

LAKE OF THE WOODS LIONESS LIONS LOW DOWN

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President's Corner

By Lioness Lion Nicki Buell, LOW Lioness Lions President

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*H*appy Holidays to the you and your families.

Thank you for all you do during the year, the tireless volunteering, the extra efforts, the help, comfort & joy you provide to so many in the community.

Nicki Buell



REMINDERS

Bring your WRAPPED gifts for the Bridges Residents.



Wear an "Ugly" or Cute Sweater to our meeting to brighten up our holiday spirits!



**WE STILL HAVE 34
WHITE HOUSE
ORNAMENTS LEFT**

Darcy Jennings will bring them to the Dinner Meeting.



**Lake of the Woods Lioness
Lions Club**

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

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THE INSIDER’S VIEW

**Minutes from the
December 2, 2022
BOD Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 6:48 pm by President Nicki Buell. The following Board Members were present: President Nicki Buell, Secretary Judy Ludvigsen, Treasurers Loretta Lafley and Diane Pittman, 1st Vice President Barbara Tomayko, 2nd Vice President Gail Hardin, 3rd Vice President Darcy Jennings, Directors Arlene Rich, Toni Keating, Tail Twister Mary Lou Ambrose, Tamers Heidi Brown and Ellen Bearden, and Membership Director Donalda Lovelace.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Judy Ludvigsen

- The minutes of the October 27th BOD meeting which were previously distributed were approved. Motion made by Judy Ludvigsen and seconded by Darcy Jennings to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Committee Chairpersons monthly reports were announced as follows:
Ps = 995 L = 43 H = 307 \$ = 355

TREASURER’S REPORT – FOUNDATION	Loretta Lafley
Foundation Bank Balance in Checking Acct as of 11/30/2022:	\$74096.52
Savings Account Balance as of 11/30/2022:	\$10199.07
Collected for Claudia Low	\$1220.00
Xmas White House Ornaments:	\$8008.00
For 364 ornaments	

TREASURER’S REPORT- ADMINISTRATIVE	DIANE PITTMAN
Bank Administrative Fund Closing Balance-	\$17557.73

President: Nicki announced that Donalda was planning to run for District Governor next year and asked BOD members to support her and that as District Governor she would be the second LOW Lioness Club member to do so, the first member was Barbara Story. Donalda was endorsed by every one of our BOD members.

Nicki also announced that some of the Locust Grove Elementary and Primary school students were behind in their grade level due to the problems Covid school closings caused. Orange County 286 Project 286 Excel is looking for tutors once a week for Math and Reading for Grades 1-3. Teresa Wisniewski will speak about this at the upcoming dinner meeting.

In addition, Nicki has received all of the material for the Dolly Parton Reading Program. She hopes that we can get involved in this project as well.

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Barbara Tomayko
Barbara said she did not have much to report. She is working on final figures for the Card Party and Fashion Show. Some of our BOD members commented on the Cabi Party clothing and Heidi said that Cabi would be happy to return next year and possibly give us a higher percentage on clothing sold.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Gail Harden
Gail Hardin received information from Marion Rood that the Christmas gift wrapping for Child Help would take place on Wednesday, December 21st at 9:30 at Child Help. There will be a sign up at the December dinner meeting.

3rd VICE PRESIDENT: Darcy Jennings

Darcy has 27 White House ornaments remaining and plans to sell them at Chriskindlemarkt. We will be looking for a new team to take over sales of the White House Ornaments next year. She also wants us to rethink baskets as a money maker. The baskets at a recent event did not do well.

Nicki discussed her plan to support the bus drivers that pick up and deliver school children to LOW. She suggests we give each driver a coffee card to thank them for keeping the children safe.

TAIL TWISTER: Mary Lou Ambrose

Mary Lou Ambrose announced a change when a Lioness does not wear her name tag to the dinner meeting. The Lion Bank is in the trash. Mary Lou will have an envelope to keep her penalty money. The new fee will be \$1 per infraction.

In addition, her "Two Truths and a Lie" has been a big success and will continue at each dinner meeting.

TAMERS: Heidi said that members, with a few exceptions, have been good about notifying her that that cannot attend a dinner meeting. The December meeting will have a carving station and vegetarians will be served quinoa meatballs.

There will be another social on Friday, January 27th at Old House Winery from 1pm – 4 pm. The meal will cost \$25 each and there will be a limit of 70 people and members can invite guests.

Nicki suggested we consider some other socials, i.e., a baseball game at the Fred Nats; or possibly attending the Garden Tour in April.

MEMBERSHIP: In response to the comments at our October dinner meeting, Donalda assured us that we are and always will be a Lioness Club because we were grandfathered in in that capacity in 2017.

There being no more business for the Lioness Board of Directors at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Judith Ludvigsen, Secretary

Lioness Lions Committees & Activities

Membership - November Inductees

Sharon-Kathleen Corner – Sharon was born in Bayshore, Long Island, but raised in Hillversum, Holland. Later, she attended high school on Long Island and went to college in Buffalo, NY (GO BILLS!). She met her husband, Tim, in Cape Coral, FL and they are celebrating 29 years of marriage in December. They share 4 children and 4 grandchildren. Sharon loves to crochet hats and has donated many to Orange County school children. Together with the LOW Hooks & Needles group. 500 hats have been donated! Her volunteering extends to working with our Food Pantry and founding the Higher Power Performance Team at LOWC which collects donations from their recitals to give to this important service to our community. Please welcome Sharon to our club.

Gloria Bishop Oliveri – Gloria and husband, Robert, moved from California to the River Junction community in Spotsylvania County in 2019. She is semi-retired and an avid reader of mystery books. Gloria has quite an extensive library at home and is looking forward to volunteering at our Lioness bookstore. She completed her volunteer projects helping with Eyeglass Recycling and the Food Pantry. She appreciates and respects what the Lioness Club stands for and is willing and ready to help our community. Please welcome Gloria to our club.

Gail Jones – Gail grew up in New Hampshire, but as a military family, has lived in Germany, Maryland and Virginia. She and her husband of 48 years, Levi, have 1 daughter and grandchildren. Gail was happy to have an opportunity to live on the lake without having to leave the Fredericksburg area where she's lived for 30 years. She enjoys sewing, knitting, gardening, and watercolor painting. She looks forward to volunteering with the food pantry, Safe House and wherever else she's needed. Please welcome Gail to our club.

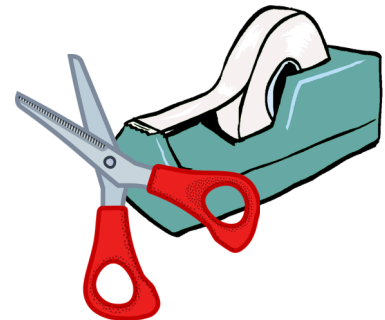


Lioness Lions Committees & Activities

CHILDHELP

ChildHelp Christmas present wrapping will be held on December 21st, at 9:30. Wrapping takes place in the barn at the village. We will meet in the Clubhouse lower parking lot at 9:10 AM.

Please bring a scissors and scotch tape.



SAVE THE DATE

The 2nd Lioness Social Event

January 27th

at the

Old House Winery from 1:00 PM—4:00 PM

Join us for a FABULOUS meal

SAVE THE DATE!

*Mardi Gras
Dinner Dance*



THE 5TH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

AT LOW CLUBHOUSE

Sponsored by LOW Lioness Lions Club

Saturday, March 4, 2023

6:00 PM– 11:00 PM

Details to follow...

Lioness Lions Committees & Activities



Gifts for Bridges By Mary Lou McFarland



Thank you to all who participated, yet again, this year by offering to buy gifts for the adults at Bridges. They truly appreciate and enjoy getting gifts at Christmas and ask about the Lioness Club members all year long. Your generosity and care for others are especially appreciated this time of year.

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 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 Lion Club.

Thank you so much for your help with this.

Carol Lee 540/972-8920 or carol.lee4@comcast.net



From the Tamers

By Heidi Brown



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 \$22.00 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.

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DINNER MENU

DINNER

- * Garden Salad w/ranch or vinaigrette
- * Rolls & butter
- * Carved Top Round of Beef w/au jus & Horse-radish Cream
- * Rosemary Roasted Red Potatoes & Asparagus

ALTERNATE CHOICE

- * Quinoa Meatballs (Vegetarian) over Linguini w/red sauce finished with Asiago Cheese

DESSERT

- * Lemon Berry Marscarpone

If you are bringing a guest, please call the Tamers

This year has almost gone.

Not all our friends and family made it. *Never take for granted the people you love.* Be thankful for today, because in one moment, your entire life could change.



Twister Corner By Marylou Ambrose



I will be circulating throughout the cocktail hour portion of our meeting checking for badges. As you know, there is a donation if you forget your badge!

I look forward to getting to know all of you!



December 6	Karen Cacouros Kathy Walters
December 12	Mary Lou McFarland
December 19	Linda Corsones
December 25	Roselynn Edwards

DECEMBER 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1	2 Food Pantry 9-10:30 AM	3	4
5 Eyeglass Recycling 9:30-11:00 AM	6	7	8 LIONESS DINNER MEETING	9 Food Pantry 9-10:30 AM	10	11
12 Eyeglass Recycling 9:30-11:00 AM	13	14	15	16 Food Pantry 9-10:30 AM	17	18 Hanukkah begins 
19 Eyeglass Recycling 9:30-11:00 AM	20	21 ChildHelp Christmas Present Wrapping	22	23 FOOD PANTRY CLOSED	24	25 Christmas Day 
26	27	28	29	30 Food Pantry OVERSTOCK	31 BOOK STORE CLOSED	

JANUARY 2023

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23 Eyeglass Recycling 9:30-11:00 AM	24	25	26	27 Food Pantry 9-10:30 AM Old House Winery Social 1-4	28	29
30 Eyeglass Recycling 9:30-11:00 AM	31	NOTES: NO Lioness Meeting this month. See you in February!				

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Please submit information, articles and photographs for the LOW DOWN to **EMILY FLORENCE** no later than **Monday, December 19th**. The newsletter will be distributed on or about the first of the month.

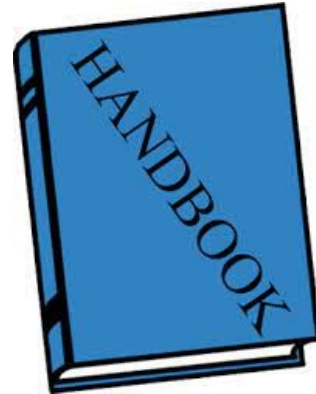
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