



President's Corner

By Lioness Maureen Otero LOW Lioness President

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Only those who will risk going too far, can possibly find out how far one can go.
T.S. Eliot

This month started out great—the Lioness getting recognized for the work we do in our community and the surrounding areas. We received a lovely plaque from LOWA.

A week ago I took a trip to Charlottesville to see my granddaughter at UVA. The school is beautiful; the campus also impressed me with its serpentine walls and lovely gardens. The thing that caught my eye is the architecture, it's impressive, and to think Thomas Jefferson was involved with designing it fascinates me. The trip home reminded me of how lucky we are to live in such a great state, with so many wonderful colleges for our children and grands to choose from. The vistas as we drive about are so beautiful, whether it be near the Blue Ridge Mts. or the great beaches (when the sharks are vacationing somewhere else) and let's not forget all the important history that took place here in Virginia.

Best of all is to come back

home to our own wonderful community, with its own beauty and wonderful friends. Last week the fashion show and card party was held, and it was well attended. Many different games of our choice were played, and it appeared that everyone was having fun. They also had a blind auction, sold table cloths, and had a raffle for some beautiful baskets. A great success led by Teresa DiCicco, Jan Lemieux, and Bonniebeth Foltz.

This Oct. there will be our YARD SALE on the 10th at the Community Center. Donations gladly accepted, gently used items or things you have around the house you no longer want but maybe someone else has a need for it. Linda Shnayer is our chairman and can answer questions regarding the sale. I have been asked to mention that orders for our Christmas ornament will start in October thru November with delivery in December—cost is \$19.00.

UPCOMING LIONESS ACTIVITIES

Community Yard Sale & Holiday House Tour—See Pg. 3

Christmas Ornament Sale & Bridge Table Cloths Sale — See Pg. 4

WHAT DO I BRING CHECKLIST?

Wilderness Food Pantry—At least 2 food items in a reusable bag or double plastic bag. Especially needed cereal and side dishes (e.g., rice-a-roni, packaged pasta and potato sides). 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.

Orange Free Clinic. Glennay Moy will be collecting the following items from the wish list for the Clinic in October — Band-aids, cotton balls, paper towels, Clorox or Lysol wipes, pump hand soap, toilet paper, office supplies including staples, pens, post it notes, and copy paper

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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
September 24, 2015
BOD Meeting

ATTENDANCE: Maureen Otero, Karen Cakouros, Norma Ervin, Barbara Hernan, Michelle Senft, Betsy Rath, Nikki Buell, Pat Berry, Sherri Lasover, Betty Beck and Donalda Lovelace

CALL TO ORDER: President Maureen Otero called the meeting to order at 7:02

MINUTES: The minutes submitted by Secretary Donalda Lovelace for the August Board meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Norma Ervin presented the financials for Benevolence and Administrative Funds. The reports were accepted and filed for audit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Maureen gave a brief overview of the Fall Conference that she attended with Barbara Hernan and Donalda Lovelace.

OFFICER'S REPORT

1st Vice President: Barbara Hernan reported that:

- Hand and Foot Card Game lessons which will benefit the Benevolence Fund will begin this winter. Lioness Carol Lee will handle the coordination.
- Helen Desarmeaux was removed from affiliate status at her request.

2nd Vice President: Michelle Senft reported that:

- Planning for the Christmas Home Tours has begun. Tickets will be \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the door. More information will be provided at the October member meeting.
- At the request of a member there was a discussion on changing the time of the Member meeting, there was insufficient support for such a change.

3rd Vice President: Betsy Rath will be coordinating the Lioness participation at the candy giveaway for Halloween at the point. She will need about 4-5 volunteers as it is anticipated that there could be up to 700 Trick or Treaters.

Tamers: Nikki Buell had a brief discussion of the meals. It was noted that members need to notify the Tamers in advance to request vegetarian meals.

Directors: The mixer was well received. A few issues but generally all joined in for this opportunity to mix and meet all of our LOW Lionesses. The October meeting has a Halloween theme. Director Sherri Lasover encourages our Lionesses to consider dressing in costume for this meeting to make it a fun event.

Membership: In Kathi Martin's absence it was reported that a Membership Orientation and Induction will be held in December.

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Immediate Past President: Karen Cakouros participated in the LOW Lions Golf Tournament She reported that it was a very successful Lions tournament.

Lion Liaison: Betty Beck reported that the Wilderness Pantry had a USDA and Food Bank Representative inspection. Food donations are down. A Spring Food Drive was discussed to help the situation.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm .

Lioness Committees & Activities

LOW Fall Community Yard Sale

By Lioness Linda Shnayer

On October 10th, LOW Lioness will participate in the LOW Fall Yard Sale to be held at Sweetbriar Park. To drop off your gently used items, please call 540-412-1021 or email Lshnayer@hotmail.com. As you're out doing errands, you may also simply drop your items on my front porch. Join the fun and sign up to work one of four shifts: 7-9AM, 9-11AM, 11AM-1PM, or 1-3PM. With your help, we can make this a successful fund raiser!

October Dinner Speaker

By Lioness Linda Shnayer

The LOW Lioness dinner speaker for October is Mr. Christopher Stephens, President Board of Directors, Historic Gordonsville, Inc. Mr. Stephens will share the history of the Haunted Exchange Hotel & Civil War Museum. The Exchange Hotel is Virginia's only standing Civil War Receiving Hospital which provided care for 70,000 soldiers, both Confederate and Union.

Share and Care

By Lioness Ann Walker

- Claudia Low had surgery for ruptured discs in her neck at the end of June and is currently dealing with some complications from the operation.
- Cathy Rainey had hip replacement surgery on August 18 and is doing very well now.
- Judi O'Neill had hip replacement surgery on August 31. She is home, receiving therapy, and her recovery is coming along quite well. Judi's daughter, Heather, is also home and improving.

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

Holiday House Tour

By Lioness Diane Ogranovitch

Get ready for the Holiday House Tour on Saturday, December 12, 2015, which will be held from 11:00am – 3:00pm. We have some beautiful homes on the tour. Tickets will be \$10.00 prior to the event and \$12.00 the day of the tour. We will be selling tickets at the Lioness dinner meetings on October 8, November 12, and December 10. Buy your tickets early for yourself, your family, and your friends...and please volunteer as a hostess if you can. If you have not yet signed up to be a hostess, please contact Julie Phend at julie.phend@gmail.com or 540-412-9952, or Joyce Morlan at jmorla@ilstu.edu or 309-533-9227.

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2015 Lioness Holiday Fund Raiser Official White House Ornament

By Lionesses Mary Szadvari

The LOW Lioness Club will be selling the 2015 White House Christmas Ornament for \$19 each. Perfect for every tree, this year's official *White House Christmas Ornament* is a depiction of the first National Christmas tree, crafted from shiny brass plated with nickel and 24k gold. Hung with ornaments representing the events of 30th President Calvin Coolidge's unique life and presidency, the ornament is illuminated from within. It was made in the USA by a veteran-owned small business.

The LOW Lioness Club is taking orders until November 14th and all orders placed from Lake of the Woods will be ready for you to pick up by early December. This is a great ornament to place on your tree or to give as a special gift. Orders can be placed by calling Mary Szadvari (972-4572). The proceeds will go to the Lioness Benevolence Fund which supports a variety of charitable activities right here in our community. The LOW Lioness Club wishes to thank the community for their continued generous support.



Photos Not Available in Member Handbook 2015-16

By Lioness Su Bielmeier

12 wonderful Lioness came to my house to have their picture taken to be included in the new Lioness Member Handbook. Sad to say, 7 of their pictures were omitted. I'm sorry. I have created a new page for the omitted Lioness pictures. You can pick up a copy at the October meeting if you already have your Handbook. If you have not picked up your Handbook, you will find the new page stapled in the back.

Bridge Table Cloths/Thank You for Card Party Support

By Lioness Theresa DiCicco

Thank you to all the Lionesses for supporting the Card Party, Luncheon, and Fashion Show. It was a wonderful day. Don't miss the last opportunity to purchase bridge table cloths. Choose either blue or olive green and trim of red or cream, 45" square. Emily Slunt will be taking orders at the October dinner. Table Cloths are \$22 each, and checks should be made out to LOW Lioness

Did You Know — Kathi Martin

By Lioness Elaine Freeland

Kathi Martin's mom and dad were married in 1929, an ominous year. Though her father was educated in law, the opportunities for an attorney were limited during the Great Depression. He became head announcer and, after the war, the Public Affairs Director for radio station KLZ, the CBS station in Denver. Kathi was born in the house built by her grandfather; she grew up and graduated from high school in Denver, CO. During the year of her 2nd grade the family lived in Richland WA. Since Richland was converted into a bedroom community for the Manhattan Project, Kathi can only speculate the reason her father, who was again working in the legal and security fields, had moved his family.

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Kathi relished the childhood stories of the Menomonee Indians as told by her grandmother. Her grandmother and grandfather lived with the Menomonee in Wisconsin where he worked for the Bureau of Land Management. One of the memorable events of childhood was having tea with Mamie and Ike. When she and Ike were married, Mamie Doud lived in Denver near the home of Kathi's father. Other fond memories include time spent with horses of a family friend. While living in Denver, Kathi had an interest in acting. She worked with the Denver Civic Theater and had the role of Cecily in *The Importance of Being Earnest*. With another group she portrayed the nurse in *The Hasty Heart*, the story of a group of wounded Allied soldiers at the end of World War II. She also worked with a production staff for *Annie Get Your Gun*.

As a young single woman, Kathi worked for United and then Continental Airlines in reservations. She accepted an offer to work the Executive Desk in Dallas, TX for Continental. Many airline personnel lived nearby in a large apartment complex. One evening during a Toga Party at the complex, Kathi was drawn to a young freelance journalist who had moved from his home in Markesan, WI to escape harsh winters. Kathi married Richard Martin in the midst of a 6' February 1962 blizzard. It took her 90 minutes to get from her family's home in Denver to the church. With increasing personal responsibilities, Dick took a permanent position in journalism with Petroleum Engineer Publishing Company and stayed with them until retirement. The newlyweds began their life in Dallas buying a new house and starting a family. They had lived in the house for a couple of months when Dick was offered a transfer to Manhattan, NY. Their son, Chris, was born February 1963 before they left Dallas to move into an apartment overlooking the Hudson River and the Tappan Zee Bridge in Westchester County, NY. Andrew and Leslie were born while living in NY. With the growing family Kathi and Dick moved to Manalapan Township, NJ, where they lived for 35 years. At a time when corporate life meant moving frequently, their community was very stable, and couples lived there at least until retirement. Kathi was involved in her children's activities – the sons' Cub Scouts, Chris's soccer, Andrew's music and theatre, and Leslie's cheerleading. The community was so closely knit the children never had an opportunity to get into serious mischief.

Thanks to Kathi's background with the airlines, she easily slipped into a position with a neighbor's successful travel agency. The benefits of a travel agent are not the treat most of us expect. Kathi says those survey 'vacations' involve the 'death march' - 15 hotel visits each day, a nice dinner and an evening party with no time for sightseeing or beach bumming. Her favorite business trip was to Hawaii accompanied by Dick. While she was on an Oahu 'death march', Dick took in all of the sights. Afterwards, they were treated to a stay on Maui.

Following Dick's retirement and during a holiday with daughter, Leslie, in Stafford, Kathi picked up a real estate brochure which featured Lake of the Woods properties. Although it was winter time, Kathi and Dick were drawn to LOW. They kept an eye on the real estate websites until Kathi saw the ONE – where they now live.

The Martins moved to Lake of the Woods in 2000, and Kathi became a Lioness in 2001 with Norma Ervin as her sponsor. She has well served the organization in multiple positions — including Secretary, Tamer, Bake Sale Chairperson and in 2007-2008 she was President. Kathi is the current Membership Chairperson and Excursions Co-chairperson.

Their 3 children live across the country – Chris is in San Francisco, Andrew is in Los Angeles, and Leslie lives in Frederick, MD. Leslie has the 2 grandchildren, Sam (age 16) and Ted (age 14).

The roots in the Martins' childhood communities remain strong. Kathi is a fierce Denver Broncos fan, and Dick is an equally avid fan of the Green Bay Packers.



From the Tamers

By Ellen Bearden and Nikki Buell

The Lake of the Woods Lioness Club October 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, October 5th, if you are not attending or need a special meal. Dinner will be buffet style. A no-call or no-show will cost you \$17.00 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

Pork Loin Medallions
Green Beans
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Salad
Carrot Cake
Coffee & Tea

Vegetarian Menu

Pasta Primavera
Plus sides from the buffet

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

You probably have figured this out already by all the decorations in the stores, but Halloween is the 2nd most celebrated holiday in the United States. First being Christmas. I was distressed this past **July** to go into one store and already seeing fall and Halloween decorations on the shelves! I guess like Christmas the merchandising comes earlier and earlier. Now that it is fall, I am once again in the mood. Hopefully you too are in the mood and will dress up in your Halloween costume for the October Lioness dinner. I will, watch out, I will be looking for you!! Your Tail Twister questions for October are:

Legend has it that if a girl wants to see or dream of her future husband, she must do what on Halloween?

Which candy ranks as the most popular Halloween candy?

Our greeters for October will be Connie LeMay and Linda Ogletree

LOW Lioness 2015-2016 Calendar

Oct 8	Lioness Dinner Meeting
Oct 10	LOW Fall Yard Sale
Oct 22	BOD Meeting
Oct 31	Lioness Book Sale
Dec 12	Christmas House Tour

Happy Birthday Lionesses!

October 5	Joyce Morlan	October 15	Diane Ogranovitch
October 7	Gwen Mallmann	October 23	Kathy Merritt
October 10	Sharon Kaltenmark	October 29	Ellen Ambroziak

From the Editor

By Lioness Gail Hardin
Editor, Lioness LOW DOWN

Please get information and articles for the November LOW DOWN to me by October 28th or as soon thereafter as possible. October 30th is the deadline for submissions for the newsletter. Forward them either by email, or mail to Gail Hardin, (contact information below). For more information, call Gail.

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