

LAKE OF THE WOODS LIONESS LIONS

LOW DOWN



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President's Corner

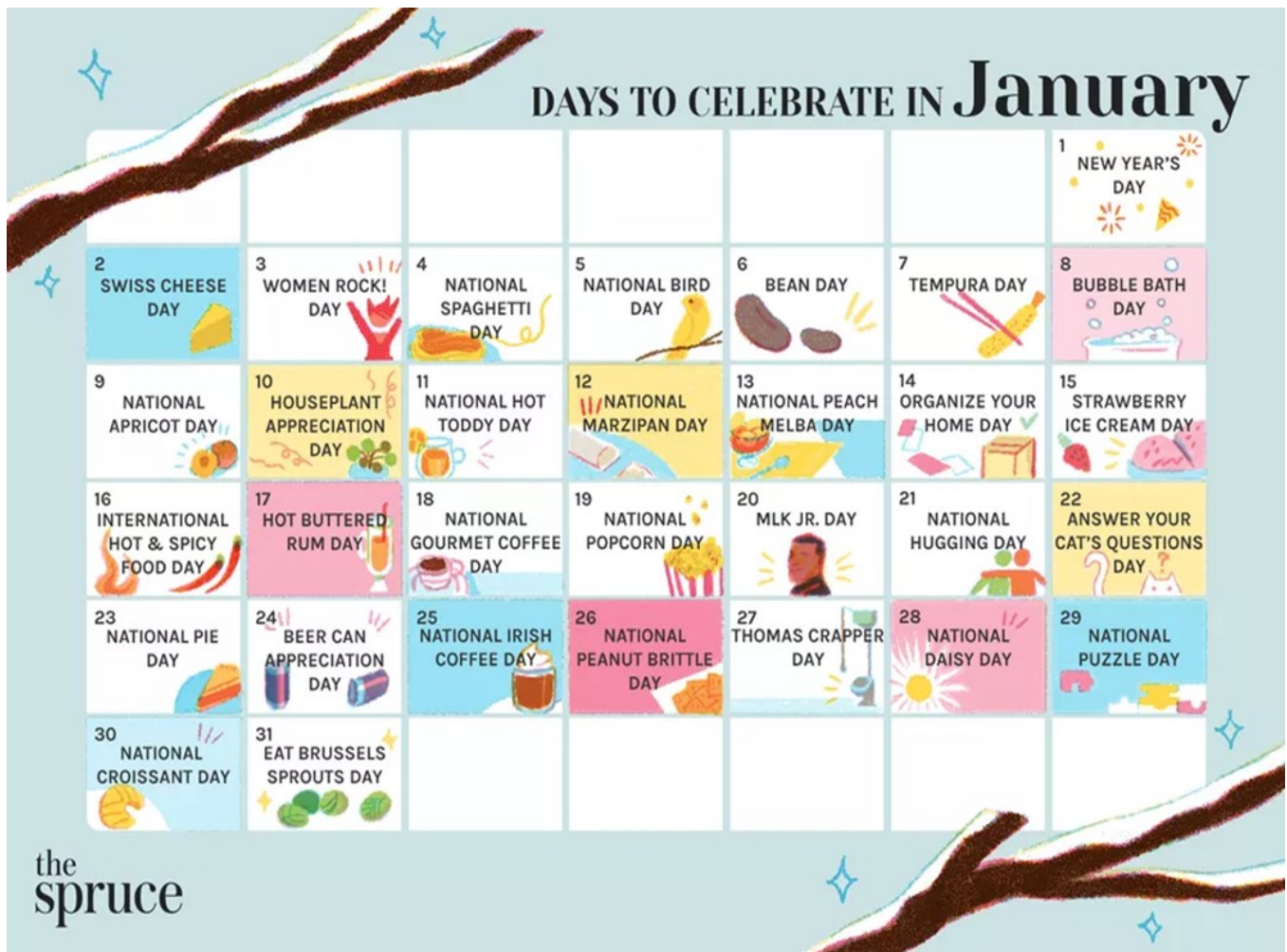
By Lioness Lion Kathy Merritt, LOW Lioness Lions President

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President's Letter

Happy New Year

January, the first month in the new year, is named after the Roman god Janus, the god of beginnings and transitions. As the days get shorter and the temperature gets colder, we could all use a few extra reasons to celebrate in January. From holidays like New Year's Day to National Cheese Lovers Day and National Pie Day, there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy some warmth and cheer. Here are 31 reasons to celebrate during the month of January. Forget the traditional "Diet" month!



President's Letter (Continued)

Thank you to Sherri Lasover, Karin Mollard and Nancy King for the fun Holiday Songs and Sing-Along to kick off the Holiday Season at our December meeting.

Reminder – No meeting in January. The **next meeting will be Thursday, February 10, 2022** with special guest, personal trainer, Alison Macpherson (and some other familiar faces to assist her). Be sure to RSVP to our Tamers if you will NOT be attending. **The new dinner price will be \$22.00.**

Wishing you a cozy, safe and warm January. Kathy

A very merry December Dinner Meeting!



Karin Mollard



Sherri Lasover & Nancy King (Guest)



December Lioness birthdays!



"The 12 Days of Christmas"



"Musical Hats"



Musical Hats Winner
Emily Florence



"Name that Holiday Tune"
winner Lynne Travis

**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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Tail Twister

Colleen Cameron

Membership

Donalda Lovelace
Jan Stockman

Directors

Barbara Francis
Arlene Rich
Gail Stoner

Past President

Jayne Owiesny

THE INSIDER'S VIEW

**Minutes from the
December 2, 2021
BOD Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm on Thursday, December 2, 2021 by 1st Vice President, Nicki Buell. The following board members were present: Secretary Gina Davies, Treasurer Diane Pittman, 1st Vice President Nicki Buell, 2nd Vice President Gail Hardin, Tamers Ann Wood and Rani Manhard, Tail Twister Colleen Cameron, Membership Directors Donalda Lovelace and Jan Stockman, Directors Arlene Rich, Gail Stoner and Barbara Francis. Also present was Lynne Travis.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Gina Davies

- No meeting in November - no minutes. October minutes accepted - motion Barbara Francis, second Gail Hardin (already approved before being published in the November LOW Down)
- Committee Chairpersons monthly reports for October 2021: people served 922; Lioness Lions involved 148; hours 662; money donated \$405.00
- Diane Ogranovitch - resignation from club due to medical concerns. Resignation accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Loretta LaTerra

Foundation report - closing balance as of 11/30/21 \$43,462.62.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Diane Pittman

Administrative report - closing balance as of 12/2/21 \$17,425.54

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Nicki Buell

- Lynne Travis - website and domain name (Lowlioness.org)- we are paid up until 2024. We need an email and debit/credit card for paying bills. Lynne will set up a gmail account. (LOWLionessclub@gmail.com) but we need a volunteer with website experience to take over this job. We will be letting the members know about this at the next dinner meeting.
- Lynne Travis - The Mardi Gras Dinner Dance preparations are moving along nicely. The Reunion Band will be playing and more information will be available in the January Lake Currents, LowDown, lowlioness.org and social media.
- Miss Orange Pageant - Nicki Buell reported that the beauty pageant is very important to the Orange County High School community. It has been around since 1934. We pay the costs of the sashes, tiara, and scholarship award. She is not aware of any admission charge. The date is set for 3/11/22. A discussion about pageants ensued. Nicki suggested that we look into other ways to get involved in the OC schools as well. Leo clubs that include both males and females were mentioned.
- Leftover potato money - Nicki reported that the Pantry had \$250.00 leftover from the potato money collection. They served 72 dinners to families who were not getting help from elsewhere. It was suggested that the money be used for Christmas needs. The board was in agreement for this plan.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Gail Hardin

- Child Help wrapping 12/15/21. Volunteers have already signed up.
- Food Pantry - still looking for volunteers to pick up food from Food Lion once a month and deliver it to the pantry. This is a 1 hour commitment once per month.

TAMERS: Rani Manhard, Ann Wood

- attendance at 11/11/21 dinner meeting: members-61; member guests-6; inductees-2; District 24C reps-2; no shows-2

DIRECTORS

Gail Stoner - Christkindlmarkt status report - ready to go - volunteers have already signed up.
 - Junk in the Trunk - no go on the Clubhouse lower level parking lot, so we will be using the Sweet Briar Pavilion and the members' cars can be in that parking lot if they want to use their trunks.

Barbara Francis - OC Toy Box status report - donations going well, boxes will be picked up next Wednesday.

MEMBERSHIP: Donalda Lovelace and Jan Stockman.

- Committee Report - No inductees for December

New Business:

- Endorsement for FVDG for Donalda Lovelace for next year. A motion was made by Barbara Francis to endorse Donalda and seconded by Diane Pittman. Motion was adopted. Donalda has the letter already written and it will be submitted.
- The Conflict of Interest Policy was read to the Board. Diane Pittman will check her records to see if she has a copy of the page that has to be signed by each board member. Gina Davies will try and check with past secretary Claudia Low.

There being no further business to come before the LOW Lioness Lions Board of Directors at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Motion made by Nicki Buell and seconded by Arlene Rich.

Respectfully submitted,
 Gina Davies, Secretary



TO HELP KEEP A SAFE ENVIRONMENT DURING THIS "IFFY" TIME WITH COVID, WEARING OF MASKS IS REQUESTED AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT WHILE EATING. THANK YOU.

Lioness Lions Committees & Activities

The LOW Lioness Lions Club and the Lake of the Woods Association jointly sponsor the collection of toys each year for families in Orange County. We would like to thank everyone in our community and outside the lake for their generous donations to the Orange County Children's Toy Box. Donna Waugh Robinson, President of Orange County Children's Toy Box, reported that the number of needy families greatly increased this year, and she was most grateful for our Community's generosity. Anyone who visited the clubhouse before December 8th when the toys were transported to the town of Orange couldn't have missed the growing stacks of toys and the large box filled to the brim, extending from the front door to the Christmas tree. Ten two-wheel bicycles, also in the lobby, will provide hours of fun to lucky recipients. Cash and checks were used mainly to purchase clothing for the children.



Toys were collected in decorated boxes at the LOWA Clubhouse, Velona and Ferris buildings and Fareways from early-November until December 4th. We greatly appreciated the help of Ryan Richardson and the Clubhouse staff and our community's volunteers. Additionally, we are most grateful to The Licata Group and to Coldwell Banker Elite (Kathy Merritt and staff) who collected toys in their offices as well.

Our community has, under the auspices of various LOWA clubs, supported the Toy Box for approximately 20 years. We are known for our generosity and this year was no exception. Thank you for supporting this very important and worthwhile initiative. **By: Barbara Francis, LOW Lioness Lions Orange County Children's Toy Box Chairperson**

Eyeglass Recycling
CANCELLED FOR JANUARY



Committees & Activities (continued)

Guests at the December Dinner Meeting



Catherine Hillis, guest of Barbara Tomayko



Vicki Galyen, guest of Teresa Wisniewski

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



****All volunteers must wear masks, gloves and be fully vaccinated and boosted****

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



Committees & Activities (continued)



You are invited!
Mardi Gras Dinner Dance
AT LOW CLUBHOUSE
Sponsored by LOW Lioness Lions Club
Saturday, March 5, 2022
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

- 6:00 PM Cocktails
- 7:00 PM Dinner
- 8:00 PM Music by Reunion Band
- Purchase tickets online at lowlioness.org starting February 5th
- Silent Auction
- 50/50 Raffle

\$60 Per Person

Questions please contact:
Nickie Buell (703) 217-5615
or Ellen Bearden (540) 222-7390

 All proceeds support the Lioness Lions Foundation, Inc. to serve our community

Get Your Tickets to the Lioness Mardi Gras Dinner Dance By Julie Phend, Lioness Club Member

Plans are well underway for the Lioness Lions Club's Mardi Gras Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 5, at Lake of the Woods Clubhouse. The festive evening begins with a cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00. The Reunion Band will play from 8:00-11:00 p.m. for your dancing and listening enjoyment. Dress is semi-formal, with Mardi Gras masks optional.

Tickets go on sale online February 5th, and the cost is \$60/person. When you purchase your ticket, you will be asked to choose your entrée and table.

Entrées include:

Chicken Jambalaya
Southern Fried Catfish
Flank Steak with Wine and Mushroom Gravy
Vegetarian Étouffée

In addition, the menu includes Mardi Gras appetizers, salad, and a dessert buffet of New Orleans favorites.

There will be a silent auction and some fun raffles to raise money for the Lioness Foundation, which supports local causes including Wilderness Food Pantry, Orange County Animal shelter, Living Waters Free Health Clinic, Piedmont Dental Clinic, LOW Fire and Rescue, SAFE House, and scholarships to local students, as well as the Lions Hearing Foundation, Sight Foundation, LOVF Disaster Relief, and others.

You can purchase tickets online beginning February 5th, at lowlioness.org. For further information or questions regarding ticket purchase, please call Nicki Buell at 703-217-5615, or Ellen Bearden at 540-222-7390.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 5! Invite your friends and join us for a fun evening that supports worthy causes in our community.

Publicity:

The LOW Lioness webpage is up and running. We are hoping to find a creative Lioness to manage the upkeep and maintenance of our website.

Please contact Lynne Travis
lynnetravis@gmail.com
(540) 920-8528



From the Tamers

By Rani Manhard and Ann Wood

There is NO JANUARY DINNER MEETING.
The next meeting will be Thursday, February 10, 2022 .

The new dinner price will be \$22.00.

Twister Corner



Here we are at the beginning of a brand new year. We all have big hopes and dreams that life will be better at this point of a fresh start. Living at LOW often showers us with reasons to be happy!

There are reasons for everyone to celebrate in January. We have Hot Tea Month and then Martin Luther King Day, 1/4 is National Spaghetti Day, 1/8 is Bubble Bath Day and 1/14 is Dress Your Pet Day.

So have a good month regardless!

Submitted by
Colleen Cameron



January

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 5

Loretta La Terra

January 10

Mary Lou Ambrose

January 16

Jan Stockman

January 25

Shellee William

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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16	Eyeglass Recycle CANCELLED 17	18	19	20	21 Food Pantry 9-10:30 am	22
23	Eyeglass Recycle CANCELLED 24	25	26	27	28	29 Food Pantry 9-10:30 am
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February 2022

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From the Acting Editor

By Lioness Lions Lynne Travis
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Please submit information, articles and photographs for the LOW DOWN to **Emily Florence** no later than **Monday, January 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**

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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Book Sale

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