

LAKE OF THE WOODS LIONESSE LIONS LOW DOWN

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President's Corner

By Lioness Darcy Jennings LOW Lioness Lions President

It's already November. Time seems to pass more quickly the older I get. However, it sure has been nice to have this May-type weather for the last few weeks. Hopefully you were all able to enjoy the outdoors.

Thanks go to Teresa Wisniewski and all her pink-wearing elves who passed out candy on the WINDY point on Halloween evening. With your generosity we had LOADS of candy with leftovers going to the Wilderness Food Pantry.

With Sharon Corner's help, we donated \$140 to the UVA Breast Cancer group.

Lynne Kovach's Coat Drive Team worked tirelessly collecting coats and advertising for the Lions/Lionesses coat drive. Thanks!

November brings along holidays, and special days. Election day is right around the corner, followed by Veterans Day. Thanks to all you Lionesses who have served our country. Then it's time to cook the turkey for Thanksgiving. Busy times for all.

Lioness news for this month:

Our November meeting will be a special meeting where our Lion/Lioness First Vice District Governor, Dan Visone, will be our guest. I am hoping that last year's District Governor, our own Donalda Lovelace, will introduce our speaker.

We are asking for 5-pound bags of potatoes that we can give to the food pantry for the Thanksgiving Dinners that they put together.

Marylou McFarland will be passing out names for anyone interested in getting a gift for our friends and neighbors at Bridges. These gifts will be collected at the December meeting.

Help will be needed for the Toy Drive. Please contact Kathy Merritt to volunteer. December 7th will be our outdoor Christmas Treasures event. **Please put together your old costume jewelry, jig saw puzzles and, of course, Christmas decorations** and other items for this sale. We will also need help pricing items before December 6th. Help is needed on December 6th, moving the goodies from Marti Legge's and Billie Cooke's garages so we can set up early on the 7th. Please sign up to help. Hopefully we will have the big golf cart to ferry people from the lower parking lot up to our sale.

Many thanks go out to all our Lionesses who work behind the scenes to help at the food pantry, packing pet food, bookstore organization and sales, eye glass recycling, Safe House help and so many other ways that **WE SERVE**.

Happy November!

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WHAT TO BRING TO THE MEETING?



Household cleaning products and supplies. Since cold weather is coming please also consider warm hats, scarves, gloves etc.

See complete list on page 5

A 5 lb. bag of POTATOES! For the Food Pantry



- ◆ Costume Jewelry
- ◆ Jig Saw Puzzles
- ◆ Christmas Ornaments & Decorations



THE INSIDER'S VIEW

Minutes from the
October 24, 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

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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

BOD Meeting call to Order by President, Darcy Jennings at: 7 PM

Present:

President, Darcy Jennings; **Secretary**, Gloria Bishop Oliveri; **Foundation Treasure:** Loretta Lafley-**Administrative Treasurer:** Beth Newton; **1st Vice President:** Heidi Brown; **Tamers:** Mary Lou Ambrose, Linda Corsones, & Emily Florence; **Tail Twister:** Nicole Pappas; **Membership:** Billie Cooke; **Directors:** Mary Lou Ambrose, Ellen Bearden; **Immediate Past President:** Barbara Tomayko

Absent:

2nd Vice President: Teresa-Wisniewski; **3rd Vice President:** Brigitte Still, **Membership:** Cindy Coover

Directors: Nicki Buell, Claire Donohoe

Special Guest: Sharla Bailey, Publications

1) **Member Handbook and Club Directory**

- Sharla received messages from members requesting to reinstate original membership dates for Lionesses prior to 07/27/17
- Include Lest We Forget page
- Include Past Presidents
- Include District Officers
- Include Charter Officers

2) It was discussed to reprint or just print separate pages and issue to insert to existing handbooks, but also to reprint 45 corrected copies. Motion made by Nicole Pappas and seconded by Barbara Tomayko. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Gloria Bishop Oliveri

1) **Motion** to approve Minutes from the **September 22, 2024**, which were previously submitted. Motion made by Barbara Tomayko and seconded by Emily Florence.

Motion carried.

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

PS= 5,648 **L=** 166 **H=** 572 **\$=** \$3,227.67

Bookstore: \$214. **50/50:** \$61. **T-Shirts:** \$25.00

Card Party Luncheon & Fashion Show: \$2,927.67

3) **Old Business:**

Constitution & Bylaws submitted to the BOD for review and edits. Heidi Brown will discuss in detail.

4) **Resignations: Official:** Brigitte Still effective 10/27/24, BOD approved on 09/26/24.

5) **Status Change Request:** Jan Lemieux requested renewal of her MAL Status from November 1, 2024 to May 1, 2025. **Motion** to approve made by Billie Cooke and Seconded by Ellen Bearden. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Foundation for September 2024: Loretta Lafley

1) **Income and Expenses for September 2024:**

Total Receipts: \$2,429.63

Total Expenses: \$3,744.38

Bank Balance: \$85,624.37

CD Balance: \$10,217.52

THE INSIDER'S VIEW (Continued)

Treasurer's Report - Administrative: Beth Newton

1) Account Balance YTD: \$21,362.85

Income and Expenses for **September 2024:**

Total Income: \$2,515.00

Total Expenses: \$5,784.44

Account Balance: \$17,685.39

President's Report: Darcy Jennings

- 1) Clothing Fundraiser for our December meeting will be discussed and presented at a later date by **Directors:** Mary Lou Ambrose, Ellen Bearden, Nicki Buell, Clair Donohoe
- 2) Report on the **December 7th** Christmas Treasures and Christkindlemarkt. We will be at two locations:
 - a. **Christkindlemarkt** will be at the Sweetbriar LOW Community Center from 9am to 3pm. Nicole Pappas and Carol Greeney are co-chairing selling White House Ornaments (and other vintage items).
 - b. **Christmas Treasures** will be held on **Saturday, December 7th from 9am to 1pm**. It will be set up at the Ferris Building parking lot (BLUE TENTS) across from the Lions Yard Sale. Signs will be prominently displayed.

1st Vice President: Heidi Brown

- 1) Constitution & Bylaws: Heidi reminded us to carefully review the PDF and return any corrections/changes to committee as soon as possible. Committee worked really hard to get BOD approval so we can submit finished product to all club members.

2nd Vice President: Teresa Wisniewski, Absent

- 1) Halloween on the point from 5:30 to 7:30 on Oct 31st. Mary Lou and Teresa have everything ready to distribute the candy. Thank you Lionesses for providing so much candy! Hope to see everyone there!

Tamers: Mary Lou Ambrose, Linda Corsones, & Emily Florence

- 1) Mary Lou mentioned that Tamers will step in and help provide centerpieces for dinner meeting tables.

Tail Twister: Nicole Pappas

- 1) Nicole reported she collected \$11.00 for no name tags. Mighty Lioness is going strong. We need to let club members know that they need to be present to fill out the nominating form and recipient Lioness needs to be present as well.

Membership: Billie Cooke (Cindy Coover, absent)

- 1) Cathy Kutz is being sponsored by Bev Kuhn. Cathy's application needs to be approved. Motion made by Billie Cooke and seconded by Darcy Jennings. Motion carried. Cathy will be inducted at our November 14th dinner.
- 2) Orientation will be held on Tuesday, November 12th at 5pm at Two Brothers. Cindy and Billie got together to review and do their "Edits" to the Constitution & submitted to Heidi: Membership Committee: pages 21 and 22, ARTICLE 1V, Board of Directors.

Directors: Mary Lou Ambrose; Ellen Bearden, (Nicki Buell and Claire Donohoe, absent). The luncheon outing to the Minute Man Antique Mall is being held on Thursday, January 16th. Address: 746 Germanna Hwy, Culpeper. We also have our Spring outing to the Sweet Vines. More information will be available in future Low Down editions.

Immediate Past President: Barbara Tomayko

Barbara and her nominating committee are getting ready to process and fill the 3rd Vice President position since it was just vacated on 10/27/24.

There being no further business to come before the LOW Lioness Lions Board of Directors at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Gloria Bishop Oliveri, LOW Lioness Lions Secretary

Next BOD Meeting: Thursday, November 21, 2024

**REMEMBER
TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS BACK!**



Sunday,
November
3rd



District 24L Fall Conference

Dear Lionesses,

I attended the **Lions of VA, District 24L Fall Conference** this past October 18th through the 20th in Sterling, VA. I met Lions from all over our district and it was fascinating to learn that we are so much alike and yet so different.

Our common goal and motto is “We Serve” and we all serve our communities differently. It was a great opportunity to exchange ideas, but most importantly, make lasting friendships.

Each club was given a project to highlight our communities: To prepare and donate a basket using our own community as a theme. Of course we used our very own Lake of the Woods. **LOW Lioness and Lions Club presidents, Darcy Jennings and Cathy Hix** collaborated on our beautiful basket and it was my privilege to represent our club, and share a table with Cathy Hix and David Shull.

We received wonderful compliments how beautifully our basket represented both clubs and lots of admiration on how well our two clubs work together.

David and I were so excited to present “our basket” to the raffle winner Lion Susan, who just happens to be our next door county neighbor and the President of the Culpeper Lions Club. *Gloria Bishop Oliveri, LOW Lioness Lions Secretary*



Lioness & Lions Project Collaboration



Lion David Shull & Myself



Culpeper Lions Club President Susan wishing to win the basket



Susan's wish came true! She & her husband took the basket home

Upcoming Events



Lake of the Woods Lions & Lioness Club



2024 Winter Clothing Drive

Wilderness Food Pantry

DON'T FORGET!



All Donations must be received by Wednesday, November 13th, 2024

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)

Distribution of clothing will be on Saturday, November 16th, from 9:00am-11:00 am at the Wilderness Food Pantry on Route 20, behind and to the right of the Locust Grove Town Center mall (rain date, Sunday, November 17, from 9:00 -11:00 a.m.).

For more information, please call LOW Lion Cathy Hix (703) 407-2929 or apscathy@gmail.com.

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

Upcoming Events



Services To Abused Families, Inc.

Last collection of the year!



Currently accepting these Most Needed Items:

- * New bras, socks and underwear
- * Fall and Winter clothing in all sizes and genders. Especially winter coats and warm clothing!
- * Cleaning products
- * Paper products
- * Toilet paper
- * Paper towels
- * Laundry detergent
- * Hygiene products for women and men (full size and unused)
- * Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, etc.
- * Trash bags
- * Towels and wash cloths
- * Storage bins with lids
- * Under bed storage bins
- * Monetary Donations
- * **Warm hats, scarves, gloves**

Upcoming Events



Save the Date

The Lioness Club will be selling:

CHRISTMAS TREASURES

- Unique Costume Jewelry
- Christmas Ornaments & Decorations
- Jigsaw puzzles and more...

Saturday, December 7th from 9:00am - 1:00pm

In the Blue Tents across from the Lions Club Yard Sale

We will also be selling 2024 White House Ornaments and prior year White House Ornaments at:

Christkindlemarkt

at the Sweetbriar Community Center on December 7, from 9AM-3PM



Upcoming Events

The 2024 White House Ornaments



The Lioness Lions Club is selling the 2024 White House Ornaments for **\$25.00 each.**

Made from solid brass, finished in 24-karat gold, and screen printed with exquisite color, the Official 2024 White House Christmas Ornament honors President Jimmy Carter. The ornament's anchor shape, an iconic symbol of hope, represents Carter's service in the United States Navy. The design also highlights historic moments from his life and presidency. Every ornament ships in a keepsake box with a ribbon for hanging and an illustrated booklet on the Carter presidency.

To purchase an ornament, please **Call or Text** – for orders or questions: **Kathy Merrit, 540/538-6605** or **Jan Stockman, 703/943-9314.**

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Upcoming Events



MARDI GRAS DINNER DANCE

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 8, 2025 | LOW Clubhouse
6:00 – 11:00pm

Mark Your Calendar for Mardi Gras Dinner Dance 2025

March 8, 2025: Save the date and begin making plans for the Mardi Gras Dinner Dance, Lioness's biggest event of the year! Once again, the evening will include appetizers, plated dinner, and dancing to the fabulous strains of the Reunion Band.

As you know, in the past this has been our largest fundraiser of the year, and we are hoping for a similar success again this year with your help! As we have before, we are asking for Table Captains who will be responsible for filling their tables with eager attendees. Thank you to those Lionesses that signed up to be table captains at last month's meeting!

We need you to consider two items NOW:

1. Decide if you want to attend this year's event, and if you have other people you would like to invite.
2. Decide if you would like to commit to being a table captain if you have not already.

We will put out sign-up sheets again at the NOVEMBER meeting where you may indicate your interest. Table captains will use the sign-up sheets to help them fill spots at their tables. Come to the November meeting to sign up—and to get answers to all your questions!

Halloween 2024



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Thank you Darcy, Teresa, Emily, Loretta & John, Nancy, Jan, Debra, Cindy and others who helped give out a MOUNTAIN of candy donated by our lovely Lioness Club!



Cabi Fashions - September



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Card & Game Party - September



Announcements

LOW Lioness Lions Book Sale

The next book sale will be held on **Saturday, November 30th**.

There are NO BOOKSALES in December or January.

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 October meeting.

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Marian Rood you Mighty Lioness! You make me proud when you are always there for us in the cleaning glasses. Cheers to you, my Friend – Maggie Broadwater.

Donna Morrissey, you Mighty Lioness! You made me proud when you helped neighbors with breast cancer by bringing food, driving for appointments, and sitting in on consultations. Cheers to you, my friend – Julie Phend.

Lynne Kovach, you Mighty Lioness! You made me proud when you saved us \$400 on the printing of the Directory. And, did all the photos. And, picked it up, too. And, handed them out. Cheers to you, my friend – Sharla Bailey

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.

With sincere thanks – Nicole Pappas



November 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Food Pantry 9:00-10:30 AM	2	3
4 Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	5	6	7	8 Food Pantry OVERSTOCK FRIDAY 9:00 - Gone	9	10
11 Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	12	13	14 DINNER MEETING	15 Food Pantry 9:00-10:30 AM	16  COAT DRIVE 9:00 - 11:00 AM	17 Coat Drive Rain Date
18 Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	19	20	21 BOARD MEETING	22 Food Pantry OVERSTOCK FRIDAY 9:00 - Gone	23	24
25 Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	26	27	28 	29 CLOSED	30 Lioness Book Sale 8:30 AM- 1:00 PM	

December 2024

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16 Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	17	18	19 BOARD MEETING	20 Food Pantry OVERSTOCK FRIDAY 9:00 - Gone	21	22
23 NO Eyeglass Recycle	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25  HANUKKAH BEGINS  CHRISTMAS DAY	26  KWANZA BEGINS	27	28	29

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:

**Turkey Dinner w/Classic Stuffing,
Green Bean Casserole, Mashed
Potatoes w/Turkey Gravy**

Alternate Meal:

Portabella Mushroom Wellington

Assorted Desserts:

**Pumpkin Pie
Sweet Potato Pie
Pecan Pie**

Dinner is \$30.00 per person

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

NOVEMBER



Jan Lemieux	11/2
Karin Goetz	11/10
Linda Bruno	11/19
Ann Walker	11/20
Madelyn Smith	11/28

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