

LAKE OF THE WOODS LIONESS LIONS LOW DOWN

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President's Corner

By Lioness Darcy Jennings LOW Lioness Lions President

October will be a busy month for our Lioness group.

Before we get into October, here are a few notes about September. Thank you, Directors, Ellen Bearden, Nicki Buell, Mary Lou Ambrose and Claire Donohoe for a successful beach get-together that was enjoyed by many. We love these gatherings and look forward to more ideas from our directors.

The 2024 card party was both a successful fundraiser and community event that filled the clubhouse rooms with comradery, laughs and games. Thanks go to Barbara Tomayko for AGAIN putting together this great event. Barbara has decided to pass on the leadership of next year's card party so please plan on stepping up to take on this fun event.

Thanks to Marian Rood and her team of ice cream servers we were able to help the Child-Help auxiliary by providing treats for the children of the village during the Bike Rodeo. This is an annual event for the children where they race, ride and have fun. It also offers the opportunity for the children of the village a chance to meet and work with police, which may be the first time many of these children have ever seen law officers in a friendly, positive way.

Gloria Bishop Oliveri, our exemplary secretary, will be representing the Lionesses at the fall conference for all Lions/Lioness groups in Virginia. If anyone has an interest in attending any of these Virginia events, please let me know, they are open to all members. This year the Lionesses are working with the president of the LOW Lions in donating a basket that will be auctioned off at the conference. Our joint basket will have Lioness and Lion items along with Lake items that represent where we live. Once that is made, look on the Lioness website to see "our" basket. (lowlioness.org).

The October meeting will be a "fun" meeting. Since we are acknowledging both Breast Cancer Awareness and Halloween **feel free to wear pink or come in costume**. A member has donated a handmade pink blanket that we will be auctioning off, with the money going to breast cancer research. Thanks Sharon, for helping us raise money for a very Worthy cause.

Also, a reminder that the **Wilderness Food Pantry needs canned foods and condiments**. Please bring a can or two to help those in our community.

Enjoy the cool fall weather as we continue to SERVE in our community.



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WHAT TO BRING TO THE MEETING?



Wilderness Food Pantry needs
canned foods and condiments



THE INSIDER'S VIEW

Minutes from the
August 22, 2024
BOD Meeting

Lake of the Woods Lioness
Lions Club
Post Office Box 811
Locust Grove, VA 22508
Email: lionessclub@lowlioness.org

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

2024 - 2025 Board of Directors

President

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Beth Newton-Administrative

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Heidi Brown

2nd Vice President

Teresa Wisniewski

3rd Vice President

Brigitte Still

Lioness TAMERS

Mary Lou Ambrose
Linda Corsones
Emily Florence

Tail Twister

Nicole Pappas

Membership

Billie Cooke
Cindy Coover

Directors

Mary Lou Ambrose
Ellen Bearden
Nicolette Buell
Claire Donohoe

Past President

Barbara Tomayko

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM on Thursday, September 26, 2024 by
President, Darcy Jennings

Present:

President: Darcy Jennings; **Secretary:** Gloria Bishop Oliveri; **Administrative**
Treasurer: Beth Newton; **1st Vice President:** Heidi Brown; **2nd Vice President:** Teresa
Wisniewski; **Tamers:** Mary Lou Ambrose, Linda Corsones;
Tail Twister: Nicole Pappas; **Membership:** Billie Cooke, Cindy Coover; **Directors:** Mary
Lou Ambrose, Ellen Bearden, Nicki Buell and Claire Donohoe; **Immediate Past**
President: Barbara Tomayko

Absent:

Foundation Treasure: Loretta Lafley; **Tamer:** Emily Florence;
3rd Vice President: Brigitte Still;

Secretary's Report: Gloria Bishop Oliveri

Motion to approve the Minutes from the **August 22, 2024 BOD** meeting, which were
previously distributed.

Motion made by: Heidi Brown and **seconded** by Barbara Tomayko. Vote was taken
and motion carried.

2) Monthly Reports from Committee Chairs for: **August 2024**

PS= 5,359 L=212 H= 766 \$= 1,447.00*

*Bookstore: **\$350.00** *50/50: **\$56.00** *T-shirts: **\$25.00**

*School Supply Drive: **\$1,016.00**

3) **Old Business:**

A) 1st VP, Heidi **Brown** presided over our September 12, 2024 dinner meeting. Gina
Davies reported that LOWLINC walkathon is taking place on Sept. 21, 2024. 14 of
our Lionesses have signed up to walk and Gina requested that we support them
with a donation of \$1,500.00. Since the event is before our next BOD meeting,
Heidi made a **motion** to provide \$1500 from our foundation fund to support this
event. Seconded by Barbara Tomayko via e-mail. **Motion** passed by the BOD via
email to support this event. The walk raises money for LOWLINC that continues to
support a good many people in our community.

B) Heidi also brought up the fact that the 3rd VP position is open and accepted a
volunteer, however, after further discussion, this position can only be filled after
position is officially vacant AND must be processed by the **Nomination and**
Elections Committee, chaired by **Immediate Past President**, Barbara **Tomayko**.

C) We have recovered \$1,607.00 as of September 26, 2024 from the dinner meeting
of April 2023.

D) Darcy to update us on the Constitution & Bylaws since **3rd VP**, Brigitte **Still** has
submitted her resignation

E) Darcy to update us on BOD position descriptions

THE INSIDER'S VIEW (Continued)

Resignations: Mary **Damone**, submitted her resignation so she can Join her husband at the LOW Lions effective immediately; Sharon **Thornton**, also submitted her resignation effective immediately. Brigitte **Still's** resignation is **effective October 27, 2024**. **Motion** to approve made by: Nicki **Buell** and seconded by Nicole **Pappas**. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Membership Status: Margaret **Haight** submitted requests to be placed under AFL status. It was also suggested that we change Carol **Lee's** status to AFL due to medical issues. This move will allow Tamers to excuse her from dinner obligations. **Motion** to approve made by Heidi **Brown** and seconded by Teresa **Wisniewski**. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

President's Report: Darcy Jennings

Criskindlemarkt: Carol **Greeney** and Nicole **Pappas** have graciously agreed to co-chair this committee. This event will be held on December 7, 2024.

Lionesses will also be hosting **Christmas Treasures, Gifts and Bake Sale**. This event is also being held on December 7, 2024. This venue was created so that we may offer: "gently used" items. Nicki Buell will provide tents just in case it rains. Motion to approve this event was made by Beth **Newton** and seconded by Teresa **Wisniewski**. Motion was voted on and carried.

Ice Cream social at Child Village was held on Saturday September 28, 2024.

Foundation Treasurer's Report: Presented by Gloria Bishop **Oliveri**, Secretary for Loretta Lafley, absent

August 2024 Report:

Opening Balance: **\$91,699.75**

Total Income: **\$3,626.03**

Total Expenses: **\$8,386.66**

Bank Balance: **\$86,373.01**

CD Balance: **\$10,215.81**

Administrative Treasurer's Report: Beth Newton

Income and Expenses for August 2024:

Total Income: **\$4,340.00**

Total Expenses: **\$2,007.28**

Bank Balance YTD: **\$20,954.83**

1st Vice President: Heidi Brown

We are still looking for creative ways to increase our Administrative Fund.

2nd Vice President: Teresa Wisniewski

Mardi Gras Dance: Teresa and Sharla Bailey are co-chairing the Mardi Gras event this year and have started to work on details.

Tamers: Mary Lou Ambrose; Linda Corsones, Emily Florence, (absent)

We will continue to assess fees for no show.

Tail Twister: Nicole Pappas

"Mighty Lioness" recognition continues to be a great success and will continue with it at our dinner meetings.

Directors: Mary Lou Ambrose, Ellen Bearden, Nicki Buell and Claire Donohoe.

Directors proposed to have an event using our Lionesses colors: purple and gold tie dye t-shirts

Immediate Past President: Barbara Tomayko

Card Party: Barbara reminded us that the Card Party event is tomorrow, Friday September 27, 2024.

There being no further business to come before the LOW Lioness Lions Board of Directors at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Gloria Bishop Oliveri, LOW Lioness Lions Secretary

Next BOD Meeting: Thursday October 24 , 2024

Upcoming Events



WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS



White House Ornaments will be available for purchase for \$25.00 each at the October 10th Dinner Meeting and most likely meetings thereafter.

If you know how many you want, Kathy Merritt will bring your order to the meeting.

Or you can call or text **Kathy Merritt** or **Jan Stockman** to have an order ready for pickup at our houses at any time from now until we sell out. Let me know if you have questions.

Call or email: **Kathy Merritt** kb.merritt@comcast.net

or **Jan Stockman** red_ryder98@hotmail.com



Upcoming Events

Lake of the Woods Lions and Lioness Clubs 2024 Winter Clothing Drive Wilderness Food Pantry



Once again, the Lions and Lioness Clubs are working with the Wilderness Food Pantry by collecting clean, gently used, or new warm coats, scarves, gloves, hats, and boots for local area residents in need. **Children and teen coats, hats and gloves are especially needed.**

Donations must be received by Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Volunteers will be handing out coats and other items on **Saturday, November 16th** from 9:00 -11:00 a.m., (Rain date Sunday, November 17th 9:00 -11:00 a.m.) at the

Wilderness Food Pantry (Route 20, behind and to the right of the Locust Grove Town Center mall). All donated items will be distributed to local children and adults in need.

Drop off boxes will be located at the following places:

- *Lake of the Woods Club House
- *Holcomb Building (Lower Level)
- *Fareways/Pro Shop entrance
- *Licata Group Real Estate (Near CVS)
- *Edward Jones Investment (Across from LOW Gate)
- *LOW Church
- *LOW Community Center
- *Lions Yard Sale at the Velona Building (Saturdays 9:00 – 12:00)



For information, call or email Lynne Kovach: 540-920-8528 or lynnebkovach@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for your support in helping our neighbors keep warm this winter.

Upcoming Events



Lake of the Woods Lions and Lioness Clubs 2024 Winter Clothing Drive (Continued)

I NEED YOU!

Contact me if you would like to help pick up, sort or distribute

Lynne Kovach: 540-920-8528 or lynnehbkovach@gmail.com

- ◆ **4 Volunteers** to monitor the boxes **once a week** and remove the clothing when the box is full and take clothing to the designated collection location
- ◆ **4-5 Volunteers** to sort the clothing **from 10:00AM-Noon** on **November 14th** at the Sweetbriar Pavilion
- ◆ **5 Volunteers** to hand out coats and other items on **Saturday, November 16th** from 9:00 -11:00 a.m.,
(Rain date Sunday, November 17th 9:00 -11:00 a.m.)
at the **Wilderness Food Pantry** ([Route 20, behind and to the right of the Locust Grove Town Center mall](#)).

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Announcements



Halloween is Around the Corner!

Please bring Halloween Candy for Treats on the Point to the **October** meeting.

We will be handing out candy on Thursday, October 31st, from 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Upcoming Events

What happened to the Lioness Christkindlemarkt Christmas Table?

Why were the Lionesses “uninvited” to the Market??

This is not entirely true. We will have a table at the Community Center to sell our White House Ornaments on December 7th. Nicole Pappas, along with Carol Greeney will be selling these new ornaments. The table, at the cost of \$50 has been secured. We need to have a presence at the market. Any VINTAGE Christmas items may also be sold. We are not sure what qualifies as a vintage Christmas item, possibly old White House Ornaments, Christmas village houses, Christopher Rothko ornaments.

What happened? It seems that many of the vendors who participate in the event did not appreciate that we offered used items at great prices.

Once we received notice that we could not reserve space at the event, VP Heidi Brown immediately set up a meeting with the LOW General Manager’s office. Carolyn met with Heidi, Kathy Merritt and Barbara Tomayko. They were offered an alternative date, at no cost to the Lionesses along with free advertising for “our” event. However, the date offered is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. That presented a number of problems for us because it is a difficult time to get volunteers and did not allow us enough time to set up our own event. **The board decided not to do our sale on that date.**

Nicki Buell presented an alternative plan. It is going to be called **Christmas Treasures, Gifts, Jewelry and Bake Sale**. We will be offering our Christmas items and other items on December 7th, the date of the Christkindlemarkt, BUT at a **different location**. We will be setting up right outside the Ferris Building, where we have the book sales. Tents and tables will be set up. Our Christmas Treasures, Gifts, Jewelry and Bake Sale event will run alongside of the Lions usual Saturday Yard Sale from 9-1.

One problem is that we desperately need a committee or individual to organize this event. This will involve coordinating the gathering of Christmas items. Finding a garage to store the items. Both Gina Davies and Kathy Merritt have many Christmas items to donate to the sale. Arranging for the movement of these items to the Ferris building, pricing items along with your group of volunteers and selling all those items. If pricing cannot be done in advance, we can either price items that morning or ask people to ‘make an offer’ on items they wish to purchase. Please talk to some other Lionesses to take on this new adventure.

Another job is to extensively **advertise** our event and location.

**Please contact Darcy with your offer to help.
2darcyj@gmail.com.**



Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE
FOR A MAGICAL EVENING



Start thinking about how many tables/guests you would like
for the

The Annual
Mardi Gras Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 9, 2025
6:00pm—11:00PM

LAKE OF THE WOODS CLUBHOUSE

Bring Your Donations for the Mardi Gras Dance - Experiences such as:

- * Behind the Scene tours
- * Private lessons
- * Theatre tickets
- * Travel gifts to get away and make memories such as vacation rentals
- * Sports and music items of your favorite teams and artists
- * Artwork and jewelry that are unique limited editions that are custom made

Sharla Bailey and Teresa Wisniewski will collect your fabulous, generous items.

Also, if you are interested in being a Table Sponsor (for \$100), please let Sharla or Teresa know.

For more information:

Sharla Bailey: skbailey1429@gmail.com
Teresa Wisniewski: teresawish@msn.com

Announcements

IMPORTANT!!

If you haven't done this already, NOW is the time to make any changes or corrections to your contact information

for the new

2024-2025 Member Directory.

Email, address, phone or name

Corrections and spellings or add or subtract a spouse or partner

Contact Sharla Bailey at skbailey1429@gmail.com



Membership

Janice Johnston & Ann Turner were inducted at the September Meeting

WELCOME Janice & Ann!



Announcements

LOW Lioness Lions Book Sale

The LOW Lioness Book Sale is back and held the last Saturday of each month except December and January. The next book sale will be held on **Saturday, October 26th**.

We are located in the Ferris Building across from the Lions Yard Sale and are open from 8:30 AM to 1:00PM

We look forward to seeing you. Please contact Ann Walker at (540) 972-4338, Sherri Lasover at (540) 412-9854 or Helene Burns at (540) 412-0798 if you have any questions.



Eyeglass Recycling

We meet from 9:30 to 11:00 every Monday morning at The Ferris Building (the same building as the Book Sale). 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 for lunch!

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 Lions Club.

Thank you so much for your help with this.

Shellee Williams

Phone: (540) 412-9894 or cell (571) 277-8618

Email: bufsof@msn.com



You Mighty Lioness

We are fortunate and honored to have individuals who, in just being themselves, bring joy and happiness to others. Please join me in congratulating the **Mighty Lionesses** recognized at our September meeting.

Mary Lou McFarland, you Mighty Lioness! You made me proud with your dedication to the “Boys” at Bridges, and your continued service you and your husband offer to our community... babysitter, teaching classes, etc. What a dedicated lady! (Mary Damone)

Judy Ludvigsen, you Mighty Lioness! You made me proud when you, gave up so much of your time to train me as the Lioness Secretary. (Gloria Bishop Oliveri)


Gail Harden, you Mighty Lioness! You made me proud when you donated double the money when you weren't wearing your name tag. (Anonymous).

At each meeting we recognize three Mighty Lioness who through acts of kindness, generosity and selflessness, show the world the heart of a Lioness! The first three members to fill out a yellow *Mighty Lioness* form will recognize their Mighty Lioness after we sing the birthday song. The yellow forms will be next to the 50/50 ticket sales. There are also white forms for members to privately recognize their Mighty Lioness.

So why do we pay \$1 when we forget our name tags? It's a small amount, not meant to impose a hardship, and yet it somehow feels yucky. So, today, I want to take the yuck away. Our Lioness name tags are a show of pride in who we are, however, *there is no shame in not having your Lioness name tag*. I couldn't find my name tag for quite a while, until I put on an infrequently used jacket and there it was in the pocket. It happens. And when it does, we simply ask that you wear a name sticker, because wearing a name tag is a way to help guests and other members (new or longer term) put a name to a face or a face to name. We all need that little memory-jog once in a while. If you really do lose your name tag, please contact Membership Chairs, Billie Cooke or Cindy Coover to obtain another name tag. The yucky part I can't take away, is the feeling I have when asking for a dollar. If you are interested in helping me avoid the yuck, please feel free to hand me your dollar with a smile and a hug. With sincere thanks – Nicole Pappas



October 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4 Food Pantry 9:00-10:30 AM	5	6
7 Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	8	9	10 DINNER MEETING	11 OVERSTOCK 9:00 UNTIL GONE	12	13
14 Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	15	16	17	18 Food Pantry 9:00-10:30 AM	19	20
21 Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	22	23	24 BOARD MEETING	25 Food Pantry 9:00-10:30 AM	26 Lioness Book Sale 8:30AM - 1:00 PM	27
28 Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	29	30	31  TREATS ON THE POINT			

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25 Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	26	27	28 	29 CLOSED	30 Lioness Book Sale 8:30 AM- 1:00 PM	

From the Tamers

The Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club 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 \$30.00** if you are unable to attend this meeting.

NOTICE: We reply to 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.

Mary Lou Ambrose:(703) 581-5577 ambrosemarylou@gmail.com
Linda Corsones: (914) 466-2610 lindacorsones@gmail.com
Emily Florence: (571) 239-0591 emilyjflorence@aol.com

If you are bringing a guest, please call the Tamers

DINNER MENU

Dinner: Garden Salad w/Ranch or Balsamic Dressing, Rolls

Chicken Florentine with Roasted Root Vegetables, Green Bean Almondine

Alternate Meal:
Spaghetti Squash

Assorted Desserts

Dinner is \$30.00 per person

There are TWO little PUMPKINS hidden in this issue. Find them!

OCTOBER

Joyce Morland	10/5
Bev Kuhn	10/9
Cathi O'Brien	10/17
Kathy Merritt	10/23
Suzanne Herr	10/31

Happy Birthdays

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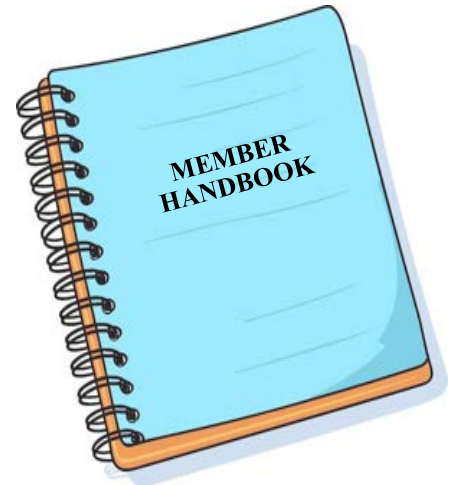
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