

LAKE OF THE WOODS LIONESS LIONS

LOW DOWN

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President's Corner

By Lioness Lion Jayne Owiesny, LOW Lioness Lions President

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The summer of 2020 will go down as the summer that wasn't. As many of us are maintaining social distancing and curtailing activities, we certainly miss the monthly dinner meetings and visiting with our Lioness friends. That could be the reason why we had such a wonderful turnout at the August members meeting at the Sweetbriar pavilion. Between our members and guests, we had over 40 people attend. It was wonderful to see so many faces. The mask contest was a hit, with the prizes awarded to Hilda Velenta-Seary for coordinated mask, Darcy Jennings for unique mask, and Linda Shnayer for naughty mask (you'll have to ask her what it was). Hilda, somehow we did not get a picture of you, apologies.



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**Lake of the Woods Lioness
Lions Club**

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Meetings are held at the LOW Club
House on the 2nd Thursday of each
month. Social hour at 5:15 p.m.

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The Insider's View

Minutes from the
August 27, 2020
BOD Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm via Zoom on Thursday, August 27, 2020 by President, Jayne Owiesny. The following board members were present: President, Jayne Owiesny, Secretary, Claudia Low, Treasurer, Diane Pittman, 1st Vice President Kathy Merritt 2nd Vice President Gail Hardin and 3rd Vice President Darcy Jennings, Tamers, Rani Manhard and Ann Wood, Tail Twister, Colleen Cameron, Membership, Donalda Lovelace, and Mary Simmons, Directors, Gail Stoner, Barbara Francis and Arlene Rich, and Immediate Past President Linda Shnayer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the July 23, 2020 BOD meeting, which were previously distributed were approved by Donalda Lovelace and seconded by Ann Wood.

TREASURER'S REPORT: reported by Jayne Owiesny

- The 2020 Foundation Report was approved and accepted for audit.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Diane Pittman

- The 2020 Administrative Report was approved and accepted for audit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jayne Owiesny

- **Dinner Meeting:** The next Lioness "dinner" meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10 at the **Hollyfield Pavilion**. The meeting will start at 5:30pm. ZOOM will not be available for this meeting. The LOW clubhouse will be providing boxed wrap or sandwiches. This is a BYOB if you would like to bring your favorite wine. Please make sure you bring your own cup. The meal cost is \$14.15. You **MUST** RSVP your menu selection to Ann Wood and/or Rani Manhard by Sunday, September 6. The Tamers must confirm your selections by September 9. Please see the menu selections in an article by Ann Wood and Rani Manhard in the LOWDOWN. We will **only be accepting checks** for payment, no cash. Please make sure that you are wearing a mask. If you do not feel safe sitting at one of the picnic tables in the pavilion, please bring a folding chair to sit on the outside of the pavilion.
- **LOW Lioness Membership Handbooks.** Jayne is doing her final review. We are anticipating that the new Lioness Member Handbook will be available at the September meeting.
- **Wilderness Food Pantry:** Nicki Buell notified the Lioness that they have had numerous large donations to the food pantry and that the Lioness could forgo their donation this year. The Lioness BOD voted that we would delete the Food Pantry Line Item from our 2020 Budget. Motion made by Claudia Low, seconded by Arlene Rich.
- **Leadership conference:** will be held the last weekend in Sept. Jayne and Donalda will be "attending" the leadership conference via Zoom. The cost is \$20.00. The District Governor's goal this year is for each chapter to visit 12 other Chapter meetings to see what other chapters are doing. We only need two Lioness to attend each visit to get credit for our club. Please contact Jayne to get additional information or to let her know that you will "attend" one of the meetings.
- **School Supply Drive:** we will continue to accept donations for school supplies. Please mail checks to Claudia Low, checks should be made payable to the Lioness Foundation. We are going to check with the schools at the beginning of 2021 to see if we can be of help.

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The Insider's View (Cont'd)

- **Ice Cream Social for Child Help:** Jayne will be in touch with her contact at Child Help to see how things are going with the pandemic. It is our recommendation that we not send our entire team there, only a couple of people if we decide to go forward with the event. It was also decided that we would only provide bar desserts, not the normal sundaes. Jayne will keep us posted to see if we will go forward with the event.
- **Lions Eye Institute Foundation Grant** – there is grant money available. We would like to contact the LOW Lions to see if they would like to join/co-sponsor a letter to the Locust Grove Schools to determine what types of needs there are in our community to help those students that are visually challenged. The money can be used for testing, equipment and scholarships. Details to follow.
- **Halloween Family Scavenger Hunt:** Plans are just forming. The committee met on Wednesday and the following are the plans they have so far:
 1. 1st thing - we must get in touch with LOW GM Phil Rodenberg to see if we have permission to have a Scavenger Hunt. Then we have to check with security to see what we have to do to keep everyone safe.
 2. Date: Saturday, October 31, 2:30pm – 4:30pm, rain date, Sunday, November 1.
 3. The cost will be: \$10.00 per car.
 4. The scavenger hunt will start at: Hollyfield Pavilion and Sweetbriar Pavilion.
 5. The committee will develop a list of 15-20 clues where attendees can find goodies. Each team must collect at least 10 to qualify for one of three prizes. They would like to have Lioness be at each one of the collections points, dressed in costume to make sure that all goes well. We are also asking if your husbands would help at each collection point just to make sure that we don't have any trouble with potential teens stopping by.
 6. The committee will ask Lynne Travis prepare a flyer for the LOWDOWN, Lake Currents and Facebook. We will also need an article for all three means of communication.
 7. Goodie bags will be given to each of the children that participate.
 8. They are thinking of having a "virtual sign up" for the event asking attendees to send a check made payable to the LOW Lioness Foundation for the fee.
 9. The committee is asking if any Lioness have Halloween decorations that they can donate to be used at the starting points and at the sites would be very helpful.
- **White House Ornaments** – Due to health reasons, Mary Szadvari will not be able to chair the project this year, Darcy Jennings and Kathy Merritt has stepped up to co-chair. They are still working on the details and will have an article and publicity in LOWDOWN, Lake Currents and Facebook. They will ask Lynne Travis to create a flyer. Due to the increase in price we will not be ordering as many ornaments as last year.
- **Dave's Coffee Cakes**, <https://www.davescoffeecake.com>. As a fund raiser, your orders can be placed on line and delivered in time for Christmas. The cost of the cakes are \$16.00 and up. The Lioness will receive a profit of \$4.00 for each cake.

MEMBERSHIP: Donalda Lovelace and Mary Simmons•

- The following individuals will be joining the LOW Lioness Lions on Thursday, September 10.
Mary Anne Bolger, sponsored by Colleen Cameron.
Marty (Margaret) Legge, sponsored by Gail Stoner.
Donalda and Mary will be meeting with the new inductees on September 3 at Donalda's home to go over the history of our club and all the opportunities that being a Lioness gives you.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Claudia Low - School Supply Drive Update** – the school supply drive was a tremendous success this year. With the support of the LOW Lioness, LOW Lions, LOW AARP Chapter 5239 and many community members we were able to collect \$2,985. I even received another \$100 check in the mail yesterday for a grand total so far: \$3,085. We were able to provide so many needed items for the children. Please see detailed information in an article in the September issue of LOWDOWN. Thanks everyone.

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There being no further business to come before the LOW Lioness Lions Board of Directors at this time, the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Please be safe and stay healthy.
Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Low
Secretary

The President's Corner (Cont'd)

The Clubhouse delivered tasty Greek wraps in 4 varieties for dinner and Linda Shnayer and Mary Simmons had Dave's Coffee Cakes for everyone to sample. Selling Dave's coffee cakes online will be a fundraiser this fall. Details are forthcoming.

Gail Stoner received the President's Service Award presented by Linda Shnayer. Gail is certainly deserving of this for all of the service she provides to our club. See the accompanying article. Congratulations to Gail.

Both the school supply drive and the yard sale held this month, were huge successes. A huge shout-out to both committee members. There are more detailed articles within this issue. If anyone wants to still contribute to the supplies drive, please make your check out to LOW Lioness Foundation and mail to Claudia low at 116 Eagle Court. We will be contacting the schools in January to see what else they need with the leftover funds.

The September 10 members meeting will meet at the Hollyfield Pavilion (Sweetbriar was already booked) beginning at 5:30. We will have an induction at this meeting, so there will not be a speaker. See article for meal choices.

**September 10 Members Meeting
Hollyfield Pavilion at 5:30
NO ZOOM
Boxed sandwiches from the clubhouse (preorder through the tamers)
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September 10th Lioness Meeting—Dinner By Lionesses Rani Manhard and Ann Wood

The September 10th meeting will take place at Hollyfield Pavilion beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The clubhouse is delivering us boxed Freshly Baked Croissant Sandwiches in your choice of

1. Chicken Salad
2. Shrimp Salad
3. Tuna Salad
4. Portabella Mushroom

The box will also include Potato Chips, Cole Slaw, and Chocolate Chip Cookies.

The cost is \$14.15, check only, made out to LOW Lioness—**NO CASH**. **Please provide your menu choice to Ann Wood (972-3326) or Rani Manhard (972-7859) by September 6th.** If you order a box and do not show up, you will still be required to pay for it.

Bottled water will be provided. This is a BYOB if you would like to bring wine—please be sure to bring your own cup.

In order to maintain social distancing for the protection of everyone, please pick up your sandwich and beverage **after the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation**, and leave your check in the collection box. There will be lists by each sandwich type for who ordered which sandwich. If you do not feel safe sitting at one of the picnic tables, please bring a folding chair to sit on the outside of the pavilion.

Yard Sale

By Lionesses Gail Stoner and Helene Burns

We are so pleased to announce that the Lioness yard sale, held on August 15 at the Sweetbriar Pavilion, was a great success. The weather cooperated although there was some rain earlier. Community participation was wonderful and everyone seemed happy to be out.

Many thanks to the volunteers who provided the publicity, transported the treasures, unpacked, priced the items and helped customers. Several husbands also offered assistance. We couldn't have done it without all of you!

The Lions took all the items that were left at the end of the sale. And we are happy to announce that Helene's garage is now empty!



2019-2020 President's Appreciation Award Recipient

By Lioness Past President Linda Shnayer,

A Lake of the Woods Lioness Lion since 2015, Gail Stoner's contributions to club and community are the personification of "We Serve".

The "go to" when help is needed for any Club project, Gail gives freely of her time and many talents. You name it, she has done it, serving as a LOW Lioness Lion, Board member, Committee Chair and member, and community services and fundraiser. In so many ways, Gail's contributions exemplify the tenets of our President's Appreciation Award as she has consistently helped us grow stronger, deliver more services, and enhance our image. I am proud to select her as the 2019-2020 President's Appreciation Award recipient.

Her high energy and drive are tempered by a soft southern drawl and a ready laugh. Whether she is washing eyeglasses for recycling, modeling fashions for the card party, manning bingo for the Germanna Heights luncheons and picnics, assembling props for the sock hop, marking "treasures" for a Christkindlemart sale or managing vendors for the Craft Show--she makes it all fun.

Beneath a charming exterior beats the heart of a real sales pro. That soft southern drawl and engaging persona has sold a lot of sponsorships to benefit a lot of Club activities; just look at her track record with golf tournament sponsorships and vendor spaces. No matter the task, Gail completes it successfully with commitment, attention to detail, and most of all a SMILE.

When she is not lending her many skills, high energy and zest for life to Club activities she can be found enjoying time with family (especially her beloved grandson Alex), kayaking on the big Lake or enjoying a taste of chocolate or "spirits".

Please join me in congratulating Lioness Lion Gail Stoner, the 2019-2020 President's Appreciation Award recipient.



Halloween Family Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, October 31, 2:30-4:30 pm
Raindate: Sunday, November 1, same time
Admission Fundraiser \$10/car/family
Check in: Sweetbriar or Hollyfield Park



By Lioness Carleen Delio & Committee

Because Trick or Treating cannot be offered at the Point this year, Lioness has come up with a fun alternative for families, with *social distancing* as an important priority. Two check-in/check-out points are available so there will be plenty of places to park and, an open time slot for families to participate. With distancing among family groups and a flexible time slot, families should sign in, get their instruction sheet, and a brown paper bag for each child. From there it's up to each group to follow the clues for "the hunt" and collect objects, treasures and tokens, proving they have been to the sites on their list.

The Scavenger Hunt has different considerations because of COVID. Our goal is to offer a fun afternoon activity under safe conditions. ALL will be asked to wear masks when checking in or out, and children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.

There will be many opportunities for Lionesses to help with this event, and more information will be forthcoming as details are finalized.

Lioness Annual School Supply Drive Update

By Lioness Claudia Low

Hello Everyone,

First off I would like to thank the Lioness School Supply Drive Committee, Jayne Owiesny, Barbara Francis, Nan Lamb and Margaret Haight for all your help with the drive this year.

The school supply drive has been so different, but very successful this year. With so many different requirements, I started off by asking Jayne if I could contact the LOW Lions Club and the LOW AARP Chapter to see if they would help in providing a donation so that we could provide PPE Masks, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes for the schools. They both agreed and sent generous donations so that we could purchase those supplies. Secondly, we were blessed to receive a grant from Dave and Barbara Francis that we used to purchase needed mental health supplies, large easel pads so that they could write stories and then place them on the wall, Silly Putty, Fidget Hand Spinners, Second Step Puppy & Snail Puppets and Second Step Be-Calm Bunnies that the younger children may need to deal with the added stress. These items are ADHD compliant and were recommendations from the Orange County Curriculum Department. We received a list of needed supplies from the school for use in both the classroom and at home. No backpacks or frills this year, just the standard school supplies were requested. We also purchased several outfits for the younger children just in case of accidents in the classroom, i.e., sweatpants, t-shirts, sock and undies. We will also be making a donation to Orange Country Nutrition Department to be used at the Locust Grove Primary and Locust Grove Elementary school cafeterias to help offset the Cafeteria Balances. We wanted to make sure that all children receive a proper lunch.

Since this will be my last year as Chair of the School Supply Drive, I would like to thank everyone who has made a donation of school supplies or money, helped with the shopping, organizing the supplies around my dining room table, packing up the backpacks, loading my car and helping deliver our donations to the primary and elementary schools on behalf of the LOW Lioness. It has been an honor to have chaired this project and to have represented the LOW Lioness.

Thanks again everyone and have a great rest of the year and stay safe.

Claudia

August Speaker

By Lioness Theresa DiCicco



Our August speaker was Charles Brewer who gave a very interesting talk on the history of the area, especially the gold that was found here.

Here is an update on our service dog Wylie and his mom of 10, Holly. Seems like Wylie is well on his way to do a great job.

Where are we with Holly's 10?

We have been in the training center for a month and a half. The dogs were glad to be back to work, earning treats, and playing together. Since early June, we have had two transfer camps and placed three dogs. With social distancing in place, we are holding multiple trainings rather than one or two larger trainings. The dogs did not lose too much ground after nearly four months away from the training center and picked up right where they left off. In fact, some gained a bit of maturity so that training has been progressing smoothly. This will allow quite a few placements before the group is two years old with several more soon after. We have been holding some "meet the dogs" sessions with clients since quite a few of these dogs are incredibly versatile and could do several different jobs. It is always beneficial if a dog and client have a particular affinity for one another.



Wylie











Wylie is a gentle, loving dog who is potentially matched to a child though she is a dog that could work for anyone. She is still learning her advanced cues as her trainer is new and is also learning. An easy dog to live with, she's not demanding, but is ready to go when called to action. Wylie is a "velcro dog" in that she forms a really strong bond with people and has great focus. She loves the cue "lap" where she rests her chin on your leg. She loves training and becomes frustrated when she has to wait for her turn. Her biggest challenge is ignoring good smells but she is working hard on that!

Puzzle/CD Exchange—October Meeting











By Lioness Theresa DiCicco

At our October 8th meeting there will be a puzzle and movie (CD) exchange – bring a puzzle/movie – get a puzzle/movie. Go through your puzzles and movies (CD) that you have been hanging on to and see which ones you want to part with – it will be a fun activity!






Lioness Lions Committees & Activities

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Mondays—Eyeglass Recycling*
 Sept 4— Wilderness Food Pantry
 Sept 9—Wilderness Food Pantry
 Sept 10—Dinner Meeting
 Sept 18—Wilderness Food Pantry
 Sept 24—Board Meeting
 Sept 26—Book Sale
 Sept 26—Wilderness Food Pantry

October 2020						
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Mondays—Eyeglass Recycling*
 Oct 2— Wilderness Food Pantry
 Oct 8— Dinner Meeting
 Oct 14—Wilderness Food Pantry
 Oct 22—Board Meeting
 Oct 23—Wilderness Food Pantry
 Oct 31—Halloween Family Scavenger Hunt
 Oct 31—Book Sale
 Oct 31—Wilderness Food Pantry

November 2020						
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Mondays—Eyeglass Recycling*
 Nov 6— Wilderness Food Pantry
 Nov 11—Wilderness Food Pantry
 Nov 12—Dinner Meeting
 Nov 20—Wilderness Food Pantry
 Nov 28—Book Sale
 Nov 28—Wilderness Food Pantry

*May not be held due to COVID-19

Volunteer & Information POCs for Above Lioness Events

Eyeglass Recycling—Nancy Strain, 972-7141

Wilderness Food Pantry—Nicki Buell, 412-0104 or Karen Cakouros, 972-9043

Book Sale—Helene Burns, 412-0798, Sherri Lasover, 412-9854, and Ann Walker, 972-4338

Halloween Family Scavenger Hunt—Carleen Delio, 412-9608, 740-4198

From the Tamers

By Rani Manhard and Ann Wood

The Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club September 10th Dinner meeting will be held at the Hollyfield Pavilion at 5:30 p.m. The clubhouse is delivering boxed meals, and the price is \$14.15 (Checks ONLY—made out to LOW Lioness. NO CASH

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Rani Manhard (540-972-7859) Email: ranilow@verizon.net
Ann Wood (540-972-3326) Email: callwood@aol.com

Dinner

Delivered by Clubhouse
Freshly Baked Crois-
sant Sandwich
Potato Chips
Cole Slaw
Chocolate Chip Cookies

See additional info—
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OUT OF RESPECT AND COURTESY TO ALL, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM TALKING WHEN ANY-ONE IS AT THE PODIUM, ESPECIALLY OUR GUEST SPEAKER.

Twister's Corner

By Lioness Lion Colleen Cameron

In September we start in Summer and end in Fall! The name September was originally for the ninth of 10 months in the Roman calendar.

While we have Labor Day on the first Monday of September, you may want to celebrate Cheese Pizza Day on September 5, September 13 is Positive Thinking Day, and September 27th is Crush A Can Day. Something for everyone!

LOW Lioness Lions 2020-2021 Calendar

Sept 10 Dinner Meeting
Sept 24 BOD Meeting
Sept 26 Book Sale
Oct 31 Halloween Family Scavenger Hunt

Happy Birthday Lioness Lions

Sept 8 Ellen Bearden
Sept 9 Melissa Daly
Sept 9 Emily Florence
Sept 9 Nan Lamb
Sept 10 Janite Hamilton
Sept 14 Ann Wood
Sept 17 Hilda Valenta-Seary

Sept 18 Mary Altman
Sept 18 Donalda Lovelace
Sept 19 Betty Beck
Sept 19 Bonita Doubleday
Sept 25 Nancy Fogg
Sept 28 Mary Szadvari

From the Editor

By Lioness Lions Gail Hardin
Editor, Lioness Lions LOW DOWN

Please get information and articles for the October LOW DOWN to me by September 27th or as soon thereafter as possible. The newsletter will be distributed on or about October 1. Forward them by email at the address below, or call me if you don't have access to email..

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