

# 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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#### **HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY – May you have a safe and fun celebration!**

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy Summer and hopefully into a complete normalcy as we enter the beginning of the post-Pandemic year of COVID 19. We are all ready to leave this behind and on to a successful and fun year! I want to thank and commend our last President Jayne Owiesny for an outstanding job during a very hard and different year. I am pleased and honored to serve as your President and appreciate the vote of confidence. I want to thank the Board of Directors, continuing and new members for their commitment for the upcoming year, and the Committee Chairs, the new and many of whom

have agreed to serve another year. I appreciate and encourage participation by all members and your suggestions are always welcomed.

We are looking forward to resuming the program of events and fundraisers for the upcoming year, starting with the drive for School Supplies with Committee Chair Theresa Wisniewski and her team, will be collecting items or cash/check donations during July and August dinner meetings as school resumes mid-August; and the School Supply Committee will be collecting items and donations at the Front Gate area on **July 10 and July 24**.

Graze Steakhouse has invited us again to participate in a Dinner Fundraiser where the Lioness will receive 10 % of the sales for the evening for, dine-in, take out and gift certificates – the date for LOW Lioness Fundraising Dinner is **Thursday, July 15, 2021**, See flyer in newsletter for more information.

At the September Meeting we will be collecting for Safe House; watch for needed items listed in our August Lowdown newsletter.

I am delighted The Card Party, Luncheon and Fashion Show is scheduled for **Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** All members and guests are welcome for a full day of card games and of course, the luncheon and fashion show is open to everyone, even if you don't play cards. Reservations will be necessary – more information will be furnished soon. Our Co-Chairs are Barbara Tomayko and Anne LeHuray. Jonnie Feterle and Jan Stockman will be our Fashion Show Coordinators. We will be looking for items for the Gift Baskets -- Darcy Jennings, Chair.

We will also need volunteers to coordinate the morning goodies available to the card players. Plans are to include a Silent Auction with Nicki Buell as Chair and Theresa DiCicco and Karin Mollard as Co-Chairs.

The Lions Club has asked for our assistance again this year with 2021 Lions/Lioness Selven Powell Memorial Golf Tournament scheduled for October. This is a fundraiser for the Wilderness Food Pantry. Updates and more information will be furnished soon.

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**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.

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**The Insider's View**

Minutes from the  
June 23, 2021  
BOD Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm on Thursday, June 24, 2021 by President, Jayne Owiesny. The following board members were present: President, Jayne Owiesny, Secretary, Claudia Low, Treasurers Loretta LaTerra and Diane Pittman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Kathy Merritt 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Gail Hardin and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Darcy Jennings, Tamers Ann Wood and Rani Manhard, Tail Twister, Colleen Cameron, Membership, Donalda Lovelace and Mary Simmons, Directors, Gail Stoner and Barbara Francis and Immediate Past President Linda Shnayer. Also present were the new board members, Gina Davies, Secretary and Jan Stockman, Membership.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The minutes of the May 27, 2021 BOD meeting, which were previously distributed and approved. Approved, motion made by Gail Hardin and seconded by Donalda Lovelace.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Loretta LaTerra

- The 2021 Foundation Report was approved and accepted for review.
- Checks have been issued to the High School Scholarship recipients.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Diane Pittman

- The 2021 Administrative Report was approved and accepted for review.
- We are still collecting 2021-2022 dues. Several Members of the BOD will be calling those members who have not paid. We will also be contacting those Lioness who did not attend the dinner meeting and owe for dinner. Second letters will be sent to those Lioness.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Jayne Owiesny

- We received a resignation letters from Jan Martin, Maureen Otero, Doris Williams and Rosemarie Rynkiewicz. Resignations accepted with regret. Motion made by Mary Simmons and seconded by Colleen Cameron.
- Donalda Lovelace, Past President conducted an installation of two of the new board members: Barbara Francis, Director and Rani Manhard, Tamer.

**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:** Kathy Merritt

- **Card Party and Fashion Show:** Barbara Tomayko and Anne LeHuray will Co-Chair this project. Fashions will be coordinated by Jonnie Feterle. Along with the chair the auction will be coordinated by Karin Mollard and Therese DiCicco. Kathy is still looking for someone to oversee the breakfast items as they come in and displayed. Darcy Jennings is looking for baskets and themed items for the raffle baskets.
- **Grazes Steakhouse** – Fundraiser schedule for Thursday, July 15. Please plan on attending.

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## New Board of Directors



**Congratulations Julie Phend for the  
Diamond Membership Award**



**Farewell Claudia Low—Thank you for  
your many years of service.**



**New members Marcy Brennan & Susan Bergner**



**Returning Member Karin Midland**



# Lioness Lions Committees & Activities

## The LOW Lioness Lions Club Presents Scholarships

The Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club in Locust Grove, VA recently awarded a total of six scholarships. Three students attending Germanna Community College were awarded \$1500. This scholarship is specifically for students in good academic standing who are single parents. Applicants must be enrolled at least half-time and have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Students receiving scholarships were **Vanity Nambatya**, who is pursuing a Nursing degree, **Katherine Jackson**, an Early Childhood Education degree and **Tomika Wong**, also a Nursing degree.

The Lioness Club also presented \$1,000 scholarships to three graduating high school seniors. The purpose of this scholarship is to help students pay for higher education. They must reside in Lake of the Woods, Locust Grove, VA, and have volunteered their time and talents to better their community.

Recipients of this award were **Jasmine Glaze**, who will pursue a degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders at Longwood University, **Kylie Trask**, Global Cultural Studies at Duke University and Duke Kunshan University in China. Kylie wants to pursue a career in the Foreign Service, and **Kyle Johnson**, Finance major at James Madison University. Kyle is also a member of the Lake of the Woods Volunteer Fire Department!



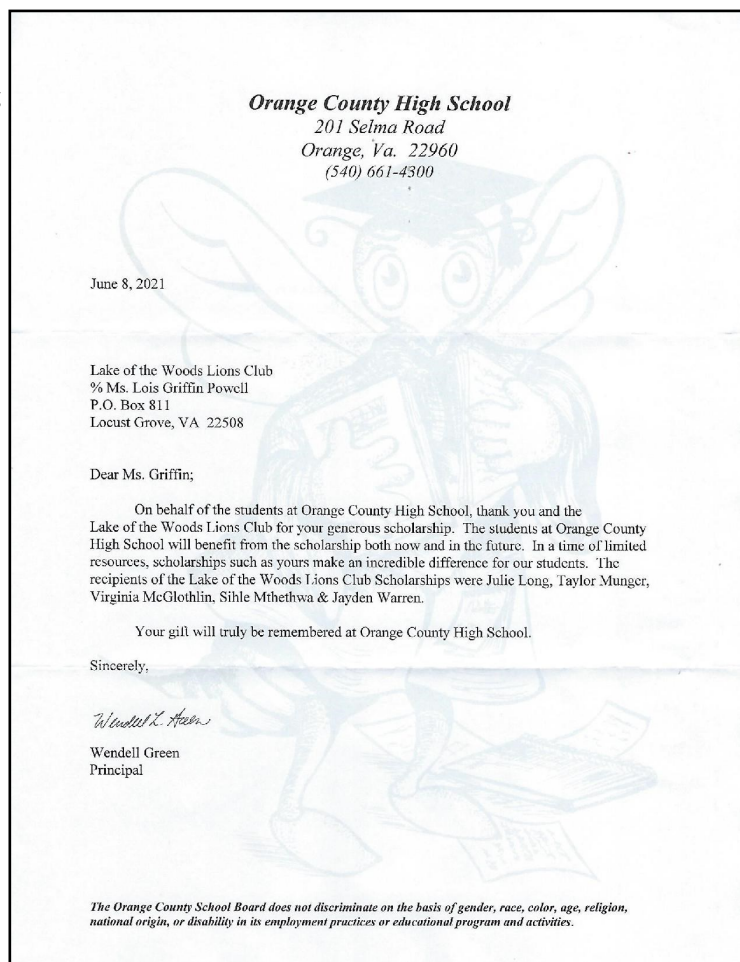
Tomika Wong



Kylie Trask



Kyle Johnson



# Lioness Lions Committees & Activities



*Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club*

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

*School starts **AUGUST 11, 2021***

The LOW Lioness Lions Club holds an annual School Supply Drive to support the **Locust Grove Primary and Elementary Schools**. We help these two schools by providing supplies needed to ensure a successful school year for the teachers and students.



### Donations will be collected at the **FRONT GATE**

**July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Or you may donate a check for The Lionesses to purchase the items listed below

**Please mail checks to P.O. Box 811, Locust Gove, VA 22508**

(Make checks payable to "LOW Lioness Foundation" and write "School Supply" in the check memo section)

**Please donate *ONLY* the items listed below:**

<b>Locust Grove Primary School (Grades K-2)</b>	<b>Locust Grove Elementary School (Grades 3-5)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Composition notebooks</li><li>• Crayons (24 pack)</li><li>• Plastic pencil Box</li><li>• 1" Binders</li><li>• Pocket Folders</li><li>• Scissors 5" Blunt Point</li><li>• Black Dry Erase markers</li><li>• Markers</li><li>• Tissues</li><li>• Hand sanitizer</li><li>• Disinfectant wipes</li><li>• Glue Sticks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Composition and spiral notebooks</li><li>• Colored pencils and markers</li><li>• Packs of lined 3x5 index cards</li><li>• Highlighters</li><li>• Headphones/ear buds (Dollar Tree \$1.00)</li><li>• Plastic pencil box</li><li>• Handheld pencils sharpeners</li><li>• Pencil top erasers</li><li>• Black Dry Erase markers</li><li>• Colored folders</li><li>• 1" Binders</li><li>• Crayons (24 pack)</li><li>• Hand sanitizer</li><li>• Disinfectant wipes</li><li>• Ziploc bags (only quart and gallon sizes)</li><li>• Tissues</li><li>• Refillable water bottles (Dollar Store \$1.00)</li></ul>

**Thank you for your continued support of this important project.**

**Questions: Teresa Wisniewski 703-901-9023 or Judy Ludvigsen at 540-760-4982**

## The President's Letter (Cont'd)

Since the Halloween Scavenger Hunt was a successful and enjoyed event last October, we are planning a Scavenger Hunt again this year. We will keep you posted as plans develop, and welcome all that would like to be involved. Our Chairs for this event will be reaching out for volunteers and items needed for this fun day.

Below are photos from the last Hunt-- our Chair, Carleen Delio, a working Ghost and a car full of Hunters!



We hope to have fun and interesting meetings in the months ahead and more fundraisers are planned for next year include a Mardi Gras Dinner Dance in March and another Sock Hop!

The directory is in the process of being updated and Lynne Travis will be available at the July Dinner Meeting to take photographs – especially of members whose pictures were not included in the last directory, NEW members and members that may want an updated photo.

On a last note, FYI: I am a “short” and I hope “sweet” person and will be keeping my monthly letters likewise!

**My best for a wonderful July!**



## Insider's View (Cont'd)

- **Sock Hop** – Bill Feterle and Sherri Lasover have agreed to perform for the evening. They are fantastic. The date to be determined in the April or May timeframe. Details to follow when they become available. Watch for information in the LOWDOWN. We will need volunteers for this fun event.
- **Mardi Gras Dinner Dance** is scheduled for March 5 and will be co-chaired by Vicky Shew and Lynne Travis. Details to follow. Watch for information in the LOWDOWN. We will need volunteers for this big event.
- **LOW Lions/Lioness 2021 Selven Powell Memorial Golf Tournament**, Friday, October 1, 2021 to benefit the Wilderness Food Pantry. They need volunteers. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 1 at the Woods Center. Please let Kathy know if you are available to volunteer. Gail Stoner is going to work on getting donations.
- **School Supply Drive:** Teresa Wisniewski. There will be a School Supply Drive at the LOW Front Gate on Saturday, July 10 and again on July 24 from 9am – 1pm. We will also be collecting supplies at our dinner meetings in July and August. The list of requested items will be in the July LOWDOWN and also on the LOW Lioness Facebook page. Any question please contact Teresa, 703/901-9023 or at [teresawish@msn.com](mailto:teresawish@msn.com),

### 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Gail Hardin

- **SAFE House** collection will be held at the September dinner meeting. Watch the LOWDOWN for a list of needed items.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Darcy Jennings

- **Raffle** baskets – look for article in LOWDOWN for suggested needed items. Darcy also needs baskets.

### TAIL TWISTER: Colleen Cameron

- Colleen made a suggestion that when project/event chairs get up to talk about their event/project that they explain what the event is, what will be going on and any details that they can be shared. Case in point, a lot of Lioness didn't know that they could attend only the Fashion Show and not the card party. They also didn't know that they could suggest different games to be played. We need to share information to incentivize people to attend our events.

### MEMBERSHIP: - Donalda Lovelace, Mary Simmons and Jan Stockman.

- Congratulations Karen Cakouros and Nicki Buell. At the last Lions meeting both Karen and Nicki were presented with an award for their dedicated service to the Wilderness Food Pantry. Great job ladies, well deserved.
- The membership chairs had made a goal of 10 new members during the July-June 2020-2021 timeframe. They met and exceeded that goal by 2 members. Their goal for 2021-22 is 15 new members.

There being no further business to come before the LOW Lioness Lions Board of Directors at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm. Motion made by Kathy Merritt and seconded by Donalda Lovelace.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claudia Low and Gina Davies  
Secretary



**2021-2022 DUES ARE NOW OVERDUE**  
**If you haven't paid your dues (\$80.00),**  
**please send ASAP to the Lioness Mailbox at:**  
**LOW Lioness, PO Box 811**  
**Locust Grove VA 22508**



**Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club**  
**Non-Profit Fundraiser**

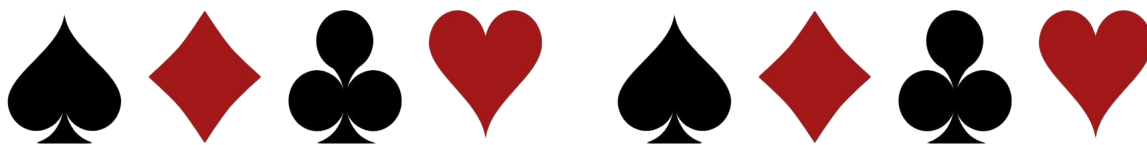
**Thursday, July 15, 2021 from 4:30 PM—8:30 PM**

*Graze will donate 10% of all food and alcohol sales from the night*  
**Including curbside pick-up, delivery, dine-in and gift certificates!**





The



**Card Party, Luncheon and Fashion Show is planned for September!**

This is a wonderful community event that also raises money for charities the LOW Lioness Lions Club supports. We also want to make it as fun as possible so one part of the Card Party is to raffle off numerous gift baskets.

How can you help? EASY, think of a theme or contribute to one of the themes mentioned below by bringing in NEW items that can be used to “build” wonderful, fun baskets. Julie Davis, Arlene Rich and I will be collecting your items at the next two dinner meetings, July 8th and August 12, so please bring your items at the beginning of each dinner meeting OR, you can drop off items any time on my protected porch at: 419 Wilderness Drive.

Some ideas for themes, or **think of your own:**

- Golf Basket
- Deluxe breakfast basket
- Chocolate basket
- Basket of baked Italian bread
- “Spoil yourself” spa basket
- Tea or Coffee basket
- Virginia is home basket
- Autumn basket
- Halloween basket
- Christmas at Grandma's
- Toy basket
- Games for all ages
- Gift items for a friend
- And of course, a Wine basket

Some suggested items are bottles of wine, pretty, or funny dish towels or napkins, candles, lotions, fancy food items or whatever you can think would be a fun addition to a basket.

Thanks in advance for your participation!

Lioness, Darcy Jennings



# Getting to know our Lionesses

## MARCELLA “MARCY” BRENNAN

By Mary Simmons



Welcome to Marcella “Marcy” Brennan!

Attracted to the Lake in part because of the many social activities and clubs available, Marcy arrived in July of 2020 just as COVID restricted all those activities. Undaunted Marcy spent the “lock down” period transforming her new home, which she referred to as a blank canvas, into an oasis perfect for relaxing and entertaining. Marcy is living in the Lake with her golden retriever Shamus, who is a real charmer, and people lover.

Living in New York for many years, Marcy spent 12 years as a floor nurse and another 28 teaching nursing, retiring after a very fulfilling career. Seeking warmer weather for their retirement, Marcy and her late husband Robert retired to Savannah, Georgia. After Robert passed away, Marcy relocated to Wilmington, NC. Her move to Lake of the Woods puts her 12 minutes away from her daughter and in close proximity (albeit with some traffic to contend with) to her sons in Fairfax and Alexandria, VA. Marcy is grandmother to 9 grandchildren, 1 great-grand and has another great-grand on the way.

During the lock down Marcy played Mahjong on Zoom but is happy she has been able to return to in person play here at the Lake. Beyond Lioness, Marcy, an avid reader, and gardener, is engaging with LOW Book and Garden clubs and is thrilled to see COVID restrictions end. Marcy has already scheduled a week in Savannah to catch up with old friends. Her son and his children will join her on that trip. And she is looking forward to it. Plans are also in the works for a big family event, Thanksgiving in Texas.

Marcy’s past community and volunteer activities include outreach work with her Newcomer groups at her churches in Savannah and Wilmington. Marcy is happy to be joining LOW Lioness and looks forward to contributing to our community activities and participating in social events! Marcy is sponsored by Lioness Lion Arlene Rich. Welcome Marcy!

## SUSAN BERGNER

By Susan Bergner

Susan Bergner has traveled many miles to reach Locust Grove.

She grew up with her two younger brothers in a multi-cultural home in Ft. Wayne, Indiana—their Mom was from Tennessee and their Dad was from Minnesota.

After graduating from high school, Susan traveled to Minnesota to attend Carleton College where she met her much-loved husband, Jeff. They have been married for 52 years. Their meeting was truly a Cinderella story. Feel free to ask Susan for the details.

Together, Jeff and Susan have lived in Princeton, NJ, Philadelphia, PA; Springfield, VA; Fairfax Station, VA; Washington, DC; Norfolk, VA and now Locust Grove.

Susan describes herself as a “Jill of many trades and master of none”; she thinks there is still so much to learn.

In addition to raising four children, who in turn have gifted her with five grands and two bonus-grands, she has worked in advertising, bookkeeping, teaching, writing/editing, admin and done much volunteering in the communities where she has lived—most especially at church, PTA, Community Boards and in several mental health settings.

Moving-in day at LOW for Susan and Jeff was the end of March 2020--COVID shutdowns were just gearing up. Finding doctors, activities and new friends has been a challenge, but they are feeling more and more settled.

Susan most enjoys her family, Bible study, spending time with friends, reading, walking, swimming, and playing cards. She is excited to meet more LOW residents, especially since we can now fully see each other.

Susan also says that living across the street from Darcy Jennings has been a true blessing. Darcy helped the Bergners feel welcome initially. She introduced them to serving at the Food Pantry distributions and now she is sponsoring Susan for Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club. Welcome Susan!



## From the Tamers

By Rani Manhard and Ann Wood

The Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club July 8th 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, July 5th 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

### Clubhouse Buffet

- ◆ Clubhouse garden salad w/ ranch or balsamic vinaigrette
- ◆ Rolls & butter
- ◆ Southern style fried chicken
- ◆ Cole slaw
- ◆ Macaroni salad
- ◆ Roasted red potatoes
- Vegetarian choice is:
- ◆ Portabella mushrooms, stuffed with 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

July is our first full month of summer. We live in a great community to celebrate this season. The birthstone for July is the Ruby. The flowers for July are Water Lily, Larkspur, and Delphinium.

In the US celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th which stated the thirteen colonies were no longer English subjects. There are fifty-six signatures on that document. Today we celebrate our independence with parties, fireworks, etc.

## LOW Lioness Lions 2021-2022 Calendar

- Jul 08 Dinner Meeting
- Jul 10 School Supply Drive
- Jul 15 Graze Fundraiser
- Jul 22 BOD Meeting
- Jul 24 School Supply Drive
- Jul 29 Book Sale

## Happy Birthday Lioness Lions

### July

July 1	Barbara Tomayko	July 4	Susan DeMailo
July 7	Margaret Legge	July 8	Margaret Haight
July 9	Julie Phend	July 10	Nicki Buell
July 15	Marian Rood	July 20	Maureen Otero
July 25	Beth Sundberg	July 26	Jonnie Feterle
July 26	Carol Greeney	July 27	Theresa DiCicco
July 29	Sherri Lasover		



Thank You!

May 2021

Dear Lonies,

Thanks a bunch!

Oh my goodness! Thank you for such a lovely surprise. The pink rose and pot of flowers are happily blooming and I'm so enjoying them, as well my family.

They are all gathering here at Chr's lake this month of June for a few days. my 4 children, spouses, 13 grand children, spouses, seven great grands and a few other relatives and friends. Thank you to this GOD for their work over the past year of the pandemic. They carried on with meetings, meals and

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friend raising in all kinds of weather in various parks. A group of dedicated and generous

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I am enjoying the blossoms!  
Thank you,  
Rani

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**A BIG thank you to Gail Hardin for her 10 years as editor of LOW DOWN!**

#### **From the Editor**

By Lioness Lions Vicky Shew  
Editor, Lioness Lions LOW DOWN

Please get information and articles for the LOW DOWN to me by or as soon thereafter as possible. The newsletter will be distributed on or about the first of the month. Forward them by email at the address below, or call me if you don't have access to email.

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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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Committees			JULY		Activities	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Eyeglass Recycle	6	7	8 Dinner Meeting 5:15 pm	9 Food Pantry 9-12 am	10 School Supplies collection Front Gate 9am—1 pm
11	12 Eyeglass Recycle	13	14	15 Graze Steak- house Fund Raiser 4:30-8:30 pm	16	17 Food Pantry 9-12 am
18	19 Eyeglass Recycle	20	21	22	23 Food Pantry 9-12 am	24 School Supplies collection Front Gate 9am—1 pm
25	26 Eyeglass Recycle	27	28	29 Board Meeting Fairways 7pm	30	31 Food Pantry 9-12 am
AUGUST						
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29	30 Eyeglass Recycle	31	Eyeglass Recycling—Nancy Strain, 972-7141 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			