

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

Welcome September – Month of transition!

The first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity and well-being. Most holidays are observed without remembering the purpose of their beginning.

To most of us, Labor Day marks the last-hot holiday and the nearing of the end of summer; and for many of us in our youth, Labor Day meant the next day was the first day of school. September is the month for getting back to routines as we hold on to hope for just one more month of summer before the fall and the hustle-and-bustle of the upcoming Holidays.

It was enjoyable to see all the new and returning guests at the August meeting, many of whom will be inducted at our September 9th Dinner Meeting. The orientations are scheduled for the 7th and 8th of September and the inductees with their sponsors will attend. Thank you to Co-Chairs of Membership, Donalda Lovelace and Jan Stockman who have worked hard to arrange for a mutual date for all.

Congratulations to new members Linda Saathoff and Mary Tait on their induction on August 12th. Welcome, and we are happy to have you as members of our Lioness family.

A big thank you to our guests, Joel Weber of Dance FXG and dance partner, Brittany Mumma, and Tanner Hall (Theresa DiCicco's grandson) for their performance of swing and ballroom dancing and inviting our ladies to participate in Line Dancing – fun time. Thank you Theresa for arranging a most enjoyable and entertaining evening.



President's Letter (Continued)

A reminder that we will be collecting for Safe House at our September 9th meeting. If you have question on items to contribute, please contact Val Protiva (972-7975) or Diane Ogranovitch (972-5960).

The Card Party Luncheon and Fashion Show Committee is working hard to prepare and tie-up ends needed for our event on September 17th. You may have a hard time on deciding which Gift Baskets to take a chance on as Darcy Jennings and her Committee have made them very tempting to bid on all. The Silent Auction is ready and the many items are appealing and waiting for your bids! If you have not made your reservation as yet, card and/or just Luncheon, you will need to call Susan Bergner, 540-755-7936 by September 10th deadline for reservations with payment in by September 12th. It is requested that persons who have not had a Covid-19 vaccination to please wear a mask at the event. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

The School Supplies Drive was still in "help" mode--in addition to all the supplies collected and delivered to Locust Grove Elementary School and Locust Grove Primary School, Teresa Wisniewski, Co-Chair for School Supply Committee, delivered checks in the amount of \$748.50 to each school. Again, a big Thank You to the Committee for a very successful Drive.

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The Book Room was in a very busy mode on August 28th helping many individuals and families find the books of their choice.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the September 9th Dinner meeting with special guest Rose Burrus, First Vice District Governor.

(Reminder to contact the Tamers if you ARE NOT attending the Dinner Meeting to avoid a \$20.00 no-show charge.)

My best,

Kathy



Thank you to the Ladies Golf and President, Karen Woods for their generous donations to the School Supply Drive.



Thank you also to The Licata Group for collecting at their office.



**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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THE INSIDER'S VIEW

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm on Thursday, August 26, 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 Donalda Lovelace, Director Arlene Rich and Immediate Past President Jayne Owiesny.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Gina Davies

- The minutes of the July 22, 2021 BOD meeting, which were previously distributed were approved. Motion made by Arlene Rich and seconded by Jayne Owiesny. Motion passed. A discussion about publishing minutes (in the LOWDOWN) before they have been approved by our Lioness BOD (usually at the following meeting which is after LOWDOWN is published) ensued. It was decided that the minutes would be sent to the entire BOD rather than just to the President for approval/corrections before sending it along to Emily Florence.
- Committee Chairpersons monthly reports: We had a pretty good response from Chairs about the hours that their committees spent on Lioness business. We will be doing this accounting each month.
- 551 people served; \$10,275 plus 35 boxes of school supplies collected and donated to the Food Pantry, OC schools and other community projects; 809 volunteer hours; 169 Lioness Lions involved

TREASURER'S REPORT: Loretta LaTerra

- Foundation report: total income \$1,083.18; total expenses \$3,511.99; 8/326/21 balance \$32,037.86

TREASURER'S REPORT: Diane Pittman

- Administrative report: total income \$4,724.00; total expenses \$197.00; 7/1/21 balance \$19,091.61
- The endorsing stamp for checks needs to be corrected - Diane will handle this
- Consideration of an Opt-in for dinner reservations rather than the Opt-out: discussion followed, and it was decided that Opt-out is the best way to handle dinner reservations. Opt-in would mean more e-mail communication for the Tamers, and it would put added responsibility on each member who is planning to attend the meeting. Opt-out allows the few members who can't attend the meeting enough time to make that known to the Tamers.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Kathy Merritt

- LOWDOWN items - shredding; thank yous: Kathy brought to our attention that there were a few questions about what goes into the LOWDOWN. Since this is our newsletter, Kathy and the board felt that Thank Yous and community-wide collection dates that help the Food Pantry should be part of the LOWDOWN. If there are any questions about whether something should be put in, Kathy is the one to contact and she will make the decision and/or check with some BOD members for their opinions.

- Card Party update - we have 50-60 reservations right now; an ad will be in the Lake Currents this week; flyers will be put in the Clubhouse; different card games need different-sized tables and therefore different reservations; this will be communicated to the reservation chairperson. Since Orange County is in the substantial risk category for the virus, LOW Lioness Lions BOD feels that each attendee who is not vaccinated should be asked to wear a mask at this event. This is in accordance with the suggestions of the Governor and the CDC. Also, if anyone should feel sick or experience any virus symptoms on the day of the event, they should not attend. Event money will be refunded if anyone becomes ill and can't attend. These decisions were made to keep the Card Party/Fashion Show safe and successful. A separate note will be sent to each Lioness Lion from Kathy.
- Sock Hop update - May 14th - chair still needed
- Concert on the Point - no make-up date
- September 9th - next Member dinner meeting

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Gail Hardin

- School supply collection: Checks for \$748.50 were sent to Locust Grove Primary and LG Elementary along with over three carloads of actual supplies. The money will be used by the teachers for other supplies needed throughout the year.
- Submissions for LOWDOWN: all submissions for the LOWDOWN should be sent to Emily Florence. She will review, consolidate, and then forward them as a package to Vicky Shew for placement into the newsletter.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT: Darcy Jennings

- Darcy brought one of her famous Card Party baskets to the meeting. She has been very busy with the donated items and the end products are wonderful.

TAMERS: Rani Manhard, Ann Wood

- 8/12/21 Member Dinner Meeting: 57 members, 12 guests, 2 inductees attended.

MEMBERSHIP: Donalda Lovelace

- Inductees for September 9th meeting - Inductee (sponsor); Joan Litschert (Kathy Walters), Denise Russell (Rani Manhard), Toni Keating (Lynne Travis), Mary Lou Ambrose (Kathy Merritt), Denise Wright (Colleen Cameron), Heidi V. Brown (Kathy Merritt), Benita Forrest (Kathy Merritt), Sue Powers (Darcy Jennings)
- Donalda is Second Vice District Governor (SVDG) for our district and as such must attend 30 meetings of other Lions clubs. She will send out the schedule to other members of the BOD in case someone is interested in or available to accompany her.

PAST PRESIDENT: Jayne Owiesny

- Update from Child Help on Ice Cream Social - The event is still in the iffy stage. It may be possible by the end of September or early October if they feel it is safe for the children and the volunteers.

There being no further business to come before the LOW Lioness Lions Board of Directors at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. Motion made by Darcy Jennings and seconded by Gail Hardin. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Davies, Secretary

Lioness Lions Committees & Activities

DON'T FORGET!

The deadline for tickets to the annual Card Party, Luncheon and Fashion Show is **Friday, September 10th**. We have limited availability so call **Susan Bergner at (540) 755-7936 NOW!**

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



**Annual Lioness Lions Club
Card Party, Luncheon and
Fashion Show**

Lake of the Woods Clubhouse
**Join us for Cards, Mahjong, Dominos, Luncheon,
a Silent Auction, Raffles, Fashion & FUN!**

Friday, September 17, 2021
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Fashions by J.Jill

Cost \$26.00 per person (Non club members welcome)
Payment due before noon Friday, September 10th
No tickets will be sold "at the door"

RSVP: Susan Bergner – (540)755-7936
Masks are requested if not vaccinated.



Val Provita is the SAFE HOUSE chair person. Diane Ogranovitch, her co-chair will be collecting at the Lioness September Dinner Meeting.

Services To Abused Families, Inc.

- 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

**Sock Hop
2022**

We need a CHAIRPERSON

**Eyeglass Recycling
needs people every
Monday morning**



Committees & Activities (continued)

MEMBERSHIP: Welcome to new members Laura Saathoff and Mary Tait, pictured here with their sponsors, Helene Burns and Donna Morrisey

We again had several guests and prospective members attend the August Dinner.



Kathy Walker and
Returning Lioness **Denise Wright**



Donna Morrisey and
guest **Brenda de Bord**



Colleen Cameron and
guest **Denise Wright**



Darcy Jennings and
guest **Sue Powers**



Lynne Travis and
guest **Toni Keating**



Heidi Brown & Marylou Ambrose
guests of Kathy Merritt



Jan Stockman and
guest **Deborah Raines**

From the Tamers

By Rani Manhard and Ann Wood

The Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club September 9, 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, September 6, 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

SEPTEMBER DINNER MENU

Dinner

- * Garden Salad w/choice of dressing
- Rolls & Butter
- * Chicken Bruschetta, with fresh tomato, mozzarella cheese, basil and balsamic glaze
- * Rice Pilaf
- * Seasonal Vegetable Medley

Alternate Choice

- * Large Portabella Mushroom stuffed w/ mozzarella & fontina cheese.

Dessert

- * Carrot Cake

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

Here we are in September already! Beginning the last quarter of 2021. I am glad to pick up my supply of candy corn and those little pumpkins that taste like candy corn. Can we all say "Yuck! Sugar!"

In September, you can celebrate National Letter Writing Day on 9/1, VJ Day on 9/2, and on September 12, National Cream Filled Donut Day.

Regardless of what you celebrate or not, be kind, be grateful, and stay safe.



Happy Birthday Lioness Lions

Month	Name	Month	Name
September 8	Ellen Bearden	September 9	Emily Florence
September 9	Nan Lamb	September 10	Janite Hamilton
September 14	Ann Wood	September 17	Hilda Valenta Seary
September 18	Mary Altman	September 18	Donalda Lovelace
September 19	Betty Beck	September 19	Bonita Doubleday
September 25	Nancy Fogg	September 26	Mary Anne Bolgert
September 28	Mary Szadvari		

LOW Lioness Lions
2021-2022 Calendar

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Food Pantry 9-12 am	4
5	6 Eyeglass Recycle	7	8	9 Dinner Meeting	10 Food Pantry 9-12 am	11
12	13 Eyeglass Recycle	14	15	16	Card Party 17 9-3 Food Pantry 9-12 am	18
19	20 Eyeglass Recycle	21	22	23 Board Meeting Fairways 7pm	24	25 Food Pantry 9-12 am Lioness Book Sale 8:30—1:00 pm
26	27 Eyeglass Recycle	28	29	30		

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October 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2
3	4 Eyeglass Recycle	5	6	7	8 Food Pantry 9-12 am
10	11 Eyeglass Recycle	12	13	14 Dinner Meeting 5:15 pm	15 Food Pantry 9-12 am
17	18 Eyeglass Recycle	19	20	21	22 Food Pantry 9-12 am
24 Halloween	25 Eyeglass Recycle	26	26	28	29
			Board Meeting Fairways 7pm		30 Food Pantry 9-12 am Lioness Book Sale 8:30-1

From the Editor

By Lioness Lions Vicky Shew
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Please submit information, articles and photographs for the LOW DOWN to Emily Florence no later than **Friday, September 24th**. 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

Handbook Corrections

Please forward any additions, changes, or corrections to your Handbook to the Editor (see contact information to the left of this column.)

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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