

LAKE OF THE WOODS LIONESS LIONS LOW DOWN



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President's Corner

By Lioness Darcy Jennings LOW Lioness Lions President

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Welcome to February. We have had snow, COLD, ice and the flu. Just remember Spring starts in 48 days. Keep looking for those crocuses and the return of robins.

There are many things going on with the LOW Lioness group. We are making plans for some small new fun and fundraising events. Right now, our focus is on the Mardi Gras Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 8th. This is our largest fundraiser which gives us funds for our outreach projects. We are still looking for donations for the silent auction. If you have something you think might be popular in the silent auction, please contact Teresa Wisniewski or Sharla Bailey. Many of you have talents that can become an item in the auction. Two Lionesses are offering to clean out a pantry closet or organize a few kitchen cabinets, they are calling themselves "Two Ladies in a Closet". Other members have offered skills like creating your own greeting cards for a group of eight. The offer of helping to clean out a flower bed or some outdoor gardening was a popular item at the Card Party in the fall. Think of something that you can offer that would be of interest to others and share that with Teresa or Sharla.

Also needed for the Silent Auction are bottles of wine, a bottle of Bailey's and tiny little bottles of bourbon. Please bring these to the February meeting or leave them at 419 Wilderness Drive on the front porch.

The Tamers, Mary Lou Ambrose, Linda Corsones and Emily Florence have been working VERY diligently for the last month to secure a location for our February dinner meeting. Our meeting will be on Thursday, February 13, at the Clubhouse. We will be entering through the doors behind the hostess podium/station at the end of the hall after entering through the front doors. The cost of this dinner will be \$30.

As many of you know the Clubhouse food service rates have been under discussion for a few months. All the non-profit groups have been negotiating any upcoming dinners, to try to keep the cost as reasonable as possible. Our Tamers will continue to set up the best possible options for our dinner meetings. Thank you, Tamers, for your continued efforts.

Our plastic bag collection has been extended to March 1. This gives us more time to collect one thousand pounds to turn into an outdoor TREX bench. We are now only 20 pounds from reaching our goal. Please continue to deposit your, and your neighbors' and friends' bags at either 419 Wilderness Drive or 319 Liberty Drive.

Our annual Yard Sale will be held in May. In late March and all of April, we will need garages to be used for drop off locations. Please consider being one of the locations. We will need someone to head up the committee for this Yard Sale as soon as possible.

The directors, Claire Donohoe, Ellen Bearden, Nicki Buell and Mary Lou Ambrose deserve a big thanks for the wonderful lunch outing at the MinuteMan MiniMall on January 16th. All those who attended had a great time.

Our February meeting will be S-I-N-G-O, for all to play. This was thoroughly enjoyed at last February's meeting, so it is returning as a Valentine treat for all of you.

WHAT TO BRING TO THE MEETING?

Items for the following Mardi Gras Baskets

- Football Basket
- Puzzles Basket
- Bowling Basket
- Grill Basket
- Golf Basket
- Grandkids Basket (for Boys or Girls)

PLASTIC!

Bread bags
Produce bags
Newspaper sleeves
Pallet wrap & stretch film
Salt & Ice bags
Case overwrap
Bubble wrap
Wood pallet bags
Plastic shipping envelopes
Dry Cleaning bags
Ziploc & other closable
food storage bags



THE INSIDER'S VIEW

Minutes from the
Thursday, January, 2025
BOD Meeting

Lake of the Woods Lioness
Lions Club
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Locust Grove, VA 22508
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Meetings are held at the LOW
Club House on the 2nd Thursday
of each month.
Social hour begins at 5:15 p.m.

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Emily Florence

Tail Twister

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Claire Donohoe

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BOD Meeting called to Order by President, Darcy Jennings at 6:59 PM

Present:

President: Darcy Jennings; **Secretary:** Gloria Bishop Oliveri; **Foundation Treasure:** Loretta Lafley; **Administrative Treasurer:** Beth Newton; **1st Vice President:** Heidi Brown; **2nd Vice President:** Teresa Wisniewski; **3rd Vice President:** Arlene Rich; **Tamers:** Mary Lou Ambrose, Linda Corsones and Emily Florence; **Tail Twister:** Nicole Pappas; **Membership:** Billie Cooke; **Directors:** Mary Lou Ambrose, Nicki Buell; Claire Donohoe.

Absent:

Membership: Cindy Coover; **Director:** Ellen Bearden; **Immediate Past President:** Barbara Tomayko

Secretary's Report: Gloria Bishop Oliveri

- Motion** to approve Minutes from the **December 19, 2024**, which were previously submitted. **Motion by** Mary Lou Ambrose and Seconded by Nicole Pappas. **Motion moved.**
- Monthly Reports** from Committee Chairs for: **November 2024**
PS= 3,992 L= 153 H= 581 \$= \$310.00*
***Bookstore:** Closed; White House Ornaments*
- Old Business:
 - Tenure Recognition for 36 Lionesses
Donalda Lovelace was very helpful and instrumental in putting me in contact with District Governor MD24L, James V. Cech and Immediate Past International Director, Jay Moughon. They approved AND supported my request and forwarded it to ID Burlakoti, Chairman LCI Membership Committee for discussion at their March 2025 meeting.
I am very hopeful and look forward to a resolution in March 2025.
 - Status Change:** 0
 - Resignation:** Marcy Brennan, approved by BOD on January 23, 2025
 - New Members:** Judy Pendergrass, sponsored by Rosemary Butcher, was approved by the BOD on December 19, 2024, and will be inducted at our March dinner meeting.

Guest: Lynne Kovach

- Lynne reported the Clubhouse Committee held a "special" Committee meeting on January 17, 2025. Attendees included Chaz Kilby, LOWA President Leif Henecke & Phil Rodenberg.
The proposed new Clubhouse events charges were presented, and Lynne reported the Clubhouse Committee voted to support the new charges.

Foundation Treasurer's Report for December 2024: Loretta Lafley

- Total Receipts:** \$11,887.30
- Total Expenses:** \$1,460.35
- Bank Balance:** \$90,781.94
- Savings Account Balance:** \$10,215.81
- Loretta mentioned that LCI (Lions Club International), has a Disaster Fund and they reached out by email to request donations from all Lions and Lioness groups. No amount was stipulated by LCIF. **Motion** made by Darcy Jennings to donate \$2,000.00 to this fund. Motion was seconded by Arlene Rich. **Motion moved.**

THE INSIDER'S VIEW (Continued)

Administrative Treasurer's Report for December 2024: Beth Newton

1. **Total Income:** \$2,582.00
2. **Total Expenses:** \$1,697.61
3. **Account Balance:** \$20,710.85

Note: Directors collected \$150.00 for the Minuteman Antique Mall trip/luncheon which was a fun outing! This amount will be reflected in the January 2025 report.

President's Report: Darcy Jennings

1. **Darcy** continued discussion regarding looking for alternative venues for our monthly dinner meeting.
2. **Darcy** will continue to bring baskets to raffle at our dinner meetings (while supply lasts). We will also continue to have 50/50 and all income made from these two activities will all go to the Admin. Fund.

1st Vice President: Heidi Brown

1. **Bylaws & Constitution:** Heidi mentioned that a few more "edits" were submitted to her and is still hoping to present final product at our February Dinner Meeting.
 - a. Nicki Buell had questions regarding the only votes made by the "**Executive Board**" were necessary to approve motions.
 - b. Nicki also mentioned that she would like to change from one to two Lionesses occupy seats at the **WILDERNESS FOOD PANTRY Board**, Section aa, Pages 25 and 26.
Heidi asked Nicki to submit her proposed changes in writing for committee to review.
2. **Clubhouse Pricing:** Again, Heidi will continue communication with Clubhouse Management requesting a meeting.
3. **Concert on the point:** Heidi reminded us that we will be selling 50/50 tickets.

2nd Vice President: Teresa Wisniewski

1. **Update on Mardi Gras:** We still have tickets available and wanted to remind all Lionesses before opening it to the public.
 - a. We still need Table Donors. Donation of \$100.00 is required.
 - b. We still need items for the Silent Auction.
 - c. We still need to fill in a few volunteer spots.

Tamers: Mary Lou Ambrose, Linda Corsones and Emily Florence

1. Tamers were told we had our February 13 th dinner meeting all set for Fareways, but just found out that Clubhouse Management has decided NOT to honor the Fareways commitment
2. We reviewed numbers and discussed different ways that we could offset these high costs without arriving at a resolution. Heidi, Emily, Darcy and other have left numerous messages for the clubhouse and management has been unresponsive.
3. Heidi will continue to try scheduling a meeting with Clubhouse Management.

UPDATE: We will be having our February 13, 2025 at the Clubhouse!

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

1. Our Directors collected \$150.00 for the January 16 , 2025 Minuteman Antique Mall trip/luncheon. Those of us who attended can confirm it was a lot of fun.
2. Next project in the planning is tie dye t-shirts: Colors: Purple and Gold of course!
3. meal at the Old House Restaurant, maybe in April. More information too come!

There being no further business to come before the LOW Lioness Lions Board of Directors at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Bishop Oliveri, LOW Lioness Lions Secretary

Next BOD Meeting: Thursday, February 27, 2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

February Lioness Dinner Meeting

CORRECTION: FROM THE TAMERS

**Our February dinner meeting will be held at the CLUBHOUSE
NOT Fareways as stated in the January edition of the Lowdown**

We will be trying a new set up, using only 2 rooms, to help keep costs the same per person. Use the door behind the hostess station to enter.

Our menu will be:

- Lasagna – meat and vegetable
- Salad
- Rolls
- Desserts

PLEASE, let us know as soon as possible (deadline-the Monday before our dinner meeting) if any of the following applies to you:

- You are not able to attend the dinner meeting.
- You are bringing a guest (and their dinner choice).
- You're choosing the alternate dinner menu.

Please type carefully. Some emails have not gone through because a name was misspelled and/or 'com' was 'co'.

ambrosemarylou@gmail.com

lindacorsones@gmail.com

emilyjflorence1@gmail.com

If you cannot attend and it's after the Monday deadline, you may opt to have a take-out meal, or be charged \$30. This price will be honored for our February dinner meeting at the Clubhouse, but March/April will bring another price increase as will the month of May. These changes will be discussed at the February 13 meeting.

REMEMBER: If you do not hear from 1 of the Tamers, we have not received your request.



Upcoming Events - MARDI GRAS



Limited Seats Available for Lioness Mardi Gras Dinner Dance

By Julie Phend

The Lioness Lions Club has **limited seating available** for the Mardi Gras Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 8, at Lake of the Woods Clubhouse. This festive evening begins with a cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. The Reunion Band will play from 8:00-11:00 p.m. for dancing and listening enjoyment. Dress is semi-formal, with Mardi Gras masks optional.

The cost is \$75/person. To request a seat, please call **Ellen Bearden at 540-222-7390**. When you purchase a ticket, you will be asked to choose your entrée.

Entrées include:

- * Beef Medallions, served with Red Beans and Rice
- * Shrimp and Grits (no andouille sausage)
- * Chicken Gumbo
- * Vegetable Napoleon

All entrées are served with salad, hushpuppies, and dessert. A variety of Mardi Gras appetizers will be served prior to dinner.

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, 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.

Call now to join us for a fun evening that supports worthy causes in our community.

For the Single Ladies!
Anne LeHuray still has 3 tickets left on her Ladies Table. If you would like one, please contact Anne at alehuray@comcast.net

MARDI GRAS Continued...



Dust off your dancing shoes!

Dust off your dancing shoes! Mardi Gras tickets are still on sale, and we're opening them up to the public on February 11th. If you'd like tickets, please call **Ellen Bearden at (540) 222-7390**.

We still need some help! We're looking for donations of wine and the following **NEW ITEMS** for our baskets:

- Football Basket– Any fun football-related items!
- Puzzles Basket–Any cool or unique puzzles!
- Bowling Basket–Items related to bowling would be awesome!
- Grill Basket- Any grilling tools or accessories would be perfect!
- Golf Basket–Golf balls, tees, gloves, or any fun golf accessories!
- Grandkids Basket (for Boys or Girls) – Consider adding toys, books, arts and crafts, or fun games for young kids.

There is still time to sponsor a table! If you'd like to be a table sponsor for just \$100, please reach out to **Teresa Wisniewski (703) 901-9023** or **Sharla Bailey (703) 989-5519**

Please Bring items to the February meeting or call/text Teresa Wisniewski at 703-901-9023 or Sharla Bailey at (703) 989-5519 to arrange drop-off.

A huge thank you to everyone for your support – we're almost done, but we can't do it without you!

Plastic Recycling



NEXTREX RECYCLING CHALLENGE PROGRAM

RECYCLING NEWS

By Julie Phend

GOOD NEWS: Our 2024 Lioness Recycling Project with TREX is nearly complete!

GOOD NEWS: When our December recycling push resulted in a volume overage that couldn't be disposed of locally and plastic was piling up on Anne LeHuray's porch and in her home, an angel appeared in the form of Ben White from LOW Lions Club. He packed the whole load into his pickup truck and took it to the Fauquier County Large Volume Recycling Facility in Warrenton.

GOOD NEWS: After that plastic was weighed and recorded, **we have less than 50 pounds left to collect!**

GOOD NEWS: We can meet our new deadline of March 1st!

GOOD NEWS: When we complete the project, we will have a beautiful and valuable TREX bench made completely of recycled plastic, which we can sell or donate.

THE BEST NEWS: We will have kept 1,000 pounds of hard-to-recycle plastic out of landfills! And we can do it all again next year.

BUT.... We're not quite there yet. PLEASE keep saving those lightweight plastic bags, plastic film, and mailing materials. Bring them to one of our collection bins: Anne LeHuray's house at **319 Liberty Blvd.** or Darcy Jennings at **419 Wilderness Dr.** before March 1st.

We can make this happen!

Bread bags

Produce bags

Newspaper sleeves

Pallet wrap & stretch film

Salt & Ice bags

Case overwrap

Bubble wrap

Wood pallet bags

Plastic shipping envelopes

Dry Cleaning bags

Ziploc & other closable food storage bags

S.A.F.E.

S.A.F.E. House delivery last December. Thank you to all the Lionesses who continue to donate and support this much needed cause.



Announcements

LOW Lioness Lions Book Sale

The next book sale will be held on
Saturday, February 22, 2025

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



Lionesses on the Prowl!

On a freezing cold January 16th, a visit to the MinuteMan MiniMall in Culpeper provided some much needed exercise in a slightly warmer environment (notice we all still have on our coats on). There was lots of fun, shared memories from items found, laughter and SHOPPING! Included in the \$10 price was a delicious boxed lunch provided by the Fredericksburg Co Op Chef. This social event added some much needed money to our Administrative Fund.



February 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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3 Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	4	5	6	7 Food Pantry 9:00-10:30 AM	8	9
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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:

Lasagna
(Meat or Vegetable available)
Salad
Bread Rolls

Assorted Desserts

Dinner is \$30.00 per person

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

February Birthdays



Nancy Bidus	2/3
Helene Burns	2/12
Diane Wiard	2/13
Lynne Kovach	2/20
Joan Litschert	2/23
Sue Powers	2/23
Kathy Gillespie	2/25

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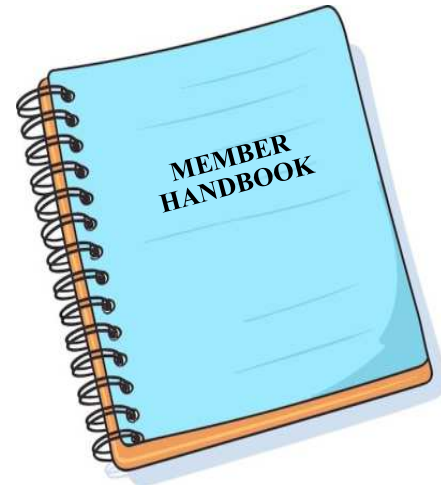
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