Members Honored at Annual Meeting
by Connie Butttimer, Honor Awards Committee
All Photos by Dick Durphy

Warren J Lodge Award
This award is granted to the individual who has distinguished himself or herself in service as a representative of Lake of the Woods within Orange County. This recipient must have met some or all of seven criteria.

Jim Hopkins taught music and band in Northern Virginia for several years until he went back to school so he could teach math. After a distinguished teaching career, 22 years ago, he and his wife moved to Lake of the Woods. He ran for the Orange County School Board, representing District 5, where he has served our community and especially our children, faithfully. When the new schools were being built, he posted detailed plans for us to see on his website. He also keeps us informed about the local schools by writing a regular column in the Lake Currents.

Jim has been an active long-time leader of the Lake of the Woods Civic Club, serving as president for three years and publishing the monthly newsletter, Lakeviews, for more than 10 years. Under his leadership and dedication, the Lake of the Woods community has heard many informative speakers and local elected officials. He has helped bring Orange County and Lake of the Woods together for mutual understanding and support.

For over 20 years Jim has served as vice president of Stage Alive Community Concert Association, which brings professional musical performers to a seven county area including Orange. Never seeking praise or recognition, he has played a major role in ensuring that Stage Alive is promoted in the best possible light. He created and maintains its website, and maintains the subscription records. His life-long interest in music has been extremely valuable as the group evaluates the talent of musical performers, in order to decide who will be on the schedule each year.

To top it off, Jim is a computer whiz who has his own computer repair business. He has helped many Lake of the Woods residents set up their computers and trouble shoot when we just can’t get our computers to work right. He also takes the time to teach classes at the Fredericksburg Computer Group. Because of his quiet and modest demeanor, many do not know about his contributions and achievements in our community and in Orange County.

Jim Hopkins

The President’s Award for Committee Chair of the Year
Committees, which are run by a chair, are an important part of governance at Lake of the Woods. The purpose of this award is to recognize one of these leaders who has made a significant contribution to this community.

See Honor Awards on p. 12

Certification of 2016 Board of Directors Ballots
by Leighton Cumming, Secretary, Board of Directors and Betty Tabor, Chair, Elections Committee

We certify the following to be true and correct to the best of our knowledge:

- Total Valid Ballots Cast: 1581
- Total Invalid Ballots Cast: 44
- Total Ballots Received: 1625

VOTES CAST FOR:
- Bob Hoh: 1136
- Jennifer Zukowski: 1077
- Larry Morlan: 1052
- Jeff Johnson: 1039
- Carl Clawson: 1033
- Michael Tait: 862
- Brian Smith: 444

Elected to the LOWA Board of Directors September 6, 2016
Three Year Terms: Bob Hoh, Jennifer Zukowski, Larry Morlan
Two Year Term: Jeff Johnson; One Year Term: Carl Clawson

Meet Your LOWA Board of Directors
Meet your neighbors and volunteer board for 2016-17 (L to R) Treasurer JoAnn Zwicki, Director Bob Hoh, Vice President Leighton Cumming, President Larry Morlan, Director Carl Clawson, Secretary Jennifer Zukowski and Director Jeff Johnson.

Reminders

- Sept. 17: LOW Yard Sale, Sweetbriar Park, 8 AM-2 PM
- Sept. 18: Hunter Horse Show, Equestrian Center, 9 AM
- Sept. 21: LOWA Regular Board Meeting, Community Center, 2 PM
- Oct. 1: LOWA Regular Board Meeting, Community Center, 10 AM

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President’s Letter  
by Larry Morlan

My first President’s Letter. What a privilege. Congratulations to the new board members: Bob Hoh, Jennifer Zukowski, Jeff Johnson and Carl Clawson. Welcome back to JoAnn Zwickl and Leighton Cumming. Thank you, fellow board members, for the opportunity to serve as your president. I am honored and humbled by the opportunity. The responsibilities and tasks that await us as a board are challenging, but very doable. I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to thank outgoing President Louisa Rucker for her outstanding year as president and for her many years of service to LOWA. Her quiet and fair demeanor to all members has set a standard for all future board members and presidents. A strong thank you and congratulations also goes out to all those who received awards during the annual meeting. It made me proud to hear each of their stories of service as their awards were announced. These winners highlight the underpinnings of service given by so many to make LOWA such a great place to live. Thank you, each and every one.

You new board has just spent two days in an organizational retreat, learning more about one another, getting briefed (pun intended) by our board legal counsel, and undertaking the task of setting board goals for the coming year. These will be published in an upcoming Lake Currents. I believe this is a strong board that will give its very best, listen to members, study the issues and make reasoned decisions. They are ready to serve. I pledge to serve LOWA to the very best of my ability and to provide positive leadership on all issues.

Thank you to all who voted. I look forward to serving you.

AGENDA (Tentative*)
Lake of the Woods Association, Inc.
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Community Center, Sept. 21, 2016

1 PM CALL TO ORDER
1. EXECUTIVE SESSION
2 PM
2. OPEN SESSION
2.1 Pledge of Allegiance
2.2 Meeting Notice and Quorum Confirmation
2.3 Approval of Agenda
2.5 Excellence in Service Awards
3. REPORTS
3.1 Officer Reports
A. Board Goals Setting Update
B. Executive Session Actions
C. Committee Changes
3.2 General Manager Report
A. July Financials
B. Lakes Management Report
3.3 Committee Liaison Reports
3.4 Committee Reports
A. Pools – Marty Caldwell, Chair
4. PRESENTATIONS
4.1 Employee Health Insurance – Phil Howard, BB&T Insurance Services
5. MEMBER COMMENTS ON BUSINESS AGENDA
6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
6.1 Consideration of Adopting Proposed Amendments to Bylaws Article VI., Nomination and Election of Directors

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AGENDA (Tentative*)
Lake of the Woods Association, Inc.
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Community Center, Oct. 1, 2016

9 AM CALL TO ORDER  
EXECUTIVE SESSION
10 AM
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: Sept. 21, 2016
3. REPORTS
3.1 Report from Orange County Supervisor – Lee Frame
3.2 Report from Orange County Sheriff - Mark Amos
3.3 Report from Security Chief – Scott Walker
3.4 Report from LOW Fire & Rescue President – Simon Gray
3.5 Report from Orange County Schools – Jim Hopkins
3.6 Reports of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary
A. Executive Session Actions
B. Committee Liaison Reports
C. Committee Changes
3.7 Report of General Manager
A. August Financials
B. Lakes Management Report
C. Sweetbriar Pool Design Update
3.8 Committee Reports
A. Lakes Committee - William Lukaczyk, Chair
4. PRESENTATIONS
4.1 Finance Committee Presentation on Budget Guidelines – Olive Kelly, Finance Committee Chair
5. MEMBER COMMENTS ON BUSINESS AGENDA
6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
6.1 Consideration of Approving Employees Health Insurance for
7. NEW BUSINESS
7.1 Consideration of Approving All Committee Annual Reports
7.2 Consideration of Approving the Sweetbriar Pool Design
7.3 Consideration of Approving Employees Health Insurance for
8. MEMBER GENERAL COMMENTS
9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS
9.1 Director of Facilities:
9.2 President of the Board
9.3 Treasurer:
9.4 Secretary:
9.5 Vice Pres.:
9.6 Directors:
9.7 General Manager:

See October 1 Agenda on p. 18
LAKE OF THE WOODS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Special Board of Directors Meeting
Aug. 30, 2016, 9 AM, Community Center

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

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

Call to Order. President Rucker called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM in the Community Center.

1. OPEN SESSION

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Meeting Notice and Quorum Confirmation

Secretary Cumming confirmed that a quorum is present and proper notice was sent to all members of record.

1.3 Approval of Agenda. Motion by Genson, passed unanimously, to approve the Agenda.

1.4 Reports of Officers and General Manager

The President, Vice President and Treasurer had no report.

Secretary Cumming reported that to date they have received 1278 ballots for the Director election, which is much lower by this time than in past years. She reminded members that when the proxy field on the ballot is filled in, the person assigned as proxy has to be present at the Annual Meeting for the ballot to be counted.

General Manager Phil Rodenberg reported that management is working on the agendas for several September meetings. At the Annual Board meeting on Sept. 7 the Board will select officers, make Committee liaison assignments and set the calendar. The Board Retread scheduled for Sept. 12 -13 will have a full schedule both days. Director Hutchison asked the GM to include a discussion on plans for the 50th LOWA Anniversary celebration on the retreat agenda.

Design tasks for the Sweetbriar pool are progressing and are still on track for finalizing the most appropriate design by mid-September.

Mr. Rodenberg said that management would appreciate feedback from the board on new initiatives at Fareways Café. Assistant General Manager Dave Heiser provided the board with details of changes that have been adopted or are planned for Café hours, staffing, menu specials and additions, pricing and the restructuring of the salary/ tipping process. Mr. Heiser also said they are looking at the possibility of adding more late-day golf leagues, a golf academy for youth, and hosting special events that have good potential to increase play and attract other members as well. A Grand Opening will be held at Fareways on Sept. 6 at 5 PM.

2. Member Comments on Business Agenda: No comments.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1 Consideration of Accepting the Independent Financial Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2016 from PB Mares, Certified Public Accountants.

Motion by Zwickl, passed unanimously, that the Board accept the revised independent financial audit report dated Aug. 23, 2016 for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2016 from PB Mares, Certified Public Accountants.

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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
M-F, 7 AM-9 PM; Sun, 7 AM-6 PM

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

Golf Pro Shop (Woods Center):
Daily 7 AM-30 PM
Reserve a tee time 972-2230
Golf Course: 8 AM daily

Main Marina: 412-6552
Ethanol-free gas available
Sat/Sun only (through 10/16), 9:30 AM-5:30 PM

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

See GM Report on p. 4

LAKE OF THE WOODS ASSOCIATION, INC.
General Manager’s Annual Report
46th Annual Meeting
Sept. 5, 2016
by Phillip L. Rodenberg, CMCA®, AMS®
LOWA General Manager

This annual gathering is to hear the State of the Association, celebrate accomplishments, and discuss future challenges. Lake of the Woods is remarkably resilient as evidenced by the strength of our finances, the beauty of our amenities, and the enduring community spirit of its members. We are well prepared to enter our 50th year, and face the opportunities and challenges the next 50 years will bring.

The annual independent audit of our financial records was just completed by PB Mares, CPAs. Once again, LOWA received a clean report or "unmodified opinion," the highest level auditors give. We are four months into our fiscal year and collections are on target. Reserve Cash, through July, stands just shy of $3.3 Million, which is adequate to cover this year’s capital spending plan of $1.8 Million. Departments and Amenities are at or near budget. For the second year in a row, Assessment Delinquencies for the year were 1.7 percent, beating the industry standard of 5 percent.

LOWA remains the largest concentration of homes and population in Orange County with 3,781 completed homes on the 4,256 private lots, and a population exceeding the 2014 Census estimate of 7,454 full time residents, especially on busy holiday weekends like this one. Housing stock is a key indicator of a healthy community. From May 2015 to April 2016, the Environmental Control Committee approved 39 new home construction projects and approved 104 renovation projects. Our Finance Department issued 306 resale packages during the same period for properties changing hands.

Board of Directors and Management spent great effort on the eight stated Board Goals which included the successful Golf Referendum, the Conceptual Plan for the Clubhouse Pool/Fitness Complex, the Lakeview Parkway trail near Harpers Ferry mail station, and re-construction of two more miles of roadside ditches to protect Keatons Lake. The Board adopted the Five Year Capital Plan and amended the LOWA Regulations to add temporary boat hoisting restrictions, and to tighten restrictions for trailers parked on private lots. The Board initiated a Bylaws amendment to allow electronic voting in next year’s Board election and expedited the replacement of the Sweetbriar Pool so it can be open by next Memorial Day Weekend. We are proud that LOWA was chosen the Very Large Association of the Year by the Central Virginia Chapter of the Community Association Institute among 1,000-plus member associations.

Capital Projects of Note is led by the complete replacement of the Main Marina Dock and Gas Dock and related bulkheads with long-lasting synthetic decking boards for the 39 slips, and new overhead lights and a surveillance camera. We reconstructed the Woods Center and Security Building and added windows to the Equestrian Center Upper Barn and lights to the upper paddock.

We hired IT Coordinator Patrick O’Loughlin, and Chef Robert Hobel, Cara Potter is the Equestrian Operations Manager after serving as Interim Manager.

Melanie Parmelee and her Communications team continued to send important information by way of Lake Currents, Channel 18 and LOWA.org. We expanded use of Constant Contact with 185 email blasts including three member surveys sent to 2,285 subscribers. Our official Facebook page is a center for interaction with members. It has 1,347 “likes,” which is up 734 from last year partially due to a picture we posted in July of a black bear wandering through the community that reached 58,760 Facebook users because of repostings.

See August 30 Minutes on p. 4
4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Consideration of Reinstating the Virginia State Golf Association (VSGA) VIP Golf Cardholder Access and Play at Lake of the Woods Golf Course. (Administrative Resolution 2016-6)

Motion by Morlan, passed unanimously, that the Board adopt Administrative Resolution 2016-6 reinstating the Virginia State Golf Association (VSGA) VIP Golf Cardholder access and play at Lake of the Woods Golf Course, and the use of the Fareways Café. (The GM clarified that registered tenants have access to golf and Fareways and do not have to register as non-members.)

4.2 Consideration of Entering a Lot for Maintenance.

Motion by Hutchison, passed unanimously, that the Board authorize entry of the lot identified in Case No. 16-061501 on or after Aug. 30, 2016, and direct that the dead tree be cut down and the property billed for the cost related to such work in accordance with Paragraph 14 of the Restrictive Covenants.

5. Member General Comments

One member asked for more information on why the Association also includes proxy voting in addition to the random casting of ballots. (Note: As a Corporation, LOWA is required by law to make proxy voting available to members.)

6. Adjournment.

Motion by Hutchison, passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 AM.

Leighton Cumming, LOWA Secretary

GM Report from p. 3

Challenges are re-designing the website, improving social media use, and gearing up for the LOWA 50th Anniversary in 2017. Patrick O’Laughlin, our new IT Coordinator, is keeping all of our computers and phones, surveillance cameras, and point of sale software running well and as helping prepare for implementation of a new visitor management system called dwellingLive.

The emphasis of the Security Force was on reducing wait times at the front gate. We received 1.9 million vehicles, an increase of 45,000. Annual front gate/back gate count was 2.38 million. The modified security building and the new 1.5 second gate arms have helped. The dwellingLive system will be launched later this month to replace CapSure. dwellingLive is a much more user friendly system to encourage members to access the dwellingLive website rather than call Security to manage their guests. We installed better surveillance cameras at front and back gates. Chief Scott Walker continues to emphasize good customer service. Security is a visible and effective force on the roads and on the lake. Based on performance, the Board renewed the Allied Barton contract for an additional three years. Allied Barton purchased a 19-foot Guardian boat for better Lake Patrol. Orange County Board of Supervisors voted to make highway designation for our private roads permanent for traffic enforcement purposes which helps Security enforce reckless driving by speed. Allied Barton, in its fourth year with LOWA, is now Allied Universal. Challenges include identifying unauthorized tenants, assisting Orange County Sheriff on criminal matters, and encouraging members without barcodes to get the new black “stealth” barcode. Chief Walker has been helpful in designing the third gate option at Shoosmith Road, and will provide support as the new Board reviews this project now awaiting permits from Orange County.

Finance Director Larry Cole and his team including Comptroller Roy Mayberry had a busy year with heavy property transfer activity. In 12 months, 340 properties changed hands. Finance assisted in developing a new Unrestricted Operating Cash Policy to ensure adequate operational cash to meet LOWA’s operational needs. The Finance team supported the Board’s annual effort to update the Reserve Study, continued to hold delinquencies at the 1.7 percent rate achieved in the prior year, and supported the General Fund Amendment. Finance implemented new Operational Cash tracking mechanisms enabling the management team to manage cash flow to reduce the Unrestricted Operating Cash shortage from FY 14-15 by $244,000. Challenges are to keep assessment delinquency rates below 2 percent, and to continue to manage operational cash so each fiscal year stands on its own. Finance is tracking a new trend of a decline in tenant properties towards owner occupied homes, which affects tenant fee income but may be positive for amenity participation and other community purposes.

Our Maintenance Department, led by Facilities Director Jessica Graves, takes great pride in maintaining the dams and lakes as well as the roads, parks and buildings. Veterans Dam and Keatons Dam received annual inspections by a licensed engineer. Both dams are in excellent condition. The Buildings Division accomplished $23,000 and counting in electrical savings over 13 months through installation of LED lights, foam insulation in the Clubhouse attic, and motion sensors in high traffic bathrooms. Grounds Division completed a major beautification effort by pruning the understory at the front entrance to allow a better view to the front pond, and improved maintenance of the Sweetbriar soccer fields. Challenges include finding additional electrical cost savings.

Lakes health remains our overarching great concern and Environmental Resource Manager Bobby Jones has been leading a continuous effort to combat nitrogen and phosphorous levels that are three times the EPA standard in Keatons and 2.5 times the EPA standard in the Main Lake. Keatons Lake water clarity has continued to improve, but we have much more work to do. The Keatons Run Forebay (aka Eastover Park) to remove sediment and nutrients will be in construction by the end of the month. Flat Run Forebay is in Corps of Engineers review, we hope to get construction underway in 2017.

Meanwhile, Maintenance oversaw two more miles of ditch reconstruction for a total of nearly seven miles. In four years we have completed 30 percent of the 23 miles of ditches. Through roadside ditch reconstruction, we have removed 375 tons of sediment, which equates to 15 twenty-five ton dump truck loads of sediment.

At the Community Center, Manager Sylvia Zelinsky and her team hosted several special events. Community Center use increased by 9,700 to 35,753 mostly because of the two new meeting rooms in the old preschool space. Summer Concert series brought out hundreds to enjoy free music, thanks to sponsors picking up the tab for the musicians. With the early summer loss of Sweetbriar Pool due to cracks in the bottom, all aquatics activities were centered on the Clubhouse Pool. It is a strong testament to community spirit that the groups, including our swim team and water aerobics, worked together to share our one community pool and still have fun. Our Junior Tennis Clinic grew by 23 over last summer to a total of 52 participants. Fitness Center has 861 member families. With the Community and Youth Activities Committee, we hosted new special summer events: The School-Is-Out-For-Summer Party, the Glow Party at Clubhouse Point, and Movie Night outside at the Community Center. Join us for the Community Yard Sale in September, our annual Treats on Clubhouse Point at Halloween, and the Christkindlemarket in December. Challenges are replacement of Sweetbriar Pool and a board decision on the future of the Clubhouse Pool/Fitness Center Building.

Golf maintenance contractor IGM has been keeping the course in excellent condition. Golf Operations Manager Rea Hargraves and his team report golf rounds increased by 1,300 to 19,570. Annual memberships grew from 129 to 136, which is a welcome turnaround. Challenges are to continue to grow membership and increase rounds played. We are introducing new ways for members to gain value from their memberships. We reorganized the Pro Shop and Fareways, lowered annual rates, funded construction of forward tees, trimmed trees on the course, and are improving the food and beverage offering at Fareways Café. We hope to start two to four new golf leagues. Golf is proud of hosting three junior golf camps with 170 participants and of hosting a PGA Junior Golf League with 12 children. Golf hosted a dozen tournaments including the Schutzenfest with 96 golfers and 2,000-plus participants. The 6th Annual Schutzenfest Tournament is Oct. 15. Fareways remains popular and is supporting the golf amenity and the needs of the membership throughout the day for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and cocktails.

Clubhouse Manager Joey Welsh and her team had another excellent year. Clubhouse broke the $1 million revenue mark the fourth time in a row with nearly $1.23 million, and beat sales over budget by $96,000. Clubhouse served 56,199 meals, up 1,400 from the previous year. Clubhouse served 56,199 meals, up 1,400 from the previous year. Clubhouse hosted several special events including the LOW Realtor’s Open House. We replaced the Grill Room furnishings and facility drapery including the Grill Room. We installed a Members Lounge sun shade system, and upgraded kitchen equipment for efficiency. Our new chef is concentrating on fresher ingredients, house-made recipes, and lowering food cost by five percent. Challenges are replacing the fire sprinkler system and finalizing purchase and installation of the new Point of Sale system.

Cara Potter and her Equestrian Center staff care for 16 equines. We had six windows installed in the upper barn, one window for each stall, and it has created better ventilation and lighting for the barn. The small practice arena is now lighted, which will allow us to extend our lesson program and teach multiple lessons in the evenings after school in the fall and winter. We hosted 77 children in summer pony camps, with 25 students taking riding lessons on a regular basis. Six horses and riders participated in the LOW Independence Day Parade this year and won first place as Best Marching Unit. We host four Hunter Horse Shows a season, with the final shows coming up Sept. 18 and Oct. 16. Challenges are covering the small arena, teaching the lower level for horse shows.

Thanks to the board for all its good work and partnership. Congratulations on completion of successful terms of service to Louisa Rucker, Mike Rugless, Jim Hutchison and Kathy Genson! Thanks to the management team and operation center managers. Thanks to the members for all your helpful feedback about how we operate your association. I encourage all to enlist in 50th Anniversary events for 2017.
LAKE OF THE WOODS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Minutes of the Forty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Membership
Sept. 5, 2016, 10 AM, Community Center
Note: These minutes are unapproved and provided to members for review.

Call to Order. President Rucker called the Forty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Membership to order at 10:04 AM in the Community Center.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

President’s Remarks and Recognitions
President Rucker welcomed members and announced that the Community Center multi-purpose area has now officially been named “Marion Pronk Hall” in honor of her contributions to theatre programs in the community.

On behalf of the Association, President Rucker presented a check for $42,000 to LOW Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. members Simon Gray and Bob Schwab in appreciation of the excellent services Fire & Rescue staff members provide to LOW and local county area residents. Mr. Gray provided a short report on staffing and noteworthy activities of Fire & Rescue this past year.

President Rucker recognized and thanked all past Board presidents and Directors, Committee Chairs and Committee members for their valuable contributions to the work of the Association. Special thanks was given to our General Manager, Phil Rodenberg for his exceptional administrative skills managing the day-to-business of the Association and guiding the board toward achievement of their goals. She also thanked Linda Brooks who has served as Recorder for the Board for the past 12 years.

Annual Report of the General Manager
General Manager Phil Rodenberg provided a summary report on the current state of the Association, accomplishments this past year and future challenges. An outside audit of our FY2015-16 financials received a clean report and cost centers remain at or near budget. LOWA has $3.3 million in cash reserves, which are invested in our short-term financial products and held in our checking account.

Mr. Rodenberg reviewed progress made toward accomplishing the eight goals set by the Board this year. He noted several personnel changes and highlighted key activities and changes made at our amenity facilities and cost centers, as well as future plans and challenges ahead for continued improvements and initiatives aimed at keeping costs down and enhancing the income stream.

Mr. Rodenberg thanked the Board members, the management team and all the operation center managers who worked to make this past year a successful one.

Awards, Certificates and Honors
Honor Awards Committee Chair Connie Buttimer introduced the members of the committee and thanked them for their work this year.

Awards were presented by committee members to the following LOWA members in recognition of their outstanding volunteer efforts and contributions to the community:

1. 25 Year LOW Homeowner: (Karen Kovarik, presenter)
   - Randy Beckham, Frances Lynch, Beth Vanderveer, Jennifer Zukowski, Peggy Powell, Anne Thayer, Toni Ruther, Kate and Rob Yarrow and Jan Davis.

2. Outstanding Service Award: (Betty Beck, presenter)

3. Distinguished Service Award: (Connie Buttimer and Joann Buttimer, presenters)
   - Donna Price, Brenda Rogers, Joseph Wascalus, Stanley Lasover, David Francis, Bren Anderson and Pat Licata.

Community Service Organization Award: (Karen Kovarik, presenter)
Lake of the Woods Garden Club, President Dan Greene accepting on behalf of the Club.

4. Warren J. Lodge Award for Excellence: (Karen Cakouros, presenter)
   - Jim Hopkins

5. President’s Award for Chair of the Committee of the Year: (President Louisa Rucker, presenter)
   - Cliff Wilks, Chair of the Rules Committee and Ad Hoc Pool/fitness Center/Outdoor Recreation Complex Committee.

6. Director Awards: (Connie Buttimer, presenter)
   - A gift of appreciation for their service was presented to the following Directors whose terms have expired: President Louisa Rucker, Vice President Mike Rugless, Larry Morlan, Kathy Genson and Jim Hutchison.

Member Comments. President Rucker and GM Phil Rodenberg responded to questions on the following topics: 1) the need for more than one swing at the playground parks, and; 2) that more board meetings be scheduled in the evening hours.

Scheduled Meetings
- Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors: Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016 at 9 AM in the Community Center.
- Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, Retreat: Monday, Sept. 12, 2016 at 9 AM and Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016 at 9 AM in the Community Center.
- Regular Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016 at 2 PM in the Community Center.

Announcement of Close of Voting. There being no further business, President Rucker announced the close of voting for the 2016 election of Directors at 11:32 AM.

Adjournment. Motion by Mike Rugless and seconded, passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 AM.

Leighton Cumming, LOWA Secretary

The Grand Re-Opening of Fareways Cafe and Pub was held September 6 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Come and meet your friends for a sandwich, beverage and Twerf golf for $20.* Details at the Pro Shop.
Tennis Pro O’Neil to Retire
by Dan McFarland, Lake Currents copy editor

After a quarter century as Lake of the Woods’ tennis pro, Billie O’Neil is hanging up her racket (at least partially.)

A founding member of the US Professional Tennis Registry, O’Neil says she has enjoyed teaching both children and adults the finer points of the game.

Community Operations Manager Sylvia Zelinsky credits O’Neil with being “awesome to work with.” “She is really a super sweet lady,” Zelinsky says. Past Tennis Committee Chair Ken Kaltenmark agrees. “I worked with Billie for years,” he recalls. “She did a great job handling kids.”

Growing up in northern Virginia, O’Neil got her initial exposure to Lake of the Woods when her parents built one of the first homes on Birchside Cove. “They were weekenders for many years before retiring here,” she says.

In her college years, O’Neil was a Kappa Delta at the University of Maryland. Marriage took her to New Jersey, where her husband was president of Roxbury State Bank. The O’Neils, however, had a house built at Lake of the Woods to make it easier to visit family.

“I actually remember when there was a tennis court close to the clubhouse,” she recalls.

After making the decision to retire here, the couple first added a bit to their original house, then settled in. At that time, the previous LOW tennis pro had just left, allowing Billie to step in, beginning 25 years of teaching and coaching here.

Both the facilities here and the game itself have changed since then, O’Neil says. She cites LOW’s new, lighted courts as being a big improvement. “It’s all to the good,” O’Neil feels, noting a rise in 10-year-old and under interest in tennis here.

Although she will no longer be the primary tennis instructor for the area, she has agreed to assist the new tennis pro, Brian Ratzlaff, when large classes require more help.

What’s New at the Fitness Center?
by Donna Price, Chair, Fitness Committee

On Aug. 9-11, the LOWA Maintenance Department gave the aerobics room of the Fitness Center a new look. The walls were painted a lighter color, new LED lighting was installed and the rubber tiles on the floor were removed and thoroughly cleaned. The result is a brighter, cleaner and more stimulating workout environment for fitness center members.

On Aug. 24, Life Fitness (LF) installed three new pieces of replacement equipment: a new LF cross-trainer (elliptical); an upgraded LF treadmill; and a new, selectorized strength-training station, the Hammer Strength (HS) Select Assist Dip Chin. It replaces a 10-year-old station which depended on the user’s own unassisted upper body strength.

The Dip Chin is an amazing piece of equipment for strengthening the back, chest, triceps and biceps. Users can now do chin-ups and triceps dips by lowering the knee pad and adjusting the weight pin. For example, by placing the pin on 70 pounds, the user subtracts that amount from his or her body weight for the purpose of the exercise. The weight pin can be used to select how much weight the user needs to subtract in order to do a controlled chin-up or triceps dip. For those who do not need the counterweights, the pad can easily be moved out of the way. Visit youtube.com/watch?v=DKbo1Poqt9M8 to view a demonstration.

If you are a member of the Fitness Center, give it a try. If not, join and become a new member! The Fitness Center has a rolling membership fee of $100 for the entire family. Hours of operation are 5 AM to 11 PM daily. Please contact Community Services at 972-9680 to arrange a tour to see everything the Fitness Center has to assist you and your family members in staying fit.

Lake of the Woods Returns to VIP Golf Card Program

On Aug. 30, the Lake of the Woods Board of Directors voted to rejoin the VSGA VIP Golf Card Program following a recent successful membership vote allowing non-member use of the golf course. VSGA members need to call the Pro Shop to set up a tee time.
Looking for Youth and Their Opinions
by Candace Clevenger, Chair, Community and Youth Activities

The Community and Youth Activities Committee is looking for teens as well as new adult members who would like to join our committee.

Do you want to be a voice for the youth in our community and enhance life at the Lake for all members? Do you have a teenager who would like to join the committee?

Contact the Committee Chair, Candace Clevenger at cdclev@hotmail.com.

Chitty Wins Distance Sailing Race
by Dan McFarland, LOW Sailing Club Race Committee Chair

Making the most of particularly good sailing winds on Saturday, Aug. 27, Richard Chitty led a mixed fleet of six LOW Sailing Club boats to finish first in the club’s annual Round Turtle Island Challenge.

Chitty’s victory marked the first win for a Sunfish-class boat in recent years. Five other competitors sailed a mix of Sunfish, Flying Scot and Catboat vessels in the group’s only long-distance race. Relatively steady winds of 5 mph out of the east made the reach down the length of the lake a more or less straight leg, simplifying tactical decisions.

Because of normally unreliable winds in the Turtle Island Cove area, the rules for this unique contest allow competitors to use paddles and other non-motorized means of propulsion to round Turtle Island, and then revert to purely wind-powered progress once they return to the main body of the lake for the second long leg up the lake to the finish line.

Chitty finished the race in just under 90 minutes. Second place went to the Flying Scot captained by Dan Kilgore, with Jimmy Lee as crew. Sunfish sailor John Rush finished a close third.

Other racers taking part were Sunfish sailors Bill Wemmerus and Bill Ruark, as well as Ed and Marthellen Hoffman sailing their Catboat.

The Sailing Club’s Fall Racing Series begins Sept. 10 with an 11 AM start for the second long leg up the lake to the finish line. We thank you for your kind support!
**Men’s and Senior Men’s Club Championship**

**September 24-25 & October 1-2, 2016**

This event is Match Play!

- Qualifying Round: September 24
- 1st Round Match Play: September 25
- 2nd Round Match Play: October 1
- Final Round Match Play: October 2

All tee times at 8:30am

We will have (4) Flights:
- Black Tees at Scratch
- White Tees with handicap
- Gold Tees at Scratch
- Gold Tees with handicap

**Call The Pro Shop for more information 972-2230**

**Sign up in the Pro Shop September 10-21, 2016**

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**LOW LGA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

**October 1-2**

**Sign-up: September 17-27**

Cost is $30 per person (+) Green Fee and Cart

Handicaps will be from September 15

LOWA Ladies Club Championship is a (2) day event.

This event is for 18 hole and 9 hole golfers.

Winner’s names will be added to the Official Trophy in the Pro Shop.

All other ties in flights will split the sweeps winnings.

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**Sixth Annual October Festival Held at the LOW Woods Center**

German Food & Beer / Prizes for the most skilled!

**Saturday, October 15th**

Hosted by the LOW Thursday Men’s Industrial Golf League to benefit LOWA Swim Team

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**Fright Night! Golf and Halloween Party**

**Friday, October 28**

Tee times starting at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Dress up for Halloween and play a shorter round of golf with glowing golf balls.

The tees and greens will be illuminated for play.

Wear your best costume—and get your glow on!

No carts tonight, everyone walks.

Cost is $10 plus glow-in-the-dark golf ball

Reserve your spot at the Pro Shop for golf.

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Cliff Wilks, Past President
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Annual Report of the Association; Presentation of Honor Awards

Orange County Board of Supervisors (Sept. 13 meeting)
Channel 18 Travel Series “Virginia’s Luray Caverns”

LOWA Regular Board of Directors Meeting (Sept. 21)
Real Virginia (Mid-September Report)
Tips from the Pro – Rea Hargraves, LOW PGA Pro

Sunday
Chicken Caprese
Shrimp & Grills or Chef Special
Seafood Menu or Chef Special
Seafood Manicotti
Cajun Chicken Pasta or Chef Special
Jack Daniels BBQ Ribs or Chef Special
Prime Rib or Pan Seared Scallops or Chef Special
Tuscani Chicken Pasta

September 21-25

September 28-October 2

Sunday
Lunch: Sat & Sun, 11 AM-4 PM
Dinner: Wed & Sun 5-9 PM, Thurs, Fri & Sat, 5-10 PM
Brunch: Sunday 10 AM-1 PM
Menus: LOWA.org/Amenities/Clubhouse
We do not serve dinner/chef specials for lunch.

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

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.

September 16-18

Friday
Prime Rib or Pecan Crusted Salmon or Chef Special
Prime Rib or N.Y. Strip Steak or Chef Special
Prime Rib or Seafood Pasta or Chef Special
Prime Rib or Crab Cakes or Chef Special
Seafood Manicotti

Saturday
Prime Rib or Crab Cakes or Chef Special

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 6:30 PM, CH
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Committee Meetings:
Visit LOWA.org, click on Administration tab, then Committees.
Members are encouraged to attend.
Meetings are subject to change; contact the Committee Chair for current information.

Lakes:
9/19, 7 PM, WC
Topic: How invasive aquatic species affect the health of our lakes
Rules:
9/20, 4 PM, CC
M&E: 9/21, 7 PM, M- CR
Topic: Sole source procurements
LCC Meeting: 9/21, 7:30 PM, WC
LCC Hearing: 9/21, 8 PM, WC
Investment: 9/26, 1 PM, CC
Treasurer Mtg. to follow
Golf: 9/26, 3 PM, WC
Topic: Recommending guidelines for non-member use of the Golf Course
Communications: 9/28, 3 PM, WC
ECC: 9/29, 8:30 AM, WC
50th Anniversary Ad Hoc: 10/3, 1 PM, CC
Finance: 10/3, 7 PM, CC

Recent reports of black bear sightings within Lake of the Woods make the following reminders to residents prudent:
Although black bears tend to be shy and usually avoid humans, they have a very strong sense of smell and are easily attracted to any potential food source in residential areas. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries provides information on how to protect yourself, pets and property from injury or damage often caused by bears. Please visit http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/bear/. Taking the precautions in and around your home will help insure that any bear visiting our area will be “just passing through…”

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CC Community Center
CCCR Community Center Classroom
CR Community Center Craft Room
CH Clubhouse
CHGH Clubhouse Great Hall
CHPR Clubhouse President’s Room
EQ Equestrian Center
HF Hollyfield Park
LGES Lougat Elementary School (Rt. 20)
LLCH Lower Level Clubhouse
LOWC LOW Church
MCR Maintenance Conference Room
RR Holcomb Building Reading Room
SB Sweetbriar Park
ULH Upper Level Holcomb
WC Woods Center

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Notice of Meetings & Events

Saturday, September 17
9 AM-1 PM AARP Annual Food Drive (front entrance). Info: Kathi 972-5242 or Norma 972-0657.
10 AM-4 PM Garden Club House Tour, fee. Tickets: 540-412-2441.
11 AM Sailing Club Fall Series Races (Main Lake). Info: Jimmy 972-8920.

Sunday, September 18
9 AM Hunter Horse Show (EQ). Info: 972-2238.

Monday, September 19
10 AM AARP Meeting (CH). Info: Carolyn 972-3306.

Tuesday, September 20
10 AM-12 PM LOWLINC Presentation (CC). Info: LOWlinc.org.
7 PM Civic Club Meeting at LOW F&R Station. Info: Pat 540-735-7998.

Wednesday, September 21
2 PM LOWA Regular Board Meeting (CC). Info: 972-2214.

Thursday, September 22
12 PM NARFE Luncheon (LLCH). Info: Clifton 540-809-2157.

Friday, September 23

Saturday, September 24

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Please refer to meeting room location key on previous page.
Walker Discusses Confederate Spy Stringfellow
by Charlotte Baker, Publicity, AARP Chapter 5239

Frank Walker, Orange County historian and a LOW favorite, is set to fascinate his AARP audience again on Sept. 19. This time, he will present the life and character of the Rev. Benjamin Franklin Stringfellow, a notorious spy for the Confederacy during the Civil War, and an inspiring soldier for souls after it. Stringfellow was born and raised at Raccoon Ford, just upstream of LOW. Did you know that Frank Walker’s middle name is Stringfellow?

AARP members and visitors are invited to come to the Clubhouse on Monday, Sept. 19, at 9:30 AM for coffee and sweets. Take this opportunity to be with old friends and make new ones and see what gems the silent auction has for you. The meeting begins at 10 AM. And don’t forget to go to the website at aarp5239.org to see issues of the chapter newsletter, Perspectives, plus additional information about travels and events being planned for 2016 and photos of previous activities.

LOW Realtors’ Open House
Sunday, Oct. 16
by Brenda Rogers, Pat Licata and Kathy Merritt, Coordinators

The Lake of the Woods Association will host the LOW Realtors’ Fall Open House Oct. 16 from noon to 4 PM. It will give visitors the opportunity to tour houses for sale in Lake of the Woods. Members make the best referrals, so invite potential homebuyers who may enjoy living in a recreational community. A list of houses on the tour will be available in the Clubhouse Presidents Room. “The Wall” will contain pictures of the houses on tour. Come early, enjoy the fantastic brunch and get your early copy of the tour list. Reservations are appreciated.

Planning to sell your house? You may participate in the open house either with a realtor or for sale by owner. For more details, contact Brenda at 972-8117 or drogers73@msn.com.

Art For Fun Seeking New Members
by Elaine Lewis, Art for Fun Group

The LOW Art for Fun Group meets weekly at the Community Center Thursdays, from 1:30 to 3 PM for art lovers with multiple levels of experience and various media. Bring whatever you are working on to our gathering. For more information, call Elaine – 972-0956.

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NARFE Covered Dish Luncheon
by Cliff Wilks, Chapter President, NARFE

All general meetings of the NARFE Chapter are open to members, their guests and potential members. Come to the next meeting, Sept. 22, at noon at the Clubhouse lower level. The chapter will provide fried chicken, iced tea, water, and coffee. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We have three speakers lined up: David Snell, Director of Federal Benefits, NARFE Headquarters; Steve Cakouros, of our chapter, who will talk about his experiences comparing federal insurance plans; and Ellen Dawson of LOWLINC, who will speak about their organization and empowering older adults to make the most of medical appointments with better preparation, communication during the visit and follow-up. They will also provide a single convenient Talking With Your Health Care Provider resource for seniors - a professionally-designed pocket folder that provides tips on preparing for the appointment, questions to ask, and formatting pages for medications lists, doctor recommendations and other information.

We will also be voting to elect our chapter officers. All individuals who are current or retired federal employees are eligible to join NARFE. Benefits offered to members include the voice of our NARFE headquarters in Congress to assure that salaries, annuities and health plans are not compromised. Come to the meeting and join if you are eligible, if not, then you could also join as a social member. If you are already a NARFE member of another Chapter you may also join ours as an Associate member.

Please bring non-perishable foods for donation to the Wilderness Food Pantry. If you have any questions, please contact Clifton Wilks at 540-809-2157 or oldbones66@outlook.com.

Frank Walker

Art for Fun members (L to R) Ann Norton, Hugh Norton and Elaine Machelor try their hands at adult coloring books.

Photo by Elaine Lewis

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**Honor Awards from p. 1**

**Clifton Wilks (Rules Committee; Ad Hoc Pool/Health Center/Outdoor Recreation Complex Committee)**

Perhaps without realizing where his career path was leading, the 2016 recipient of the President’s Award has been preparing for his service to LOW for much of his professional life. As a Labor Relations Specialist, a Patent and Trademark Human Resources Supervisor, and an Arbitrator for the Post Office Management, Clift Wilks honed his skills to be the very successful Chairman of the Rules Committee. In a final work-related accolade, he was selected to be an Area Labor Relations Specialist for a region of the United States. Was that final role the one which ultimately groomed him to steer this year’s Ad Hoc Pool/Health Center/Outdoor Recreation Center Committee—affectionately known as the Uber Committee because of its size and diversity? Whatever it was, Clift was the person for the task. When the Elections Committee was given the order to switch LOWA voting to the proxy ballot format and help was needed with that project, Clift stepped in to guide the process. Two years later, when selecting the Ad Hoc Pool/Health Committee Chairman, Clift’s name was at the top of the list.

After coordinating sufficient meetings to get the job done, he reported back to the board on deadline—a feat which I was not at all sure could be done. Working with Clift has been a pleasure and he has been an asset to the membership of Lake of the Woods.

**Donna Price**

The 2016 Distinguished Service Awards recognize accomplishments of highest significance to Lake of the Woods. These accomplishments, by any person or group of persons who have rendered voluntary service to or on behalf of Lake of the Woods, are so noteworthy as to have an extremely beneficial effect on the general health, welfare, quality of life and/or fulfillment of a major need within the LOW community.

Donna Price was an early proponent to move the Fitness Center to its current location more than five years ago and has worked tirelessly as a committee officer. She believed the Fitness Center was an important part of the larger need for a “health and fitness” set of amenities. Initially, Lake of the Woods had a few casual walking paths and trails, so she worked with our resident cartographer and Maintenance and Ecology staff to put it together. This occurred by walking every bit of it regularly, getting signs approved and rules set in place for what was to become 60 miles of official walking trails. She also initiated a mapping program. In this area there were no walking trails with supporting quality maps and pamphlets that compare with her work. A fitness-related website and monthly newsletter are also part of this program. This newsletter is available at the Holcomb Building. She has been strongly endorsed by members of our community for her creativity and commitment to LOW.

Brenda Rogers originated the idea behind the semi-annual Lake of the Woods Open House for Realtors. This now draws over 100 attendees and is held twice a year with tremendous support from our local realtors. While serving on the External Affairs Committee she organized an advertising campaign for Lake of the Woods and designed a marketing brochure that is used today in newcomer packets. She served as a member of the Ad Hoc committee to increase awareness of the Woods Center and organized a dinner program one winter when the clubhouse was closed. She has served as president of the Susan Allen Republican Women’s Club in four different years and was a district representative of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women for four years, which entails coordination of 10 local Republican Women’s Clubs. Local politicians rely on her to help organize events for Lake of the Woods residents. She has many talents and her skills as a floral arranger are put to use at the Lake of the Woods Church, where she regularly works with flowers. She is currently serving as secretary of the Clubhouse Committee, but has served on many Lake of the Woods committees in the past.

Joseph Wascalus has been serving the Lake of the Woods community in various functions throughout his tenure here. He has distinguished himself by establishing “The Final Salute” for our deceased Lake of the Woods Veterans. “The Final Salute Ceremony” has been performed at 72 memorial services between January 2009 and June 2016. In addition, he maintains a copy of every obituary and a list of all deceased Lake of the Woods veterans for the Memorial Day celebration. He is a charter member of the Lake of the Woods Veterans, designed their name tags, and served as their first treasurer. As the initial historian, he developed a collection of photos of members, meetings, and day trips. He has also served as a marshal for the Independence Day Parade every year since the Veterans Club took on this responsibility. He believes in the personal touch and feels strongly that a personal phone call to everyone he deals with is more respectful.

Stanley Lasover has encouraged the Lake of the Woods Lions to expand and improve service projects that have a substantial impact on our community. His support for the Wilderness Food Pantry helped organize and improve the food pickup and distribution process. He has personally collected and delivered a substantial amount of food to the pantry. With his leadership, the pantry was able to help more than 400 families last year. Also, he helped the Lions furniture pick-up and yard sale programs which provide funding for many charitable community programs. He has been a leader in partnership with the Orange County Schools to provide scholarships, teacher grants, and support for the Orange County High School Robotics Team. As president of the LOW Lions, his obvious enthusiasm for helping neighbors and his powers of persuasion have resulted in many new members. He has also encouraged long-time members to increase their participation in community support projects.

David Francis was selected by the Lake of the Woods Lions to lead the transformation of the Wilderness Food Pantry from trailers to the newly renovated school structure where it is now housed. In the last two years, he has worked within our community to promote the food pantry. He has attended other Lake of the Woods clubs, given presentations regarding the pantry’s activities and requested their involvement. The image of Lake of the Woods outside of the community has been significantly enhanced by his effort. Other Lions clubs throughout Virginia have marveled at what has been accomplished. Congratulations have also been received from the Fredericksburg Food Bank where they get a majority of the food. He has reached out to local businesses to obtain contributions and fostered relations with the Orange County Supervisors to obtain tax waivers for the pantry. By personally establishing excellent relations with Food Lion and Walmart, he saw that they continued to supply food on a daily and weekly schedule.

Bren Anderson and Pat Licata have made summer an even more enjoyable time at Lake of the Woods thanks to their incredible vision and work. In the past three years, Concerts on the Point has added a new dimension to our summer community fun. On the fourth Friday evening of the months of May through August many residents have come to Clubhouse Point to enjoy a wonderful evening with friends. Many families bring their children. The whole family can listen to the music, sing along or get up and dance. All of this is free! Each year the numbers have grown. In May of this year over 700 people came to the Clubhouse Point to enjoy this event. These two ladies came up with a great idea, got local businesses to underwrite it, found music groups willing to share their talents at reasonable prices, developed the format, and invited local organizations to help. On behalf of the Lake of the Woods Community we want to say thank you for enriching our lives in such a delightful way!

These awards recognize accomplishments and/or performance of duty beyond that ordinarily expected in a voluntary capacity. These accomplishments will have resulted in a significant beneficial contribution to the general welfare of the Lake of the Woods community. They will represent especially devoted and effective voluntary service in a needed program or activity.

Helene Burns, Sherri Lasover and Ann Walker operate the LOW Lioness Club’s second hand book store. It provides a valuable service to the Lake of the Woods Community as well as funding for programs which benefit LOW and many service organizations. Each month, book lovers can peruse the shelves at the Ferris Building to find their favorite authors and titles for their reading enjoyment. No one likes to throw books away also part of this program, and this book store provides a way to recycle members’ collections. This service runs smoothly due to the efforts of these three members who twice a week, every week, each month, can be found sorting, stacking and cataloging donated books for shelving and display.

See Honor Awards, p. 13
For the past four years, Betty and Ralph Scheuermann have taken responsibility for the year-round maintenance of the Wilderness Library garden. Although the Wilderness Library is not within the confines of Lake of the Woods, it is an integral part of our community. Lake of the Woods members visiting the library can also enjoy the lovely garden at the entrance. In the spring the entire plot is cleaned up, fertilized and mulched. In summer, daily watering can be a must and these volunteers supply all the garden tools and haul debris to the local landfill. In fall, another cleanup and deadheading of plants and shrubs is needed, plus adding mulch and nutrients to the soil for protection during the winter. It is time to decorate the garden for the holidays. Impressive dedication is needed for these volunteers to continually give their time for the benefit of the community.

Although Carl and Ann Bayer are relatively new members of Lake of the Woods, they have been supporters of, as well as active participants in, LOW’s amenities. Upon hearing of planned renovations to the Woods Center, they began a series of social hours for new members at their home to raise awareness of the facility, and have since moved these community outreach events to the completed Fareways restaurant. In addition to serving on a small group advising on colors and other decorating aspects of the Woods Center project, these members raised a group of volunteers to assist in painting the facility and repairing and refinishing the 38 green leather chairs formerly used in the sports lounge of the club house, as well as 16 bar chairs. At the initiative of these members, over 300 volunteer hours were contributed. We applaud their efforts in overseeing volunteer participation in the Woods Center project and providing the opportunity for new friends to invest in the future of Lake of the Woods.

Connie LeMay is a founding member of the Wilderness "Tiques, a non-profit philanthropic and study organization. They are dedicated to education through the study of history and antiques; and to the preservation and restoration of historical buildings and landmarks. Connie has led the way in supporting the LOW community and surrounding historic landmarks. She wrote and secured a grant to benefit the Friends of the Wilderness Battlefield for Elwood’s restoration. She also secured a grant for the Brandy Station Foundation to help preserve and restore Graffiti House in Culpeper. She planned, coordinated and executed five Antique Appraisal Shows which raised over $5,000 to support historic preservation and restoration projects, including $1,100 to the LOW Civil War Study Group. These funds are being used to design, purchase and install five interpretive panels within LOW. We thank Connie for her efforts to raise awareness and support for our community’s history and for her dedicated work in behalf of this cause.

Community Service Organization Group Award

This award recognizes the Lake of the Woods club or organization that provides the greatest impact or service to Lake of the Woods and surrounding communities.

The Lake of the Woods Garden Club seems to have existed almost as long as Lake of the Woods itself. It has blossomed into one of the largest garden clubs in Virginia, and the many talents of the members are reflected in the variety of projects it has undertaken. Many projects benefit Lake of the Woods, such as planting and maintaining the Clubhouse Garden and the Memorial Garden. The Garden Club is responsible for the elegantly decorated clubhouse at Christmas time, for tree planting on Arbor Day and for recently working with the Boy Scouts to landscape the grounds behind the Firehouse.

Other projects benefit the wider community such as the garden greeting patrons at the Wilderness Branch Library, a gardening project at Germanna, the floral arrangements celebrating National Garden Week which are given to the Wilderness Branch Library as well as the Locust Grove Library, Clubhouse, Woods Center and Maintenance Building.

The LOW Garden Club and Virginia have benefited from strong leadership exemplified by Marilyn Mason who served as president of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs. The Club’s State activities include Pennies for Pines, which, by collecting pennies each month, help the state re-forest burned out areas.

Certificates of Appreciation are given for services and/or accomplishments of benefit to the Lake of the Woods community.

Mike Rugless, Louisa Rucker, Larry Morlan, and Kathy Genson

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Winter Bridge Gearing Up — Join the Fun!
by Dave and Marianne Kraus, Coordinators

Looking for a new, low-key bridge game? Then you now have found it in LOW Winter Bridge. It provides an opportunity to establish new friendships and continue old ones in the comfort of LOW residents’ homes. Each team plays every other team once over the course of six months, with pairs of teams working out when they will play each other and who will host. Hosts generally serve light snacks and drinks. Matches may be played any day of the week, daytime or evening. Each match consists of 20 hands using Chicago scoring.

The entrance fee is $80 per team, same as last year. All funds will be applied to the end-of-season Winter Bridge Luncheon and Tournament and to cash prizes (all teams get cash back based on their performances during the season). So each team is a winner!

Pairs of players may sign up now through Oct. 3. The roster, rules/instructions, and score sheets should be in everyone’s hands by Oct. 7. Matches may begin as soon as you receive the roster, and competition must be completed by April 14.

On Thursday, April 20, participants will enjoy the Winter Bridge Luncheon and Tournament at the Clubhouse. We will play bridge before and after lunch, with the season’s prizes awarded during lunch. At the end of the day’s play, additional cash prizes will be awarded to the day’s best performing teams.

For more information, please call Dave or Marianne Kraus at 571-334-4913. Checks made payable to “LOW Winter Bridge” are due to the Krauses (127 Indian Hills Rd.) no later than Oct. 3. Please include the following information for each team member: name, phone number, e-mail address, mailing address.

This tournament is primarily a social event. We hope you and your partner will participate this year.

Cause 4 Paws Plans Fundraiser
by Mary Kay Wilks, Publicity/Fundraiser

Cause 4 Paws, a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization supporting feline rescue operations, will be holding a yard sale fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 8 AM to 2 PM at the LOW Community Center Yard Sale in Sweetbriar Park, weather permitting. We will be selling many items donated by numerous cat supporters, cat and dog t-shirts plus raffle tickets for a beautiful Queen Size Cat Quilt made and donated by Donna and Don Mongeon of Rhoadesville, plus many other items donated by local businesses.

In addition, there will be animal jewelry, crocheted hats and afghans and other handmade items for sale. Part of the proceeds from these items will also benefit the homeless kittens/cats. Cause 4 Paws survives on donations and money provided through our fundraisers which help pay our veterinary bills as well as aid us in our mission to spay and neuter cats and find them forever homes.

Your help will continue to keep kittens and cats in our area safe and healthy. You can bring cat food donations to this, as well as any of our events, placing them in the bin provided. For more information call Mary Kay Wilks at 540-412-5764 or Darlene Agsten at 972-8038.

Again, we thank you so much for your support and we hope to see you at the Community Center Yard Sale.

Honoree to Direct Players Fall Musical
by Sandie Frame, LOW Players

All of the LOW Players are delighted at the honor bestowed upon Marion Pronk with the naming of the multipurpose room at the Community Center as Marion Pronk Hall. A special honor was given to a very special person. Marion has been a guiding force with the Players. At times she has been our manager, actor, and director. To many, Marion is most noted for being the director of many of our plays and musicals, the role she has taken on for our upcoming production, Man of La Mancha.

The musical Man of La Mancha won five Tony awards during its first run on Broadway. The story: During the time of the Spanish Inquisition, Miguel Cervantes, a tax collector, author and actor, along with his man servant, is thrown into prison. The two bring with them all of their possessions. The other prisoners attack Cervantes, wanting his possessions. A mock trial ensues; if found guilty, Cervantes will lose everything. He asks to offer his defense. It is granted. So begins the play within a play. Cervantes turns the prison into his stage, using the other prisoners as characters in his play.

Come bring your imagination and join The Players as we present our fall musical Man of La Mancha starring Bob McGrath as Miquel Cervantes/ Don Quixote and Wilson Johnson as man servant/Sancho Panza. Play dates are Oct. 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 7:30 PM and matinees Oct. 16 and 23 at 2 PM. Ticket prices are $27 for adults and $24 for students. Tickets are on sale now so order now to get the best available seats. Tickets can be purchased on line at LOWplayers.org or by calling Sandie Frame at 972-6385.

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Notices
Sept. 20 and 27, Story Time Tuesdays at the Wilderness Library, 10:15 AM. Toddler Time, 15-20 minutes of stories, fingerplays, nursery rhymes, and music for children ages 18 months to 3 years with a caregiver.
11 AM. Preschool Storytime, 30-45 minutes of stories, action rhymes, music, and crafts for children 3 to 5 years old with a caregiver. All programs are drop-in, no pre-registration is required. Info: 854-5310.
Sept. 17, Food Pantry Collection. Reminder that tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 17, LOW AARP will be collecting items for the Wilderness Food Pantry! Please help. Residents of Orange County who are struggling can use our donations of meat-canned and boxed goods such as peanut butter, jelly, soups, meats (small hams, spam, hash, steaks), etc. And there is always a need for cereal. Watch for our Lions boxes at Wells Fargo Bank, Wilderness Pharmacy, LOW Hair Studio, LOW Security, and Dr. Stephen Lord in Orange.

Fundraisers
Sept. 23, The LOW Lions Golf Tournament at the LOW Golf Course, 1 PM shotgun start and 11:30 AM Putting Contest. Coed four-person scramble. Get a team together or we will pair you up. $65/person (before Sept. 1) Includes: greens fees/ dinner/prizes. All monies raised will be used to support local charities. Register at the Pro Shop or lowlions.org.
Oct. 1, Fire & Rescue Chili Cook-Off, from 3-6 PM. Live music, 50/50 Raffle, and Chili Entry fee: $25. Tasting fee: $5. Info: Dan, Daniel.R.Cianci@rva.gov or 540-662-2128.
LOW Directory, The Directory is on sale for $10 at Member Services. Seniors reside in the lower level Holcomb Bldg. Sales benefit F&R. Information: Mary Lee Hensel at mhensel59@gmail.com.
Culpeper: The Lions of Culpeper Building at the Trash Compactor is open for sales and drop-offs on Saturdays each month from 9 AM to noon. To arrange a donation pickup, call Cindy at 972-1167 leave your phone number and message. For available furniture sales, call Norm 540-205-5529 or Stan 412-8854. To check available household items, call Rich 540-538-8767.
Cause 4 Paws. We are in need of volunteers, cat food, and monetary donations to benefit feline rescue. Donations are tax deductible as we are a 501(c) 3 charity. Info: LA, 972-4960 and Darlene, 972-8038.
LOW Lions 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, 972-4238; Sherri, 412-9854; or Helene, 412-0798.

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 Humane Society. Volunteers needed to do dog adoptions at PetSmart on weekends and or transport cats during the week to PetSmart. Donations for the animals to OCHS are tax-deductible, we are a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation. Donations can be mailed to OCHS, P.O. Box 858, Locust Grove, VA 22508. Info: 540-672-0609. Website: orangecountyhumaneorganizationsociety.org. Be sure to 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. (Rm 506). Contact: 415-742-2550.
Alzheimer & Dementia Support Group: Third Wed. at 10 AM, Room 211, LOW Church 972-9060.
Alzheimer’s Support Group: Meets third Tuesday, 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. By Alzheimer’s Association’s Caregiver Support Group. Call 1-854-674-2442 to confirm group is meeting. Info: Kathi Walker, 825-3100, ext. 3416, or kwalker@cbsrc.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 emergency situations, and learned fun activities for children. Info: Diane, 972-8634, or email LYF at info@lakeyouth.org.
LOWLINC is a non-profit service organization dedicated to enabling seniors at the Lake to continue living fully and independently in their homes. Volunteers provide services such as transportation, light home maintenance, computer assistance, check-in calls, friendly visits, and referrals to vetted vendors and community service organizations. Social activities are also offered. Fee-based. Info: 1-855-LOWLINC or visit LOWLINC.org.
LOW Lions/Lioness Wilderness Food Pantry: Located behind LG Town Center, Rt. 20, first and third Fridays from 9 AM to noon; second and fourth 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, 972-9857.
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-noon on Saturday mornings at the Velona Building near the 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 urgent needs, please contact Dave at 972-2125. If Dave is not immediately available, please leave a message and he will return your call as soon as possible.

Lyme Disease Support Group: 7 PM, Meeting every other week at 106 Mt. Pleasant Drive. RSVP/Info: Terry 570-228-7415.
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. evenings (walk-in). 13296-A James Madison Hwy, Orange. Volunteers needed. Info: Dorren Brown, 672-0793.
Red Cross Blood Drive: Fourth Tuesday every 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 September 27.
Seeking Counseling? The LOW Church offers free counseling by appointment. We care. Info: Church, 972-9060.
The Woods Cares: An AARP program, will run errands and do small repairs, light yard work for shut-ins and caretakers. Free service. Contact Dave, 972-0726, or Ed, 724-523-5255.
Thinkin’ About Quittin’: Free, individualized stop smoking program. Culpeper Regional Hospital, 829-4110.
Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services Care-A-Van will provide transportation to medical care (including 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.

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Wallace to Address Central Intelligence Luncheon
by Debbie Christie, Secretary, CIRA VA Battlefields Chapter

The Central Intelligence Agency Retirees of the Virginia, Battlefield Chapter, invite you to attend our Sept. 30 luncheon featuring speaker Robert Wallace at the Clubhouse beginning at 11 AM with an open bar. Wallace spent 32 years with the CIA as a case officer, station chief, resource manager and director of clandestine technical programs. As director of the CIA’s Office of Technical Service (OTS) he managed the design and development of technical equipment and personnel to support worldwide clandestine operations. He will be speaking about two of his books: Spycraft: The Secret History of the CIA’s Spytechs from Communism to al-Qaeda and Spy Sites of Washington. He will have books available.

Our meal selections will be either Seafood manicotti or pork loin medallions with salad, vegetable medley, au gratin potatoes, rolls, coffee and ice or hot tea. For dessert we will be having carrot cake. If you are interested in attending, please send a check for $23 per meal with your selection to Bruce Bixby, 310 Liberty Blvd before Sept. 26. Checks should be made out to CVBC. If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Bixby at 972-9208 or Carla Wasculas at 972-3436 for further information.

Everyone is 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.
Childhelp Fights Abuse
by Laura Fitch, LOW Childhelp Auxiliary

For those who didn’t know, Childhelp is the oldest (57 years) national non-profit organization created to fight child abuse. Alice C.Tyler Village of Childhelp East, in Lignum Virginia, (five miles west on Route 3) is a residential treatment and learning center, including a licensed school. When the Tyler estate was bequeathed to Childhelp, the organization’s founders, Sara O’Meara and Yvonne Fedderson, invited volunteers from Lake of the Woods to assist as special friends and reading buddies with the children as they established the new facility. Eight women stepped up, founded Lake of the Woods Auxiliary in 1995 and many are still active today: Mary Lou McFarland, Nancy Horch, and Karen Kovarik. We give a shout out, too, to Ruth Beverina, who joined shortly after, and has been active still all these years. The Auxiliary has expanded to support the organization's founders, Sara O’Meara and Yvonne Fedderson, invited volunteers from Lake of the Woods to assist as special friends and reading buddies with the children as they established the new facility. Eight women stepped up, founded Lake of the Woods Auxiliary in 1995 and many are still active today: Mary Lou McFarland, Nancy Horch, and Karen Kovarik. We give a shout out, too, to Ruth Beverina, who joined shortly after, and has been active still all these years. The Auxiliary has expanded to support the Village children with hands-on events and presentations, holiday parties, a bike rally, an end-of-summer luau, birthday backpacks (filled with wrapped gifts), personalized colorful blankets and pillowcases on arrival at the Village and personalized duffel bags upon leaving.

Join us for S’More Fun!

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Where: Lake of the Woods Church Cabin
When: Friday, Sept. 30 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
S’mores provided by LOWA Community and Youth Activities Committee

Leonard Andricos (L) and Stacy Kalder (R) direct our Childhelp LOW Auxiliary duffel bag project. Leslie and Stacy insert a personal note to the child wishing good luck and letting each know he/she will remain in our thoughts and hearts.

The Amazing Bike Rally is scheduled for Sept. 16 at 1 PM. The next birthday backpack-wrapping session is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 1 PM at Judy Swarthout’s home. Call her at 972-5566 if you would like to participate.

Stage 4 upcoming events include an Oct. 7 visit to Miller Farms, a Nov. 4 volunteer outing to the Wilderness Food Pantry, and possibly a December outing to decorate ceramics. Mary Lou will need volunteers for each trip. Call her at 972-1483. To donate non-perishable food items—such as peanut butter and jelly, cereal, Hamburger Helper, soup, and soap for the Wilderness Food Pantry, please bring to future Auxiliary meetings. Or you may leave these on her porch at 2001 Lakeview Parkway.

Our Harvest Moon Dinner Dance and Silent Auction is coming up Saturday, Oct. 1. If you are not attending, you may still peruse the silent auction catalogue online and contact a member to bid for you. Other dates to keep in mind, with details to follow in the next month, are:
- Halloween Party, Oct. 29
- Holiday Party, Dec. 10
- Virginia Wildlife presentation and holiday gift wrapping dates are still to be determined.

For more information about our Childhelp Auxiliary, please contact Membership Chair, Jill Humphries at janjinla@aol.com or 972-1179. Or please join us for our regular monthly meeting, the first Wednesday of each month at Lake of the Woods Church at 10 AM. Coffee/tea and snacks at 9:30. Hope to see you there.

National Security Officer Appreciation Week

The second annual National Security Officer Appreciation Week is being celebrated Sept. 18-24. This is an opportunity to say thank you, and to recognize security officers’ many contributions to our daily lives.

Lake of the Woods is proud to honor our Allied Universal security officers. Please join us in showing your appreciation for the men and women who strive to create safer and more secure environments every day.

- When you see a security officer, stop and thank them.
- Show your appreciation for security officers via social media using #ThankYouSecurity.
- Encourage others to also show their appreciation for all security officers.

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Buy tickets at our table after Mass, at the St. Mary Parish Office (1009 Stafford Ave. Fredericksburg, VA, 22401), or by calling Joyce O’Toole at 540-371-2365 or Carol Sullivan at 540-898-0178. Make checks to St. Mary Church.

For more info on the event, email David Mathers at dmathers@stmaryfred.org or call 540-373-6491.

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1. Call to Order. President Rucker called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM in the Community Center.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Meeting Notice and Quorum Confirmation
4. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Cumming, passed unanimously, to approve the Agenda.
5. Certification of Election Results
   Motion by Cumming, passed unanimously, to accept the results of the 2016 Board of Directors election as certified by the Board Secretary and Chair of the Elections Committee. Mr. Johnson was confirmed to be present via speakerphone. The ballot results were as follows:
   - Total Ballots Cast: 1625
   - Number of Votes cast for each candidate:
     - Bob Hoh: 1136
     - Carl Clawson: 1033
     - Jennifer Zukowski: 1077
     - Michael Tait: 862
     - Larry Morlan: 1052
     - Brian Smith: 444
     - Jeff Johnson: 1039

Bob Hoh, Jennifer Zukowski and Larry Morlan were elected to the LOWA Board of Directors to serve three-year terms. Jeff Johnson was elected to serve a two-year term, and Carl Clawson was elected to serve a one-year term.
7. Election of Officers.
   - Election of President: President Rucker asked for nominations for President of the Board.
   - Election of Vice President: President Rucker asked for nominations for Vice President of the Board.
   - Election of Secretary: President Rucker excused the outgoing Board members and invited the new Board members to be seated.
   - Election of Treasurer: Director Hoh was elected Treasurer of the Board.
8. Setting the Annual 2016-17 Board Meeting Master Calendar
   Motion by Zwickl that the Board approve the 2016-17 Board Meeting Calendar as proposed by the General Manager. Vote: Yea: Morlan, Cumming, Zukowski, Clawson, Hoh and Zwickl. Nay: Johnson. Motion passed 6-1.
9. Assignment of Committee Liaisons
   Directors selected liaison assignments to the LOWA Committees as follows:
   - Director Morlan: Nominating, Pools, Rules and External Affairs
   - Director Zukowski: Communications, Fitness, M&E, Elections
   - Director Clawson: Equestrian, ECC and Lakes.
   - Director Johnson: Safety & Security, Community & Youth Activities, Tennis.
   - Director Zukowski: Elections Committee. Mr. Johnson was confirmed to be present via speakerphone.

10. Member General Comments
    One member requested the Board pursue open bidding for construction of the Sweetbriar pool project at their September 21 Board meeting prior to moving forward with the competitive bidding process.
11. Schedule of Meetings
    - Special Board of Directors Meeting: Monday, Sept. 12 and Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016 from 9 AM to 5 PM, in the Community Center.
    - Regular Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016 at 2 PM. in the Community Center.
12. Adjournment. Motion by Clawson, passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 AM.

Leighton Cumming, LOWA Secretary
LGA News
by Karen Woods, Publicity, Ladies Golf Association

The LGA held a “Golf Staff Appreciation Picnic” and 18-Hole Scramble on Tuesday Aug. 30. President Jeanne Woodward and members of the Ladies Golf Association invited the staff of the Pro Shop, Fareways Café and IGM to join us for a picnic lunch to express our thanks and appreciation for the work they all do to make our golf season so enjoyable. LGA Hostesses Sheran Marks, Dorothea Barnes and Ellen Beardon, along with committee members Marilyn Berwinkle, Nancy Sanford, Julia Hooper and Karen Woods helped to organize the event. Thanks go to our members for supplying such a bountiful table full of delicious appetizers, salads, sandwiches, deviled eggs, fruit trays and desserts.

The Member/Member Tournament, organized by Pat Shradler was played on Aug. 23. Twenty teams played a Best of 2 Ball format. It was a most enjoyable day, with great golf and good weather followed by a tasty lunch at the Woods Center. Winners were:

A-Flight: Denise Reese and Louise Hoh - Overall Low Gross - 86
Deborah Newton and Marion Dumais - Overall Low Net - 67
Loertta Yurkus and Janice Mincey - First Low Net - 68

B-Flight: Nicki Buell and Phyllis Sakole - Overall Low Gross - 96
Julia Hooper and Karen Woods - Overall Low Net - 65
Audrey Lawrence and Natalie Logan - First Low Net - 66
C-Flight: Janet Berge and Su Bielmeier - Overall Low Gross - 108
Margaret Darby and Linda Compton - Overall Low Net - 68
Sheran Marks and Carol McMullin - First Low Net - 77

Our annual Cancer Tournament, supporting the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, will be held on Sept. 20. If you would like to support this worthwhile cause, please make a check out to “St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital,” with “LOW LGA St. Jude Tournament” noted on the memo line, and drop it in the St. Jude Box at the Pro Shop.

The newly-elected 9-Hole Tournament Chairs for the 2016-2017 season are Diane Ogranovitch and Nancy Horch. There was an error in the submission for the last edition.

Former NASA Astronaut Presents “Flying in Space”
by Mary-Jane Atwater, Chair, LOWLINC Board of Directors

Have you ever wondered what it’s like to fly in space? If so, you’ll want to come to a special LOWLINC-sponsored presentation by LOW resident and former NASA Astronaut Guy Gardner, who will describe what happens during launch and landing, and what it’s like to eat, work and sleep in a weightless environment. We’ll also see a video and there will be time for questions.

Guy’s presentation, open to all LOW residents, will be held Tuesday, Sept. 20, 10 AM to noon, at the Community Center.

Guy began his career as an Air Force fighter pilot and test pilot. As a NASA astronaut, he worked in many areas of space shuttle and space station development and support. His space flights were as pilot of two Space Shuttle missions: Atlantis, Dec. 2-6, 1988, and Columbia, Dec. 2-10, 1990.

Guy’s impressive record of government service also includes a number of leadership positions with the USAF, NASA and the FAA. Since leaving government service, Guy has served as a high school mathematics and physics teacher, a consultant in risk management and space flight development, a research manager, university teacher, and head of three different schools.

Not content to sit still after moving to LOW, in 2014, Guy (with the trail name “Astro Guy”) backpacked 2,185 miles from Georgia to Maine along the Appalachian Trail. His wife, Linda, accompanied him on some sections of the trail. Guy and Linda have three adult children and three grandchildren.

LOWLINC is thrilled to offer this community-wide program as part of our social activities programs for LOWLINC members. We look forward to a fun and interesting morning with Guy. Please join us!
Civil War Study Group Annual Dinner
by Charlie Brewer, Board member, Civil War Study Group

The Civil War Study Group at Lake of the Woods will hold its annual dinner Oct. 28 at the Clubhouse. Seating is limited. Details and reservation forms can be found at civilwarsstudygroup.org.

There will be a cash bar from 5:30 PM, with dinner seating at 6:30 PM. The speaker will be Dr. Jeffrey Zvengrowski, an expert on the history of the antebellum South and the American Civil War. He developed an interest in our Civil War during undergraduate studies in his hometown of Calgary, Alberta.

“I wanted to understand why English-Canadians overwhelmingly supported the Union whereas French-Canadian Catholics usually sympathized with the Confederacy,” he said.

Zvengrowski’s studies ultimately led him to UVA to pursue a PhD. He will share observations from research for his dissertation, ‘They Stood Like the Old Guard of Napoleon’: Jefferson Davis and the Pro-Bonaparte Democrats, 1815-1870. The dissertation is expected to be published in the near future by the prestigious Louisiana State University Press.

Visit the website in a timely fashion to print, complete and mail your reservation form. For questions, please contact Charles Brewer at 540-645-2705.

For more information on CWSG, please visit our website - civilwarsstudygroup.org.

CORRECTION

The Civil War Study Group (CWSG) will meet Friday, Sept. 23, at 10:30 AM in the lower level of the Clubhouse. A previous article in Lake Currents listed an incorrect date.

Sharon Grubbs, a sixth-grade teacher at Locust Grove Middle School, received a $1,000 scholarship from CWSG to attend the Civil War Trust’s National Teacher Institute this summer and will report to the group on the three-day Institute held in Richmond and across several Richmond and Petersburg battlefields.

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10% admission/gate fee is $30 per person due with registration.
Enjoy your favorite wine while painting and having fun! Ages 21 and older only; valid photo ID required. For full details visit wpresort.com or call (540) 972-7433 ext. 2 today!

Civic Club to Meet at Fire and Rescue
by Pat Licata, President, Civic Club

The next LOW Civic Club meeting is set for 7 PM, Tuesday, Sept. 20 at the Lake of the Woods Fire and Rescue (F&R) station. F&R volunteers will be on hand to show off their recently acquired fire engine, other fire apparatus and an ambulance and give some information about the upcoming winter seasons. Our neighbor volunteers of the Lake of the Woods F&R Company are on alert 24/7 to respond to emergencies at LOW and the surrounding area.

In addition to stocking up on water, blankets and batteries, other ways to improve communication both before and during emergency situations will be presented. For example, CodeRED is the Orange County Emergency Management Department’s new emergency and mass notification system that allows the County to send urgent messages to cell phones and mobile devices.

Another new system is Smart911, which allows citizens to provide additional details that 911 operators may need in order to assist during an emergency. In just a few minutes, Orange County residents can create a safety profile that can include details about medical conditions, medications, vehicles, pets, and even emergency contacts that the 911 call center can use during a crisis call.

Since we will be meeting at the F&R Station, we recommend bringing a lawn chair. Also, if you have not yet contributed to the F&R Annual Fund, a F&R volunteer will be on-hand to accept your donation.

“Be Concerned, Be Informed, Be Involved” is the motto of the LOW Civic Club, which hosts monthly speakers and provides an open forum where homeowners can learn about issues that affect their lives, interests, and investment in the LOW community.

All Civic Club meetings are open to all residents. We hope to see you on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

MGA News
by Bill McClellan, Communications, Men’s Golf Association

On Wednesday, Aug. 31, the MGA hosted the annual Pappy Yoakum tournament. Thirty two teams in three flights competed in a 2-person best ball of the male/female team. A great time was had by all and the weatherman cooperated by providing a rather pleasant summer day. Winning the overall Low Gross prize was the team of Eric Barnes and Denise Reese with score of 70. The overall Low Net prize went to Charles Mincey and Marion Dumas with a score of 51. First Flight winners were Mike Snellson and Debbie May; Second Flight went to Dave Witmer and Betty Gosnell and the Third Flight honors went to the team of Bill Halpin and Louise Hoh. Closest to the pin hole #17 went to Ralph Debnam and Sharon Debnam (not playing on the same team). Lunch and social hour followed the golfing. We look forward to next year’s event.

MGA Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the LOW Men’s Golf Association will be held Wednesday, Sept. 21 in the Fareways Café immediately following the MGA sponsored event “Beat The Pro.” Entry fee is $5. Signup sheet will be in the pro shop. The rules are simple: Beat Rea’s (net) score with your net score and you will win a share of the pot. Shotgun start at 9 AM. At the completion of the event, lunch will be served. After lunch, the annual meeting will take place.

The purpose of the annual meeting is to elect officers for FY 2017 and conduct such other business as required. Members are reminded that the current fiscal year ends Sept. 30 and membership dues will need to be renewed beginning Oct. 1. You can bring a check for $20 to the annual meeting. If you wish to attend the Christmas luncheon Dec. 10, make your check $30. If you wish to run for an MGA office, please contact Nominating Committee Chair Dave Witmer.

Golf Etiquette. Players should always show consideration for other players on the course and should not disturb their play by moving, talking, or making unnecessary noise. Players should ensure that any electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, beepers, pagers) taken onto the course do not distract other players. Players should not stand close or directly behind the ball, or directly behind the hole, when a player is about to play.

On the putting green, players should not stand on another player’s line of putt or when he is making a stroke, cast a shadow over his line of putt. Players should remain on or close to the putting green until all players in the group have holeed out. (Source: USGA Rules of Golf)
DAR Celebrates the Founding of America
by Martha Sukites,
Constitution Week Chairman, Susannah Chandler DAR

There are two documents of paramount importance to American history: the Declaration of Independence, which forged our national identity, and the United States Constitution, which set forth the framework for the federal government that is still in use today. While Independence Day is a beloved national holiday, fewer people know about Constitution Week, an annual commemoration of the living document that upholds and protects the freedoms central to our American way of life. This year, the annual celebration begins Sept. 17.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) initiated the observance in 1955, when the organization petitioned the U.S. Congress to dedicate Sept. 17–23 of each year to the commemoration of Constitution Week. Congress adopted the resolution, and on Aug. 2, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed it into Public Law #915. The celebration’s goals are threefold: to encourage the study of the historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787; to inform people that the Constitution is the basis of America’s great heritage and the foundation of our way of life; and to emphasize U.S. citizens’ responsibility to protect, defend and preserve the Constitution.

DAR has been the foremost advocate for the awareness, promotion and celebration of Constitution Week. This annual observance provides innumerable opportunities for educational initiatives and community outreach, two mission areas of crucial importance to the national society’s work. By fostering knowledge of and appreciation for the Constitution and the inalienable rights it affords to all Americans, DAR helps to keep alive the memory of the men and women who secured our nation’s independence, whose bravery and sacrifice made possible the liberties we enjoy today.

“The framers created a Constitution that translated into law the ideals upon which our nation was built,” said DAR President General Ann Dillon. “Their vision was so forward thinking that their words still guide us today. No American history education can be complete without a thorough understanding of the impact the Constitution has had on the lives of American citizens past and present.”

One of the largest patriotic women’s organizations in the world, DAR has more than 185,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and even in numerous foreign countries. DAR strives to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism via commemorative events, scholarships and educational initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service, and more. For additional information about DAR and its programs, visit dar.org.

Keep Invasive Plants From Taking Over
by Michele Beamer, Wilderness Branch Librarian

They came, they rooted, they replicated!
Join Mary Lee Epps, (Master Naturalist, President of the Jefferson Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society, and Co-Chairperson of the Education and Outreach Committee for the Blue Ridge PRISM, a new multi-county effort to co-operate in controlling invasives) to learn more about invasive plants and what can be done about them. This program, Friday, Sept. 23 from 10-11 AM at the Wilderness Branch Library is free and open to the public. No advance registration is required.

Orange County Supervisor’s Letter
by Lee Frame, District 5 Supervisor

Recently, I attended the Orange County Public Schools Convocation ceremony. This event recognizes the performance of individuals and individual schools. It also serves as a pep rally for the teachers and support staff. Brenda Tanner, the School Superintendent, spoke to the teachers with eloquence and enthusiasm. Her emphasis and focus on the students and their futures is a testament to the superb leadership being provided to our school system and the youth of Orange County.

A number of organizations rank states on a variety of factors, some including economic performance. A recent report from “Governing” magazine ranked overall performance of state economies based six factors coming from the Federal Bureaus of Labor and Economic Analysis. They used unemployment and improvement in unemployment over the last year, the state per capita gross domestic product and its change over the last year, the change in per capita personal income and the percentage growth in jobs. Virginia ranked ninth out of the 50 states in this report.

It is sometimes useful to look at the demographic characteristics of Orange County as compared to the state and to the nation as a whole. The U.S. Census Bureau provides that information and I have selected some of the more interesting statistics to see where our county stands.

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Orange County has significant differences in some areas. First, it appears that we are growing faster than the state or the nation. This can have an impact on the county providing services. Another significant statistic is that although our under-age-18 population is similar to the state and nation, our over-65 population is significantly higher, leaving the county with a smaller portion of its population in the work force age range. Our high school graduate percentage is similar, but the percentage of college graduates is significantly less. This could be tied to the smaller work force population and lack of appropriate employment opportunities for college graduates in the county. Our poverty rate is lower and home ownership rate is higher, both of which are favorable. The dramatic difference in per capita retail sales has been well recognized and has a significant impact on county sales tax revenues. The population density shows that we are very much a rural part of Virginia, but when compared to the country as a whole, we are not all that different.

If you have questions about county government or want to let me know your feelings on specific issues, you can contact me at lee.frame@orangecountyva.gov.
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