

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



Wishing you a colorful Autumn,

Autumn as defined by the Earth's orbit around the Sun, begins on the equinox which falls on September 22nd or 23rd. Thus, leading into the colorful month of October -- a mixed month of hot, but shorter, days and cooler nights, and the leaves begin to "fall." One of the most stunning signs of autumn is the turning of the leaves. The shorter days are a sign to trees to begin to prepare for winter.

September Dinner Meeting -- Special thanks to our Membership Chairs, Donalda Lovelace and Jan Stockman for overseeing the orientation of an unusually large group of inductees. Congratulations to MaryLou Ambrose, Heidi Brown, Benita Forrest, Toni Keating, Joan Litschert, Sue Power, Denise Russell, and Denise Wright. Welcome to our Lioness Family.



We welcomed special guest Rose Burrus, 1st VDG, who was very impressed by our membership and the social enthusiasm among our members.



Halloween on the Point
Please BRING A BAG OF HALLOWEEN CANDY to the October Meeting .WE NEED VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!



The Wilderness Food Pantry
will be collecting Thanksgiving CANNED GOOD ITEMS at our November 11th meeting.



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Lionesses sell gently used Christmas decorations and have a wonderful bake sale. We also need help during the sale. There will be sign-up sheets at the next Lioness meeting in November for volunteers!

President's Letter (Continued)

As I am sure you have heard by now, the Card Party and Luncheon-Fashion Show was a big successful and fun event. The Card Party Committee, chaired by Barbara Tomakyo and Anne LeHuray, are to be congratulated and commended for their work in raising a net of \$2,763. Thank you to Jan Lemieux for her leadership. Big thank you to Denise Russell for getting us started on the breakfast goodies. Last but not least, thank you to Susan Bergner, for a great job on taking the reservations.

It cannot go without recognizing the outstanding baskets by the committee headed by Darcy Jennings and the display of unique auction items acquired by the committee headed by Nicki Buell.



Thank you to Chairs Jonnie Feterle, Jan Stockman and the lovely models for the J.Jill Fashion Show



Moving on to our October 12th meeting, remember to dress in Halloween Fashion and be part of the costume party. You may win a prize!

Halloween on the Point -- It is requested to **BRING A BAG OF HALLOWEEN CANDY to the October Meeting** for Halloween on the Point which is scheduled for October 31st. Candy can also be dropped off at Darcy Jennings' house at 419 Wilderness Drive. Come join several of us to give out candy to the children. Set up is at 5:30 pm and parade to start at 6:00 pm. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!**

We have again joined the Lions on behalf of the Wilderness Food Pantry in a Winter Coat Drive during the month of October. Collection boxes have been placed throughout the Lake and nearby businesses. Distribution is scheduled for October 30th. See Flyer in this issue of the Lowdown. Thanks for helping.

Pick up the new Membership Directory at the October 14th Meeting.

Looking ahead, the Wilderness Food Pantry will be collecting Thanksgiving CANNED GOOD ITEMS at our November 11th meeting.

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

Looking forward to seeing you at our October Meeting!



LIVING INDEPENDENTLY IN OUR COMMUNITY

...enabling older adults to be healthy, happy and connected on their own terms as they age

Guest Speaker for October

Our guest speaker for the evening is John Beisheim, Vice President of LOWLINC. The primary focus of his presentation is as follows:

"LOWLINC's mission is to provide a wide range of services that enable older adults in the LOW community to remain independent and safe in their homes. The presentation will provide a brief description of LOWLINC's mission and history, and then focus on a description of its services and the value of its volunteers' services to its members, which is truly the value of volunteering."

We look forward to hearing from John and learning more about volunteer opportunities in our community.

**Lake of the Woods Lioness
Lions Club**

Post Office Box 811
Locust Grove, VA 22508

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

2021—2022 Board of Directors

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Colleen Cameron

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THE INSIDER'S VIEW

**Minutes from the
August 26, 2021
BOD Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm on Thursday, September 23, 2021 by President, Kathy Merritt. The following board members were present: President Kathy Merritt, Secretary Gina Davies, Treasurers Loretta LaTerra and Diane Pittman, 2nd Vice President Gail Hardin and 3rd Vice President Darcy Jennings, Tamers Ann Wood and Rani Manhard, Membership Director Jan Stockman, Director Barbara Francis.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Gina Davies

- A motion was made to approve the previously distributed minutes of the August 26, 2021 BOD meeting. Motion: Darcy Jennings
Second: Barbara Francis Motion adopted
- Committee Chairpersons August monthly reports: People served: 1,380; members involved: 119; hours volunteered: 446; Money raised and donated: \$772.00.
- Member transfer: The new club handles the transfer after we drop the member from our club.
- Award pins: Pins that signify sponsorship of new Lions are sent to the individual Lions Clubs by Lions Clubs International based on information in our club's portal.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Loretta LaTerra

- Foundation report: Our balance as of 9/23/21 is \$35,393.75. That includes the net profit of \$2,763.04 from the very successful Card Party and Fashion Show.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Diane Pittman

- Administrative report: Our balance as of 9/23/21 is \$18,218.71.
- After explanation and discussion, it was decided that the bill for the dinner meetings will be paid after the treasurer has seen and approved the paperwork.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Kathy Merritt

- Masks: It is suggested that all members (vaccinated or unvaccinated) wear masks at our indoor events to help keep us, our grandchildren, and other family members safe. Locust Grove is still in the high category for Covid cases.
- Transfer request: Cathy Hix sent a letter asking to be transferred to LOW Lions Club because of a monthly conflict with our meeting night. Kathy Merritt made the motion to accept her resignation and it was seconded by Diane Pittman. Gina Davies will drop Cathy Hix from our club and notify Glen Zimmerman, the secretary of the LOW Lions club.
- Tail Twister: Responsibilities and need for attendance of the Tail Twister position were reviewed.
- Sock Hop Update: Arlene Rich will chair this event.

- Winter Coat Drive: Jayne Owiesney, Nicki Buell and Kathy Merritt are helping the Lions with this drive. Boxes will be at Fareways, Holcomb Bldg, Clubhouse, the Licata Group office, and the Edward Jones office. We are collecting new and gently used, CLEAN sweaters, coats, hats, scarves, mittens and gloves. Sorting the clothing is scheduled for 10/27/21, and more volunteers are welcome. Distribution will be on 10/30/21.
- Golf Tournament: October 1, 2021. Many Lioness Lions have already signed up to volunteer at this event.
- Fundraisers: Some new ideas for fundraising have been suggested. "Junk in the Trunk" is a new take on a flea market event. Each participant fills their vehicle trunk with items that will become other people's treasures. All proceeds will go to LOW Lioness Lions Club for use in our community. This fundraiser will be further discussed by the co-chairs. A suggestion was made to use the Lower Level Clubhouse parking lot since it is more accessible than Sweetbriar. Kathy Merritt will check into this possibility.
- Directory: The new 2021-2022 directory should be ready by our October dinner meeting.
- Card Party update: Our first-time co-chairs, Barbara Tomayko and Anne LeHuray and many other Lioness Lions on the committee held a very successful event. The event raised \$2,763.04 for the community.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Gail Hardin

- LOWDOWN submissions: emilyjflorence@aol.com
- SAFE House donations: SAFE House was the recipient of a carload of donations along with a check for \$550.00. They appreciated the very generous response of LOW Lioness Lions.
- Miss Orange Scholarship Pageant: Nicki Buell and Teresa Wisniewski will co-chair the pageant which will take place some time in March 2022.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT: Darcy Jennings

- White House ornaments: LOW Lioness Lions will be selling White House Christmas ornaments again this year. Darcy Jennings and Kathy Merritt will co-chair this fundraiser. The price is \$22.00 per ornament. Spread the word!
- Halloween on the Point: Low Lioness Lions will have a table at the Halloween on the Point event on 10/31/21. Candy donations can be brought to the October dinner meeting or dropped off at Darcy Jennings' front porch (419 Wilderness Dr.)

TAMERS: Rani Manhard, Ann Wood

- The Tamers need a new, updated member list for dinner meetings. Gina Davies will make one for them.

DIRECTORS:

Gail Stoner

- A check is needed in the amount of \$150.00 to hold tables for Christkindlmarkt. (3 spaces X \$45.00 and 1 extra table X \$15.00) A motion was made to write the check for this event.

Motion: Gina Davies Second: Diane Pittman Motion adopted

Barbara Francis

- LOWA is in charge of the Orange County Toy Box drive. LOW Lioness Lions help with collections and advertising. Collection boxes will be at the Clubhouse, Fareways, The Licata Group office, and the Coldwell Banker office. New, unwrapped toys or checks made out to Orange County Toy Box are being collected between November 4th and December 3rd, 2021.

MEMBERSHIP: Jan Stockman

- Committee Report: Linda Corsones will be inducted at the October dinner meeting with approval of the BOD. Her sponsor is Darcy Jennings.

Motion: Jan Stockman Second: Darcy Jennings Motion adopted

There being no further business to come before the LOW Lioness Lions Board of Directors at this time, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Motion: Loretta Laterra Second: Barbara Francis Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Davies, Secretary

Lioness Lions Committees & Activities



2021 Winter Clothing Drive

Once again, the Lions Wilderness Food Pantry, sponsored by the Lake of the Woods Lions and Lioness Clubs, is collecting clean, gently used, or new warm items.

- COATS – SWEATERS – GLOVES – HATS
- CHILDREN'S COATS – HATS – GLOVES
(Children's Items Are Especially Needed)

DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021

COLLECTION DROP OFF STATIONS –

- *Lake of the Woods Club House
- *Fareways/Pro Shop entrance
- *Edward Jones Investment (Across from LOW Gate)
- *Lions Yard Sale (Saturdays 8:00 – 11:00; Velona Building)
- *Holcomb Building (Lower Level)
- *Licata Group Real Estate (Near CVS)

With your help, we hope to help as many needy families as we can. Volunteers will distribute the winter clothing on Saturday October 30th 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Lions Wilderness Food Pantry (located on State Road 20 in the Locust Grove Town Center).

For more information please call Bill Kay (860) 989-9441 or Nicki Buell (703) 217-5615.

Thank you in advance for your support!



Thursday November 4, - Friday, December 4, 2021

Collections coordinated by :



LOW LIONESS LIONS CLUB

RYAN RICHARDSON, MANAGER

Clubhouse

All donated toys will remain in Orange County and will be given to children in our area

Please drop off NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS at any of the following locations:

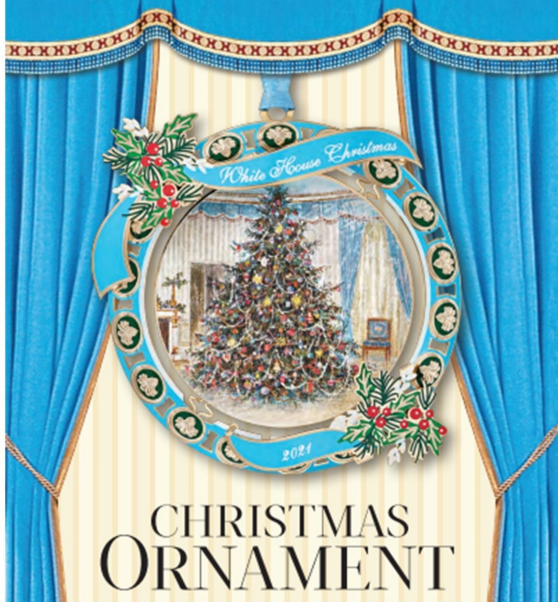
- LOW Clubhouse & Fareways Café
- LOW Lions Velona Building (Saturdays, Nov.6th - Dec 4th, 9:00-11:30 AM)
- LOW Lioness Book Sale, Ferris Building (November 27th, 8:30 AM -12:30 PM)
- The Licata Group, Attn: Pat Licata (Near CVS)
- Coldwell Banker Elite, Attn: Kathy Merritt (Across from LOW Front Entrance)

Monetary donations are accepted. Please make checks payable to:

Orange County Children's Toy Box, P.O Box 1117, Orange, VA 22960-0659

Or donate online at: occtoybox.org

The Lioness Lions Club is please to present
THE OFFICIAL 2021 WHITE HOUSE



CHRISTMAS
ORNAMENT

This beautiful ornament is \$22.00

Please contact: Darcy Jennings 703-772-2080
Kathy Merritt 540-538-6605

SAVE THE DATE!

Mardi Gras
Dinner Dance

THE 3RD ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

AT LOW CLUBHOUSE

Sponsored by LOW Lioness Lions Club

Saturday, March 5, 2022

6:00 PM– 11:00 PM

Details to follow...

Committees & Activities (continued)

MEMBERSHIP: Welcome to new members who were inducted at the September Meeting



Mary Lou Ambrose: She is also still working and is an administrator for Northrup Grumman; as she moved here only last year she is looking forward to volunteering and meeting new people; she has 2 sons and 4 grands; she just wanted a house on a lake.



Heidi Brown: She is a retired Major General, with 36 years of service in the military. She wants to give back to her community as she did in her career. You may recognize her name and face because she was on our LOW board, including various committees, until this week.



Benita Forrest: She moved here 11 years ago. She has 2 sons. Just like Heidi, you may recognize Benita from her work on the LOW Board, and as a former staff member at Fareways. Like many of us, she came to the lake because of retirement. Her husband, Lem, works at the golf course.



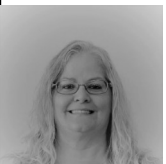
Toni Keating: Toni had a home at Lake Monticello but wanted to be closer to MD so came to our lake. She has 2 children and 6 grands. She enjoys reading and her grandkids. She wants to volunteer with anything having to do with children. Toni also keeps busy with pickleball and exercise classes.



Joan Litschert: She is a returning Lioness after 4 years. Joan likes the fashion show part of the card party! Yes, she is a snappy dresser! Joan is proud of the career path ladder she followed. She is especially proud of her children! She enjoys all the volunteer activities afforded thru the Lionesses and looks forward to being back again.



Susan (Sue) Powers: Sue enjoys the amenities at the lake. She has been on the pool committee and did scouting for the swim teams. She obviously likes water sports and scuba. She is proud of being a good mom to her 3 children. Sue's husband was a helicopter pilot for Ronald Reagan so she, too, got to meet him. She also talked with Charles and Princess Diana on a visit!



Denise Russell: Still working for Arlington Public Schools; nonetheless wants to do as much volunteer work as possible; she moved to the lake accidentally when a realtor cancelled an appointment to see another lake property; was happy to graduate college just before her sons; she has 4 children and 7 grands.



Denise Wright: She is a 4 year resident at the lake. She is retired after 35 years with the Federal Govt. She currently volunteers at Mary Washington Hospital in patient discharge and sewing circle but is quick to point out she is NOT a seamstress or tailor. She also dabbles in real estate. She has 4 grown children and 5 grands, all under the age of 7. She is happy to be with us and feels blessed and appreciative.

Welcome

From the Tamers

By Rani Manhard and Ann Wood

The Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club October 14th, 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, October 11th, 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

OCTOBER DINNER MENU

Dinner

- * Garden Salad w/choice of dressing
- Rolls & Butter
- * Chicken Marsala, topped w/ mushrooms
- * Roasted Potatoes
- * Asparagus

Alternate Choice

- * Stuffed Pepper w/rice, mushrooms & Tomatoes, served w/asparagus

Dessert

- * Pumpkin Pie

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



Twister's Corner

By Lioness Lion Colleen Cameron

Here we are on in October already. It is beginning to look and feel kind of like Fall! Many equate fall with pumpkin flavoring, but at my house Fall says crispy apples, fresh cider and cider donuts-Yum!

There are many reasons to celebrate in October. A quick check of the internet, and I found many kid-focused events and craft and wine festivals happening this month. So, grab a sweater and your mask and head outdoors before we get too busy with holiday prep in November.



Happy Birthday
Lioness Lions

MONTH	NAME	MONTH	NAME
October 5	Joyce Morlan	October 24	Debby Attilis
October 15	Diane Ogranovitch	October 29	Ellen Ambroziak
October 23	Kathy Merritt	October 31	Suzanne Herr

LOW Lioness Lions
2021-2022 Calendar

October 2021

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3	4 Eyeglass Recycle	5	6	7	8 Food Pantry 9-10:30 am	9
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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, October 26th**. 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
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