

LAKE OF THE WOODS LIONESS

LOW DOWN

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President's Corner

By Lioness Maureen Otero LOW Lioness President

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"Life is inherently risky. There is only one big risk you should avoid at all costs, and that is the risk of doing nothing."

Denis

Waitley.

The rain has finally subsided, and I for one am hoping it remains this way. Flowers are in bloom all over LOW. Graduation and other big events in the lives of our children and grandchildren are coming to an end, for this year. People are looking forward to enjoying the warm months, water activities and all the other things that are so popular in the summer.

We Lionesses are still working on the Germanna scholarships, that search for appropriate candidates should be completed before the end of June. We will be welcoming some new members at our June meeting as well as the installation of our new officers.

July will bring our parade, the Lionesses will be in the parade and give out little gifts and many of us will be watching all the people in the parade.

Have a great time this summer.

Lioness who need a ride to the
Dinner Meeting please call Lioness
Donalda Lovelace
540-412-2857

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 Collection Phyllis Sakole and Susan Costanzo

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

Needs include powdered laundry detergent, liquid dish soap, bleach, paper towels, and other paper products. Cleaning supplies such as antibacterial wipes.

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.

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

Minutes from the
May 26, 2016
BOD Meeting

ATTENDANCE: Maureen Otero, Sherri Lasover, Pat Berry, Nicki Buell, Michelle Senft, Barbara Hernan, Norma Ervin, Kathi Martin, Ellen Bearden and Joann Deem

CALL TO ORDER: President Maureen Otero called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE-JoAnn Deem, chair of the Finance and Budget Committee presented a draft of the 2016-2017 Budget which will be presented to the Membership for approval.

GERMANNA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE-

- Maureen reported on her meeting with Emily Slunt and the Director of Financial Aid at Germanna Community College. It was a very positive meeting, resulting in the college redoubling efforts to assist in positive placement of our scholarship. We will reopen the deadline and award up to three (3) \$1,000 scholarships for Germanna students by June 30th.
- Maureen also reported that the Lake Youth Foundation needed more support for the high school students. We agreed to the \$1500 set aside for The Bridge Scholarship, \$1,000 for a second one and two \$500 scholarships. I believe everyone agreed with this plan. That means the club will use \$700 in unallocated funds to match a \$300 donation from the Velona family to fund an additional scholarship.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The April 2016 minutes were approved. At the request of President Otero, and numerous members who had Lioness signs, equipment, supplies, and legal historical documents in their possession, Donalda presented a report on LOW Lioness storage needs and solutions. The board approved the rental of a storage unit and the purchase of metal shelving units 48" x 72" total not to exceed \$1,000.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Norma Ervin presented the Benevolence Budget for May 2016 and provided the April and May Administrative Budget in Barbara Tomayko's absence. The financial statements were accepted for filing for audit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Otero received resignation letters from two long serving Lioness's Betty May and Connie Lemay. Both resignations were accepted with regret. There was a discussion about the need to ensure that members without a computer receive a paper copy of the LOWDOWN. President Otero will discuss this with the appropriate Vice President.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

1st Vice President- Barbara Hernan

We were informed that the Lions of Virginia Foundation Raffle was a fund raising opportunity. For every 30 raffle tickets sold we get to keep \$10 and we forward \$20 with all of the raffle tickets to the Lions at the Foundation.

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2nd Vice President -Michelle Senft

Food Drive for Wilderness Pantry was unfortunately rained out. Twelve people came in the rain and deposited food. So with the rain and a snafu in publicity in the Lake Currents, turnout and food was disappointing.

MEMBERSHIP-Kathi Martin

Kathi Martin presented four applicants for membership, Karin Mollard sponsored by Joyce Morlan; Mary Short sponsored by Maureen Otero; Sharon Thornton sponsored by Wendy Gwaltney and Isabella Irwin sponsored by Donalda Lovelace. The board unanimously approved all four members who will be inducted at the June Dinner Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

As a result of generous response from Lioness's we have sufficient drivers to transport Lioness's in need of a ride. Donalda Lovelace requested approval to have a small box in the monthly LOWDOWN announcing that she will be contact for all Lioness's who need a ride to the Lioness dinner meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Donalda presented the idea of the Lioness Club becoming the Hospitality Committee for one of the upcoming Concerts on the Lake probably in the next fiscal year. The role would allow us to have one fund raiser at the event. The board approved and indicated that we should notify the sponsors of the Concert on the Lake and inform them and if they decided to have an additional concert this year the LOW Lioness are ready and willing.

Without further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Lioness Committees & Activities

Share and Care

By Lioness Ann Walker

- Pat Phillip's doctor is very pleased with her progress, as she continues therapy for her broken wrist.
- Lucy Churchill had knee replacement surgery on May 2 and is coming along well, with the help of physical therapy.
- Barbara Young was recently diagnosed with breast cancer; she has undergone a lumpectomy and will begin radiation in about a month.
- Karen Cakouros underwent a second surgery and is now home recovering with the assistance of home health care. She wishes to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness and cards.

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

June Dinner Speaker

By Lioness Linda Shnayer

This Lioness dinner speaker in June will be Ms. Cheryl J Morey, entrepreneur of The Vaudeville Vegan Variety Shoppe and Boutique, located outside the front gate of the Lake of the Woods community.

Lioness Committees & Activities

2016-2017 Budget

By Lionesses Joann Deem and Betsy Flanigan

The proposed Lioness Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2016— June 30, 2017, has been approved by the Board of Directors. The general membership will be asked to vote on it at the June dinner meeting (see Administrative Budget below and Benevolence Budget on the following page). If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Flanigan 972-9998 or Joann Deem 972-9107.

Proposed LOW Lioness Administrative Budget (2016-2017)

RECEIPTS

Dues \$30 (120 for 2017)	3,540
New Membership Induction Fees, Dues, Badges	375
50/50 and Tail Twister Fines	800
Carry Over	1,628
Dinner Meetings	16,000
Transfer from Administrative Checkbook	2,500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	24,843

DISBURSEMENTS

Birthday Flowers	300
Club Supplies	75
Club Membership - New Member Badges	130
Conventions & Conferences	300
Decorations for Special Programs*	100
Dinner Guests – Paid by Lioness Club	500
Fourth of July Parade	150
Gifts/Honoraria	75
Halloween Candy	125
Handbooks	300
Post Office Box Rental	50
Sharing & Caring	100
Memorials	75
State Dues	600
Transfer to Benevolence	2,000
Unallocated	1,463
Dinner Meetings	16,000
Lioness Web Site	0
Admin Checking Account Transfer	
--Increase to Unallocated	500
--Increase in Cost of Dinners	1,000
--Additional Transfer to Benevolence	1,000

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	24,843
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*Charter Night, Christmas Party, Mixers, Installation of New Members

Lioness Committees & Activities

Proposed LOW Lioness Benevolence Budget 2016-2017

RECEIPTS

Bake Sales	1,000
Book Sales	4,500
Bridge Lessons	1,800
Card Party Luncheon	2,000
Carry-Over	2,900
Flea Market	2,000
Golf Tournament	1,500
Handbook Ads	100
Kriskindlemarkt	300
White Cane Days	500
White House Ornaments	800
Yard Sale	300
Transfer from Admin	3,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	20,700

DISBURSEMENTS

Child Help	150
Community Outreach	
Orange County Animal Shelter	200
Orange County Free Health Clinic	750
Orange County Healthy Families	200
Orange County HS After Prom Party	100
Orange County HS Robotics Team	100
Piedmont Dental Clinic	250
Diabetes Association	200
Head Start	200
Germanna Heights Senior Community	200
Junior Golf League	200
Libraries	
Wilderness—large print & audio books	200
Locust Grove Primary School Library	200
Locust Grove Elementary School Library	200
Locust Grove Middle School Library	200
Orange County High School Library	200
Lions Hearing Foundation	500
Lions Leader Dog	500
Service Dogs	300
Lions Leo Club—OC High School	150
Lions Leo Club—LG Middle School	150
Lions RAM Project	400
Lions Sight Foundation	500
Lions Sight and Hearing Van	350
Lions of VA Fund (LOVF) Disaster Relief	200
LOW Fire & Rescue	2,000
LOW Lake Youth (\$500) & Fishing Tournament (\$100)	600
SAFE House	750
Scholarships	
Germanna Community College (3--\$1,000)	3,000
High School (\$1,000 & 2--\$500)	2,000
Lioness LOW Bridge Scholarship (1)	1,500
Wilderness Food Pantry	2,000
Unallocated	2,250
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	20,700

Lioness Committees & Activities

Bring Your Smile to the June Meeting

By Lioness Su Bielmeier



If you didn't get your picture taken at the May meeting, plan to have it taken at the June meeting. At the June meeting, Glennah and I will take all the remaining Lioness pictures. We'll be at the Clubhouse by 5:30. We hope to finish the pictures in June before the vacation-filled summer months. I took 50 Lioness pictures at the May meeting! Thank you Jean Daniels for rounding up the Lioness.

2016-2017 Board of Directors — to be installed at the June Meeting

President	Barbara Hernan
Secretary	Linda Shnayer
Treasurers	Barbara Tomayko and Caroline Caldwell
1 st V.P.	Donalda Lovelace
2 nd V.P.	Michelle Senft
3 rd V.P.	Joan Mills
Tamers	Nicki Buell and Ellen Bearden
Tail Twister	Kathy Walters
Membership	Joyce Morlan and Julie Phend
Directors	Carolyn Gordon, Joann Deem, and Millie Davis
Immediate Past President	Maureen Otero

Did You Know — Connie Buttimer

By Lioness Elaine Freeland

LOW Lioness will mark the installation of our 29th president during the June dinner meeting. Barbara Hernan will join the list of elite women, which includes Connie Buttimer, who have led LOW Lioness as we fulfill 'community service opportunities and unite in friendship, fellowship and mutual understanding'. Read more about Barbara in the October 2014 *LOW DOWN*, <http://www.lowlioness.org/lowdown/lowdownoct2014.pdf>.

Connie skillfully filled the position of LOW Lioness President in 2003-2004. To quote Connie, "I was impressed at how the chairmen and members were always so willing and capable of doing their part." In turn, she guided the organization through a successful year.

Born in Daytona Beach, FL, Connie Reichert was the only child of an Irish mother and German father. When she was 7, the family moved to a small community south of Carbondale, IL, where her father was a policeman at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and her mother was a dance instructor. After years in a rural 2-room schoolhouse, Connie attended the University School in Carbondale starting with 8th grade. Training for the leadership roles she has filled as an adult began with extra-curricular activities of high school. Positions of FHA president, cheer leader and newspaper editor helped develop expertise that served her well later.



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Did You Know — Connie Buttimer Cont'd

By Lioness Elaine Freeland

Connie does not recall where she met Neil Buttimer. Perhaps it was the Southern Illinois Student Union where she worked the Information Desk, or a university class, or a gathering of their social sorority/fraternity. He seemed to always be near. They married following his graduation, and with the United States Air Force they were off to Cheyenne, WY, where Neil was a Missile Launch Officer for 4 years. Their sons, John and Bill, were born during this time. The next duty took them to Offutt Air Force Base, NE, where Neil served as Information Officer. Connie's philosophy was 'blossom where planted'. Offutt was a favorite location where lasting friendships were formed. Connie continued volunteer work with the Air Force Family Services, an organization devoted to the needs of fellow Air Force families. Their daughter Cathy was born in 1974 when they later lived in Woodbridge, VA. Military moves took them to many other stateside locations before a final move to Burke Center, VA. The only accompanied overseas assignment was Quarry Heights, Panama, for a 2-year stint. The Buttimers' college-aged sons, loved to visit and developed a crowd of friends who visited their own parents. Connie continued work with the Girl Scouts, and assumed presidency of USA Girl Scouts, Panama. Though Panama was a unique location, the Buttimers were relieved when returning to the United States as turmoil began in the country.

Connie always supported her children's schools and extra-curricular activities. She served various positions as PTA officer, Girl Scout Leader and Trainer, and organizer of the Drama Parents Club when she saw the club's director needed assistance.

She loves to travel with the most recent trip taking Connie and Neil on a Danube River cruise. In Thailand, they visited in-laws of their son John and marveled at the rice paddies the family cultivated. In Italy, Connie walked the cobblestone streets and thought of the ancient Romans who walked the same streets. In Australia, she was taken by the ethnic mosaic of its citizens. In contrast, she saw ethnic uniformity in South Korea. In Ireland, she and Neil, a son of Irish immigrants, met relatives for the first time. They will return to Ireland in 2017 for a Buttimer gathering and to search for Connie's relatives.

Connie and Neil bought their Lake of the Woods home in 1997, but maintained primary residency in Burke Center for a year before a permanent move to LOW. For a short time, Connie continued to commute to Fairfax where she enjoyed her work and the organization, Screen Printing and Graphic Imaging Association. She soon found convenient part-time employment with Germanna Community College which was key to her integration into the new community.

Their Catholic faith has always been central to the Buttimers' marriage. Wherever they live, each is committed to the local parish. Since moving to LOW, they have been active members of St. Patrick Catholic Church.

'Blossom where planted' applies to LOW as well as those Air Force assignments. In 2005 Connie was a co-founder of the Lake Youth Foundation which supports our community's youth. She has served multiple LOWA committees: Rules, External Affairs and 2003 Ad Hoc Pool. She is currently serving on the Honor Awards, Clubhouse and the Ad Hoc 50th Anniversary Celebration committees. Besides Lioness, she has been part of the Susan Allen Republican Women's Club, the LOW Garden Club and the Orange County Republican Committee.

Connie and Neil are fortunate to have many family members nearby. Son John and his family live in Woodbridge, VA; son Bill and his family live near Chicago; daughter Cathy and her family live in Glen Allen, VA. The six grandchildren range in ages from 7 to 18. Both of Neil's siblings, Frank and Joann, live at LOW. A niece and a nephew also live near.

A Lioness since 2001, Connie believes LOW Lioness is a wonderful organization and our members continue to work diligently to have a positive impact on our community.

From the Tamers

By Ellen Bearden and Nikki Buell

The Lake of the Woods Lioness Club June 9th 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, June 6th, if you are not attending or need a special meal. Dinner will be buffet style. A no-call or no-show will cost you \$18.00 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
Baked Tilapia w/Lemon
Cream Sauce
Broccoli
Red Bliss Potatoes
Lemon Cake
Coffee & Tea

OR

Strawberry Chicken Salad

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

How I would long for June all school year as a child. As a teacher, it is funny how I still long for it!!! It is June, at last! Here at the Lake it comes with sunny days, warm temperatures, picnics, boat rides, swimming, lake concerts, mosquitoes, vacations, and the general routines of life slow down.

This month your Tail Twister Trivia questions are on that subject.

1. Name the Oscar Hammerstein song about this month. Sing a couple of lines for me.
2. What is Juneteenth?

Our hostesses for June will be Ellen Ambroziak and Ellen Brauch

LOW Lioness 2015-2016 Calendar

June 9	Lioness Dinner Meeting
June 23	BOD Meeting
June 25	Lioness Book Sale
July 2	4th of July Parade

Happy Birthday Lionesses!

June 5	Connie Buttimer	June 12	Sallie Good
June 5	Michelle Senft	June 19	Caroline Caldwell
June 7	Nancy Doseff	June 21	Gail Hardin
June 11	Lucille Churchill	June 29	Carolyn Gordon

From the Editor

By Lioness Gail Hardin
Editor, Lioness LOW DOWN

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

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