforts and other events. MOTION CARRIED.

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First Vice President's Report – Carol Lee

- President Zoila Ortega and First Vice President Carol Lee met with the LOW General Manager to obtain use of the ECC building. He told them he would get back with the club by January 1, 2012.
- Sales for the cruise have proved disappointing so far, but after the holiday season we will be doing more extensive publicity to promote this fund-raising effort.

Second Vice President's Report – Beth Sundberg

- Youth Outreach Chairman Connie Buttmer proposed to the board that our club “adopt” the 17 children in the Head Start Program at Locust Grove Primary School. The board members had already responded by bringing coloring books and crayons for the children to this meeting, and suggested that perhaps we could think of other ways to assist. Connie will get suggestions from the teachers as well.
- Inasmuch as Sheltering Arms had closed its doors, consideration was given to the reallocation of funds designated for that organization. After a brief discussion, IT WAS MOVED by Ann Walker and DULY SECONDED by Carol Greeney that distribution of the \$750.00 be divided equally into \$250.00 donations to SAFE House, the Orange Free Clinic, and the Wilderness Food Bank. MOTION CARRIED.

Third Vice President's Report – Christine Wyant

- With respect to the ads to be placed in next year's membership handbook, Third Vice President Christine Wyant stated that she had contacted Christine Getty, who has agreed to work on the layout. The ads would be due by June 30 and we would start publicizing the effort to the membership in the spring. Suggested pricing in accordance with the size of the ads was also presented.

Membership Director's Report – Michelle Senft

- Membership Director Michelle Senft presented the applications for four new members. All have met the requirements for membership and the board was most happy to receive them. They will be installed at our December dinner meeting.

Directors' Report

- The mixer will take place at the December dinner meeting.

Committee Reports

- With respect to the bake sale to be held in conjunction with the LOW Christkindlmarkt on December 10, Chairman Pat Berry stated that she would suggest that those who do not wish to bake might consider instead making a monetary contribution.

New Business

- Lioness Carol Greeney stated that at this time no date or site has been set for our annual flea market and President Zoila Ortega said she would look into the situation and see that Carol has assistance with this fund-raising project.
- Concern was expressed over recent program presentations and the oversight of upcoming programs was discussed.
- The club has received a request for a contribution to assist the visually impaired by a device called “Kapten Plus GPS.” Secretary Ann Walker said that she would approach the Lions Sight Committee to learn how they are responding to this solicitation and report back to the board at its next regular meeting.

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

# Lioness Committees & Activities

## New Members

By Lioness Michelle Senft

The following members were inducted at the December 8th meeting:

Lucille Churchill  
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Husband: Gilbert

Mary Szadvari  
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Husband: Jozsef

Glennah Moy  
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Husband: Joe

Geri Walsh\*  
208 Birdie Road  
Husband: Harry  
\*Geri passed away December 21 from  
complications following cardiac surgery

## Share and Care

By Lioness Jean Stutz

Lioness Val Protiva is home and doing well after undergoing a lumpectomy at MWH on December 13th. Val will receive radiation treatment for approximately 6 weeks.

Please remember Val and all others who are in need or your prayers for comfort and healing.



Lionesses at the Fire and Rescue Dinner

Happy Birthday  
Lionesses!

January 4 Lois Ward

January 29 Gayla Gamble

January 4 Christine Wyant

January 31 Phyllis Sakole

January 5 Kathryn (Tini) Romiti

**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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