Board of Directors ABCs
by Nominating Committee

Our Lake of the Woods Board of Directors (BoD) is bound by the ABCs: Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Covenants. Have you read them? We all should!

We normally elect two or three members to our BoD each year. This year we have five positions to fill due to two resignations. Are you willing to serve three years on the board and improve your investment in Lake of the Woods? Do you want to be part of the solution process? Applications are presently being accepted and hopefully many of you are considering this opportunity.

So what does it mean to be a Director?
The job of a Director takes time and availability. Monthly, a director can count on two or three regular board meetings, four committee meetings, various topical meetings, such as Town Halls and Budget Hearings. In addition, there are several events such as the Newcomer Reception, Orange County Board of Supervisors Dinner, and other socials held throughout the year where a Director has the opportunity to meet and greet community members and/or represent the community to outsiders. However, being a Director is not just the time you see them in meetings and such; the position requires time to prepare for meetings which often includes significant background research and reading. Fifteen to 20 hours a week, including preparation time, is not unusual; and it is often more for our officers on the BoD.

Most of the meetings occur at regularly scheduled times which helps with personal planning; however, the meetings are scattered over morning, afternoon, and evening time frames, which need to be taken into consideration by candidates for the job.

It’s not for everyone and there IS a personal commitment, but to quote our President, Louisa Rucker: “The reward of working with the members and staff to help keep Lake of the Woods a vibrant, healthy, beautiful place to live overshadows the investment of time, talent and treasure.”

Are you willing to commit to this important task for a three year term? Consider running for the Board of Directors. Applications are now being accepted and are available online or at the Holcomb Building. Think it over...

Save the Date!
LOWA Independence Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, July 2 (Rain date: September 3)

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Early Boat Registration Continues through March 31

All boat decals need to be on boats by May 1. Remember, buy it and stick it to avoid a ticket! Early boat registration is available through March 31. Please bring your boat registration letter with you to Member Services in the Holcomb Building to purchase your boat decal. Decals are available for motorized (blue) and non-motorized (red) watercraft.

(Above right) Member Barbara Wagner places her boat decal on her boat. (Center) Non-motorized watercraft need a decal too! See page 7 for Registration fees.
President’s Letter
by Louisa Rucker

Dear Friends,

Funny what you hear around the Lake. Lately, a number of folk have bemoaned the LOWA leadership and staff’s interference with the VSGA (Virginia State Golf Association) VIP program of allowing individual members to play our course, an action which will result in an annual loss of about $18,000. The insinuation is that this was a casual, irresponsible action. Really? Why in the world would anyone cut an income stream without having to, especially when golf operations carries the highest subsidy of any amenity besides the lake? Here’s the rest of the story and the possibility of a new and happy ending.

The interpretation of laws is a living thing. When our golf people were interested in increasing play on our course by advertising through organizations that already played here, the legal counsel advised us that the courts were looking with increased scrutiny at HOA regulations; if in our regulations, visiting golfers were not expressly allowed to play when unaccompanied by a resident, they could not play. The VSGA VIP program invites such play. Hence, the problem. Currently our course is fully maintained and staffed, yet only 27 percent of the tee times are used! We could handle the other 73 percent of golfers without increasing our base costs – their fees would be almost pure profit for the golf amenity and go toward offsetting the annual subsidy paid by each of us. How do we help this to happen?

The answer is to pass a referendum to permit the Board of Directors to allow visiting golfers to play our course without having to be in the company of a resident (i.e. through local golfing clubs or other organizations, and by advance reservations). This is how I would envision this happening: our member golfers would have first access to tee times before they are opened to visitors, and that visitors would pay a predetermined rate to play. We do not in any way anticipate an onslaught of golfers (though it would be nice,) but would expect to recapture some $18,000 in lost fees this year, with some additional monies being raised, too. Likewise, since golf traffic into the Lake would be by reservation only, with a tag issued to restrict visiting golfers from going anywhere except to and from the Woods Center, additional vehicles would not constitute a problem.

What is the downside of making this change? I don’t know of any except that it is a change. It actually is a change long overdue to fulfill the spirit of a standing law - one which is poised to be more strictly enforced. Such a referendum was proposed in 2005 (along with eight other ones at the same time). It was lost in the shuffle. I urge you to come to the Town Hall meeting next Tuesday night, March 22, 7 PM, at the Community Center to hear more about this proposal. Bring your questions and opinions, please.

Another couple of items of interest:

• Section 16 now has Comcast access. Hooray!
• Congratulations to Captain Kyle Bush with LOW Security for receiving the 2015 AlliedBarton, Richmond District, Heroism Award.
• The LOW Fire and Rescue Company recently honored members and installed officers at their annual banquet. One incredible statistic mentioned that night was that the squad had collectively volunteered more than 50,000 hours, or six full years, over the past 365 days!

Lastly, the Lake is poised to burst into spring any time now. We live in a lovely community populated by equally attractive people. So glad you and I are among them!

Warmly,

Louisa
Board@LOWA.org

Agenda (Tentative)
Lake of the Woods Association, Inc.
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Community Center
April 6, 2016, 6 PM

6 PM CALL TO ORDER

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

7 PM

2. OPEN SESSION
2.1 Pledge of Allegiance
2.2 Enter Into Open Session
A. Meeting Notice and Quorum Confirmation
2.3 Approval of Agenda
2.4 Approval of Minutes: March 14, 2016 and March 16, 2016

3. REPORTS
3.1 Reports of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary
A. Executive Session Actions
B. Committee Changes
C. Committee Liaison Reports
3.2 Report of General Manager
A. February Financials
B. Lakes Management Report
3.3 Committee Reports
A. Board of Examiners – Jon Anderson, Chair
B. Planning Committee – Tom Sheridan, Chair

4. MEMBER COMMENTS ON BUSINESS AGENDA

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS
6.1 Consideration of Authorizing the President to Renew a Contract with A. Morton Thomas and Associate of Richmond for Dam Inspection Services
6.2 Consideration of Approving a Contract with Stantec for Engineering Oversight of Eastover Park with Funds to Come from the Repair and Replacement Reserve
6.3 Consideration of Approving the Golf Referendum
6.4 Consideration of Approving Third Gate Design Formal Submission to Orange County

7. MEMBER GENERAL COMMENTS

8. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

9. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

• Regular Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, April 20, 2016, Community Center, 2 PM
• Regular Board of Directors Meeting, Saturday, May 7, 2016, Community Center, 10 AM

10. ADJOURNMENT
LAKE OF THE WOODS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
March 5, 2016, 9:30 AM, Community Center

Note: These minutes are unapproved and provided to members for review.

Present
Louisa Rucker, President
Mike Rugless, Vice President
JoAnn Zwickl, Treasurer
Leighton Cumming, Secretary
Jim Hutchison
Larry Morlan

Others
Phil Rodenberg, General Manager
Linda Brooks, Recorder (from 10 AM)

Call to Order
With a quorum present, President Rucker called the meeting to order at 9:27 AM in the Community Center.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Zwickl, passed unanimously, to enter into Executive Session at 9:28 AM for the purpose of discussing and considering contracts, and discussing matters involving violations of the Declaration of Restrictions and Regulations for which a member, his family members, tenants, guests or other invitees are responsible; and further affirm the Board met again on March 1 for the purpose of discussing contracts.

2. OPEN SESSION
Motion by Morlan, passed unanimously, to exit Executive Session at 9:58 AM.

2.1 Meeting Notice and Quorum Confirmation
Secretary Cumming confirmed that a quorum is present and proper notice sent to all members of record.

2.2 Approval of Agenda
Motion by Zwickl to approve the Agenda.

2.3 Approval of the Minutes of February 17, 2016 and March 1, 2016.
Motion by Morlan, passed unanimously, to enter into Open Session at 10:07 AM, and to affirm that the Board met earlier today in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing and considering contracts, and discussing matters involving violations of the Declaration of Restrictions and Regulations for which a member, his family members, tenants, guests or other invitees are responsible; and further affirm the Board met again on March 1 for the purpose of discussing contracts.

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3. REPORTS
3.1 Report from Orange County District 5 Supervisor
Supervisor Lee Frame reported that the Germanna-Wilderness Area Plan Committee is working on reviewing historic and cultural resources, studying infrastructure and zoning and planning.

3.2 Report from Orange County Sheriff’s Office
Sheriff Mark Amos reported that in February in the County there were 2178 calls for service, 871 civil papers served, 76 warrants issued, 20 criminal transports and 253 traffic summonses issued. In LOW, there were 64 calls for service, 88 civil papers served and 23 traffic tickets issued.

3.3 Report from LOWA Construction
Director of Facilities Jessie Graves and I will review solutions to front gate traffic congestion including the flashing yellow light/turn lane improvements on Route 3.

3.4 Report from LOWA Management Services
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3.5 Report from LOWA Parking and Traffic
Director of Parking and Traffic Engineering President Larry Welford, Allied Barton Chief Scott Walker, LOWA Director of Facilities Jessie Graves and I will review solutions to front gate traffic congestion including the flashing yellow light/turn lane improvements on Route 3.

3.6 Report from LOWA Legal and Compliance Committee
The Legal and Compliance Committee experienced a big uptick in the number of parking violations in February. As you get out to the amenities or host socials this spring, please remember these basic parking rules for LOWA roads and parking lots:

1. Always display your barcode, hang tag, or dash tag when parking at the beach, park, or any parking lot. Security will be looking for those items to ensure amenity use by members and invited guests.

2. Do not park on roads or shoulders of roads. There are exceptions for workmen’s vehicles during daylight hours when houses are under construction, and for social gatherings. Any vehicle parked on the road or shoulder of the road shall be parked so that the vehicle’s right wheels are closest to the road, and any construction or social gathering is located. No parking is allowed on curves.

3. Coordinate large social gatherings and yard sales with Security.

4. Parking is prohibited at all Mail Stations except in marked spaces adjacent to the Small Marina, Golf Course, and Spotswood Park locations or with the permission of the General Manager. Overnight and commuter parking is prohibited at, or adjacent to all Mail Stations.

5. Beaches close at 10 PM, and parks close at 11 PM.

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Amenities

Member Services/Holcomb
Building: 972-2237
M-F: 8:30 AM-5 PM; Sat. 9 AM-1 PM

Clubhouse: 972-2221
Office Hours: Wed.-Fri., 9 AM-5 PM
Menus: LOWA.org/Amenities/clubhouse
See p. 9 for Hours

Community Center: 972-9680

ECC Office: 972-2211
M-F, 7 AM-3:30 PM

Equestrian Center: 972-2238

Fareways Café: 972-2216
Daily 8 AM-4 PM

Fitness Center: 972-9680
Daily 5 AM-11 PM

Golf Pro Shop (Woods Center):
Daily 8:30 AM
Reserve a tee time 972-2230

Golf Course: 9 AM daily

Maintenance Office: 972-2223
M-F, 7 AM-3:30 PM

9.9 Leaf/Brush Area:
Daily 7 AM-5 PM

Security/Front Gate:
972-2210 or 972-2020
lakeofthewoods.capsure.com

Tennis: Jim 972-8888
Courts available 6 AM to 11 PM

County Waste: 540-727-0887
Curbside trash & recycling collection: Wednesdays

General Manager's Column
What Spring Means for Pools, Parking and Traffic
by Phil Rodenberg

C'mon Spring! After so many warm days, I'm ready to trade sweatshirts for golf shirts and spend more time outside at our amenities. How about you?!

One important contract the Board squared away for the summer is hiring Virginia Pool Services, Inc., of Haymarket to be our pool management company to supply lifeguards and operate Clubhouse and Sweetbriar Pools. VPS Operations Owner Cathie Lowe is excited to come to work for LOWA. Cathie has managed our pools for a different company in years past. VPS places a strong emphasis on safe, clean pools. We like that VPS will be surveying pool users in the first few weeks of the season as well as at its end. VPS will brief the Pools Committee meeting on April 12. If you know someone interested in lifeguarding at our pool, please encourage them to apply at vapoolservices.com.

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Three weeks ago there was a series of store break-ins reported throughout the County, including two here at the Chinese Restaurants on Route 3. The responsible individuals have been identified. The Department has received a grant for 40 doses of an opioid-reversal injectable for use by staff in emergency situations. Neighborhood Watch will be meeting on April 4 at the Community Center, where Special Agent Tom Murphy is scheduled to speak on heroin issues.

3.3 Report from Allied-Barton Security
Chief Scott Walker reported staff responded to 210 calls for service in January and 161 in February. Over the past two months, there were 7 vandalism incidents, 3 thefts reported and a total of 188 traffic summonses issued. There were 45 animal complaints over the 60-day period, but overall there were no particular trends in activity identified and February was a relatively quiet month. Security staff is working on the COBRA system.

3.4 Report for LOW Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Inc.
After five years of service, President Joe Clontz will be stepping down. He introduced Simon Gray who will be the new President starting next month. During February, Rescue responded to 125 calls; there were 37 calls to the Fire Department. Recruitment efforts this past year resulted in 8 new junior fire department members and 3 new firefighters. A new fire engine went into service in February.

3.5 Report from Orange County School Board Representative:
No report available.

3.6 Reports of Officers
President’s Report
President Rucker reported that the Special Board of Directors meeting on March 1 gave Board members an opportunity to consider a third Option for reorganization of the Woods Center Pro Shop and Fareways Café, which they will be voting on today.

Vice President’s Report
Vice President mentioned the article in Lake Currents on barcodes describes a solid black barcode option now available to members who would prefer a different design.

Secretary’s Report: No report at this time.
Treasurer’s Report: No report at this time.

A. Procedure to Fill the Current Board Vacancy
President Rucker reported that since Nigel Goodwin resigned from the Board, the Board will seek to fill the vacant seat at their mid-March meeting. As of today, three potential candidates have submitted applications to serve. The Board has scheduled a “Meet and Greet” Community meeting for March 14 at 8:30 AM at the Community Center to give members an opportunity to meet the candidates.

Motion by Rugless, passed unanimously, that in accordance with LOWA Bylaw Article V., Section 5 requiring Board vacancies be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, that the current vacancy be advertised and further, that the Board elect a replacement Director by vote of the remaining Directors, that the current vacancy be advertised.

D. Committee Liaison Reports
Director Morlan reported that the Safety & Security Committee is working on three issues: 1) trespassing; 2) determining what structures might best serve to host position locators on the lake (signs/buoys/docs), and 3) community and law enforcement issues.

Secretary Cummings reported that the Elections Committee is investigating the details associated with adopting an electronic voting process.

3.7 Report of General Manager
A. January Financials
In January, we collected $103,926 in current year lot assessments bringing the total collected year-to-date to $5,272,430, or 94.3% of FY2015-16 lot assessments billed. Our delinquency rate as of January 31 is 2.0%, which is 1% better than this time last year. The Summary Operation Center Income Statement Comparative to Budget is showing a favorable variance of $295,196 as of January 31.

B. Lakes Management Report
Flat Run forebay survey work will be completed by Battlefield Land Surveying, PLLC the week of March 7. The bid deadline for the Eastover Park Water Quality Retrofit is March 15. Pre-retrofit construction excavating will be completed prior to April 15.

C. Other Business
We have received proposals from three independent CPA firms for the LOWA financial audit contract. The Treasurer’s work group will be reviewing the proposals, interviewing selected candidates this week, and making its recommendations to the Board for action at the mid-March Board meeting.

For safety reasons, some equipment that is beyond repair has been removed from several playgrounds. These items will be replaced through the current and upcoming budgets.

A Town Hall meeting with Welford Engineering on the Third Gate is ready to be scheduled for March 31 in the Community Center.

An RFP was issued requesting bids for conceptual design of a new Clubhouse Pool/Fitness Center/Recreation Complex. Tours were given to five bidders, resulting in three actual bids, all of which were much higher than originally anticipated. This will be discussed in more detail at the March 16 Board meeting.

3.8 Committee Reports
A. Maintenance and Ecology
Chair Bruce Kay reported that the Maintenance Department did an outstanding job clearing the roads during and after the recent winter storms. The Committee has been working on several projects, including the front gate congestion issue and plans for the flashing yellow turn signal, the main marina.
Regulation on Floats Passed

The Board of Directors at its March 5 meeting approved Lakes Regulation X. Use of the Lakes, C. Water Sports Activities, 7. Floats.

What is the effect? New non-inflatable moored floats will no longer be allowed on the lakes. All inflatable floats must be removed from the lakes or securely moored alongside an authorized pier between sunset and sunrise unless specifically authorized by the General Manager.

The approved regulation reads as follows:

**Section X. Use of the Lakes, C. Water Sports Activities, 7. Floats**

Flotation devices that are inflatable only and are designed for use when anchored or moored (as opposed to devices used for towing) for purposes of this Section, “Floats”) are permitted for use on the lakes under the following conditions:

a. All Floats shall be removed from the lakes or securely moored alongside an authorized pier between sunset and sunrise unless specifically authorized by the General Manager.

b. Floats shall be anchored or moored closer than 50 feet or 25% of the distance to the nearest opposing shoreline, whichever is smaller, from the owner’s property.

c. The maximum horizontal area of any Float shall be 150 square feet and the maximum height shall be 8 feet.

d. Floats and their moorings shall not interfere with watercraft navigation or the ingress/egress from the water of any neighboring properties.

e. In addition to the time requirements of subsection (a), above, a Float must be removed from the water entirely when not in use for a period of 72 hours.

f. When on land, Floats are considered a toy under Section X. A.1.f and must be deflated, if applicable, and stored accordingly.

g. Flotation devices for individual or towing use, (such as mattresses, leisure chairs, towing tubes, etc.) that are removed from the lake and stored when not in use are not subject to subparts (a) through (e), above.

Woods Center Project Revised by Dave Heiser, AGM, LOWA, Inc.

It is with great excitement that we report back to you today on the Woods Center Reorganization Project plans. Throughout this process, we have received many varied opinions on the project from members from all walks of life within our wonderfully diverse community. We want you to know that we are listening! After long discussions with the board, members and contractors concerning the pros and cons of the project, we felt that it was worth risking our reputation to go back to the board at the eleventh hour to convince the directors to reconsider the decision to construct the Option 1 project which “flipped” the usage of the facility. While Option 1 did have merit, we felt there were far too many questions that enhanced the potential for risk and failure of the plan. Management simply could not move forward in good conscience, so we went back to the drawing board and together we presented an option we called Option 3 (Option 2 with a twist) that has now been widely received by the Board, staff, and most members of the community whom we have spoken to. Option 3 is less invasive, less disruptive, and less controversial, while offering substantial benefits such as improved efficiency, enlarged dining space, enhanced dining space with a “19th” hole bar, and an added meeting room. We are very confident you are going to enjoy the results; and ask you to bear with us next month during construction as we work to improve LOWA amenities for your enjoyment.

C.L. Steady Construction LLC, our chosen contractor, submitted plans to Orange County on March 14, 2016 for approval. Once approved, the contractor will move forward rapidly to complete the project, hopefully by May 1, 2016. Thank you again for all of your suggestions, for it is you, the LOWA members who helped to create this new plan.

The revised Woods Center floor plan now includes a “19th Hole” bar in the current Fareways area, a new solid wall creating a new meeting room in the current Pro Shop area, the removal of the wall and storage closet between the entry hallway and the current Cardinal Room, moving the Pro Shop office to allow a new Pro Shop entry from the course side, and replacing the center of three doors in the Fareways Cafe.
Finance Committee Seeks Members
by Roger Anderson, Chair, Finance Committee

The chairman of the LOWA Finance Committee is seeking volunteers to serve on that committee. The primary mission of the Finance Committee is to advise the Board of Directors on financial management and policy issues, and to provide to the Board financial analysis and projections to aid the Board in managing the efficient and effective use of the members’ annual assessment and the other fees paid by the members of the Association.

The Committee meets the first Monday of each month at 7 PM at the Community Center. Current members on the Committee are: Roger Anderson, Jim Drabant, Olive Kelly, David McKee, Andy Siegel, Gary Reese, Boggs Wright and Candace Clevenger. If you have some experience in accounting, finance, budgets or financial planning, we encourage you to join the team. This is a great opportunity to serve your community.

This is also a simple process. You may pick up an application at Member Services in the Holcomb Building or download an application form from our website. LOWA.org under the Administration tab. Return the completed application to Member Services in the Holcomb Building. If you should need additional information, please call Roger Anderson, Chairman at 972-8113.

Fitness Center Offers Rolling Membership
by Daniel L. Greene, Finance Center Volunteer

The annual fee for our Fitness Center is only $100 for a Family Membership and is a 12-month rolling membership. That means for $100, all family members get a card and can use the Fitness Center (minimum age restriction). Also, you can sign up at any time during the year and your membership is for 12 months from the month you signed up. We are open from 5 AM to 11 PM, 7 days per week, 52 weeks per year. It is a self-directed facility. There is no attendant. We have over 30 pieces of world-class equipment, a separate free weight room and bathroom facilities. To sign up for a fitness membership, go to Member Services in the Holcomb Building.

Free orientation and training on the use of the equipment is available, when requested. The center is located by the Clubhouse Pool with plenty of parking. I look forward to seeing you there.

Attention LOWA Members:

LOWA is offering two golf course lots for sale

Two lots on the 600 block of Mt. Pleasant Drive (Section 1 Lots 27A and 27B) both back up to the 16th Fairway. Each lot is $28,000. Lot 27A has a water connection available.

Interested?
Contact the General Manager at 540-972-2214.
2016 LOWA Boat Registration Fees

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Boat “Try Out” Fee  $25

LOWA Expects Main Marina Completed March 28

Current construction status is: all piles have been driven, framing is 90 percent complete, and electrical is 50 percent complete. Total approximate cost is $334,000. LOWA is planning a ribbon-cutting ceremony around the first week in April. We will keep you posted on the date.

The Main Marina gas pump (ethanol-free gas) opens Saturday, April 9!

The Pro’s Thoughts
Superintendent’s Revenge
by Rea Hargraves, PGA and Woods Center Manager

Upcoming events:

- March 19 Icebreaker Scramble, 10 AM shotgun
- 23-24 Aerifying Greens
- 27 Easter Sunday
- April 1 LGA Luncheon, Clubhouse, 11:30 AM
- 5 LGA Opening Scramble, 9 AM shotgun
- 9 Superintendent’s Revenge, (9 holes), It’s hard to believe but SPRING is here!

On April 9 we will be hosting a 9-hole Superintendent’s Revenge with a Scramble format. Cost is $5 for annual members and $15 for all other players. Men and seniors will be playing from the Gold Tees. Ladies will be playing from the Silver Tees. When we finish play we will hold a raffle. The superintendent and his staff will arrange the golf course to make each hole “difficult and challenging.” Sign up in the Pro Shop I look forward to seeing you on the course!

Committee Members Welcome
by Betty Tabor, Chair, Elections Committee

The Elections Committee welcomes new members. Several current members will complete their three-year terms this year and leave spaces for those folks in LOW who would like to help us to meet the Election Committee’s responsibilities. Members must be willing to meet once a month, fourth Thursday, 10 AM, March through September. Responsibilities include participation in the encouragement of all candidates, sponsoring the Candidate Video Interviews, preparation of ballots for mailing, hosting the LOWA Forum, and assisting with the final sorting and counting of ballots. Should the Board of Directors plan to present a referendum to LOW members, the committee accepts the responsibility for sorting and counting the referendum ballots. Applications are available on the LOWA website at LOWA.org. Please complete the committee application and submit for the Elections Committee at the Member Services office, downstairs in the Holcomb Building. We look forward to having the opportunity to welcome all those LOW members who would like to work with our Elections Committee.

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Easter Sunday, March 27
8:30am & 10:30am
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Easter Brunch
Sunday, March 27th

Featured Menu
Fresh Fruit Display
Elegant Salad Station
Danish, Muffins and Croissants
Generous Omelet Station
Grand Belgian Waffle Station
Applewood Bacon and Sausage
Corned Beef Hash and Grits
Country Biscuits and Gravy
Home Style Potatoes
Vegetable Medley
Smoked Salmon Display
Seaford Newburg
Chicken Marsala

Carving Station to Include:
Oven Roasted Turkey Breast
Coked to Perfection Top Round
Herb Roasted Pork Loin

$29.99 per person
$14.99 kids 4 to 10
Kids 3 and under are Free
Reservations Only
Call Clubhouse 972-2221

2 Seating’s
1st Seating 8:30am - 10:30pm
2nd Seating 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Limited Seating
No Cancellations after March 21

SUPERINTENDENT’S REVENGE!
Saturday
April 9, 2016
Cost – Annual Member – $5.00
All other players – $15.00

Scramble Format
Men and Senior Men – GOLD TEES
Ladies – SILVER TEES
(Teams will be decided by handicap calculated by computer.)

9 Hole Event – Shotgun at 10:00 am
When everyone finishes play we will have a raffle!
$5.00 for an Arm’s Length of Raffle tickets
$300 in Pro Shop Merchandise for our lucky winners

Our Superintendent and his staff will arrange
the golf course to make each hole
“Difficult and Challenging”

Call the Pro Shop at 972-2230 to sign-up
Please sign-up and enjoy the day!
March 18 – 20
Friday  Prime Rib or Cedar Plank Salmon or Chef Special
Saturday Prime Rib or Shrimp Alfredo or Chef Special
Sunday  Citrus Chicken

March 23 – 27
Wednesday Reuben Flatbread or Chef Special
Thursday BBQ Smothered Chicken or Chef Special
Friday  Prime Rib or Linguine Pescatore or Chef Special
Saturday Prime Rib or Filet Oscar or Chef Special
Sunday  Beef Stroganoff

March 30 – April 3
Wednesday  Chili Mac or Chef Special
Thursday  Jack Daniels Ribs or Chef Special
Friday  Prime Rib or Grouper Oscar or Chef Special
Saturday Prime Rib or Lobster Ravioli or Chef Special
Sunday  Chicken Stir Fry

Lunch: Sat & Sun, 11 AM-4 PM
Dinner: Wed, Thurs & Sun 5-9 PM, Fri & Sat 5-10 PM
Brunch: Sunday 10 AM-1 PM
Menus: LOWA.org/Amenities/Clubhouse
The entire menu is not available during lunch hours on Saturday or Sunday.
We do not serve dinner/chef specialties for lunch.

To make reservations, call the Clubhouse at 972-2221.

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Open Daily 8:00 AM to 4 PM

Join friends at Fareways for a daily special!

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along with sandwiches, soup, salads and burgers.
Call your order in at 972-2216

Special Board Meeting for the Purpose of a Town Hall on Golf Referendum
Tuesday, March 22, 7 PM, CC

LOWA Town Hall on Third Gate
Thursday, March 31, 7 PM, CC

Regular LOWA Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 6, 7 PM, CC

Regular LOWA Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 20, 2 PM, CC

Committee Meetings:
Members are encouraged to attend. Meetings are subject to change; please visit LOWA.org for current information and/or to contact the Committee Chair.

Committee Meetings:
Lakes: 3/21, 7 PM, WC
Communications: 3/23, 3 PM, WC
Planning: 3/23, 7 PM, LLCH
Elections: 3/24, 10 AM, CC
Golf: 3/28, 3 PM, WC
Investment: 3/28, 1 PM, CC
Treasurer Mtg. to immediately follow ECC: 3/31, 8:30 AM, WC
Ad Hoc Pools/Fitness: 3/31, 2 PM, CCCR
Finance: 4/4, 7 PM, CC

Program Schedule
Channel 18 is available to Comcast Cable subscribers. Watch for new Amenity Infomercials at the end of most programming.

- Icon indicates videos available to be viewed at LOWA.org, after logging in.

March 18-24, 2016

March 18 – 24

LOW Civic Club (March 9 Meeting) (1:00)
“Culpeper Medical Center’s Merger with Novant” Greg Napps, CEO, Novant Medical System
6 AM 10 AM 6 PM 10 PM

Channel 18 Travel Series “South Africa – On the Wild Side” (1:00)
My World: Travel with Jerry Moser
8:30 AM 12:30 PM 8:30 PM 12:30 AM

Real Virginia (Mid- March Report) (.30)
7:30 AM 11:30 AM 7:30 PM 11:30 PM

Orange County Board of Supervisors (March 8) (3:00)
2 PM Saturday 2 PM Monday

March 25-31, 2016

March 25 – 31

LOWA Board of Directors (March 16 Meeting) (3:00)
6 AM 10 AM 6 PM 10 PM

Channel 18 Holiday Series “Holy Week-Palm Sunday to Easter” (.35)
9 AM 3 PM 9 PM 3 AM

LOW AARP Chapter 5239 (March 21 Meeting) (1:00)
“Estate Planning” John Ryan and John Coppola, Financial Planners
10 AM 4 PM 10 PM 4 AM

Notice of Association Meetings
Calendar of Events

**SPORTS & EXERCISE**
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Please refer to meeting room location key on previous page
The AARP Foundation, through Tax-Aide, is providing free tax service to our low- and moderate-income taxpayers, especially those 60 and older. Last year, we provided services to almost 400 families in the greater Locust Grove area.

Days of operation are Friday and Saturday through April 16. Hours of operation: 10 AM to 2 PM on Fridays, and 9 AM to 2 PM on Saturdays. Tax preparation will be held in the lower level of the LOW Clubhouse. Please be advised that taxpayers with appointments will be seen preferentially; walk-ins, while welcome, will be seen as slots are available (no-shows and unfilled time slots).

To make an appointment, please call Lucille Churchill at 972-7452 between the hours of 9 AM and 8 PM. If there is no answer, leave a message with your name, phone number, and best time to call so your call can be returned. Please do not call for an appointment if you do not have all of your tax forms on hand. Missing forms will result in your return not being filed that day and will also require a second visit to our site to complete the return.

**Documentation You Need to Bring to the Site**
- Social Security cards for each member of the family
- Picture ID for each spouse, such as a driver’s license
- Last year’s tax records
- All forms W-2 and 1099s
- Information for all other income received (e.g., unemployment, gambling winnings, etc.)
- Information for all tax deductions and credits
- Total paid to day care provider and provider’s tax ID number (preferably in a letter from provider)
- Proof of account for direct deposit of refund
- If you have received medical insurance through the Marketplace (to comply with the Affordable Care Act), you need your Form 1095-A. Additionally, if you have received or been offered health coverage through your employer, you should have received either Form 1095-B or Form 1095-C, depending upon the size of your employer.

**Services We Do Not Provide**
Our tax counselors must be certified every year and we will be able to prepare tax returns for the vast majority of people seeking our assistance. Be aware, however, that some returns will be out of scope and you may be directed to seek professional tax preparers. Items that are out of scope include but are not limited to the following situations:
- Schedule C (Business Profit and Loss) where losses or expenses exceed $25,000
- Complicated Schedule D (Capital Gains & Losses) without proper paperwork
- Schedule E (Rental Property) with depreciation
- Schedule F (Farm Income)
- Schedule K-1 that involves depreciation or deductible expenses
- Forms 2106 (Employee Business Expenses), 3903 (Moving Expenses), and 8615 (Minor’s Investment Income)
Independence Day Parade
by Larry Eiben, LOW Veterans Club

It’s official! The Lake of the Woods Independence Day parade will be held on Saturday, July 2. The sole purpose of the parade is to honor the service of our veterans and community organizations. The parade will feature many groups including veterans of all eras, civic and youth groups, vintage vehicles, businesses within our community and surrounding area, and other special elements that will add to the excitement. Participation in the parade is free to veterans, fire and rescue companies, businesses and all community organizations. If you elect to participate please contact Larry Eiben, corvette03@verizon.net or call me at home, 972-1847, or cell, 540-840-5648. Join the celebration and begin planning to march and celebrate this annual community event. The parade will be full of surprises and special guests for young and old! Be sure to bring your cameras!

LGA News
by Karen Woods, Publicity, Ladies Golf Association

March 25 is the deadline to sign up for the April 1 Spring Luncheon, which will start at 11:30 AM at the Clubhouse. The cost is $20, payable by check made out to “LOW LGA,” with “Spring Luncheon” noted on the memo line. The sign-up sheet and lockbox are located in the lounge at the Woods Center. Pat Shrader, Member-Member Tournament Chair, and her assistants, Debbie May and Denise Reese, will be conducting a Sales Table event during the Spring Luncheon, and request that you bring donations for the Sale to the LGA closet at the Woods Center.

Our 2016 season starts with an 18-Hole Scramble on Tuesday, April 5. This fun event combines 9-hole and 18-hole players in a foursome, which provides an opportunity to meet new members and play with golfer of different skill levels. Check-in time is 8:30 AM, with a shotgun start at 9 AM. Plan on arriving early, so you have time to catch up with old friends, make some new ones and maybe have time for a bit of practice on the putting green.

Here are a few reminders to get us ready for league play. Members must sign up for Tuesday golf no later than noon on the Monday prior to play. Volunteers are needed for collecting sweeps money during the check-in process and for collecting score cards to determine the day’s winners and allot the sweeps money. Start time in April is 9 AM. Players are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to play.

The first Tuesday of the month is food bank collection day, when members are asked to bring donations of non-perishable foods to Dottie and Jim Lohr’s van in the Woods Center parking lot.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting
by Larry Morlan, LOW Neighborhood Watch

All members are invited to attend an informational Neighborhood Watch meeting on April 4, at 7 PM in the Community Center. The program will be on heroin and will be presented by Special Agent Tom Murphy of The Blue Ridge Narcotics and Gang Task Force. Sheriff Amos and Chief Walker will also be present to answer questions.

All residents are invited to this important presentation on the heroin problem in this area. We would like to see a large turn out as the entire focus of the night will be on what is happening and how we as a community can help.

We will have some door prizes too.

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• Trimming - Grass, Shrubs, Trees & Small Tree Removal
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Penny: 540.903.9732
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Adaptive Watersports
Come Together
by Jordy deBoer, President, LOW Adaptive Water Sports Foundation

The sun is getting brighter and the days longer. Daffodils can be found all over ready to bloom! Spring is around the corner and the Lake of the Woods Adaptive Water Sports Foundation is getting geared up for their first event of the year. Around 10 of our community members will be traveling down to Winter Haven, Florida to volunteer in the first-ever Adaptive Freedom Festival. This event is on March 19 and is open to persons living with physical or cognitive challenges as well as their families. Our group will be helping with some of the many activities being provided such as waterskiing, pontoon rides, fishing, kayaking, sailing, Jet Ski rides and paddle boarding. Our team is going to Florida to help out and learn more about hosting such an amazing event. The volunteers are hoping for a turnout of 300 attendees!

On June 10 we will have our Veterans Adaptive Water Sport Event which kicks off at 9 AM. If you know any veterans with physical and/or cognitive challenges please invite them to our event and have them sign up. Are you interested in volunteering and joining the fun? Be sure to sign up and become part of this amazing community event. You can find us on Facebook. All help is appreciated!

We want to send out a sincere thank you to all who came out to the Wilderness Run Winery for a beautiful evening of wine tasting and hanging out with old and new friends. We had a very successful event and above all, we had fun! The money raised will give us a great start for our first event of the year. It was a great way to spend the ‘spring-like’ day outside and get some fresh air.

Thank you as well to our host: Wilderness Run Vineyard! If you haven’t been yet, it’s around the corner and they have delicious wine and craft beer.

Attention all gardeners! Be sure to check out our Easter Basket Garden Event coming up March 19. Create your own centerpiece using real Tulips, Daffodils, and Hyacinth! This instructional “make and take” event will be held on March 19 from 3-5 PM at Deep Roots Home and Garden Center in Rhoadesville on Route 20. Call Maggie for tickets at 540-729-7175. Baskets are limited so be sure to reserve a spot today.

Once again, a big thank you to our community! We appreciate all the support and look forward to seeing you on the lake! Interested in donating or volunteering? Contact us at Adapativewatersports@gmail.com.
Colonel Sam Hall to Speak  
by Debbie Christie, Secretary,  
Virginia Battlefields Chapter CIRA

The Virginia Battlefields Chapter of the Central Intelligence Retirees Association invites you to attend their luncheon at the LOW Clubhouse April 8 at 11 AM. The featured speaker will be Colonel Sam Hall, USAF retired. He will describe the events as they unfolded on Masirah Island (Oman) during Operation Eagle Claw, the Iran hostage rescue mission of April 1980. Seldom-seen photos will offer a glimpse of the rugged conditions on this remote island that was the perfect spot from which to launch a clandestine rescue mission. Hall promises an interesting talk about the mission.

Meal selections will be either Chicken Cordon Bleu or Sweet Potato Crusted Cod with baked potato, green beans almondine, Caesar salad, rolls, and coffee and ice or hot tea. Dessert will be cherry pie with ice cream. The cost per meal is $22 and must be sent with your meal selection no later than March 28 to Bruce Bixby, 310 Liberty Blvd, Locust Grove, VA 22508. Checks should be made payable to CVBC. Please contact Bruce Bixby at 972-9208; Carla Wasculas at 972-3436; or Dan Hartwick at 972-1449 for further information.

All are welcome to attend this luncheon – come out and join us for not only a great meal, but an interesting subject. Hope to see you there.

LYF Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
by Diane Hileman, Secretary, Lake Youth Foundation

Please join the Lake Youth Foundation for their annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 26 at Sweetbriar Park. Check-in will begin at 12:30 PM; please do not arrive prior to this time. The egg hunts will be divided into the following age groups with the following start times:
2 and under:  1 PM  
3-5 years:  1:10 PM  
6-8 years:  1:20 PM

The Easter Bunny will be arriving at 12:30 PM. Make sure you bring your camera so you can take pictures of your child with the bunny. Also bring a basket to collect the eggs. Refreshments will be served. Stay after the hunt for some fun family activities.

We will offer a new online registration process this year. You can enter your child’s registration via Eventbrite at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lyf-egg-hunt-and-family-fun-tickets-21438051790. Registration is also available by visiting the Lake Youth Foundation Facebook page or our LYF website Lakeyouth.org and click on the link to register.

The deadline for reservations is Saturday, March 19. In case of bad weather, the egg hunt will be canceled. However, the Easter bunny will still be available for pictures with the children. Don’t miss this “eggstra” special good time!

Here’s Broadway!  
by Marion Pronk, LOW Players

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March Is Irish-American Heritage Month
by Bill Halpin, Hibernians Heritage Committee Chair

This year the Irish diaspora from Tokyo to Washington and from Dubai to Santiago will commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the historic 1916 Easter Uprising. This is the event that started Ireland on the path to becoming an independent republic after nearly 800 years of occupation by a foreign power.

In the local area, displays will focus on the anniversary, depict Ireland’s long road to freedom, and identify the men and women who bravely fought in the rebellion. Displays include information boards produced by the Central Rappahannock Regional Library Graphics Department, copies of the Poblacht Na h'Eireann (Republic of Ireland) proclamation, and associated “factoids.” Information sheets about Irish/Irish-American contributions to the growth of our United States will be available for visitors. The displays show how the Irish are inextricably linked to the development of the United States in fields ranging from labor, politics and government, science and industry, local, state, and federal leadership, and entertainment. For more information see our website at AOHFredericksburg.org.

The 2016 U.S. President’s Irish-American Heritage Month Proclamation takes note that:

“generations of Irishmen and women have helped shape the idea of America, overcoming hardship and strife through strength and sacrifice, faith and family. With an unyielding belief that tomorrow always yields a brighter day, Irish Americans symbolize the perpetual optimism that defines our country, and they have long embodied the truth at the heart of our promise -- that no matter who you are or where you come from, in America, you can make it if you try.

As we celebrate Irish-American Heritage Month, we recognize the Irish people’s contributions to our country’s dynamism … sons and daughters of Erin have come to America’s shores, adding to our rich vibrancy and putting their full hearts into everything they do. From building our country’s cities as preeminent architects and earnest laborers to building our national character as people of great joy and cherished culture, Irish Americans have endured intolerance and discrimination to find a place for themselves and their children here in the United States.”

Irish-Americans transformed America by placing power in the hands of local working men and women. They built immigrant aide societies that provided jobs and social services as models for future federal safety nets. At least 22 U.S. Presidents have Irish ancestral origins. The first men to walk on the moon, Neal Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, were proud of their Irish heritage. More than 2000 Congressional Medals of Honor have been awarded to Irish-Americans. This is the extraordinary reality in the journey of Irish and Irish-Americans.
Notices
March 19, from 8:30 AM-1 PM. LOW Lioness Flea Market at the Locust Grove Middle School. There will be baked goods, food concessions, crafts and attic sales. Treasures to donate: Linda 540-412-1021 or Carolyn 972-4656. All profits go to the Lioness Benevolence Fund.
March 24, Delegate Nick Freitas invites all constituents to a Town Hall meeting at Lake of the Woods Clubhouse between 6-7 PM. Info: call Legislative Aide Christian Hoskins 540-497-2955.
March 26, First Days of Spring Yard Sale from 9 AM to 2 PM at Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Village Road, Unionville. Lots of great items, many specialty vendors, Easter Egg Hunt for the kids with the Easter Bunny present (picture taking encouraged)!!! Hot dogs, chips, & sodas will be available.
March 30, The Lake of the Woods Eclectic Book Club’s next meeting is Wednesday, March 30 at 7:30 PM. We will be discussing A Kim Jong-II Production: The Incredible True Story of North Korea and the Most Audacious Kidnapping in History by Paul Fischer. Please contact Geraldine to RSVP or for more information: geralineamaral2@gmail.com or 540-388-2449.
April 9, Car Show-Cruise-In hosted by the Good Time Cruisers Car Club. From April through October join in the fun on the second Saturday of each month at the Locust Grove Town Center, from 5 PM until dark. Oldies music and 50/50 raffle. Free event and family friendly; please bring canned goods for local food bank.
Info: Dan 972-1570.
May 14, Motorcycleists of LOW, 1st Annual LOW Motorcycle Ride, Meet & Greet motorcycle ride. Please send suggestions for a day ride to jamrein868@gmail.com. Trying to plan a ride route as early as possible so don’t wait to send ride suggestions. Riders ride at your own risk. See you in the spring.
May 15, LOW Realtor’s Open House from 12-4 PM. Begin now to invite friends and family. Tri-fold pamphlets are available at the Clubhouse, Woods Center and Holcomb Building that can be mailed to prospective homebuyers.
Monday Night Bridge. Newcomers always welcome. Woods Center at 6:45 PM. Info: Jack or Kathleen, 972-4187.
The Lions Club is seeking wheelchairs and attached equipment for wheelchairs. Info: Noel, 972-0018 to donate items.
Project EXCEL. Looking for a way to help the children in your community? The Orange County Office on Youth is looking for volunteers to tutor elementary school students who are as much as a year behind in math or reading. As little as an hour per week could make a big difference! Info: Amy Biscoe, projectexceluv@gmail.com or 540-645-8118.
Lost or Found pets in LOW can be posted on facebook.com/LOWlostandfoundpets.
Hearing Aids/Eyeglasses Recycled: Place unused hearing aids and eyeglasses in LOW Lions boxes at Wells Fargo Bank, Wilderness Pharmacy, LOW Hair Studio, LOW Security, and Dr. Stephen Lord in Orange.
Fundraisers
Cause 4 Paws. We are in need of volunteers, cat food, and monetary donations. Proceeds benefit feline rescue. Donations are tax deductible as we are a 501(c) (3) charity. Info: LA, 972-4960 and Darlene, 972-9038.
LOW Lioness Book Sale. Used books will be sold on the last Saturday of each month from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM at the Ferris Bldg. Proceeds go to the Benevolence Fund. Book donations are accepted at our book sales and on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30-11 AM. Closed in December and January. Info: Ann, 972-4338; Sherri, 412-9854; or Helene, 412-0798.
Bargains! The Lions/Velona Blvd. is open for sales and drop-offs on Saturdays each month from 9 AM to noon. For furniture pick-ups, call John at 972-1187; for Velona sales, call Dan at 972-4531; for selling furniture, call Norm at 540-205-5529 or Stan at 412-9854.
Cars for Homes. Donate your car, boat, RV, trailer. Proceeds go to Orange County Habitat for Humanity. Call 877-277-4344, and they will pick up. All donations are tax-deductible.
LOW Directory. On sale for $10 at Member Services area in the lower level Holcomb Bldg. Sales benefit F&R. For directory changes or additions, please email Mary Lee Hensel at mhensel59@gmail.com.
O.C. Humane Society. Dog and cat related T-shirts for sale, call Beth 972-3820. Proceeds benefit the animals of Orange County. Donations to OCHS are tax-deductible, we are a 501(c) (3) charitable corporation and donations can be mailed to OCHS, P.O. Box 852, Locust Grove, VA 22508. Website orangecountyhumane.org and Like us on Facebook. Thank you for your support.
Human Services
Al-Anon Meeting: Every Tues. at 7 PM, LOW Church, Founders Room. Info: Tom, 540-661-2128.
Alcoholics Anonymous: Meetings are held at LOW Church, 7 PM, every Mon. (Rm 505), Wed. (Cabin), and Fri. (Rm 505). Info: LOW Church 972-9060.
Alzheimer & Dementia Support Group: Third Wed. at 10 AM, Room 210/211. Info: LOW Church 972-9060.
Alzheimer’s Support Group: 6:30-7:30 PM, Culpeper County Library, 271 Southgate Shopping Ctr. FREE. Learn tools needed in each stage of the disease to support both care partners and those diagnosed. Open to all. Meets third Tuesday. By Alzheimer’s Association’s Caregiver Support Groups. Call to confirm group is meeting. Info: Kathi Walker, 825-3100, ext. 3416, or kwalker@slow.org.
Healing Hearts Grief Support Group: Tues., 7 PM, LOW Church Library. Weekly support group for anyone grieving the death of someone close. Please call Lynn, 972-7714, before attending.
Looking for a Baby Sitter? The Lake Youth Foundation has a list of students who have taken their Super Sitter class with lessons in fire, first aid and CPR, practiced handling babies with confidence, and learned fun activities for children. Info: Diane, 972-8634, or email LYF at info@lakeyouth.org.
LOW Lions/Liffin Wilderness Food Pantry: Located behind LG Town Center, Rt. 20, first and third Thur. from 9 AM to noon; second and last Wed. from 4-6 PM; last Sat. from 9 AM to noon. Clients may come to the pantry two times each month. Mail contributions to Lions Wilderness Food Pantry, P.O. Box 605, Locust Grove, VA 22508. Info: Dave, 972-9657.
LOW Lions Medical Equipment: Durable Medical Equipment is available for temporary loan to those with needs. Equipment can generally be picked-up and returned 9 AM-onnoon on Saturday mornings at the “Lions Building” near LOW Trash Compactor. Lions also gratefully receive donations of used equipment, in clean and good condition, that can be readily used by others. In case of immediate needs, please contact Noel 972-0018 or Dave 972-2125.
Orange County Free Clinic: Offers primary medical care and prescription assistance to the uninsured in OC. Medical care available Mon., Wed. and Fri. by apt. and on Tues. and Thurs. Call Jeanneann (in) 3323, or Krista 540-661-4968.
Red Cross Blood Drive: Fourth Tuesday every other month in the lower level Clubhouse, from 1-7 PM. To give blood, you must be generally healthy, at least 18 years of age, and weigh at least 110 pounds. The next blood drive will be in March 22. Info: Laili, 540-241-9426.
Seeking Counseling? The LOW Church offers free counseling by appointment. We care. Info: Church, 972-9060.
Thinkin’ About Quittin’? Free, individualized stop smoking program. Culpeper Regional Hospital, 829-4119.
Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services Care-A-Van will provide transportation to health care (including picking up prescription medications) and legal appointments for senior citizens (over 60) and persons (over 18) with physical disabilities. Available Monday-Friday with minimum of 48 hours notice. Free Service (but donations are encouraged) Call 540-825-3100 ext. 3358 or 3013.
Veterans Club Continues Speaker Series
by Ken Buell, Publicity, LOW Veterans Club

The LOW Veterans Club welcomes Dick Barnett of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing at their March 25 meeting.

Barnett currently serves as the Fredericksburg lead for this national program dedicated to the physical and psychological rehabilitation of active duty military personnel and veterans with disabilities through the therapeutic benefits of fly fishing.

The project provides instruction in casting, fly tying, rod building, and hosts fishing trips. All activities and equipment are provided at no cost to the disabled participants. This community-based, not-for-profit volunteer organization believes that recreational activities such as fly fishing provide a peaceful reward – a trusting, cooperative, caring and fun environment in vivid contrast to the rigors of military life.

Barnett is a local businessman and owner of IntelliWare Systems, Inc. Additionally he serves as a professor at the Fredericksburg Bible Institute and Seminary. He is a graduate of the Ohio State University, a Navy veteran, and former Federal employee with 31 years of combined service.

Please join us for our March meeting as this is sure to be outstanding presentation. The meeting starts at 7 PM in the lower level of the Clubhouse. Beverages are offered for a nominal fee. All are welcome!

For more information, please call our President, Dick Bradle, at 540-308-5507.
Men’s Golf Association News
by Jim Walsh, President, MGA

The 2016 Golf season is underway. The MGA has a few exciting events we will be sponsoring this year. Our signature event in the past has been the Wounded Warriors Tournament which will take place on June 4 at 9 AM. Because of negative media reports about the Wounded Warriors Project, money raised will go to Virginia Veterans Services Foundation which is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law under IRS code 170 (c). The money raised will stay in Virginia to help veterans and their families. You can find more about the services they provide at their website which is virginiavetransservicesfoundation.org. As a side note, I happen to know the Executive Director, Colonel J. Jack Hilgers USMC (Ret), who was awarded the Navy Cross for heroism during the Vietnam War. He is an honorable man and has done great work for Virginia Veterans. I hope you take the time to check them out.

This year we will have different sponsorship levels. Platinum, which is a $1,000 donation and for that generous donation you will be recognized with a sign prominently displayed near the putting green and a complimentary foursome. Gold is a $500 donation and be recognized together on the first hole tee box and will get two complimentary golfers. Silver sponsors, which is a $250 donation, will have a sign displayed on the 18th tee box and finally a Bronze sponsor for $100 is displayed on a tee box. If you own a business that has customers in Lake of the Woods, what a great way to say “Thank You” to them, with a foursome, prominently displayed sign and a tax deduction. If you are not a golfer but plan on contributing to a veterans’ organization, I hope you would consider contributing to our tournament and help Virginia Veterans.

In April we will be holding a new event called the Lamborghini Tournament. This event is the brainchild of Tournament Chairman Bob Hoh. It is a two-man double elimination tournament which will last approximately 12 weeks. What is nice is you only have to play a match every three or four weeks on a date you and your opponent agree on. It is a double elimination event and should be lots of fun. The cost is $15. The MGA will match the funds. If you don’t have a partner we will do our best to find you one. All you need to play is be an MGA member and have a handicap. The full rules and sign-up sheet are in the Pro Shop.

Remember, every Wednesday is Men’s Day. We have different skill levels from experienced golfers to beginners. We will also have three tournaments which cost $5 and will be matched by the MGA. Join the MGA for only $15. Come out on a Wednesday, make some new friends and have fun. If you have any questions, please contact me at jimwalsh913@gmail.com.

LOW Realtor’s Spring Open House
by Brenda Rogers, Kathy Merritt, and Pat Licata,
Open House Coordinators

Have you been thinking about selling your house? Now is the time to prepare. You may contact a Realtor or sell by owner. Do you know someone who is planning to purchase a house? Invite them to the LOW Realtor’s Open House on May 15 from noon to 4 PM. Visitors will be able to visit homes in all price ranges. This is a great time for potential homebuyers to see why you “Love Where You Live!”

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Making Joyful Noise Presents
“Second Time Around”
by Dick Gullickson, Member, The LOW Church

After last year’s success and by popular demand, the dynamic duo of Sherri LaHay Lasover and Tom Northam are returning for another exciting Making Joyful Noise Concert entitled: “Second Time Around.” The couple is accompanied by Irene Robinson with Charlie Bocook on percussion. This year they also have a guest artist – “rock-n-roller” Bill Feterle. Please join us in the performing arts center at The Lake of the Woods Church on Saturday, April 16 at 7 PM. Sherri is an entertainer, singer, and comedienne who has performed throughout the United States, on cruise ships throughout the Caribbean and in Mexico. She has appeared on stage, screen, television, in nightclubs and on radio. She has performed in a wide variety of venues including: The Today Show, The Homestead, The Greenbriar, the Mohican Lodge, the National Theatre and two appearances at the Kennedy Center where she performed a one-woman show. She has appeared with such notables as Jay Leno, Jim Belushi, Elizabeth Taylor, Norm Crosby, Carol Lawrence, Mikhail Baryshnikov, The Oakridge Boys, to name a few. Sherri is a delightful entertainer and an exceptional singer who we welcome to our stage.

Tom Northam began his career on radio at the age of nine and is now a veteran multiple award-winning actor and singer having appeared in more than 130 stage productions with major roles in musicals such as: Cabaret, The King and I, Oklahoma, Kiss Me Kate, The Music Man, Camelot, et al. He has appeared throughout the United States and Europe in more than 4,000 live performances as a singer and entertainer. He was host of his own eight-week television show on KKOQ-TV in Southern California and was rated by Paul E. Affeldt, editor of the International Jazz Report, as “…one of the top-ten ragtime singers in this country.” He has recorded two albums - A Night At The Palace and A Tribute To Valor, appeared in Columbia Pictures’ Funny Lady with Barbra Streisand and in the Hec Ramsey television series with Richard Boone. Tom is also a national-award-winning playwright and composer and member of the American Society of Composer and Publishers (ASCAP). He has written seven stage productions including Sometimes A Rainbow which we presented two seasons ago at a Making Joyful Noise Concert.

Orange County Habitat for Humanity will provide a pre-concert dinner featuring pork loin with baked potatoes, green beans and dessert in the church at 6 PM to raise funds for housing projects for those in need.

A Cookie Concerto Reception will follow the performance for meeting and greeting our talented performers.

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dock replacement, and the lower level Clubhouse ADA ramp. Time is being committed to finding the planning process for the Pool/Fitness Center Recreation Complex complex, clearing weed control, and designing new signage for the back gate. The proposed Maintenance budget was approved with no changes.

4. Member Comments on Business Agenda

One member commented on the type of change being made in the Regulations regarding floats, and one member asked about details pertaining to negotiating the final cost of the Pool/Fitness Center/Recreation Complex preliminary design contract.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Consideration of Adopting Amendments to LOWA Regulation Section X.C.6 and X.C.7: Use of the Lakes, Regarding Floats. (Policy Resolution 2016-1)

Motion by Rugless, passed unanimously, that the Board adopt Policy Resolution 2016-1 amending LOWA Regulations X.C.6 and X.C.7 regarding floats.

5.2 Consideration of Awarding a Contract for the Woods Center Reorganization Construction.

Motion by Hutcheson, passed unanimously, that the Board approve a contract with C. L. Steady Construction, LLC of Fredericksburg in the amount of $38,850, and authorize staff to buy related equipment for $2000 for a project total of $40,850, funds to come from the New Asset and Improvement Reserve for the Woods Center Reconstruction.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Consideration of Approving a Pool Maintenance Contract with Funds to Come from the 304 Pools Operating Budget.

Motion by Cumming, passed unanimously, that the Board award a contract to Virginia Pool Services, Inc. of Haymarket, VA for 2016 and 2017 Pool Management services, and authorize the President to sign a contract in a form acceptable to the LOWA Attorney, funding to come from the 304 Pools Operating Budget as follows: FY 2016-2017: $79,200, and FY 2017-2018: $79,200.

6.2 Mid-year Update on FY2015-16 Board Goals

GM Phil Rodenberg provided the Board with a mid-year update on progress made toward completing the FY2015-16 Board Goals Implementation Plan. Good progress has been made in all areas except investigating new ways to communicate with members via social media. Ass't GM Dave Heiser and IT specialist Mark Witham have scheduled a working group meeting on this topic for March 10.

6.3 Discussion of New Construction and Renovation Road Fees.

Director Rugless explained that the Construction and Renovation Road Fee Schedule has not been updated for many years, and suggested the Board take the opportunity to review it for any changes that might be recommended.

Motion by Rugless, passed unanimously, that the General Manager review the current Road fee schedule to determine if any adjustments should be made and put further discussion on the agenda for the mid-April Board meeting.

7. Member General Comments

Members commented on: 1) insufficient advance notice of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Pools/Fitness Center complex; 2) the excellent condition of the Golf Course and a suggestion that the Board consider a referendum to change the governing documents to allow play of the lakes, regarding floats. (Policy Resolution 2016-1)

Motion by Rugless, passed unanimously, that the Board adopt Policy Resolution 2016-1 amending LOWA Regulations X.C.6 and X.C.7: Use of the Lakes, Regarding Floats.

8. Director Comments

Director Moran announced he will be running for re-election to the Board this year. Several Board members expressed their regrets that Director Goodwin has resigned from the Board and thanked him for his thoughtful contributions during his tenure.

9. Scheduled Meetings

• Executive Session: Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 1 PM in the Holcomb Building.
• Community Meet and Greet: Monday, March 14, 2016 at 8:30 AM in the Community Center. Agenda: Introduce Applicants for Vacated Board seat.
• Regular Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 2 PM in the Community Center.
• Regular Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 7 PM in the Community Center.

10. Adjournment. Motion by Zwickl, passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 AM.

Leighton Cumming, LOWA Secretary

Wine Talk

by Joe Szadvari, Sommelier

Here is more information on “trending” wines for this edition of “Wine Talk”. I just saw an article about how Spain is now out-selling France in wines, “2.4 billion liters sold in 2015 versus 2 billion liters of French wine sold”. Even though more Spanish wines are being sold, they are a much better value than French wines! Don’t get me wrong, I love French wines and have for many years. I have also been saying for years now that Spanish wines are one of the world’s greatest wine values, not only in price, but also in quality! It is absolutely amazing how many wine types are being made there. Here are some wine types that you may want to try, and they won’t break the bank!

Vino de Mesa (wine of the table) and Vino de Tierra (wine of the country) – These wines are very basic. If buying these, remember they are basic, usually one dimensional in complexity and won’t last long (1-3 years) if you intend to save them. Most of these wines cost less than $10.

Rioja – The most known area in Spain for dry red wines. Basically, four levels of quality, Tempranillo (also the primary grape) less than $10 a bottle, Crianza (approximately one year in barrel and one year in bottle) around $10 a bottle, Reserva (approximately two years in barrel and 1-2 years in bottle) around $15-40 a bottle, Gran Reserva (approximately 2-3 years in barrel and 1-2 years in bottle) around $20-60 a bottle. Reservas and Gran Reserva wines are more elegant and more costly as well.

Priorat – Known for very intense dry red wines, made primarily from Grenacha, with Carineña and other varietals. Can be pricey, but very earthy and intense.

Toro – Made from Tinto de Toro (also called Tempranillo in Rioja). These red wines are bold and intense with bright fruit. They can age very well, with Reserva and Gran Reserva becoming even more powerful. Can be pricey, with more fruitiness than other areas of Spain.

Campano de Borja – Original home of the Borgias of Italy, these dry red and rosé wines are made from at least 76 percent Garnacha, with Tempranillo and Macabeo grapes. They have good depth of flavor, complexity, and structure. Good value in these wines.

Galicia – The fabulous dry white wines that go so well with seafood. Made from the Albanio grape which produces flavors and aromas of lovely peach. They are full bodied and can age very gracefully. Prices are around $15-20 a bottle.

So many more great wines come from other regions of Spain. Ask your wine merchant to show you what great wines come from this wonderful country.
Meet the LOWLINC Committees
by Mary-Jane Atwater, Chair, LOWLINC Board of Directors

If you’ve been to Fareways Cafe recently, you’ve likely seen a group of LOWLINC volunteers gathered around a table, deep in discussion. They are among the 25 volunteers serving on LOWLINC’s six committees, bringing their expertise and experience to carrying out LOWLINC programs and activities.

Here’s a summary of what they’re doing:

- **Membership Committee** – Led by Gordon Rowe, this committee promotes membership and handles new member enrollment, including processing applications, conducting interviews and welcoming new members.
- **Volunteer Committee** – With Vicky Fleming as chair, this committee recruits and trains volunteers to serve LOWLINC members and works with the coordinator to fulfill requests for volunteer assistance. The Home Maintenance subcommittee, chaired by Rick Rappoport, is developing a Home Maintenance Check program for members.
- **Vetted Vendor Committee** – Under Dave McKee’s leadership, this committee is in charge of implementing communications and public relations strategies to keep the LOW community, LOWLINC membership and LOWLINC volunteers informed about our organization and its benefits.
- **Fundraising Committee** – With LOWLINC’s operations funded through membership fees and donations, this committee, led by Joe Sakole, assists in conducting special fundraising events and appeals.
- **Social Activities Committee** – Co-led by Maureen Callahan and Emily Slunt, this committee will meet in late March to develop fun and engaging social, educational and cultural programs for members and volunteers.

For more information about the LOWLINC committees or to inquire about volunteering or serving on a committee, please send us an email at coordinator@lowlinc.org.

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Packard Campus Theater Schedule

The Library of Congress presents films at the Packard Campus of the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center. Programs are free and open to the public, but children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Seating at the screenings is on a first-come, first-serve basis. The theater is located at 19053 Mt. Pony Rd., Culpeper. For general Theater information, call 540-827-1079 ext. 79994 or visit www.loc.gov/avconservation/theater/

Friday, March 18 (7:30 PM)
OUR TOWN (United Artists, 1940)
Sam Wood directed this sensitive adaptation of Thornton Wilder’s Pulitzer Prize-winning play “Our Town,” about life in the fictional New Hampshire town of Grover’s Corners in the years 1900 through 1913.

Saturday, March 19 (2 PM)
CHARLEY AND THE ANGEL (Disney/Buena Vista, 1973)
Fred MacMurray stars in this inspirational family comedy as Charley Appleby, the owner of a small hardware store during the Great Depression who’s so busy with his business that he’s neglected his family.

Saturday, March 19 (7:30 PM)
THE ROAD TO WELLVILLE (Columbia, 1993 – R-rated*)
Sir Alan Parker directed this fictional look at Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, the Battle Creek Sanitarium, breakfast cereal, and the health-mania craze that sprang up in the late 19th century, focused in the town of Battle Creek, MI. “No one under the age of 17 will be admitted without a parent or guardian.”

Friday, March 25 (7:30 PM)
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (Paramount, 1956)
Cecil B. DeMille’s Biblical epic follows the life of Moses through manhood, slavery, and trials in leading the Jews out of Egypt.

Saturday, March 26 (7:30 PM) – Double Feature
A TOWN CALLED PANIC (Zeitgeist Films, 2009)
A film unlike anything you’ve seen before, “A Town Called Panic” (“Panique au village”) tells the story of Indian, Cowboy, and Horse, who share a house in the country. This fast paced, highly animated comedy is fun for the whole family. The film is in French, with English subtitles.

METROPOLIS (UFA, 1927-Kino Lorber, 1984)
In 1984, shortly after his musical work in “Flashdance,” “Cat People,” and “Scarface” made him very wealthy, composer Giorgio Moroder embarked on a personal project to present a restored and “modernized” version of Fritz Lang’s silent sci-fi epic.

Monday, March 28 (7 PM)
HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER’S STONE (Warner Bros., 2001)
This in the first installment of the Harry Potter film series, the eleven year old orphan Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) is rescued from a miserable existence with his abusive Uncle and Aunt by a mysterious stranger, Rubeus Hagrid, who whisked him off to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Tuesday, March 29 (7 PM)
HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS (Warner Bros., 2002)
When Harry, Ron, and Hermione return to Hogwarts for their second year, the well-hidden Chamber of Secrets deep beneath the school has been opened, unleashing a monster that terrifies Hogwarts denizens.

Wednesday, March 30 (7 PM)
HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN (Warner Bros., 2004)
Among the goings-on as Harry, Ron and Hermione return to Hogworts for their third year of wizarding instruction: convicted murderer Sirius Black (Gary Oldman) escapes from Azkaban Prison and the Ministry of Magic entrusts the foul and soulless Dementors of Azkaban to guard Hogwarts from the escaped prisoner.

Thursday, March 31 (7 PM)
HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (Warner Bros., 2005)
During Harry’s fourth year at the School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, Hogwarts plays host to the highly competitive and dangerous Triwizard Tournament.

Friday, April 1 (7 PM)
HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (Warner Bros., 2007)
As Harry Potter returns to Hogwarts for his fifth year of studies, he discovers that the magical community is in a state of denial about his recent horrific encounter with the ominous Lord Voldemort.

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by Simon Gray, Germanna Community College Board

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GCC’s Center for Workforce & Community Education helps keep local businesses competitive with specialized training and apprenticeships. For example, it is expanding its drone program from basic flight and maintenance to include training in commercial applications.

At Germanna, senior citizens can qualify for free tuition to audit credit courses and non-credit courses, not to exceed three courses per term. To do so, one must be 60 years of age or older, a legal resident of Virginia and admitted to the college as a student.

Germanna has a new Career and Transfer Center which offers assessments through the Virginia Education Wizard, counseling and information sessions and workshops in resume writing and mock job interviews. Career Counselors Marie Hawley and Sheryl Williamson want to make sure students are on the right path. Missteps can be costly, they say, slowing students on their way to degrees and costing thousands of dollars in extra tuition and lost earnings.

Hawley says of the new Center: “This is an opportunity for students to really put together their career interests, things they’d like to study and make sure the pieces fit together to transfer for a bachelor’s degree.”

Hawley said that when it comes to certain programs at universities where Germanna has a guaranteed transfer agreement, “you cannot just do general studies and transfer—you may need a degree focus.” For example, she said, Germanna may have a guaranteed transfer agreement with a university, but not guaranteed entrance into its business school without certain prerequisites.

“We try to encourage students to look ahead,” Williamson said. “The sooner you know where you want to go and what you want to do, the sooner you can match up your course work so it transfers more seamlessly,” Hawley said.

Simon Gray is a member of the Germanna Local College Board. He volunteers as the President of the Board of Directors for the Lake of Woods Rescue Squad and Fire Department. Email him at pusserson@gmail.com

County Offers Programs
by Ashley Jacobs Program Coordinator,
Orange County Office on Youth

Registration is now open for the Strengthening Families Program. If you have kiddos aged 10-14, this program is for you! Join us beginning Monday, March 27 from 5:30-8 PM at The Lake of The Woods Church. FREE dinner for the entire family, childcare for younger family members, and a $15 Sheetz gas card to cover transportation expenses offered every week! Only ten spots available so register soon.

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- Parents - Using Love and Limits and Encouraging Good Behavior
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- Family - Building Family Communication

Three-Part Autism Series
Join us for a free three-part educational series on understanding autism offered by the Orange County Office on Youth and facilitated by the Virginia Institute of Autism. All sessions will be held at the Orange County Airport on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 PM.

Session 1 (March 29) - Understanding Autism and Early Detection
Session 2 (April 12) - Evaluating Treatment Options and the Basics of Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)
Session 3 (April 19) - Managing Challenging Behaviors

Contact Ashley Jacobs to register for either program at 540-661-5457 or ajacobs@orangecountyva.gov for more information. Please visit our website at orangecountyva.gov/strengtheningfamiliesprogram.
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