

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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As with every month we have a great deal to be grateful and thankful to our busy Lionesses for:

- The coat drive was successful
- Our visit from our district rep for 24L, Chuck Schwab, went very well
- Plastic bags have finally come out of people's closets (yeah)
- Items for the December 7th, Christmas Treasures sale have been coming in
- Directories, with corrections were distributed
- Updated By-Laws are being edited and reviewed by the board, hopefully going out to the membership soon.
- Potatoes for food pantry Thanksgiving dinners were collected
- Book sales and glasses cleaning continue, along with many food pantry jobs
- Collections for Safe House
- White House ornaments are still being sold
- We welcomed new Lioness Cathy Kutz. Thanks to her sponsor Bev Kuhn.
- Our next induction will be in March. Please pass on invitations to neighbors and friends to visit our February FUN meeting to consider joining our Lioness group.
- Previously experienced Arlene Rich will be filling in until July 4th as the 3rd VP.

That brings us to this month's activities:

- Bridges gifts will be delivered to Mary Lou McFarland at our December meeting.
- Toy drive boxes for donating new unwrapped toys are out at Fairways, the Clubhouse, Community Center, the Holcomb Building, The Licata and Edward Jones offices.
- Teresa Wisniewski and Sharla Bailey will be presenting lots of fun information on the upcoming Mardi Gras Dinner Dance fundraiser .
- December 7th, well known as the Day of Infamy, is the Saturday of our new Christmas Treasures Sale which will run from 9-1. MANY volunteers are needed for loading up all the goods on December 6th, setting up tents and tables EARLY in the morning, manning the sale, and of course clean up.
- Child Help gift wrapping session: December 18, 9:00, at the Village in Lignum. Carpools leaving lower parking lot at 8:15.

Volunteers Needed:

- If you volunteered for Christmas Treasures, Barbara Tomayko will be in touch with you.
- More volunteers are still needed, so please let her know your availability for any of the following:
- Pricing of sale items at Billie Cooke's and Marty Legge's garages is planned for Friday, December 6th. Please contact them to double check the times. Loading up cars will be done on December 6th, early evening with delivery EARLY on the 7th.
- Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 16th to have a fun special lunch and shopping at the Mini-Man Mart in Culpeper. This is brought to you by the Directors. More information soon.
- Updates on meal pricing will be sent out as soon as we receive any information.

Wishing you all happy, healthy holidays, see you at our December meeting or in the New Year!

SUGGESTIONS FOR WHAT TO BRING TO THE MEETING

WRAPPED gifts for Bridges



UNWRAPPED gift for the Toy Drive



\$ Money for White House Ornaments



THE INSIDER'S VIEW (Continued)

- 5) **Old Business:**
Constitution & Bylaws submitted for revisions, updated and forwarded to BOD.
Heidi will discuss in detail.
Resignations: 0
Status Change Request: 0
New Members/Inductees: Cathy Kutz, sponsored by Bev Kuhn was inducted on November 11, 2024. Congratulations Cathy!
- 6) **Treasurer's Report Foundation for October 2024:** Loretta Lafley, (absent). Presented by Secretary, Gloria Bishop Oliveri
Total Receipts: \$6,158.19
Total Expenses: \$9,567.07
Bank Balance: \$82,215.49
CD Balance: \$10,215.81
- Loretta was able to get the Sales Tax exemption for the Lioness Club Foundation.** This will come into play for the Mardi Gras dance and any other public functions we do to raise funds.
 - Purchased another Square device for the Christmas events.
 - Loretta has not been able to get an address for the cancer donation at UVA. We only collected \$196 and would like to make a motion to donate up to \$200 or \$500.00 to this charity as soon as she gets an address.
 - Motion to approve the \$500.00 donation made by: Barbara Tomayko and seconded by: Cindy Coover. Motion passed.
- 7) **Treasurer's Report - Administrative:** Beth Newton
- Income and Expenses for September 2024:**
Total Income: \$2,515.00
Total Expenses: \$5,784.44
Account Balance: \$17,685.39
 - Beth reported that she still does not have tax info yet.
- 8) **President's Report:** Darcy Jennings
- Darcy reported that the Coat Drive was very successful. Thank you Lynne and all volunteers. Unfortunately, we did not know that we (Lionesses) needed to be there at 7AM to help distribute.
 - Report on the December 7th **Christmas Treasures** and **Christkindlemarkt** . We will be at two locations:
 - * Again, Nicole Pappas and Carol Greeney are co-chairing the White House Ornaments (and other vintage items) and will be with all **Christkindlemarkt** vendors at the Sweetbriar LOW Community Center from 9am to 3pm.
 - * Christmas Treasures will be set up at the Ferris Building parking lot (across from the Lions yard sale) from 9am to 1pm. We will have the use of a golfcart to help transport people to the Ferris Building parking lot. **We still need jewelry and other items.**
 - Have a "mini" card party, just for Lionesses, to help our Admin Fund sometime in March.
 - 2VDG Chuck Schwab: Darcy is thinking about having an informal meeting at her home and inviting Lion Schwab along with some of us Lionesses that feel very strongly about getting our long tenure recognized.
- 9) **1st Vice President:** Heidi Brown
- Constitution & Bylaws:** Again, Heidi reminded the BOD to carefully review the PDF. She has already received some "edits" and are already reflected in latest revision. Brigitte has been very helpful in updating and sending back revised PDF. Heidi is waiting on a couple more edits and is very confident that we will have Constitution & Bylaws approved by the BOD in December and ready to submit to membership for final approval in January.

THE INSIDER'S VIEW (Continued)

- 10) **2nd Vice President:** Teresa Wisniewski,
- Teresa and Sharla are working on **Mardi Gras Dinner Dance** which is being held on **Saturday, March 8, 2025 6pm to 11pm**. Volunteers are ready to visit vendors in January. They have seating charts and already have 10 table Captains. Heidi is helping with volunteer list and schedule.
 - Teresa suggested that we raffle gift baskets at our dinner meetings and have proceeds go toward Admin Fund.
- 11) **Tamers:** Mary Lou Ambrose, Linda Corsones, & Emily Florence
- Emily indicated that it is very difficult for Tamers to work the check in desk because it gets really congested with traffic questions, etc. We all agreed and will be working on rearranging other tables so that Tamers are the only ones by the door.
 - It was also decided to bring back Greeters to answer questions and help direct traffic to other tables.
- 12) **Tail Twister:** Nicole Pappas
Unfortunately, Nicole will not be here in December, but has arranged for someone to handle her duties while absent. We will miss you Nicole!
- 13) **Directors:** Mary Lou Ambrose; Ellen Bearden, (Nicki Buell and Claire Donohoe, absent)
On behalf of the Directors, Mary Lou would like invite us all to the next event: Shopping and boxed homemade lunch (provided by the Directors) to the **Minute Man Antique Mall on Thursday, January 16th from 11am-2pm**. Address: 746 Germanna Hwy, Culpeper. They will have an ad in December 1st Low Down. Cost: \$10.00.
Directors are also working on a Spring outing to the Sweet Vines. More information will be available in the Low Down.
- 14) **Immediate Past President:** Barbara Tomayko
Barbara and her nominating committee are still processing nominations to fill the 3rd Vice President position and should have names very soon.

There being no further business to come before the LOW Lioness Lions Board of Directors at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Bishop Oliveri, LOW Lioness Lions Secretary

Next BOD Meeting: Thursday, December 19, 2024

November Speaker & Dinner Guests



A Lion since 1987, 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Chuck Schwab has crossed the state of Virginia, continuing his service in numerous communities from Altavista to Ferrum to Dayton – Bridgewater and finally to Broadway. Each stop along the way has given him new experiences to serve, lead and grow. Both on the club and district levels Chuck has had the opportunity to learn from others, to mentor others and to serve the communities he called home at the time. From being Club President (four times) to being Zone Chair (seven times) to being Cabinet Secretary (twice) Lion Chuck's leadership service has shined bright.

Leader Dogs for the Blind has been his passion the last few years, promoting their mission and having the opportunity to visit with and help current and future Clients on their path to independence.

Lion Chuck and his wife Lion Mary Beth are partners in service meeting in Ferrum and beginning a life of service that continues today and hopefully for years to come.

Lion Chuck has been exposed to Lionism beyond the District as he and Lion Mary Beth have attended fifteen International Conventions and seven USA / Canada Leadership Forums. He has also earned his master's degree at Lions University and attended the first RLLI that was held in Virginia. Lion Chuck has been honored to receive several Council of Governors Distinguished Service Awards, four Lions International President Certificates of Appreciation and last year he received IP Brian Sheehan's Leadership Metal. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Lion Chuck feels that it is an honor to give back. To find ways to help others and to strive to make our communities and world a better place. With your support, he hopes to continue his service, to support the clubs of MD24-L and strengthen our ability to touch the lives that we serve this year and in the years to come.



Angie Long



Gwen L.

Connecting Through Service

The Benefits of Visiting Other Lions Clubs

By: PDG Lioness Donalda Lovelace



There are over 49,000 Lion clubs in the world. As a member of the LOW Lioness Lions Club, you enjoy the privilege of being able to attend any of them as a guest! Use the Lions Club International website to find a club meeting where you might be on vacation or out of town for work. While every club has its customs and "vibe," you'll find that your Lions pin or badge will make you a familiar and welcome guest in their midst. Visiting another Lions club is a great way to learn new ways to serve our community and connect with people sharing our interests.

Membership in Lions Clubs is excellent common ground for building new friendships.

This past September, our District's Visitation and Award Kick-off highlighted clubs that received awards for their effort to impact their community and improve their club. Our club was not among the recognized, but this is a situation we can change. Winning these awards brings recognition to our club, validates our efforts, and inspires us to do more. One way to gain recognition is having at least a few members attend other Lions Clubs. If you're hesitant about attending another Lions Club meeting, you can express your interest at one of our meetings or contact me. We started by visiting the Culpeper Mid-Day Lions Club, which is doing great work in its community. The Visitation Team included President Darcy, Lioness Madelyn Smith, and PDG Donalda. We met Immediate Past International Director Jay Moughon, the Mayor of Culpeper, and loads of Culpeper Mid-Day Lions. Great experience. Please join us for our next visit. Together, we can achieve recognition and inspire each other to greater heights.



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



November 18—December 14

Collections coordinated by :

LOW Lioness Lions Club
Kathy Merritt: (540) 538-6605



Clubhouse Manager
Chaz Kilby: (540) 972-2221



All donated toys will remain in Orange County and will be given to children in our area

Drop off **NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS** at any of the following locations:

- * **LOW Clubhouse**
- * **Fareways Café**
- * **The Licata Group (Near CVS)**
- * **Edward Jones (near Car Doctor)**
- * **The Holcomb Building (in the foyer)**
- * **LOW Community Center**

Monetary donations are accepted. Please make checks payable and mail to:

Orange County Children's Toy Box, P.O Box 1117, Orange, VA 22960-0659

Or donate online at: occtoybox.org

Upcoming Events

The Lionesses will be wrapping Christmas Presents for the children at **Childhelp**.

We will meet at the Lower Level Clubhouse Parking Lot on December 18th at 8:45 am and proceed to the village.

If you would like to participate in this fun event, **there will be a sign up sheet** at the December meeting or contact **Marian Rood at (540) 412-0214** or bfrood@earthlink.net.



Volunteers need to bring scissors.



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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Christkindlemarkt

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

Upcoming Events



**On behalf of the Lioness Directors
You are invited for an afternoon of**

BROWSING, SHOPPING AND FRIENDSHIP

at the Minuteman Mall in Culpeper

Thursday, January 16th, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

\$10.00 per person includes a bag lunch and transportation if desired.

All proceeds will benefit the Lioness Administrative Fund.

Meet in the clubhouse lower lot at 10:30 AM.

RSVP to one of the following by Friday, January 10th

Nbuell113@comcast.net

bebearden@verizon.net

cfdonohoe@hotmail.com

ambrosemarylou@gmail.com

Let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.

Upcoming Events



Mardi Gras Dinner Dance

All Hands-on Deck! Yes that Means All of Us.

The Mardi Gras Dinner Dance is **the** biggest fundraisers of the year for our club. There are so many ways everyone can SERVE! Please choose the way that best suits you and your talents and capabilities! We welcome and need help from each Lioness!

Selling Tickets

- **Sign up to be a Table Captain**

As a Table Captain, you take responsibility for an 8 or 10 top table and sell the seats and collect the money for your table. In this way, you select all of your besties to be at your table with you and ensure a fabulous time!

Nicki Buell (nbuell113@comcast.net) and Ellen Bearden (bebearden@verizon.net) will work with you on this – please contact them directly if you are interested.

- **Be a “Salesperson” – Talk Up the Event with Friends**

Tell your friends about the event and encourage them to buy tickets once they go on sale beyond the Lioness group in January.

Contribute Funds Directly

- **Be a Table Sponsor for \$100**

Your name will be listed on cards displayed on each table showing your support and generosity. Please contact Sharla Bailey (skbailey1429@gmail.com) or Teresa Wisniewski (teresawish@msn.com) if you are interested in sponsoring a table.

Ask friends to join you as a Table Sponsor, too.

Help the Day of the Event

- There will be many tasks that need doing on the day of the event, to include helping with auction set up, monitoring the auction items, etc.
- Please put your name on the sign-up sheet for Day of the Event Support that will be on your table at the December dinner meeting. If you will not be at the meeting let Sharla Bailey, Teresa Wisniewski or Heidi Brown (hvbrown59@gmail.com) know if you are interested.
- We will have a meeting in the New Year to discuss the roles and responsibilities.

Help with Decorations

Kathy Walters would like to have someone shadow her this year to learn the ropes and do the decorations next year. Do you have a gift for creating loveliness?

Please let Sharla Bailey, Teresa Wisniewski or Kathy Walters (creationsbykathy@gmail.com) know if you are interested.

Upcoming Events

Contribute Auction Items/Services

Please consider contributing an item or two from the list below for us to put into baskets (or on their own) in the silent auction to generate funds for our club and the groups/charities we support:

Items

Bottles of wine, hard liquor, and/or specialty beer

Items for bowling, golf, or pickleball

Mahjong items to host a mahjong event

Puzzles and games for kids/adults

Unique jewelry and pictures

Experiences

Gift certificates for tastings (wine, beer and liquor)

Gift certificates to local restaurants or stores

Experiences such as cooking classes, sip & paint events, etc.

Tickets to ballgames, theater performances, or other events

Stays at bed & breakfasts or hotels

Services

Services such as lawn care, closet organization, moonlight cruises on the lake with wine & appetizers, etc.

Classes to teach your hobbies to a group of people

Please contact Sharla Bailey or Teresa Wisniewski if you can contribute any of these items or services and we will either pick them up from you or discuss the details with you.

Share Your Best Ideas

We also need help with ideas we haven't thought of...

If you were coming to the event – what would you buy at an auction? What would you bid on?

What services do you need?

Also, what ideas do you have for us to get the word out about the event beyond Lake Currents and word of mouth? With the clubhouse pricing being higher this year, we REALLY need to SELL OUT!

We will be asking for your ideas at the December dinner meeting. If you aren't coming, please contact Sharla Bailey or Teresa Wisniewski with your thoughts. We value your insights very much and know that each of us brings different – wonderful – perspectives. We want to tap all of our brilliant minds!

Thank you all – in advance – for your support! **Sharla and Teresa**



Coat Drive



Our partnership with the Lions Club Coat Drive was a success!

I want to thank the Lionesses who helped make this possible: Nancy Bidus, Colleen Cameron, Kathy Gillespie, Linda Corsones, Emily Florence, Marian Rood, Carol Greeney, Teresa Wisniewski & Val Protiva!

Our Lioness team was absolutely fabulous! From wrapping collection boxes, collecting every week from four locations and delivering to another, sorting at Sweetbriar Pavilion and distributing warm clothing to over 100 people in need at the Food Pantry.

The team had so much fun helping people choose the correct sizes, accessorizing with scarves and gloves and engaging with the clients to make this less of a charitable event and more of "Personal Shopper" experience.

You were all wonderful! Thank you.

Lynne Kovach

Announcements

LOW Lioness Lions Book Sale

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

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,



There are NO BOOKSALES in December or January.

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's a great way to start the week and we usually finish the morning with a trip to the store. You are not committed to come every Monday, just when it is convenient!

There are NO Eyeglass recycling on December 23rd or 30th.



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



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 November meeting.

To All the Mighty Lionesses: you made me proud. Many don't know the results of the Lioness scholarships, but in 2004, you gave my daughter a scholarship. She is now an Anesthesiologist in Alabama. Thank you all. Cheers to you, my friends! - Sharon Corner

Madeline Smith: You Mighty Lioness. You make me proud as you turn 104 years old this month! You are a very special and kind Lioness. You are a friend to all. Happy Birthday. Cheers to you, my friend. - Gail Stoner

Gloria Bishop Oliveri: You made me proud when you bravely took on the role of Secretary to our club, proved indispensable to the Board members, and became a fierce advocacy for our Lioness Club receiving full credit for our club member's correct service years.

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. There are also yellow forms for members to privately recognize their Mighty Lioness.

With sincere thanks – Nicole Pappas



December 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1
2 Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	3	4	5	6 Food Pantry 9:00-10:30 AM	7	8
9 Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	10	11	12 LIONESS DINNER MEETING	13 Food Pantry 9:00-10:30 AM	14	15
16 Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	17	18	19 BOARD MEETING	20 Food Pantry 9:00-10:30 AM	21	22
23 NO Eyeglass Recycle	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25  HANUKKAH BEGINS  CHRISTMAS DAY	26  KWANZA BEGINS	27 Food Pantry CLOSED	28	29
30 NO Eyeglass Recycle	31  NEW YEAR'S EVE					

January 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 KWANZA ENDS	2 HANUKKAH ENDS	3 Food Pantry 9:00-10:30 AM	4	5
Clubhouse is closed						
6 Eyeglass Recycle 9:30-11:00 AM	7	8	9 NO DINNER MEETING	10 Food Pantry OVERSTOCK 9:00-GONE	11	12
Clubhouse is closed						
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Clubhouse is closed						
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Clubhouse is closed						
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Clubhouse is closed						

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

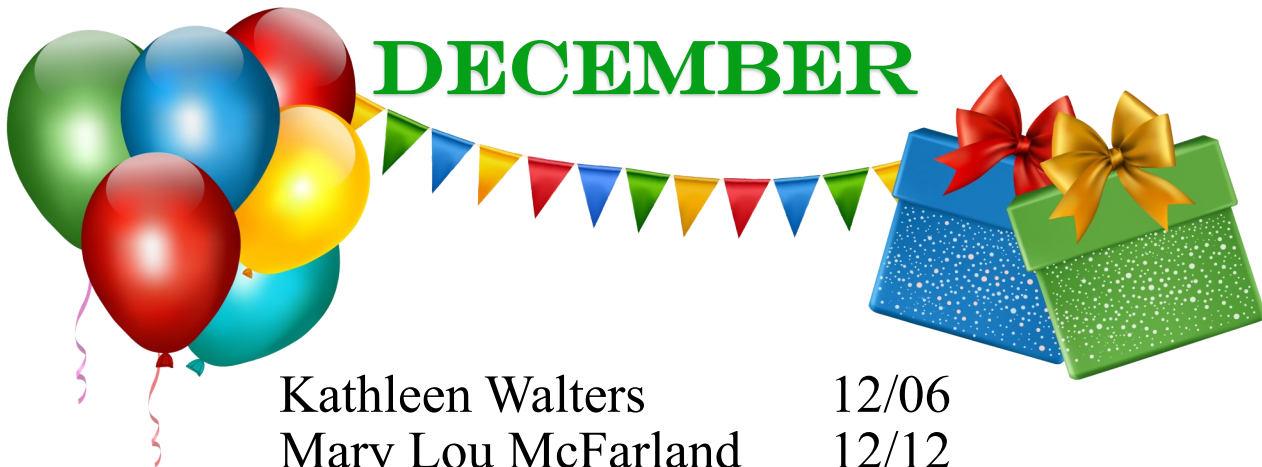
**Dinner: The Carvery—Top Round of Beef
Asparagus
Parmesan Risotto
Garden Salad w/Rolls**

**Alternate Meal:
Risotto w/Roasted Vegetables**

**Assorted Desserts:
Pound Cake
w/ Blueberry or Strawberry Topping**

Dinner is \$30.00 per person

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



Kathleen Walters	12/06
Mary Lou McFarland	12/12
Ann Rosenfeld	12/13
Linda Corsones	12/19
Cindy Dussinger	12/23
Roselynn Edwards	12/25

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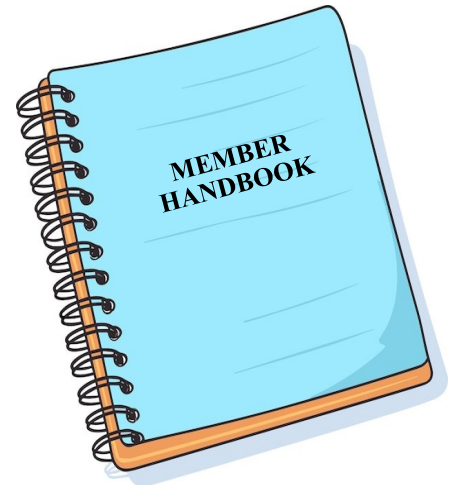
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