



## President's Corner

By Lioness Zoila Ortega, LOW Lioness President

### Beware of the Ides of March

Shakespeare wrote it and we still believe it. The middle days of March are to be guarded against. How true is this? **St. Patrick's Day is on March 17<sup>th</sup>**. How could it be a day to beware and a Great Day for the Irish? Is it that the Irish, by virtue of not being English, are excluded from Shakespeare's warning? LOL.

March is also the month that "comes in like a Lion and goes out like a Lamb". That thought has always pleased me. There is conversion and redemption in thinking that a month can start off rough and aggressive and then end "gentle". If a month can do it, surely people can.

Putting into play both of these commonly held beliefs about March, let's hope that we Lionesses, guard effectively against the perils of the Ides of March and that we end the month with a wonderfully successful Spring Flea Market and Book and Bake Sale.

- Bake for the Bake Sale
- Work at the Book Sale
- Attend the March 31<sup>st</sup> Flea Market and bring friends!

You never know, at the sale you

might just find a Pot o' Gold and a wee Leprechaun or two.



## LIONESS FLEA MARKET

### Mark Your Calendars!

The annual Lake of the Woods Lioness Flea Market will be held this year on Saturday, March 31 at the new Locust Grove Middle School on Flat Run Rd. from 9 AM until 1 PM. There will be the popular book sale, a bake sale, attic treasures tables, a food concession, and items created by local artisans and vendors.

For space reservations call Joann Buttimer: 972-5398

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## WHAT DO I BRING CHECKLIST?

**Wilderness Food Pantry**—At least 2 food items in a reusable bag or double plastic bag. Especially needed are cereal and sides (hamburger helper, boxed potato dishes, etc.).

- Save the March 31<sup>st</sup> Date
- Volunteer for the Flea Market

**SAFE House** — See pg. 5

**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.

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**Mary Dee**

**The Insider's View**

Minutes from the  
February 23, 2012  
Lioness BOD Meeting

Attending were Lioness board members Pat Berry, Mary Dee, Carol Greeney, Carol Lee, Zoila Ortega, Maureen Otero, Sue Merna, Nora Simpson, Beth Sundberg, Ann Walker, Christine Wyant, and Barbara York, as well as Germanna Scholarships Chairman Mary Lou McFarland.

Minutes from the January 26, 2012, meeting had been previously distributed, and the board accepted them as written.

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

President's Report – Zoila Ortega

- Germanna Scholarships Chairman Mary Lou McFarland was introduced and asked that the board consider matching the scholarship award funds to the level given in 2011. After a brief discussion, it was determined that the club was not in a financial position at this time to grant this request.
- Correspondence included a request for MAL status from Tina Romiti; the resignation of Lourdes De Santo, which was accepted with regret; thank-you letters for donations from the LOW Fire and Rescue Company and the Orange County Free Clinic; and a letter of appreciation from Culpeper Regional Hospital for the opportunity to present information on their facilities at our last dinner meeting. Additionally, a letter was received from the Lions Sight and Hearing Mobile Screening Unit Program seeking nominations for 2012-13 directors.
- Lion Selven Powell requested time to speak briefly at our next dinner meeting on the progress made in establishing a LEO Club, and the board felt this would be most fitting and informative.
- With respect to the submission of a nomination for the LOW Service Award, President Zoila Ortega asked the board to consider nominating a worthy candidate within our organization.
- The Nominations and Elections Committee met yesterday, February 22, and President Zoila Ortega was pleased to announce that the following slate of nominees will be presented to the club at the March dinner meeting: President - Carol Lee; Secretary – Ellen Bearden; Treasurers – Patricia Berry and Emily Slunt; First Vice President – Beth Sundberg; Second Vice President – Christine Wyant; Third Vice President – Karen Cakouros; Lioness Tamers – Laurel Buongiovanni and Jean Priest; Tail Twister – Norma Ervin; Membership Director – Michelle Senft; Directors – Mary Altman, Connie LeMay, and Maureen Otero; Immediate Past President – Zoila Ortega; and Lion Liaison – to be provided by the Lions Club.

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- The Lions White Cane Days will be April 13 and 14, and sign-up sheets were passed among the board members. An opportunity for club members to participate will be provided at our March dinner meeting, when the sign-up sheets will be made available.

First Vice President's Report – Carol Lee

- First Vice President Carol Lee reported that six cabins have been sold for the May/June cruise. There will be an ad in the upcoming *Lake Currents* and it is hoped this will result in further reservations. Additionally, the Pooles have offered to extend the \$50.00 contribution to our club for any Lioness who signs up for other cruises and/or trips sponsored by their company, CruiseOne.

Second Vice President's Report – Beth Sundberg

- Collection of items at our March meeting will be dedicated to SAFE House.

Membership Director's Report – Michelle Senft

- Membership Director Michelle Senft reported via email that there is a new member, Bonita Doubleday, sponsored by Carol Lee, who is prepared to be inducted at the March meeting, if possible. The board felt there was no reason not to go ahead with this timeframe, and looked forward to meeting Bonita.

Tamers' Report – Carol Greeney and Sue Merna

- There were seven no-shows at the February dinner meeting, and they have been billed accordingly.

Directors' Report

- It was determined that the next mixer will take place at our April dinner meeting.

Lions Liaison Report – Mary Dee

- The Sight and Hearing Van will be present at the Flea Market, as well as a truck to take away items that are not sold for the Lions Velona Building sales.

Committee Reports

- Carol Greeney stated that the Flea Market fund-raiser was going well. However, she is in need of more volunteers for the White Elephant and Registration setup on Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., as well as further volunteers for the Food Sale. All other areas are relatively well covered. Treasurer Pat Berry, chair of the Bake Sale, said that the aprons being made for sale at the flea market will be modeled at our upcoming dinner meeting. A price was set for the aprons, and it was also decided that for a slightly higher price, a cookbook would be included with the apron.

New Business

- Lioness Nora Simpson shared with the board a Lions brochure that was developed to introduce their club and its many community service activities. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Second Vice President Beth Sundberg will develop an informative handout for our club to be included in the LOW Clubhouse newcomers' packet.

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

# Lioness Committees & Activities

## **White Elephant Sale**

**By Lioness Carol Greeney**

Again, this year, we will feature the ever-popular White Elephant table. So, get busy and clean out those drawers, closets, basements and garages. We need your unused treasures! We will be collecting these items Friday, March 30 from 4-7 p.m. at the new Locust Grove Middle School. If Friday is not convenient for you, please call Carol Greeney at 972-6739 to make alternate arrangements.

## **Lioness Spring Book Sale**

**By Lioness Judi O'Neill**

The spring book sale will be held on Saturday March 31 at the new Locust Grove Middle School on Flat Run Road from 9 AM until 1 PM. This will be in conjunction with the Lioness Annual Flea Market. The community book drive will be at the Ferris Building on Friday March 30 from 9 AM until 4 PM. Sign up sheets will be available at the Lioness meeting. Volunteers are needed for both events as well as vehicles and drivers to take books from the Ferris Bldg to the Middle School at 4 PM after the book drive. Please call Judi O'Neill 972-3033 concerning any questions you may have or books that need to be picked up. Thank you for any help you can give.

## **Bake Sale**

**By Lioness Pat Berry**

Just a quick request that all Lionesses start checking their cookbooks and planning what baked goods they might bring for the Flea Market. Because we will be setting up at the Intermediate School Friday night (March 30), we'd like to suggest that any items can be dropped off in the cafeteria between 4 P.M and 7 P.M. that evening. Of course, we will be at the school after 7:30 Saturday morning and items can be delivered when you come to browse the books or shop the various vendor tables.

# Lioness Committees & Activities

## SAFE House Collection

**By Lionesses Sharon Allen, Phyllis Sakole,  
and Betsy Flanigan**

At our March meeting we will be collecting for SAFE House for the first time since last November. Suggested donations include baby diapers (sizes 2 and 3) and baby wipes, powdered laundry detergent, liquid dish soap, paper towels, bathroom tissue, and plastic tall kitchen bags. Also mentioned was the need for at least fourteen pairs of drapes that are 82 or more inches long. The drapes are for various rooms and don't all have to match.

Another possibility is to donate a gift card from Culpeper stores such as Wal-mart, Target, Food Lion, or Martins. We urge you to consider purchasing a gift card at our meeting through the Lioness project and then donating it to SAFE on the spot—a win-win!

Finally, as always, you might consider contributing a check made out to S.A.F.E., with "LOW Lioness" in the memo line.

Whichever way you choose to help, we thank you in advance for your generosity!

## **Agenda**

Lake of the Woods Lioness Club

March 8, 2012

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Phyllis Jones

Introduction of Guests

Dinner

***Kathryn R. Hopper, "Thrive, The Healing Center"***

***will speak on***

***women being heard and getting our***

***needs met through education,***

***empowerment and self-improvement***

Announcements and Committee Reports

Announcement of Birthdays

50/50 Raffle

Food Bank Raffle

Adjournment

## From the Tamers

By Lionesses Carol Greeney and Sue Merna

The Lake of the Woods Lioness Club March 8 meeting will be held at the clubhouse with a 5:45 pm social hour followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting, are bringing a guest or require a special meal, please call Carol at 972-6730 or Sue at 972-3600 by Monday, March 5. Recently, we have had an increase of no-shows, and therefore more food was prepared and wasted. More letters were sent out, so please remember to call, e-mail or leave a message with one of the tamers, rather than tell us at a party or at the grocery store. Remember, no-shows and those calling after the deadline will be billed for the dinner. Dinner is \$16.00 and will be served buffet style.

### Dinner

Plated Spinach Salad with  
Mandarin Oranges  
Chicken Pot Pie  
Cornbread  
Eclairs  
Tea and Coffee

## Twister's Corner

By Lioness Nora "Kelly" Simpson

BEGORA!

That is Irish humor for "by God!" It is March, the month of Mars and the wearing of the green - and nametags! Who is the patron saint of Erie and what is he famous for, and its symbol? What do you know about the Ides of March?

Greeters for March dinner meeting:

Jean Ann Daniels  
Jean McLallen

Make today a day for the fancy toothpicks!

## LOW Lioness 2012 Calendar

March 8	Lioness Dinner Meeting
March 22	Lioness BOD Meeting
March 31	Lioness Flea Market
April 13-14	White Cane Days
May 18	Fashion Show
May 31	Bermuda/New England Cruise
June 12	Lions Golf Tournament

## Happy Birthday Lionesses!

March 2	Joann Buttimer	March 14	Betty Girman
March 4	Phyllis Pulice	March 14	Phyllis Jones
March 5	Nora Simpson	March 25	Arlene DeSimone
March 10	Corky Thomas	March 25	Barbara Hernan
March 13	Margarida Rodriguez	March 31	Norma Ervin

**From the Editor**

By Lioness Gail Hardin  
Editor, Lioness LOW DOWN

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

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