

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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Why December is the best month of the year!

December often marks the beginning of rain, snow, and cold weather. In the United States the month is associated with Hanukkah and Christmas Holidays. ... The first day of Winter is on either December 21 or 22. This is the shortest day of the year and the longest night.

It's full of colors, celebrations, songs, presents, decorations; happiness is simply flying in the air. December is the month that bring the Holidays home, and the Holidays brings families together. Even if you don't celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah, no one is immune to the infectious positive vibes.



We tend to take things for granted because we are all imperfect -- we are only human. We need a reminder from time to time to pause and count our blessings. December provides us with this opportunity, a chance to remember how incredibly fortunate we are to have those we love around us during the holidays. Make sure they're feeling the love that the season brings too! It is a month of giving and giving doesn't always mean material objects. Spread your love.

And here comes the best trait about December, you're only a few weeks away from a fresh start. People always talk about second chances, new beginnings, since all they have to do is look at the calendar. Why waste our time blue sky thinking about what if we can start all over again though December is making that possible for us? The month encourages us to take advantage of it, to use it as an opportunity to plan out a better tomorrow, to map out a more successful year, and when we do so, we feel ready to cross that line between the ending and the beginning of a new year

REMINDER:

Bring your new Lioness Club pin to our November meeting. Theresa DiCicco will meet you, with her drill, at about 5:15 in the office area of the dining room to make a hole in your name tag for that new pin.



President's Letter (Continued)



VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL THOSE WHO SERVED

Our November Meeting was special in that it was also Veterans' Day. We honored four Members of our Club who are Veterans, **Heidi Brown (Army)**, **Donna Morissey (Navy)**, **Laura Saathoff (Army)** and **Vicky Shew (Navy)**. Again, thank you for your service and for being a part of our Membership.



Thank you all for the contributions for the Potato Drive for the Thanksgiving Baskets. The response was very generous and most successful. Further regarding contributions, BOD voted for the LOW Lioness Club to contribute \$250 to assist a Locust Grove resident to secure hearing aids. This is being carried out in cooperation with the Virginia Lions Hearing Aid Bank Foundation (District 24-L).

From the looks of the Toy Box collection stations, it appears to be a successful response.



Clubhouse collection box



Licata Group collection box

President's Letter (Continued)

It was a pleasure to have two visiting members from the LOW Lions Club, Allison Merrill and Candy Hovanetz.



Sherri Lasover and her daughter Wendy Weatherholtz entertained us with their hilarious beauty "makeover" skit. Thanks Sherri and Wendy for a fun evening.

Don't miss the Holiday Sing-A-Long scheduled for our December Holiday Meeting. Be sure to let the Tamers know if you cannot make the December Meeting. **Remember that there will be no January Dinner Meeting**, so the next time we will meet after the December meeting will be February 10, 2022.

Mark your calendars! Start thinking **2022** for the upcoming **Mardi Gras Dinner Dance on March 5**, **The Spring Yard Sale on April 23** and **The Sock Hop on May 14**.

Wishing you a Wonderful Christmas and Holiday Season along with a Happy and Healthy New Year.

My best,

Kathy

It is suggested that we wear masks (vaccinated and nonvaccinated) at least during our social hour to keep a somewhat safe environment for all.

Committees & Activities (continued)

Guests at the November Dinner Meeting



Claire Donahue, Kathy Merritt & Barbara Squires



New member Madelyn Smith & Gerri Colucci



Val Protiva and Diane Wiard

SHARE AND CARE is a way for our Lioness Club to let the members know when someone is ill, in the hospital or has had a death in the family.

The only way to let our members know is if you let me know by phone or email. I would appreciate your call or email so that I can get a message out right away. I will then send a card to them that is signed from The Lioness Lion Club.

Thank you so much for your help with this.

Carol Lee 540/972-8920 or carol.lee4@comcast.net



Lioness Lions Committees & Activities

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**THIS Saturday, December 4th, from 9:00am - 3:00pm
at the Community Center.**

An annual event held by the LOW Association, our Lioness Lions Club reserves several tables and sells gently used Christmas decorations to benefit our many community charities. Many other local vendors with beautiful arts and crafts as well as authors also participate in this festive event. It's lots of fun, helps get us into the Christmas spirit and it's perfect for some Christmas shopping!

Thank you so much to all of you who signed up to help set up, price and sell and store the decorations, and for all of your generous donations. We appreciate all you do to help make this a successful fundraiser.



We will accept donations of decorations at the Community Center from 5:00 -7:30pm on Friday evening and on Saturday morning December 4th from 8:00am- 10:00 am to allow time to price them. Thank you and we hope to see you there! If you have any questions: **Call Gail Stoner (540-207-9517) or Helene Burns at (540-412-0798)**

Volunteers Needed for Eyeglass Recycling

By Marian Rood

The **Eyeglass Recycling** committee needs a few volunteers to help wash and dry glasses on Monday mornings. We meet from 9:30 to 11:00 every Monday morning at the Tom Walker building (the same building where the book sale takes place). We wash, dry, and have good conversations. It is a great way to start the week and we usually finish the morning with a trip to Fareways! Also, you are not committed to come every Monday, just when it is convenient. Thank you.



BRIDGES

For those who selected a Bridges' client's name, please bring your **wrapped gifts to our December 9 dinner meeting.**

If you are not planning on attending the Dec. 9 meeting, **wrapped gifts may be dropped off at Mary Lou McFarland's home at 2001 Lakeview Parkway on or before Dec. 9.** A basket will be available outside.

Thank you to all who participated. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS

**We have a few left!
Priced at \$22.00, they are
going FAST. Please contact:**

**Darcy Jennings
703-772-2080**

or

**Kathy Merritt
540-538-6605**

Committees & Activities (continued)

THE FOOD PANTRY STILL NEEDS HELP!

We are still looking for some volunteers to pick up donated food at Food Lion **once a month** to deliver to the food pantry on route 20. It is a quick way to help and is much needed and appreciated.

It entails going to Food Lion between 8:30 and 9:00 AM, picking up the donated food, and delivering it to the pantry. This takes less than an hour. You will be scheduled once a month on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

I will furnish instructions and a key to the pantry.

Please call me at 540 972-9043 if interested.

Thank you

Karen Cakouros



MEMBERSHIP: A Big WELCOME to new Lionesses who were inducted at the November Meeting



Kathy Gillespie is originally from San Diego, CA, with many stops along the way. She has lived many different places until she landed in Lake of the Woods. Kathy's hobbies and interests include water aerobics, mahjongg, travel, poker, hanging out at the dog park, reading, crafts and sewing, and bowling. She has also been a volunteer and Board member for the Orange County Humane Society and has been involved with politics.

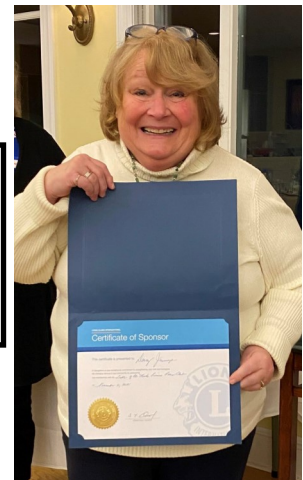


Madelyn Smith is both the newest and oldest member of our club. She turned 101 on November 28! Madelyn studied secretarial work and social work and has been employed by the University of Pittsburgh, American University, Howard University, and San Diego State University. Like Kathy, she was drawn to politics and helped get the first Black Board member elected to the San Diego School Board. A typical day for Madelyn might include her watching different TV news shows, doing the NY Times crossword puzzle, or chatting on Zoom with family and friends.



New Members Madelyn, sponsor (and daughter) Donald & Darcy & new member Kathy.

Darcy Jennings won a Certificate of Sponsor for sponsoring the most new Lioness Club members.





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October 18, 2021

Lake of the Woods
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Dear Lioness Club:

Thank you for your donation to Locust Grove Primary School. We appreciate your generosity. Your help allows us to make a difference in our student's education. Because of your donation we are able to provide needed items not always covered by our allotted budget.

Many of our students in need will benefit from the supplies and money that you so generously donate. We couldn't do it without your help!

Again, thank you for your contributions and commitment to our students.

Sincerely,

Lee Finger,

Principal

Locust Grove Primary School
540-661-4420

From the Tamers

By Rani Manhard and Ann Wood

The Lake of the Woods **Lioness Lions Club** December 9th, 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, December 6th, 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

DECEMBER DINNER MENU

Dinner

- * Garden Salad w/Ranch or Balsamic Dressing
- * Virginia Ham
- * Scalloped Potatoes
- * Sautéed Squash
- * Buttermilk Biscuits

Alternate Choice

- * Stuffed Zucchini served with mixed vegetables

Dessert

- * Apple Pie

**PLEASE REFRAIN FROM TALKING WHEN SOMEONE IS AT THE PODIUM,
ESPECIALLY OUR GUEST SPEAKER.**

Twister Corner

Here we are in the final month of 2021. This month we decorate, sing, gather with friends and family, and feel great cheer!

One of my favorites traditions is giving books on Christmas Eve. Then everyone finds a good, comfy spot, grabs a mug of hot chocolate, and reads for the evening.

A friend of mine and her husband go shopping at 6pm on Christmas Eve and each would buy as many gifts for the other for \$10 as they could find in an hour. They would meet at a designated restaurant at 7pm with their treasures. Whoever had managed to buy the most gifts with their \$10 would win, and the loser had to buy dinner.

The LOW Lioness/Lions wish you all a peaceful, joy filled holiday!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MONTH

December 6

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NAME

Karen Cakouros

Kathy Walters

MONTH

December 12

December 25

NAME

Mary Lou McFarland

Roselynn Edwards

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Combined Nov & Dec Board Meeting Community Ctr. 7:00 pm	3 Food Pantry 9-10:30 am Christkindlmarkt Set up 5-8 pm Community Ctr.	4 Christkindlmarkt 9-3 Community Ctr. Toy Box collecting ends
5	6 Eyeglass Recycle 9:30	7	8	9 Dinner Meeting 5:15 pm	10 OVERSTOCK FRIDAY Food Pantry 9-until gone	11
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January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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From the Editor

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Please submit information, articles and photographs for the LOW DOWN to Emily Florence no later than **Friday, December 27th**. The newsletter will be distributed on or about the first of the month. Forward your articles or information by email at the address below, or call Emily if you don't have access to email..

Email: Emily Florence at emilyjflorence@aol.com

REMINDER:

If you know of anyone not receiving the LOWDOWN please have them contact any one of us.

Vicky Shew
Emily Florence
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and Ann Walker, 972-4338