



President's Corner

By Lioness Barbara Hernan LOW Lioness President

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Hello Lioness,

I hope everybody had a good Holiday Season!

Here we are in February already. We have been lucky so far with a fairly mild winter. I certainly will not mind if this continues.

The biggest news for the Lake of the Woods Lioness is our club's Dinner Meeting cancellation. I am sure most of you are aware of that by now. This decision was made at our last board meeting. Unfortunately, the work at the clubhouse will not be finished for reopening until February 15th. Our great Tamers did their best to find an alternative location, but to no avail, so we had no choice but to cancel.

The biggest problem was the size of our club and next the fact that a lot of Lionesses would not want to drive very far at night. The only other cancellation I recall was because of the weather. We will manage to get through this.

I wish you all a Happy Valentines Day and a great three day weekend for Presidents Day.

See you in March.

NOTICE:

**NO FEBRUARY MEETING
DUE TO CLUB HOUSE BEING
CLOSED**



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Meetings are held at the LOW Club House on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Social hour at 5:45 p.m.

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The Insider's View

Minutes from the
December & January
BOD Meetings

DECEMBER 1, 2016 Minutes

ATTENDANCE: Barbara Hernan, Linda Shnayer, Donalda Lovelace, Joan Mills, Joyce Morlan, Millie Davis, JoAnn Deem, Carolyn Gordon, Maureen Otero, and Su Bielmeier.

CALL TO ORDER: President Barbara Hernan called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The October 2016 minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT : Lioness Caroline Caldwell presented the November Benevolence Fund. Lioness Lovelace provided a copy of the October and November Administrative Fund. The November Fund reports were accepted. The October Administrative Fund report acceptance was tabled until explanation of a storage expense.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Hernan shared info on the Lions District Conference held November 12th in Winchester, VA.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

1st Vice President- Donalda Lovelace

-Flea Market – The Lioness Craft and Flea Market is tentatively planned for 1 April. At the December dinner meeting, Betty Beck and Gail Stoner will be requesting committee members.

2nd Vice President – Su Bielmeier and Carolyn Gordon for Michelle Senft

-LOWDOWN Distribution - Due to restriction of numbers of members allowed on email distribution lists, the Board discussed options for ensuring all members received the newsletter. Further discussion is tabled until next month.

-Child Help – Lioness Carolyn Gordon reported the Child Help gift wrapping is scheduled for 21 December and she has all volunteers needed.

Membership – Joyce Morlan and Julie Phend

-New Membership – Lioness Joyce Morlan reported she has four potential new inductees.

Directors – Carolyn Gordon, JoAnn Deem, and Millie Davis

-Lioness Millie Davis shared she had good feedback on the November mixer and the questions on the tables.

Lions Liaison – Su Bielmeier

-Lioness Su Bielmeier shared the Wilderness Food Pantry served 90+ clients.

-Discussion of a possible joint District Governor meeting of the Lioness and Lions in Fall 2017. Tabled until the next meeting.

Without further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes for January—See next page

January 26, 2017 Minutes

ATTENDANCE: Barbara Hernan, Linda Shnayer, Barbara Tomayko, Caroline Caldwell, Karin Mollard, Donaldal Lovelace, Michelle Senft, Joan Mills, Ellen Bearden, Nikki Buell, JoAnn Deem, Maureen Otero, Bill Feterle, Jonnie Feterle, and Karen Cakouros.

CALL TO ORDER: President Barbara Hernan called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The December minutes were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Hernan accepted Lioness Barbara Tomayko's resignation from the LOW Lioness Board of Directors. Due to the urgency of filling the Treasurer position for the remainder of the 2016-2017 Board term, President Hernan appointed Lioness Karin Mollard as a Treasurer. The Board approved the appointment.

We received a \$300 scholarship donation from the family of former Lioness Doris Velona. A thank you note was sent.

A thank you note was received from the American Diabetes Association for our recent \$200 donation.

TREASURER'S REPORT : Lioness Caroline Caldwell presented the January Benevolence Fund. Lioness Barbara Tomayko presented the Administrative Fund. The Fund reports were accepted.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

1st Vice President- Donaldal Lovelace

-Flea Market – The Lioness Spring Flea Market and Craft Sale will be held 1 April. Lioness Betty Beck and Lioness Gail Stoner have reserved all vendor tables and other plans are going well. Volunteers are still needed.

-Kriskindlemarkt - Thanks to all those who donated items for sale and those who volunteered to work, this event was very successful. A special thank-you to Lioness Claudia Low for her fabulous presentation of baked goods.

-Hand and Foot Tournament – To be held February 21st, one table (4 person) remains available.

-Lions of Virginia Annual Raffle – To be held through May 24th. The tickets initially received have been sold. Lioness Donaldal Lovelace will work with the Lions to obtain more tickets.

-Eyeglass Recycling – Following discussion regarding lack of Lioness volunteers to partner with the LOW Lions with eyeglass recycling on Thursday's, we will solicit for more volunteers and Joann Deem will arrange training for new volunteers.

2nd Vice President – Michelle Senft

-Germanna Scholarships – Lioness Emily Slunt and committee have begun seeking applications for the scholarships. Applications will be accepted until March 10th. Presentation of scholarships is planned for our May 11th dinner meeting. There will be three \$1000.00 scholarships.

-Spring Food Drive - Following discussion of location for the food drive, the Board accepted Lioness Claudia Low's recommendation to locate the food drive at the LOW front entrance.

-Child Help – Lioness Carolyn Gordon wished to express a special thank-you to those who participated in the Child Help gift wrapping on 21 December.

Tamers – Ellen Bearden and Nikki Buell

-February Dinner Meeting – Due to notification from the LOW Clubhouse that renovations will not be completed in time for the 9 February Lioness dinner meeting, Lioness' Ellen Bearden and Nikki Buell presented several alternate options for Board consideration. Following discussion of all options, the Board concluded no other good/convenient option was available to accommodate our membership. Therefore, the Board, with regret, accepted the recommendation to cancel the February dinner meeting. To ensure all members are notified of the cancellation, Lioness Karen Cakouros will disseminate the information by email, volunteers will call all members, and Lioness Gail Hardin will include a notice of cancellation in the February LOWDOWN.

Directors – JoAnn Deem

-Mixer – The next mixer is scheduled for the April dinner meeting.

Lions Liaison – Bill Feterle

-The 2017 Lions Golf Tournament will be held in honor/memory of Lion Selven Powell.

Lioness Committees & Activities

Share and Care

By Lioness Ann Walker

- Carol Lee's daughter, Cathy, will be completing chemotherapy soon and is doing relatively well.
- Jean Ann Daniels wishes to thank everyone for their thoughtful and caring gestures while she deals with shingles.
- Paula Hornaday underwent surgery on an artery on January 26, which was successful. She is home recovering and continues to receive rehabilitation therapy.

If you know of a Lioness in need of our well wishes, please contact Ann Walker: 972-4338.

Indoor Spring Flea Market and Craft Sale

By Lioness Gail Stoner

The annual LOW Lioness Indoor Spring Flea Market and Craft Sale will be on Saturday April 1st from 8:30am till 1:00pm at the Locust Grove Middle School at 6368 Flat Run Road.

We will have vendors with crafts, flea market items, jewelry, pottery, candles, cosmetics and much more. Lionesses will also have a wonderful bake sale, concession stand, and several tables for "attic treasures". Please start saving nice items to donate for our sale. Perhaps start a box to keep things as you spring clean and declutter! Helene Burns has kindly offered to do online pre-sales for special, more valuable items or nicer jewelry. Call Helene at 540-412-0798 if you have a special item she can put online here in Lake of the Woods.

All vendor tables have been reserved; however, if you or someone you know is interested in a vendor table, please call Gail Stoner at 540-388-2540 or Betty Beck at 540-972-1872, as cancellations do occur.

Committees are forming now for publicity, vendors, attic treasures, bake sale, and concession stand. Give Gail or Betty a call if you can help. There will also be sign up sheets at our next meeting. All Lioness profits help support the Benevolence Fund. Thank You!!

LITPC Youth Scholarship - From Lions

By Lioness Linda Shnayer

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) is awarding two \$2500 Youth scholarships. All graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions, Lioness, or Leo Clubs members are encouraged to participate. Selection of a scholarship is based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be submitted by March 1, 2017. To apply or for more information, go to www.litpc.org and click on LITPC Scholarship Information.

I am new to the task of writing biographically about LOW Lioness members. My thought process told me that perhaps I should focus on some of our members who for whatever reason, may have slipped under the radar and await recognition. My first candidate meeting this criterion was Susan Costanzo. When I called her about an interview for this write-up, modestly as always, she almost turned me down. However, I cajoled her into it.

Susan, a "Jersey girl" through and through, has been a Lioness member at LOW since 2001. Her dear neighbor, Pat Phillip, sponsored her. Pat was also my membership chairman when I joined.

Susan has served our Lioness club in many ways. She is always ready and willing to serve. She has served as tail-twister three times. She has been co-chair of Safe House for three years. She has been on the Germanna scholarship committee for at least five years. Susan likes to interview candidates with her good friend and fellow Lioness, Jean Ann Daniels. Susan's work with the food pantry and food drives goes way back to their founding. She expressed the desire to serve in whatever capacity she can.

Susan is married to Richard, a 25 year veteran firefighter of Essex County, N.J., where they lived. She happily described how easy it was to go to N.Y. City to dine , shop and see shows. She misses N.Y.City , " Little Italy", the varied and really good cuisine, bread and bagels which were readily available.

The Costanzos have two sons and six grandchildren-- five girls and until two years ago, a special grand-son. Their eldest son is an accountant and lives in Northern Virginia. Number two special son lives in New Jersey where he is a prosecutor. The family is tight, spending holidays and as much time together as possible.

It was a pleasure to speak with her and Richard for this article.

**LOW Lioness
2016-2017Calendar**

- Feb 23 BOD Meeting
- Feb 25 Lioness Book Sale
- March 9 Lioness Dinner Meeting
- April 1 Lioness Flea Market & Craft Sale

**Happy Birthday
Lionesses!**

January 5	Loretta LaTerra	February 5	Betsy Flanigan
January 18	Isabella Irwin	February 6	Millie Davis
January 22	Suzanne Bielmeier	February 12	Helene Burns
January 25	Shellee Williams	February 16	Wendy Gwaltney
January 29	Gayla Gamble	February 23	Joan Litschert
January 31	Phyllis Sakole	February 28	Susan Oldach

From the Editor

By Lioness Gail Hardin
Editor, Lioness LOW DOWN

Please get information and articles for the March LOW DOWN to me by February 24th or as soon thereafter as possible. The newsletter will be distributed on or about March 1st. Forward them by email at the address below, or call me if you don't have access to email..

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