



President's Corner

By Lioness Donalda Lovelace LOW Lioness President

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June marks the end of our calendar year. We, Lioness have a momentous decision to make at the June meeting. Before, discussing this, I would like you to join me in reflecting on why you joined the Lioness Club and what is important to you as the year precedes.

In my case, as a relatively new resident at LOW I wanted to meet likeminded people. I also knew that I wanted to continue the path that my parents started me on decades ago of volunteering and contributing to my community. I remember my Mom was a member of Las Muncas a fundraising arm of the San Diego Adoption Society. While I was in middle school she started the Jr. auxiliary for girls to join and fundraise for the Society. I really felt special in helping such a worthwhile agency that supported childless couples and babies given up for adoption. From then on, I was hooked. My chosen career was social service where I quickly moved up the Executive ladder. I always worked for nonprofit organizations, also volunteered in the community.

I viewed retirement with trepidation but decided my mantra would be to wake up every day work hard, to do something of value, do it well, do something consequential and to do something that I cared about. I met

Zoila Ortega, President of Lioness, a few months after arriving in Lake of the Woods. I was so impressed with her that I felt that the Lioness Club and its mission of service was an ideal match for me. I am a strong supporter of women, and always felt that the relatively longer life span of women was due to our ability to bond and support one another through life's inevitable crisis's. I also wanted to spend the last chapters of my life learning something new. The Lion and Lioness clubs service areas of hunger relief, (Food Pantry) vision (Eyeglass recycling), diabetes, pediatric cancer, and support of single parents (Germannan scholarship) encouraged me to serve the Lioness Club. In addition, Lioness's introduced me to Bridge which has now become a passion. So, as you reflect on your journey with the LOW Lioness Club think about how your contributions to the Club have made it a stronger force in the community.

As many of you have heard, we are faced with a crisis of governance. Who are we? How will we move forward? and Who will we be? Much of this, I will discuss at our June meeting where our club will be asked to take a historical vote on our future. Time is of the essence and unfortunately, we don't have the luxury of time to ponder our options. A few weeks ago, I found out that we had no insurance. Because we don't pay dues to Lions Club International and full dues to Lions of Virginia we lack certification and good standing. So, were we to be sued we have no insurance to protect the Board of Directors or you. We are not incorporated which makes each one of us at risk individually and collectively. However, your board is on top of this situation and has made a unanimous recommendation which will be discussed in other articles of this edition of the LOWDOWN. Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

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 page 5

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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 25, 2017
BOD Meeting

ATTENDANCE: Donalda Lovelace, Linda Shnayer, Karin Mollard, Caroline Caldwell, Nicki Buell, Joyce Morlan, Julie Phend, Millie Davis, Maureen Otero, Su Bielmeier, Jean McLallen, Karen Cakouros, and Carol Lee.

CALL TO ORDER: President Donalda Lovelace called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The April minutes, which were previously distributed, were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT : The Administrative and Benevolence Financial Statements were provided and accepted for filing.

FINANCE & BUDGET – Lioness Jean McLallen presented the 2017-2018 Proposed Administrative and Benevolence Budgets. By unanimous vote, the 2017-2018 budgets were accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Resignations were received from Cathy Rainey, Glennah Moy, and Kathi Martin. All resignations were accepted with regret.
- Thank you notes were received from Lions Leader Dog of the Blind and the Orange County Free Clinic for our recent donations.

New Business

- President Donalda Lovelace presented a paper on the issue of LOW Lioness Club "Lack of Organizational Insurance and Risk to our Members." [attached to original Board Minutes]. On the insurance issue, she presented: extensive background; her consultations with Local, District, and State Lions; provided three options; and, provided cost implications for resolution. Following discussion, the Board unanimously voted recommendation of Option #2 to our LOW Lioness membership. This issue will be fully discussed with Lioness Club membership, and voted on, at our June dinner meeting. Additionally, an article with questions & answers will be published in the June LOWDOWN.

Without further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Shnayer
Secretary

Moving Forward as A Lioness

Background: The idea of forming a Lioness Club at the Lake of the Woods (LOW) began in the fall of 1987 with a gathering of about 30 women. The consensus was that such a club of volunteer members could fill the identified needs of our community. It was in 1987 that Lions Club International voted to accept women in their clubs.

In November of 1987, the Lions Club of Lake of the Woods (LOW Lions) agreed to sponsor us and the process to get our charter began. At the first organizational meeting, it was decided to adopt the name Lake of the Woods Lioness Club. The first officers were elected to serve through the following fiscal year (1988-89) and the club held its first charter night on January 16, 1988. With 72 members, LOW Lioness was the largest Lioness Club ever to be chartered in Virginia.

In 1992 Lions Clubs International (LCI) voted to discontinue the Lioness program and, as a result, members debated their future. The members voted to remain a Lioness Club sponsored by LOW Lions, rather than a Lioness Lion Club. Our District 24-C and the Lions of Virginia were supportive of the LOW Lioness Club and Lioness Program.

As a Lioness Club, rather than Lioness Lions Club, and sponsored by LOW Lions, we have not had all the rights and privileges afforded to a certified club. For instance, we have no vote at our State Convention. Due to our limited privileges, our dues have been assessed at a lower rate than official Lions Clubs. For example, official Lions Clubs pay an annual Virginia District/State assessment of \$16 per member. Our Lioness Club is assessed \$5 per member/per year.

Issue: After 30 years of service, due to Lions Club International rules changes, we find ourselves entering a new chapter. Specifically, we find the LOW Lions no longer have a mechanism to sponsor us and, therefore, we lack insurance protections needed to cover our members and Board.

How Could This Happen? Through the years our Past Presidents and several members have often inquired about the issues of our relationship with LOW Lions and insurance protections. In every case, and recorded in our Board Meeting Minutes and other documentation, our Past Presidents and members have been assured that our club was insured under the LOW Lions sponsorship. However, over the last few months, when working with LOW Lions to update our Lioness Club Charter and By-Laws, it was discovered that the LOW Lioness Club has never, and is not currently, paying dues to Lions Clubs International (LCI). Because we are only paying Lions District/State dues and not paying LCI dues, and LCI has restricted sponsorship and insurance to LCI paying members, the LOW Lions have no legitimate mechanism to continue sponsorship or provide the Lioness' insurance coverage.

Who have you consulted with to ensure this information is correct this time? Over the last few months, we have consulted with:

- Dick Gullickson, President LOW Lions Club, Reggie Gavett, 1st VP. LOW Lions Club, Rick Rappaport, 2nd VP LOW Lions Club
- Doris Lanham, Lions of Virginia Lioness Liaison
- Lion Mark Pennypacker, District Governor, John Knepper, First Vice District Governor, Lion Tammy Bridgewater, Secretary, Lions of Virginia
- Emailed LCI Legal Department and LCI Membership Department
- Rubin, Winston, Diercks, Harris & Cooke, LLP- Legal Opinion, counsel for LOWLINC, LOW LIONS and Friends of Lake of the Woods (FLOW)
- Howard W. Phillips & Co; Insurance Company

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What now? As presented to the Lioness Board of Directors on May 25th, we have three options:

1. Disband LOW Lioness Club and become members of LOW Lions Club. With this option, we will lose our "Lionesses" and autonomy. The LOW Lions annual dues are \$80.
2. Become a special interest LOW Lioness Lions Club. This option would keep women as membership eligible and preserve our autonomy. The annual dues would be \$80.
3. Remaining as is and buy our own insurance. This option may be "kicking the can down the road." To purchase our own insurance, we must incorporate and apply for IRS 501 c3 status. Decide on mission, logo, etc. Due to varying insurance rates, the dues would increase to a **minimum** of \$50 per year. At any time, LCI could decide to longer support any non-Lion Lioness Club.

Why would dues be \$80 in Options 1 and 2? The \$80 consists of \$47 per member/per year to Lions Clubs International, \$16 per member/per year to District/State, and \$17 per year/per member to LOW Lions or LOW Lioness Lion for local club operating costs.

What is being recommended? The Lioness Board of Directors has thoroughly discussed the options and unanimously voted to recommend Option #2 to membership. Although we recognize this Option requires a substantial increase in annual dues, it provides us the women's membership, insurance, and autonomy we want to continue to make a real impact on our community. In addition, it provides us with national and international support, voting privileges, and the ability to receive the awards and recognition deserved for our membership and service.

Your opinion is what matters! At our June dinner meeting, members will vote on our way forward. As we enter our next chapter we can be proud of our history and look forward to upholding the same tradition of our motto: **"WE SERVE"**

Lioness Committees & Activities

Share and Care

By Lioness Ann Walker

- Margarida Rodriguez is recovering well after knee replacement surgery in early May.
- Helen Desarmeaux has had considerable difficulty with her leg and hip and experienced a bad fall last week. She is feeling a bit better now and using her walker.
- Carol Greeney fell and fractured her pelvis on May 9. She is getting about with a walker, but it will be several weeks of healing.

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

4th of July Parade

By Lioness Joan Mills

Heartfelt thanks to all you Lionesses who once again are dedicating your time and energy to the participation in this year's special 50th anniversary 4th of July parade to be held on July 1st. There will be sign-up sheets at our June 8th dinner meeting.

Please turn out in great numbers to either walk or ride in Linda Shnayer's truck. I'm looking forward to a super fun event. Thank you so much for your tireless commitment to this and all our Lioness endeavors.

Lioness Committees & Activities

Slate of Officers for 2017-2018 to be Inducted

President	Donalda M. Lovelace
Secretary	Janite Hamilton
Treasurer(s)	Karin Mallard & Jane Owiesny
First Vice President	Linda Shnayer
Second Vice President	Nikki Buell
Third Vice President	Vacant
Lioness Tamer(s)	Karen Cakouros & Carol Lee
Tail Twister	Jonnie Feterle
Membership Director(s)	Joyce Morlan & Julie Phend
Director	Millie Davis
Director	JoAnn Deem
Director	Carolyn Gordon
Immediate Past President	Maureen Otero

Congratulations to All

SAFE House Collection

By 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

Lioness Committees & Activities

Hand & Foot Tournament

By Lioness Linda Shnayer

Congratulations to our May tournament winners, Nancy Moore, Ellen Ambroziak, and Carolyn Lewis!

The next Hand & Foot Tournament will be held Wednesday, June 14th, 1-4 PM, in Conference Room #1 at the Community Center. The cost to enter the tournament will be \$5 per person. Since we've been completing our play early, we've added another game. Please reach out to your friends and form your tables. Remember, all players are welcome and do not need to be a member of Lioness. Proceeds are contributed to the LOW Lioness Benevolence Fund to provide community service programs and activities. To reserve a table, please call Linda Shnayer, 540-412-1021 or email at Lshnayer@hotmail.com. Hope to see all of you in June!

New Members

By Lionesses Julie Phend and Joyce Morlan

The following new Lioness was inducted at the May meeting:

Shelley Gravel
3927 Lakeview Parkway
540-219-2653
Chickgravel.shelley99@gmail.com
Birthday—July 29
Sponsor—Julie Phend

We are expecting to induct three new members at the June meeting: Arlene Rich, Marian Rood, and Sharon Webb



For Lionesses who have never had pictures in the Directory, pictures will be taken between 5:15 and 5:35 p.m. on the nights of the June and July Dinner Meetings.

Lioness Committees & Activities

LIONESSES WHO ROAR!!



Past President Carol Greeney (2008-2009) beside a poster that she created to be displayed by LOWA. It highlights LOW LIONESS CLUB'S 30 years of community services.

Lionesses Ellen Bearden (left) and Janet Himmelberger (right) collecting for White Cane Days



Lioness Committees & Activities

2017-2018 Proposed Budgets

By Lionesses JoAnn Zwickl and
Jean McLallen

The Board of Directors approved the following Proposed Administrative and Benevolence budgets for the 2017-2018 year. The membership will be asked to vote on these budgets at the June meeting. If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn Zwickl or Jean McLallen.

Proposed Administrative Budget 2017-18

RECEIPTS

Dues (110@ \$30)	3,300
New Membership Induction Fees & Dues, Name Badges	375
Handbook Ads	100
50/50 and Tail Twister Fines	500
Carryover	0
Dinner Meetings	16,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	20,275

DISBURSEMENTS

Birthday Flowers	300
Club Supplies	60
Club Membership & New Member Badges	130
Conventions & Conferences	300
Special Programs*	200
Dinner Guests – Paid by Lioness Club	500
Dinner Meetings	16,000
Fourth of July Celebration	250
Gifts/Honoraria	150
Handbooks	400
Post Office Box Rental	50
Storage	950
Sharing & Caring	50
Memorials	75
State Dues (110 @ \$5)	550
Unallocated	210
LOW Church meeting room	100
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	20,275

*Charter Night, Christmas Party, Mixers, Installation of New Members

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Proposed Benevolence Budget 2017-18

RECEIPTS

Bake Sales	1,000
Book Sales	4,500
Bridge Lessons	1,500
Card Party Luncheon	6,500
Card Tournament – Hand & Foot	450
Carry-Over from Prior Year	3,320
Flea Market	2,200
Holiday House Tour	1,000
Kriskindlemarkt	700
White Cane Days	500
White House Ornaments	5,700
LOVF Donation	100
Concert at the Point	400
TOTAL RECEIPTS	27,870

DISBURSEMENTS

Child Help	150
Card Party Luncheon Expense	4,500
Kriskindlemarkt expense	120
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
Flea Market Expense	200
Head Start	200
Germanna Heights Senior Community	200
Junior Golf League	200
Libraries	
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
Lions Service Dogs	300
Lions Leo Club—Orange County 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 Students	3,000
High School (\$1,000 & 2(\$500)	2,000
Lioness LOW Bridge Scholarship (1)	1,500
Trick or Treat on the Point	100
White House Ornaments Purchase	4,700
Wilderness Food Pantry	2,000
Unallocated	0
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	27,870

From the Tamers

By Ellen Bearden and Nikki Buell

The Lake of the Woods Lioness Club June 8th 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 4th, 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

Salad
Roasted Atlantic cod with
corn chowder sauce
Honey glazed carrots
Jasmine rice
Lemon meringue pie

Alternative/Vegetarian Menu

Pear Walnut 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 Kathy Walters

This month we get to celebrate our Dad's on Father's Day. I'm sure we all have great memories of our father and the part he played in our lives.

F - forever with his family
A - always there for you no matter what
T - the only one who's there
H - he is my hero till the end
E - encouraging in everything I do
R - really the best Dad ever!!!

This month's greeters will be a new member and her sponsor.

LOW Lioness 2016-2017Calendar

June 8 Lioness Dinner Meeting
June 14 Hand & Foot Tournament
June 22 BOD Meeting
June 24 Lioness Book Sale
July 1 4th of July Parade

Happy Birthday Lionesses!

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

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 1st. Forward them by email at the address below, or call me if you don't have access to email..

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

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