

LAKE OF THE WOODS LIONESS LIONS

LOW DOWN



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President's Corner

By Lioness Lion Kathy Merritt, LOW Lioness Lions President

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President's Letter

By Kathy Merritt President LOW Lioness Lions

August Greetings!

Summertime continues to be upon us! And as our days stretch longer, the sun shines brighter and hotter, we're celebrating the warmth and fun of the summer season. Summer is definitely here – hot humid days and droopy flowers! When Geraniums begin to droop and show the heat, you know we are having very hot summer days! In spite of the hot weather, families and friends are still celebrating reunions after the year-plus separations due to Covid-19. We are happily getting back to normal living!



We are delighted with the increased interest in joining LOW Lioness with the large number of guests welcomed at our July 8th meeting. Also, we welcome Susan DeMailo back as a member, and there will be three new members inducted this month.

A big "THANK YOU" to Teresa Wisniewski and Judy Ludvigsen, Co-Chairs for the School Supplies' Drive and their Team for a phenomenal and successful fundraiser. Collecting items at LOW Main Gate Entrance on two VERY HOT Saturdays, the outcome was remarkable with both supplies and cash donations. Thank you, ladies, for your perseverance in spite of the heat.



President's Letter (Continued)

Monday Eyeglass Recycling is off with a big bang as several members have started up again to assist in the process of preparing the eyeglasses for donating through the LOW Lions. Thank you Ladies.

Fundraisers--

- The fundraiser at Graze Steakhouse was well attended with a total of \$283.18 raised for our Club. Thank you to all who participated.
- The Card Party & Fashion Show (September 17th, 9 am-3 pm) is well into the planning with several interesting items for the Silent Auction, Gift Baskets, Door Prizes and the presentation of the latest fashions from J.Jill Clothing. The Card Party Chairs (Barbara Tomayko & Anne LeHuray) will welcome additional volunteers for the day-of-event needs. Look for more information and details regarding reservations and pricing in the upcoming emails, flyers and articles in the Lake Currents.
- S.A.F.E. House – Reminder that collection is in September – See more information and list of items needed in this issue of the Lowdown.
- Confirming that the Scavenger Hunt has been canceled and we will be participating in Halloween on the Point.

Our next meeting is August 12th. Reminder -- if you are unable to attend, please advise the Tamers, Ann Wood and Rani Manhard (contact information in this issue) by the Sunday before the meeting as you will be charged for a "no show."

Get ready for our next meeting as our Guests will be "dancing" in the aisles!

My best wishes for a pleasant, and not too hot, August!

AUGUST MEETING GUEST

Joel Webber of FXBG Swing and his partner will be our guest to do a wonderful demo of the swing dance and talk about the benefits of dance to us as we age. He will show us easy basic steps to more fun and complex moves. He has been teaching in Fredericksburg for many years.

Theresa Diccicco



Andy and I send our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the Lionesses who have been so kind and patient with me during the last few months of my mother's illness, her death, and my being busy with estate trustee duties.

Thank you for the Mass cards, flowers, cards and letters of condolence, which mean a lot to us.

With sincere gratitude,
Diane J. Pittman

**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
July 23, 2021
BOD Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm on Thursday, July 22, 2021 by President, Kathy Merritt. The following board members were present: President Kathy Merritt, Secretary Gina Davies, Treasurers Loretta LaTerra and Diane Pittman, 1st Vice President Nicki Buell, 2nd Vice President Gail Hardin and 3rd Vice President Darcy Jennings, Tamers Ann Wood and Rani Manhard, Tail Twister Colleen Cameron, Membership Directors Donalda Lovelace and Jan Stockman, Directors Gail Stoner and Barbara Francis and Immediate Past President Jayne Owiesny.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the June 24, 2021 BOD meeting, which were previously distributed were approved. Motion made by Barbara Francis and seconded by Donalda Lovelace.

Committee Chairpersons monthly reports: Volunteer activities are reported monthly to Lions Clubs International. They keep track of volunteer hours, persons impacted, donations/money raised and type of activity. This information is inputted electronically by the club secretary each month.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Loretta LaTerra

Foundation report :

- \$1,622.00 in school supplies donations so far; another collection on 7/24/21.
- \$21.00 for last year's Christmas ornament
- Graze Steakhouse fundraiser: \$283.18
- Food Pantry Golf Hole donation: -\$100.00
- LOW Fire and Rescue donation: -\$2,000.00
- Total in account: \$36,392.85
- Garden Club Clubhouse Garden: motion to contribute \$200.00 was made by Loretta LaTerra and seconded by Diane Pittman. Motion passed.
- Golf Tournament for the Orange County Clinic: motion to contribute \$100.00 towards the Free Clinic Golf Tournament was made by Loretta La Terra and seconded by Darcy Jennings. Motion not passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Diane Pittman

- Administrative report:
- Paid dues to LCI for 85 members and 2 members at large.
- Birthday flowers and new member pins were the only expenses this month
- \$14,714.25 in account

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Kathy Merritt

- Questions about Standard Constitution and Bylaws: Donalda Lovelace will check to make sure our constitution and bylaws are up to date. Once okayed, the pages will be scanned so that we will have an electronic copy for any new or returning member who wants a copy.
- Sock Hop: Bill Feterle and Sherri Lasover have agreed to perform. **We are in need of a Chairperson for this event.**
- Food Bank Collections: Chair - Mary Tait
- Eyeglass Recycling: 8 ladies at last session, Ron will be instructing new people.

- Ads for Directory: Chair - Roselynn Edwards has already secured some new ads, the directory should be ready by September.
- Scavenger Hunt - canceled because LOW is having Halloween on the Point again this year.

1 ST VICE PRESIDENT: Nicki Buell

- Items for the silent auction held during the Card Party/Fashion Show have already been secured.
- Denise Russell is handling the breakfast snacks for the card party.
- Barbara Tomayko and Anne LeHuray are chairing the card party and fashion show.

2 ND VICE PRESIDENT: Gail Hardin

- SAFE House collection will be held at the September dinner meeting. Watch the LOWDOWN for a list of needed items
- School Supply Collections: It was suggested that monetary donations collected should be used by the school to buy snacks for the children who cannot afford them. As of now, teachers are buying the snacks with their own money.
- Monthly collections for 2021-2022: Gail Hardin asked if we should have specific months for specific collections such as Food Pantry items, school supply items, etc. at the Dinner meetings. After some discussion it was decided that it might change year to year and we could be flexible.

3 RD VICE PRESIDENT: Darcy Jennings

- Raffle baskets: Items are still needed - suggested basket themes - Italian, Nautical/Lake, Fall, Chocolate, Cats, Golf, Cards/Games, Spa and Christmas. Items must be new and can be brought to the August Dinner Meeting or dropped off at Darcy Jennings's porch. If left on the porch, (419 Wilderness Dr.) make sure you write Lioness on your bag since she is helping other groups as well.

DIRECTOR: Gail Stoner

- Christkindlmarkt is December 4th at the Community Center. We will have somewhere to hold items within the next few weeks.
- It was suggested that the Yard Sale take place April 23rd, 2022 at the Sweetbriar Pavilion since this is a less busy time of year and we will have a place to hold items until then. Helene Burns is also able to sell any items that the members want to donate through Facebook Marketplace. These items are usually higher priced than yard sale items but you can check with Helene about your items.

DIRECTOR: Barbara Francis

- Orange County Toy Drive - Lioness is planning to help with this activity again this year. Barbara is working with the Clubhouse to see who will be advertising, collecting, delivering, etc.

MEMBERSHIP: Donalda Lovelace and Jan Stockman.

- There will be three new members inducted at the August meeting: Mary Tait (sponsor - Donna Morrissey), Laura Saadthoff (sponsor - Helene Burns), Denise Russell (sponsor - Rani Manhard)
- Resignation from Diane Sellers was accepted with regret. Motion by Jan Stockman, second by Jayne Owiesny. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the LOW Lioness Lions Board of Directors at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. Motion made by Darcy Jennings and seconded by Donalda Lovelace.

Respectfully submitted, Gina Davies, Secretary



PRESIDENT'S APPRECIATION AWARD

A Lake of the Woods Lioness Lion since 2013, Linda Shnayer's contributions to club and community are the personification of "We Serve".

To quote Alfred Hitchcock "ideas come from everything." Linda Shnayer embodies this concept. Always on the lookout for new ways to enhance club resources, Linda has been the "Idea Lady" for Club fundraising. Her fundraising ideas and initiatives have been creative and consistent throughout her club tenure whether she was serving as a co-chair of programs, co-chair of the yard sale, parade chair, club secretary, 1st vice president or as our two-term president.



Linda has presented several great ideas to raise money. Whether it was drafting Earl to cook smoked BBQ to replace the standard hot dogs we sold at the Spring Craft Fair and significantly increasing our income from that event, or designing the Sock Hop, a new fundraiser that was a rousing success, her ideas have consistently increased club revenue.,

When the pandemic shut down most of our fundraising events, Linda pulled out her sewing machine, crafted hundreds of unique masks and donated them to the club to sell. Mask sales were a big success and provided club income during a challenging time for fundraising efforts. Linda's ideas, enthusiasm and hard work significantly enhanced our fund-raising activities and increased our coffers enabling us to continue supporting many worthwhile projects.

I am proud to select her as the 2020-2021 President's Appreciation Award recipient. When she is not lending her many skills, ideas, and zest for life to Club activities she can be found enjoying Hand & Foot card games, hitting the slots, working on new craft projects, meeting up with friends old and new, exploring new restaurants in the area, and partaking of great wines.

Please join me in congratulating Lioness Lion Linda Shnayer,
the 2021-2022 President's Appreciation Award recipient.

Jayne Oweisny
Past President

Lioness Lions Committees & Activities



REMINDER: Bring your new items to the next Lioness Meeting, to help fill the **raffle baskets** for the **Card Party**.

We have started the following baskets:

- Italian (which needs some food items to go with Loretta's fresh bread)
- Nautical
- Tea Time
- Cheese (Which needs some wine)
- Christmas
- Cat's Meow
- Breakfast (food items, and other delights)

Any other items are welcome to start new theme baskets, and WINE works in any basket

You can always leave items on Darcy's porch at 419 Wilderness Drive

PLEASE MARK your items for LIONESS CARD PARTY—Darcy collects for other

Thanks.

Julie, Darcy and Arlene



Val Provita is the SAFE HOUSE chair person. Diane Ogranovitch, her co-chair will be collecting in September while Val is out of town.

- Items needed include women's personal care products (shampoo, soap, lotions, brushes, etc.)
- Cleaning products and paper products, trash bags, laundry detergent etc., are very helpful
- Any cash or check donations are spent on needed things for the two houses they support
- Diane will be collecting at the Lioness September meeting

Sock Hop
2022

**We need a CHAIRPERSON for
this committee!**

Eyeglass Recycling
needs people every
Monday morning



Lioness Lions Committees & Activities



FOOD PANTRY: Volunteers Judy Johnson & Bernice Payton received a Certificate of Appreciation for their tireless, hard work at the Wilderness Food Pantry.

Judy Johnson and Bernice Payton have provided many years of service to the Lions Wilderness Food Pantry. They give countless hours of their time and energy to make the Pantry a better place for the community. Pictured with Nicki Buell & Karen Cakouras.

MEMBERSHIP: We were thrilled to have so many guests/prospective new members at the July dinner meeting.

Welcome Back Susan De Mailo!

Returning Lioness Susan DeMailo left Lake of the Woods to assist with a family member in West Virginia. Once that was accomplished, she and her husband Phil returned to the Lake of the Woods and, luckily for the Lionesses, she is also returning to the LOW Lioness Lions Club. Susan was inducted back into the Lionesses at the July Lioness Dinner.



Lioness Julie Phend & Heather Sosnowsky



Lioness Marti Legge & Ellen Eufumia



Benita Forrest, Lioness Kathy Merritt & Heidi Brown



Lioness Helene Burns & Laura Saathoff



Lioness Rani Manhard & Denise Russell



Lioness Colleen Cameron & Denise Wright



Trinity Senior Village, 3017 Somerville Rd, Locust Grove, VA 22508, 540-779-0779

Shred It Event

Please join us - mark your calendar for Shred It!.

We'd love to have you. Got papers to shred? Want to live generously in your community? Please join Thrivent professionals Vicki Thorpe and Gretchen Franti at **Trinity Senior Village** for a free opportunity to shred your documents and support your local food pantries. We are encouraging non-perishable food donations for the Wilderness Food Pantry. Feel free to invite anyone you think may be interested in this event. Drop by at your convenience.



Event Details:

Friday, August 6, 2021, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Trinity Senior Village
3017 Somerville Rd
Locust Grove, VA

Please visit Trinity's website for more info about their facility at:

www.trinityseniorvillage.com



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From the Tamers

By Rani Manhard and Ann Wood

The Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club August 12 Dinner meeting will be held at the Clubhouse with a 5:15 p.m. social gathering followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please remember to call or email the Tamers by Monday, August 9, if you are not attending or need a special meal. Dinner will be buffet style. A no-call or no-show will cost you \$20.00 if you are unable to attend this meeting,

NOTICE: We RSVP E-mails & phone calls. If you can't attend, you may have your meal picked up—contact Tamers only. Please DO NOT contact the Clubhouse. Also, if you are bringing a guest, please call the Tamers.

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

Dinner
Caesar Salad
Corn bread muffins

Fried golden brown
beer battered Cod

Hush puppies
Cole Slaw
Green Beans with
red peppers

Cherry Pie
Coffee & Tea

OUT OF RESPECT AND COURTESY TO ALL, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM TALKING WHEN ANYONE IS AT THE PODIUM, ESPECIALLY OUR GUEST SPEAKER.

In consideration of others at our dinner meetings, you are asked to kindly refrain from beginning the salad until after the invocation and introduction of guests. Thank you.

Twister's Corner

By Lioness Lion Colleen Cameron

I look at the National Weather Service app everyday. First for the weather, but then for the Corona Virus numbers. I find it comforting to know in the past 6 weeks there have only been 2 new cases in Orange County!

But there are also good days to celebrate in August. August 10 is Lazy Day and National S'mores day. Not to be out done, August 12 is World Elephant Day. One of my favorites is August 16, National Tell A Joke Day. We finish up the month with August 31 being National Eat Outside Day.

Colleen Cameron

WHAT DO YOU CALL AN
ALLIGATOR IN A VEST?



AN INVESTIGATOR.

LOW Lioness Lions 2021-2022 Calendar

Aug 12 Dinner Meeting
Aug 26 BOD Meeting
Aug 28 Book Sale

Happy Birthday Lioness Lions

Month	Name	Month	Name
August 6	Carleen Delio	August 7	Diane Pittman
August 14	Jean Ann Daniels	August 14	Judy Ludvigsen
August 18	Emily Slunt		

From the Editor

By Lioness Lions Vicky Shew
Editor, Lioness Lions LOW DOWN

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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

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Eyeglass Recycle	3	4	5	6 Food Pantry 9-12 am	7
8	9 Eyeglass Recycle	10	11	12 Dinner Meeting	13 Food Pantry 9-12 am	14
15	16 Eyeglass Recycle	17	18	19	20 Food Pantry 9-12 am	21
22	23 Eyeglass Recycle	24	25	26 Board Meeting	27	28 Food Pantry 9-12 am
29	30 Eyeglass Recycle	31				

September 2021

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5	6 Eyeglass Recycle	7	8	9 Dinner Meeting	10 Food Pantry 9-12 am	11
12	13 Eyeglass Recycle	14	15	16	17 Card Party 9-3 Food Pantry 9-12 am	18
19	20 Eyeglass Recycle	21	22	23 Board Meeting	24	25 Food Pantry 9-12 am
26	27 Eyeglass Recycle	28	29	30		