

# LAKE OF THE WOODS LIONESS LIONS

## LOW DOWN



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Amore' III Dinner Dance  
February 8, 2020  
6:00-11:00pm

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Tickets are going fast. Thanks to all of you who have bought their tickets already. We have some ladies looking to get a ladies table together. If interested, please get in touch with Nicki Buell 540-412-0104.

Menu: Flat Iron Steak with a Bourbon glaze  
Sea Bass with Lobster Cream sauce  
Quinoa Meatballs over Pasta

Price: \$60.00pp

Tickets can be bought through the [lowlioness.org](http://lowlioness.org) web page. If any questions please contact Nicki Buell, phone: 412-0104, email: [nbuell113@comcast.net](mailto:nbuell113@comcast.net).

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The organizers are also still looking for donations for the silent auction—contact Nicki Buell

### Lobby Full of Toys

By Lioness Vicky Shew

Thanks to the generosity of the wonderful people of LOWA and the work of our Lionesses, we collected a lobby full of toys that went to the Orange County Toy Box for the toy drive that provided a Merry Christmas to less fortunate children in our area.



**Lake of the Woods Lioness  
Lions Club**

Post Office Box 811  
Locust Grove, VA 22508

Meetings are held at the LOW Club  
House on the 2nd Thursday of each  
month. Social hour at 5:15 p.m.

**2019—2020 Board of Directors**

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**Linda Shnayer**  
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Locust Grove, VA 22508  
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**Directors**

**Betty Beck**  
**Barbara Francis**  
**Gail Stoner**

**Past President**

**Linda Shnayer**

**The Insider's View**

Minutes from the  
Dec 5, 2019  
BOD Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Shnayer.

The following 2019-2020 Board of Director members were in attendance: President Linda Shnayer, Treasurer Loretta, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jayne Owiesny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ann Walker, Third Vice President Ellen Bearden, Lioness Tamers Rani Manhard and Ann Wood, Tail Twister Donna Steffensmeier, Membership Directors Emily Florence and Mary Szadvari, Directors Betty Beck, Barbara Francis, and Gail Stoner, and Immediate Past President Donalda Lovelace.

Minutes from the October 24, 2019, meeting had been previously distributed, and the board accepted them as written.

The Administrative and Foundation Budgets were presented and accepted for audit.

**President's Report – Linda Shnayer**

- The LOW Lions Club is building a new pavilion and would appreciate financial assistance in completing this project. After a brief discussion, IT WAS MOVED by Donalda Lovelace and DULY SECONDED by Jayne Owiesny that the LOW Lioness Club donate 10 tables with benches at a total cost of \$6,500 for the new Lions Club pavilion at Hollyfield Park. MOTION CARRIED.
- The sale of White House ornaments has been most successful this year, with all 500 ordered having been sold.
- With deep regret, it was announced that Past President Connie Buttmer and also Joann Buttmer will be leaving the Lioness Club at the end of the month due to relocation. We certainly appreciate the many years they have contributed to our club.
- A thank-you letter and patch for our banner were sent to our club from the Virginia Lions Hearing Foundation and Research Center in appreciation for our \$500.00 contribution.

**First Vice President's Report – Jane Owiesny**

- For next year's card party, which is scheduled for September 25, Jan Stockman and Doris Williams will chair the fashion show.
- The Child Help wrapping party is scheduled for December 18.

**Second Vice President's Report – Ann Walker**

- The Scholarship Committee members have been appointed. They are: Ellen Bearden, Colleen Cameron, Cathy Hix, Marion Rudd, Donna Steffensmeier, and Connie Skelton-Devens.
- With respect to the Lake Youth Foundation Scholarship, the Lioness Scholarship Committee would like the board to determine if they think it's advisable to continue to be part of the Youth Scholarship process, or should the Lioness Club handle the application process independently. After a brief discussion, IT WAS MOVED by Gail Stoner and DULY SECONDED by Mary Szadvari that funds designated for the Youth Scholarship be retained by the Lioness Club for the determination of an appropriate recipient. MOTION CARRIED.
- Safe House collection for gift wrapping materials will occur at our December meeting.

MORE—See Pg. 3

## Minutes from the December 5, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting (Cont'd)

### Third Vice President's Report – Ellen Bearden

- The Halloween candy leftover from "Treats on the Point" will be donated to the Wilderness Food Pantry.

### Directors' Report – Betty Beck, Barbara Francis and Gail Stoner

- All is going well with the planning and implementation of Christkindlmarkt.

### New Business

- Thank you letters have been sent to the advertisers in the 2019-2020 Member Handbook and Secretary Claudia Low wishes to thank Lynne Travis for preparing them to mail.
- Inasmuch as we will not be ordering envelopes and letterhead, Lynne Travis will be creating a template for the letterhead and return address labels, which can be shared with Lioness members as needed.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Walker  
Acting Secretary

## Lioness Lions Committees & Activities

### **Report on Christkindlmarkt**

**By Lionesses Helene Burns & Gail Stoner**

Thanks to everyone who helped with all of the work that went into the Christkindlmarkt!! Those who helped mark the items, Helene for storing, those who gave wonderful donations, those who helped transport to the Community Center, including several husbands, those who set it all up, those who baked, helped sell at the event, and helped pack up. Also thanks to everyone who supported us by shopping our tables!! And the Lions for coming to get our decorations that didn't sell. It really was a lot of fun and camaraderie working together for a successful event for our fundraiser for the Lioness Foundation!!

Thank you! Gail and Helene



# Lioness Lions Committees & Activities

January 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Mondays— Eyeglass Recycling  
 Jan 3— Wilderness Food Pantry  
 Jan 8—Wilderness Food Pantry  
 Jan 17—Wilderness Food Pantry  
 Jan 23—Board Meeting  
 Jan 25—Wilderness Food Pantry  
 NOTE: No dinner meeting in January

February 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Mondays— Eyeglass Recycling  
 Feb 7— Wilderness Food Pantry  
 Feb 8—Armored Dinner Dance  
 Feb 12—Wilderness Food Pantry  
 Feb 13—Dinner Meeting  
 Feb 21—Wilderness Food Pantry  
 Feb 27—Board Meeting  
 Feb 29—Book Sale  
 Feb 29—Wilderness Food Pantry

March 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Mondays— Eyeglass Recycling  
 Mar 6— Wilderness Food Pantry  
 Mar 11—Wilderness Food Pantry  
 Mar 12—Dinner Meeting  
 Mar 20—Wilderness Food Pantry  
 Mar 21—Spring Craft Sale  
 Mar 26—Board Meeting  
 Mar 28—Book Sale  
 Mar 28—Wilderness Food Pantry

## Volunteer & Information POCs for Above Lioness Events

Eyeglass Recycling—Nancy Strain, 972-7141

Wilderness Food Pantry—Nicki Buell, 412-0104 or Karen Cakouros, 972-9043

Armored Dinner Dance—Nicki Buell, 412-0104

Spring Craft Sale—Karin Goetz, 972-0955

Book Sale—Helene Burns, 412-0798, Sherri Lasover, 412-9854, and Ann Walker, 972-4338

The LOW Fire Department is reaching out to clubs to  
publish these types of messages



## Lake of the Woods Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company

104 Lakeview Parkway

As we close the door on Thanksgiving and head into the Christmas holiday season your Lake of the Woods Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company wants to remind everyone that, "The threat of fires during the winter is real."

Some winter fire statistics:

- 890 people die and \$2 billion in property loss occurs each year from winter home fires.
- Winter home fires account for only 8 percent of the total number of fires in the U.S. but result in 30 percent of all fire deaths.
- Cooking is the leading cause of all winter home fires with 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. is the most common time for winter home fires.

During the winter months, we tend to spend more time at home with our family and loved ones, so what better way to protect them than by making sure your home is protected from any fire hazards. Heating, holiday decorations, winter storms and candles all contribute to an increased risk of fire during the winter months. Let's stay safe this winter by practicing some winter fire safety tips.

► Have Your Furnace Checked

- It's always better to know when something is not working properly than to have it abruptly break down in those cold winter months when you need heat the most.

► Check Your Chimneys and Vents

- Fireplaces can produce creosote which has the capability of igniting. If your family lights the fireplace often, you should have an annual chimney inspection to make sure that there are no hazards capable of starting a fire.

► Test Your Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- You always want to double check that your alarms are working, that batteries are fresh and will last you through the winter. Always place smoke alarms in the kitchen, bedrooms, and the laundry room.

► Always Cover Your Fireplace with A Screen

- Either a metal screen or tempered glass will suffice to protect any sparks from leaving the fireplace.

► Beware of Lit Candles

- Only light candles when you are alert and able to watch them, blowing them out whenever you intend to leave the room.

► Beware of Space Heaters

- These devices require a good amount of space to be used without any fire hazards. Avoid placing heaters near curtains, tablecloths or other flapping fabrics. Always make sure your space heater has an automatic shut off switch, which forces the heater to shut-off as soon as it reaches a dangerously high heat level.

Finally, as part of good community risk reduction, each household should have a fire emergency plan that is practiced by all residents in the home. This practice should include fire drills at least twice a year. Your local volunteers are looking for community partners, such as yourselves, to help spread the word and reduce the risk to winter fires. Can you help us?

**From the Editor**

By Lioness Lions Gail Hardin  
Editor, Lioness Lions LOW DOWN

Please get information and articles for the February LOW DOWN to me by January 29th or as soon thereafter as possible. The newsletter will be distributed on or about February 1. Forward them by email at the address below, or call me if you don't have access to email..

Email: gail\_hardin@yahoo.com  
Phone: (540) 972-5698

**Handbook Corrections**

Please forward any additions, changes, or corrections to your Handbook to the Editor (see contact information to the left of this column.)

**Resignations:**

**Connie Buttimer**  
**Joann Buttimer**

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