LAKE OF THE WOODS LIONESS

LOW DOWN

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President's Corner

By Lioness Zoila Ortega, LOW Lioness President

It's May...The Lovely Month of May...

There are many great things that happen in May. International Workers' Day is May 1st. Memorial Day in the U.S.A. is May 28th. "Cinco de Mayo" is in May. But all of the important days in May, pale in comparison to Mother's Day. That is the day that we acknowledge all that Mothers are and all that Mothers do.... They give life... teach life lessons ... discipline ... encourage... exasperate... admonish... advised ... guide ... LOVE.

Many of us are who we are because of our mother. And for us who have children, many of them are who they are because of us.

Mothering is a full time, lifetime job without vacations, personal days off or sick leave. There is NO Retirement plan, NO incentives, NO salary, and NO cost of living increases.

Nevertheless, the rewards of being a Mother are Great. Some of these rewards are reaped on Mother's Day by a card or a kiss or a visit or a call. And of course there may be hugs and presents and flowers and a meal.

But the real rewards on Mother's Day are being APPRECIATED and LOVED.

Happy Mother's Day to All LOW Lioness Mothers! Happy Mother's Day to the Mother of each and every LOW Lioness!!

Know that you are appreciated and loved, especially since without YOU our Members would not exist.



Agenda

Lake of the Woods Lioness Club May 10, 2012 Pledge of Allegiance Invocation by Phyllis Jones Introduction of Guests

Dinner

Program: Germanna Scholarships

Announcements and Committee Reports
Announcement of Birthdays
50/50 Raffle
Food Bank Raffle
Adjournment

WHAT DO I BRING CHECKLIST?

Wilderness Food Pantry—At least 2 food items in a reusable bag or double plastic bag. Especially needed side dishes (hamburger helper, etc.), cereal, and canned vegetables (EXCEPT green beans and corn).

SAFE House—See pg. 3

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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 5:45 p.m.

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Minutes from the April 26, 2012 **Lioness BOD Meeting**

Attending were Lioness board members Mary Altman, Pat Berry, Carol Greeney, Carol Lee, Sue Merna, Zoila Ortega, Maureen Otero, Emily Slunt, Beth Sundberg, Ann Walker, and Barbara York, as well as Third Vice President-Elect Karen Cakouros and Germanna Scholarship Chairperson Mary Lou McFarland.

Minutes from the March 22, 2012, meeting had been previously distributed, and the board accepted them as written. Additionally, on behalf of the current Lioness board and the newly elected board. Secretary Ann Walker thanked President Zoila Ortega for the luncheon gathering last Monday at her home to discuss board member duties and exchange ideas. Everyone felt it was most helpful and productive.

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

President's Report – Zoila Ortega

• Correspondence included a letter of resignation from Rima Laviano. which was accepted with regret, and a request for MAL status from Judy Ayers for a six-month period. Other correspondence included a request from Thrive – The Healing Center for a \$100.00 contribution, which was declined, and a request from Canine Companions for Independence to sell raffle tickets, which was declined as well.

First Vice President's Report – Carol Lee

- First Vice President Carol Lee introduced incoming Third Vice President Karen Cakouros, who presented a new fund-raising proposal, whereby an art auction, with cocktails and hors-d'oeuvres, would be held, with tickets sold throughout the community. Kathy Walters and Val Protiva have volunteered to be co-chairs of this endeavor, should the board approve it. The organization that conducts this guarantees \$1,000 to the club if 100 tickets are sold, as well as a percentage of the profits. The board members felt that this concept was definitely worth pursuing further, and could possibly be held every other year, alternating with the Holiday House Tour.
- Our club received \$500.00 in return for our volunteer work during White Cane Days. Unfortunately, our volunteer hours were not up to those of past years, and we will aim to encourage more participation in 2013.
- The possibility of a joint cruise next year with the LOW Lions Club was discussed as a fund-raising effort; however, it would involve improved participation from both clubs in consideration of past cruise support.
- The LOW Fire and Rescue Squad has ceased holding bingo nights, and it was suggested that we look into the possibility of our club taking on this project. We will discuss the work involved in conducting bingo fund-raisers with the squad and also offer to donate our Monte Carlo equipment to them.

Tamers' Report

Carol Greeney reported that the LOW Clubhouse may not be able to maintain dinner meeting charges at the current level in view of rising MORE See pg. 3

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costs. Additionally, it is preferable that certain meetings be plated dinners. With this in mind, IT WAS MOVED by Beth Sundberg and DULY SECONDED by Maureen Otero that the dinner fee be raised to \$17.00, effective with the July 12 dinner meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Directors' Report

The board thanked the Directors for a most successful mixer at our April dinner meeting.
 Director Mary Altman stated that the Directors are rereading our constitution and bylaws to make certain they are familiar with our rules and regulations and to assist the other board members in adhering to them.

Committee Reports

Germanna Scholarship Chairperson Mary Lou McFarland announced the recipients and stated that the
presentations will be made at our May dinner meeting. President Zoila Ortega noted that a meeting
will be held next week to select the Bridge Scholarship recipient, who will receive the award at our
June meeting.

Lioness Committees & Activities

SAFE HOUSE COLLECTION

By Lionesses Phyllis Sakole, Sharon Allen and Betsy Flanigan

We have decided to do something a little different for our collection this month. Instead of bringing cleaning and paper products, we would like you to donate the money you would have spent on those things. We will then purchase gift cards for SAFE residents, who are responsible for providing their own food and other personal items.

A collection box will be set up next to the 50/50 raffle, and all donations are acceptable, large or small. Of course, if you have a gift card you would like to donate you can also place that in the collection box (please indicate the value of the card.)

Appropriate cards would be those issued by stores (but not restaurants) located in Culpeper, and might include Target, Walmart, Kohls, CVS or any of the local grocery stores.

As always, thank you for supporting SAFE as it works to help women and children escape abuse.

NEW MEMBERS

By Lioness Michelle Senft

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From the Tamers

By Lionesses Carol Greeney and Sue Merna

The Lake of the Woods Lioness Club May 10 dinner meeting will be held at the clubhouse with a 5:45 p.m. social time, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please remember to call or e-mail Carol Greeney (972-6730) or Sue Merna (973-3600) by May 7th if you are not attending the May meeting or wish a special meal. Dinner will be served buffet style. No call-no show will cost you \$16.00.

Dinner

Chips and salsa (on table) Taco Bar Rice and Beans Flan/Custard Tea or Coffee

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From the Editor

By Lioness Gail Hardin Editor, Lioness LOW DOWN

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

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Handbook Corrections

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

Resignation:

Rima Laviano

Information on New Members:

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