

**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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Rani Manhard
Ann Wood

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
April 28, 2022
BOD Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm on Thursday, April 28, 2022 by President, Kathy Merritt. The following board members were present: President Kathy Merritt, Secretary Gina Davies, Treasurers Loretta LaTerra and Diane Pittman, 1st Vice President Nicki Buell, 2nd Vice President Gail Hardin and 3rd Vice President Darcy Jennings, Tail Twister Colleen Cameron, Membership Director Jan Stockman, Directors Arlene Rich, Gail Stoner and Barbara Francis.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Gina Davies

- The minutes of the March 24, 2022 BOD meeting, which were previously distributed, were approved. Motion made by Gail Hardin and seconded by Darcy.
- Committee Chairpersons monthly reports for the month of March: ps=721, l=132, h= 543, \$800.00 for Ukraine relief through LCI.
- Questionnaire report: The member questionnaire from LCI was sent out to all 100 members of the LOW Lioness Lions Club. Despite numerous appeals, only twelve members responded. A summary is below. Although statistically insignificant, some of the responses are worth reporting. Most respondents indicated that they joined the Club to serve their community. Others joined to meet other women and some joined because a friend invited them. The Food Pantry and Scholarships were the top two most important service projects. Most respondents felt all projects were important. Projects that directly benefit our community such as grief support, mental health, and any projects dealing with local youth were suggested as new initiatives. Respondents felt that activities to make new, old, and prospective members feel included and welcome, more dances/activities involving significant others, and mixers at dinner meetings would improve the Lioness Lions Club experience. It was also suggested that we should get our events, endeavors and services as public as possible, "toot our own horns" more than we do now.
- The slate of officers for the 2022-2023 Board of Directors of the LOW Lioness Lions Club was voted on at the April 14th Dinner Meeting. A motion to approve the slate was made by Karen Cakouros and seconded by Anne LeHuray. The motion was adopted. The newly elected officers will officially start on July 1, 2022.

President Nicki Buell, 1st VP Barbara Tomayko, 2nd VP Gail Hardin, 3rd VP Darcy Jennings, Secretary Judy Ludvigsen, Administrative Treasurer Diane Pittman, Foundation Treasurer Loretta LaTerra, Tamers Heidi Brown and Benita Forrest, Tail Twister Mary Lou Ambrose, Membership Directors Jan Stockman and Donalda Lovelace, Directors Arlene Rich, Susan Bergner and Toni Keating, Immediate Past President Kathy Merritt.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Loretta LaTerra

Foundation report: The closing balance as of 4/28/22 is \$46,743.82.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Diane Pittman

Administrative report: The closing balance as of 4/28/22 is \$14,180.48.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Kathy Merritt

- July 4th parade - we will use Jan Stockman's truck and Nicki will look into borrowing some golf carts for our parade on July 2nd. We will be using posters, signs, banners, etc. to highlight what we do as a service club. We will have walkers and riders in the parade. More information will be coming.
- Eyeglass playground equipment - Donalda asked Kathy to introduce an idea for having a piece of playground equipment placed somewhere in LOW that would be a gift from the LOW Lioness Lions. Pictures were sent to the board through email. Discussion followed and was subsequently tabled.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Gail Hardin

- Scholarship Committee report from Marian Rood
 - ◇ 3 recipients for the \$2,000 scholarships have been chosen. They are: Cayce Sinclair, Latishia Durham, Amber Winn. They will be attending the dinner meeting on May 12th along with a representative from Germanna Community College.
 - ◇ Three applications have been received for the High School level scholarships. Interviews will be done in May. All three are excellent candidates. Scholarships will go out in June

MEMBERSHIP: Donalda Lovelace and Jan Stockman.

- Committee Report
 - ◇ The names of Claire Donohoe, Sponsor Kathy Merritt and Carol Wood, sponsor Ann Wood were brought to the board for membership in the Club. Jan made a motion to accept the candidates and Arlene seconded it. The motion was adopted.

DIRECTORS

- Gail Stoner
 - ◇ Yard Sale report - A good time was had by all! There were good crowds, we raised over \$2,000.00 and many Lioness Lions pitched in to help either at the sale or beforehand, marking the merchandise as it came in.
- Arlene Rich
 - ◇ Rockin' & Rollin' Dance Report - 145 tickets have already been sold. Only 55 are left - call your friends so they don't miss this fun event!
 - ◇

There being no further business to come before the LOW Lioness Lions Board of Directors at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. Motion made by Gail Hardin and seconded by Loretta LaTerra. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Davies, Secretary



Lioness Lions Committees & Activities

Membership



Dear LOW Lioness Lions Club Members,

Our Fiscal New Year 2023 starts July 1, 2022. Members' annual dues are payable to Lions Club International and Lions of Virginia by that same date.

We are happy to report the dues amount, **\$80.00**, has remained unchanged, as has the new member initiation fee of \$35.00. Please bring your dues to the May 12 dinner meeting. This leaves the June 9 dinner meeting as a back-up payment date for those who are not attending the May meeting. If you are unable to attend either meeting, you may mail your dues to LOW Lioness Lions Club, PO Box 811, Locust Grove, VA 22508. Please write "dues" on the back of the envelope. Checks may be made payable to LOW Lioness Lions Club. Thank you for your membership and service to the community.

Thank you,
Diane Pittman, Admin. Treasurer, LOW Lioness Lions Club

Membership

Visitors to our April Dinner Meeting included the following:

Billy Cooke / Nancy King
Carol Wood / Ann Wood
Cathi Obrien / Gina Davis
Laurie Tryfates / Teresa DeCicco



Nancy Merritt (Speaker) guest of Kathy Merritt

Eyeglass Recycling

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.



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)

Rockin' & Rollin' Dance

Sponsored by the LOW Lioness Lions Club

Saturday, May 14, 2022

7:00 - 10:00 pm

At the Lake of the Woods

Community Center

Featuring Bill Feterle and Sherri LaMay Leaver

Join us for a night of 50's & 60's music, dancing, contests & prizes, photo prop background, cash bar & snacks!

Tickets: \$30.00

Order tickets online beginning April 2, at www.lowlioness.org
Telephone: (330) 931-9287



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

Rockin' & Rollin' Dance

Saturday, May 14th

Do you know how hearing a favorite old song brings back a sweet memory? Or perhaps you hear a nostalgic fun song that makes you want to get up and dance to the beat of it? Well then all you need to do to relive these golden moments is to hop on over to the Lake of the Woods Lioness Club page which is lowlioness.org and purchase your tickets before they sell out. Then you can look forward to a night of 50's & 60's music, dancing, contests and prizes, cash bar & snacks. Tickets are \$30 (adults 21 & over) Seats are filling quickly so don't be disappointed by hesitating. **Buy Now!**

For info call Jonnie Feterle at (330) 931-9287

By Arlene Rich

SPRING YARD SALE

Thanks to all of our Lioness Club ladies, we had a very successful Lioness Yard Sale, and a great time on Saturday, April 23rd at the Sweetbriar Pavilion!

We had many wonderful donations from many of you to sell for the benefit of the many local charities we support. Some signed up to help for a two hour shift and ended up helping all day! Thank you to Lynne Travis for promoting our sale so well!

Special thanks to Joan Litschert for letting us use half of her garage for storing and pricing

Marty Legge made a wonderful display window for donated and hand made jewelry! Thanks taking the extra time and lovely display!!

Also thanks to the honorary Lioness' husbands who helped transport and unload donations early Saturday morning- Bob and Jan Stockman, Bruce Rood, Mark Hunter, Greg Stoner and more. Thank You!!

Thank You all so much!! We are lucky to have a wonderful community supporting our event, too! It was really fun and great fellowship as well. We couldn't have done it without your help!!

Co-chairs Helene Burns and Gail Stoner



From the Tamers

By Rani Manhard and Ann Wood

The Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club May 12th, 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 the Monday, prior to the dinner, if you are not attending or need a special meal.

Dinner will be buffet style. A no-call or no-show will cost you \$22.00 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

MAY DINNER MENU

DINNER

- * Caesar Salad w/croutons & parmesan cheese
- * Garlic Bread Sticks
- * Classic Lasagna with beef, ricotta & mozzarella cheeses featuring clubhouse-made marinara sauce

ALTERNATE CHOICE

- * Vegetarian Lasagna includes spinach & roasted red pepper w/ creamy alfredo sauce served with crushed red pepper, cracked black pepper, parmesan cheese and fresh herbs.
- * Seasonal Vegetable Medley

DESSERT

- * Fresh baked cookies & brownies

Twister Corner

By Colleen Cameron

Continuing my review of the Lioness handbook:

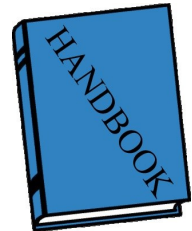
Page 6 will give you contact info for many of our special programs: Safe House, Photographer, Scholarships, School Supply drive, etc.

Also on **Page 6** are days and hours for the food pantry, Book Sale and eyeglass recycling.

Page 7 details Foundation Fund Raising.

Moving on to **Page 10**, you will find our two budgets. One is for Admin Expenses and the other is for The Foundation.

More to come in June!



May
BIRTHDAYS

8th	Val Protiva	18th	Sandy Loudon
10th	Christine Getty Joyce Whitfield	23rd	Jayne Owiesny
12th	Rani Manhard		

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	3	4	5	6 Food Pantry 9-10:30 AM	7
8	Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	10	11	12 LIONESS DINNER MEETING	13 Food Pantry OVERSTOCK 9:-00 'til gone	14 ROCKIN' & ROLLIN' DANCE
15	Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	17	18	19	20 Food Pantry 9-10:30 AM	21
22	Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	24	25	26 BOARD MEETING	27 Food Pantry 9-10:30 AM	28 Lioness Book Sale 8:30—1:00 PM
29	30	31				

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Food Pantry 9:00-10:30 AM	4
5	Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	7	8	9 LIONESS DINNER MEETING	10 Food Pantry Overstock 9:00-until Gone	11
12	Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	14	15	16	17 Food Pantry 9:00-10:30 AM	18
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From the Acting Editor

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Please submit information, articles and photographs for the LOW DOWN to **Emily Florence** no later than **Friday, June 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

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Vicky Shew
Emily Florence
Lynne Travis

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Nancy Strain, 972-7141

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Book Sale

Helene Burns, 412-0798, Sherri Lasover, 412-9854, and Ann Walker, 972-4338