

LAKE OF THE WOODS LIONESS

LOW DOWN

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President's Corner

By Lioness Pat See, LOW Lioness President

"Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others." Barbara Bush

Whew!!! September and October sure have been busy months for all of us. You ladies did an outstanding job raising funds for our benevolence budget during our very busy fund raising season. The Card Party and Fashion Show had a record breaking attendance and approximately \$2,000 earned. Amazing!! I am only sorry that I was under the weather and could not attend. I heard that EVERYONE had a great time. A special thank you is extended to Sharon Kaltenmark and Maureen Callahan for chairing the card party, to Jan Lemieux for handling the reservations and arrangements for the card party, and to Val Protiva and Kathy Walters for chairing the Fashion show. I hear the Lioness models looked amazing.

Great Job!!

Along came October 2 with the Community Book Drive. So many of you ladies showed up to receive and sort books for the book sale that was scheduled for the next day. It was so exciting to see everyone working together to make it a success. Carol is the queen of book sales. \$1,841 was earned at this year's sale. Last year's take for the fall book sale was \$1,700. Congratulations and thank you to Carol and her co chairs, Cathy Rainey and Marion Dumais. Both Cathy and Marion are new Lionessses having joined the Lioness Club in 2009. The Bake Sale brought in over \$500 on that day with Chris Wyant and Pat Berry co-chairing the

event. The bake sale Chair, Emily Slunt, was out of town for that day, but left the sale in very capable hands. Our Thanks to you ladies for a job so very well done. Again, both Chris and Pat are brand new Lionesses, having joined in 2009. Situated between the book and bake sales was the Lioness Gift sales. Can you believe 29 cookbooks were sold?? It is true. Bobbie Griggs and Nancy Strain were busy selling our gift items when I left and I hear others helped after that. To all of the rest of you wonderful ladies who helped support the chairs and co-chairs make these events so very successful and fun – THANK YOU. None of our MORE see President pg. 3

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SAFE HOUSE—Annual Holiday Collection

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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

Highlights from the

October 22, 2009

Lioness BOD Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Pat See, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Kathi Martin, Pat See, Betty Girman, Marue Biggs, Carol Greeney, Donna Crawley, Marge Howard, Ann Walker, Jean McLallen Taylor, Ann Wood, Linda Ogletree, and Pat Confroy. Also attending was Tom Walker, Lion Liaison.

Minutes from the September meeting had been previously distributed by e-mail. Kathi Martin moved that the minutes be accepted as read; Carol Greeney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report (accompanying these minutes) was discussed and filed for audit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Pat See)

- Correspondence
 - Letters requesting MAL status were received from Jan Lemieux (November 2009 through April 2010) and Suzanne Simpson (November 2009 thru April 2010). Accepted.
 - Letters of resignation were received from Carol Buck and Lynn Huntsman. Kathi Martin moved they be accepted with regret; the motion was seconded by Carol Greeney and passed unanimously.
 - A letter was received from Lioness Pat Phillipso stating that she has had perfect attendance for 15 years. Acknowledgement of this will be made in June.
- Zone Meeting
 - The next Lions' District 24-C Zone meeting will be held during the Lioness November Dinner meeting (also Lioness Charter Night). President Pat requested that the Board remain after the dinner for the Zone Meeting.
- Ferris Building
 - The Lioness equipment is still in the Ferris Building. Several calls have been made by President Pat See to Gen. Mgr. Ted Wessel to find out when they should be removed, but he has never returned a call.

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President

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events would be successful without the kind of support all of you provided.

It was so nice to be able to share these successes with our District Governor, Norma Shoemaker, at our October dinner meeting. Isn't she the best!! It was nice hearing about her start as a Lioness under the wings of our own Barbara Story. It was very evident that she has a strong appreciation for our Lioness Club. Behind the scenes, putting together this meeting is a ton of protocol. I would certainly be remiss if I did not make mention of how great the tables looked and how perfectly our guests were received for our District Governor's visit. Lioness Kathy Walters was an angel for helping out our tamer, Marue Biggs, in setting up this important event. You ladies did a fabulous job and I thank you.

I want to remind you that we have one more fundraiser for 2009 – Monte Carlo Night. It will be held at the Clubhouse on November 14th. Please be sure to get your tickets to support this important event. Carol Greeney and Ellen Bearden have worked very hard on this event and truly need your support to make it a success. Thanks to all of you who contributed to the gift baskets that helps to raise money for this event.

Our November meeting is Charter Night. Charter Night is our night to recognize and show tribute to our charter members. We hope to see our charter members, Marge Howard, Elaine Sibley, Jeanne Stoll, Doris Velona, and Barbara York so that we can show our appreciation for starting this wonderful club. There will also be some of our Lioness past history displayed during the meeting. Available for viewing during the social hour will be trophies that were won during previous years, as well as pictures to refresh our memories of previous Lioness events. This will be a great opportunity for the newer members (myself included) to take a peak at our history. At our November meeting we will also be inducting five new members to our Lioness club. The new members are Joan Johns, sponsored by Jan Lemieux, Bonniebeth Foltz sponsored by Janet Berge, Jean Daniels sponsored by Susan Costanzo, Jan Wright sponsored by Carol Greeney, and Lourdes DeSanto sponsored by Nancy Rauch.

Oh yes, in case you forgot, we will be having Lion guests once again at our November meeting. The LOW Lioness Club is hosting one of our three Zone meetings for this year. Our Lion guests will join us for our dinner meeting. After our dinner meeting is over, the Zone meeting will begin.

At our October dinner meeting I learned that Lioness Jean Priest, a co-chair of the Eyeglass Recycling Center, has taken it upon herself to visit a local nursing home to talk about the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Effort. As a result, the residents there were all excited about getting a box together for used eyeglasses so that they can contribute regularly to the center. Thank you, Jean, for stirring up their excitement in this endeavor.

I have another note to share with you. When I got home from the Fall Book and Bake Sale, I received a call from a woman who lives outside of the lake on Rt 3. She had high praises for the LOW Lioness Club and all that you ladies do to help the community. She wanted to offer her support to the Wilderness Food Pantry. Two days later I received a check from her for \$100 for the Food Pantry. Your good deeds just keep on working even when you don't expect them.

November starts off the time of year when our community really needs our help. We have just begun to relax from raising money, and now we need to give of ourselves to others in need. It is what we are about. WE SERVE.

- Charter Night

- The November Dinner Meeting will be our annual Charter Night. Charter members will be honored, and a special slide show is being prepared for showing on Power Point during Social Hour.

- The next board meeting will be held on DECEMBER 3 and will be a joint NOVEMBER/DECEMBER meeting.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- SECRETARY (Kathi Martin)

- The Club Charter has been beautifully re-framed and will be shown at Charter Night. This is the gift of a member who wishes to remain anonymous. The Board is grateful (on behalf of the membership) to the donor for such a wonderful gift.

- 1st VICE-PRESIDENT (Marge Howard)

- Funds received from the September Fund Raisers are recorded in the Treasurer's report.

- Monte Carlo Night – Chairman Carol Greeney reported that only 17 tickets have been sold. After discussion by the Board concerning the various situations at work (i.e., the economy, the Dam assessment, possible lack of interest on behalf of the Lioness Club) Carol Greeney moved that the event be cancelled if a reasonable amount of tickets hadn't been sold by November 2. Pat Confroy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- 2nd VICE-PRESIDENT (Ann Walker)

- Articles will be done on the partnership of the Humane Society and the Food Pantry.

- Knitters are badly needed for neo-natal caps for Mary Washington Hospital.

- Lioness Connie Buttmer. LOW Youth Foundation representative, has requested volunteers for the Treats at the Point Halloween celebration. Ann Walker has volunteered, and purchased candies to distribute. She will have a "LOW LIONESS" sign at our table.

- The Food Pantry will not have a Christmas party this year. It was decided by their chairpersons that money for a party would be better used for food.

- 3rd VICE-PRESIDENT (Carol Lee) – absent

- TAMERS – no problems – no report

- TWISTER (Laurel Buongiovanni) – absent

- MEMBERSHIP – Linda Ogletree

- Five new members have requested membership and have fulfilled the requirements. They are:

Jean Ann Daniels	sponsored by Susan Costanzo
Lourdes DeSanto	sponsored by Nancy Rauch
Bonnibeth Foltz	sponsored by Janet Berge
Joan Johns	sponsored by Jan Lemieux
Janice Wright	sponsored by Carol Greeney

Ann Walker moved they be accepted for membership; Carol Greeney 2nd the motion, which passed unanimously.

Pat See reported that former member Janet Haase has requested re-instatement. Since she still owns property at Lake of the Woods, she is eligible. She will not need to be formally re-inducted, but will be a member as of the November meeting.

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- Kathi Martin moved that some sort of identifying sticker or object be put on the nametags of new members, so that they can be properly greeted. Marge Howard 2nd the motion, which passed unanimously.

- LION LIAISON (Tom Walker)

- Lion Tom reported that the Lions will sponsor a New England Cruise in June.
- The Lionesses are not living up to their commitment to the Eyeglass Recycling Center. A discussion was held about this. Marge Howard will contact the Recycling Chairs to see what needs to be done.

- NEW BUSINESS

- Carol Greeney reported that the Lioness signs on Routes 3 and 20 are in need of re-furbishing. Lioness Betty Beck and her husband George had repaired them in the past, and could be asked for help again. There is also a sign company outside the gate which could possibly repair them. A decision will be made at the next Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Lioness Committees & Activities

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

By Lioness Carol Greeney, Co-Chair

For all of our newer members (and those who may have forgotten) our Monte Carlo Night is held **ever other year**—alternating with our **Holiday House Tour**. It is one of our major fund raisers and has always been a huge success under the leadership of one of our former members, Judy Ludvigsen. Our president, Pat, had a difficult time finding someone to chair the event this year—I'm sure—since no one wanted to follow in Judy's footsteps! I eventually agreed to head up the committee and Ellen Bearden graciously consented to be the co-chair. We have a fabulous, enthusiastic committee made up of some Monte Carlo Night veterans and some newer Lionesses. They are all working very hard to make this a special event. Now we need the support of the rest of our club! If every Lioness buys just **two tickets**, then we will have succeeded in our goal of selling all the tickets that we have printed and will be able to add to our Benevolence Fund. All of our many charities are having very difficult times right now and need our help more than ever. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible by calling **Linda Ogletree at 972-7713**. If you do not plan to attend, you may purchase tickets for friends and family or you may sponsor one of the gaming tables. We still have several Black Jack and Texas Hold'Em tables that need sponsors (\$25.00) and one Craps table (\$50.00). Give Jeannie Dietz at 972-4459 a call to sponsor a table.

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MONTE CARLO NIGHT

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At the September meeting I asked each table to sponsor a basket for the event and you came through beautifully with your items at the October meeting. We thank you for being so generous. If you missed the last meeting and were unable to bring items for the baskets, you may still bring them to the next meeting. We will be completing the baskets the next day on Friday, the 13th! **We still need items for the Mexican, Spa, Christmas, and Thanksgiving baskets. Wine and gift certificates work too. If you have not yet donated, please give Sharon Allen (972-9037) or Beth Sundberg (972-9775) a call or bring items to the November meeting.**

If you haven't yet purchased your Monte Carlo Night tickets, be sure to do so as soon as possible by calling Linda Ogletree at 7713. Workers pay only \$10 which will cover the cost of food and also enters them into the raffle. They too need to send Linda a check so that we will have an accurate count for the Clubhouse.

Having **Monte Carlo Night** at our beautiful Clubhouse should make this night a very special one for all who participate. You won't want to miss it! See you there!!

I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL, IN ADVANCE, FOR YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT--OUR LIONESSES ROCK!!!

SHARE AND CARE

By Lioness Jean Stutz

- Marlene Klabo is now home and struggling with several medical issues that are being followed up by her Gastroenterologist and Vascular Surgeon. She will be facing surgery sometime in the future. She tires easily and is very weak. Keep her in your prayers.
 - Doris Velona was admitted to Culpeper Hospital 10/21 with pneumonia and congestive heart failure. Due to complications she was transferred to UVA CC Unit on 10/23 and will undergo a heart catheterization on Monday 10/26th. Please keep Doris in your thoughts and prayers.
 - Susan Santucci's mother - Helen Menegat passed away 10/21/09 at UVA Medical Center. Our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to Susan and her family.
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BRIDGE LESSONS

By Lioness Marge Howard

Lioness Jan Lemieux has generated \$1,315 from bridge lessons this year. \$1,000 of this has been donated to the Bridge Youth Foundation Scholarship for a deserving senior from Lake of the Woods.

Lioness Committees & Activities

SAFE HOUSE

By Lioness Sharon Allen

Our annual holiday collection for Safe House will be held at the November 12th Lioness dinner meeting. Please bring gift items for moms, children, and teen girls without wrapping them (tax receipts will be available). Safe House employees will sort and wrap before their party.

You've been so generous in the past. Please know that these women are very appreciative. Often they've left their homes in the middle of the night to escape an abusive situation, and they have very little in the way of personal items or small luxuries for themselves or their children.

**Suggestions: younger children - coloring books, toys, books, games
older children - games, balls, video games, craft kits
teen girls - gift certificates (Kohl's) or shower gels & lotions
moms-gift certificates (Kohl's, Walmart) shower gels, lotions,
Jewelry, sweaters.**

They don't need used clothing at this time, but can always use laundry detergent.

We will not be collecting for Safe House again until February (Sheltering Arms will collect in December, and everyone gets a month off from donating in January!)

THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

CARD PARTY/LUNCHEON/FASHION SHOW

By Lioness Sharon Kaltenmark

The Lioness Card Party held on Friday, September 25, 2009 at the Lake of the Woods Clubhouse was very well attended. 202 tickets were sold at \$25 each. These included over 100 Bridge players and many players of other games as well as guests who came for the lunch and fashion show only. To our knowledge, this is the largest number ever attending this event. Joey Welsh and the clubhouse staff were extremely accommodating as we increased the numbers—even adding a table of bridge players the evening before the event. Jan Lemieux, reservations chair, had a waiting list of even more people who wanted to attend!

Christopher & Banks presented the fashions and Saxon Shoes showed accessories including purses, scarves and jewelry. Six Lionesses modeled fall outfits while the store managers presented the commentary. Kathy Walters and Val Protiva, co-chairs of the Fashion Show, presented an outstanding show well received by the audience.

The baskets put together by the committee with items donated by many Lioness members as well as merchants in our area looked great. Ticket sales for the basket raffle netted \$835—nearly 200 dollars more than in 2008.

Total profits were \$1987.85.

Proposal for Membership

The following individual is proposed for membership in the Lake of the Woods Lioness Club, sponsored by the Lake of the Woods Lion's Club, a part of the International Association of Lion's Clubs.



Name _____

Birthdate _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

Business Address _____

Work Phone _____

Email Address _____

Names of Spouse _____

Is she/he a Lion/Lioness _____

APPROVAL

This invitation has been approved by the following:

Sponsoring Lioness _____

Date _____

Membership Chairman _____

Date _____

Board of Directors _____

Date _____

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Employment History _____

Volunteer History _____

Hobbies _____

Special Abilities (music, art, etc.) _____

From the Tamers

By Lionesses Marue Biggs and Betty Girman

The Lioness November 12 dinner will be held at the Lake of the Woods Clubhouse starting with social hour at 5:45pm followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting, are bringing guests, or need a special meal, you must phone Betty Girman (2882) or Marue Biggs (5374). The cut-off date is November 7.

Remember "no shows" (members who do not attend and have not called to after the November 7 deadline will be billed for their dinner. Dinners are \$16.00.

The November Dinner Meeting will be seated.

July Dinner

Plated Dinner Salad
Herb Roasted Turkey and Gravy Dressing
Honey Glazed Carrots
Rolls and Butter
Eclairs w/Chocolate Sauce
Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea

Twister's Corner

By Lioness Laurel Buongiovanni

Who is not hungry at Thanksgiving?
The turkey, he's already stuffed!

Greeters are: Ellen Brach and Nancy Rauch

The tail is twisting, the Twister's listening!

LOW Lioness 2009 Calendar

November 14 Lioness Casino Night
December 3 Lioness BOD Meeting

Happy Birthday Lionesses!

November 2 Jan Lemieux

November 3 Barbara York

November 11 Pat Confroy

November 12 Laurel Buongiovanni

November 12 Jean Priest

November 15 Mary Nolan

November 20 Ann Walker

November 23 Helen Jo Cates

November 23 Flo Clarke

From the Editor

By Lioness Gail Hardin
Editor, Lioness LOW DOWN

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

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