LOW Volunteers Recognized by Honor Awards Committee
by Connie Buttimer, Honor Awards Committee
All Photos By Dick Durphy

Warren J. Lodge Award for Excellence
This award is granted to the individual who has distinguished himself or herself in service as a representative of LOW within Orange County. This recipient must have met some or all of the following criteria: (1) excelled in the promotion of the LOW community; (2) significantly enhanced the image of LOW in the county, surrounding communities, the State of Virginia and elsewhere; (3) provided creative leadership and effective coordination in solving community problems and initiating constructive community action throughout Orange County; (4) made contributions to the county’s well-being in public relations government affairs, international development or commerce; (5) stimulated activities that developed and employed this area’s human as well as economic resources; (6) served the community through participation within local business, civic and other organizations, boards and commissions; (7) be a Lake of the Woods property owner.

Karen Kovarik was a founding member of the Childhelp Lake of the Woods Auxiliary, which is committed to benefiting the abused and neglected children at the Alice C. Tyler Village in Lignum. She has been active with the auxiliary for 20 years and continues as chairman of special events. Thanks to Karen, the children have had cultural introductions not otherwise possible in their young lives.

Karen manages the silent auction for the local AARP chapter. She spends many hours collecting objects, categorizing, setting prices, setting up, conducting and collecting the proceeds.

The LOW Garden Club is thankful to Karen for serving as Publicity Chairman for more than four years. She has submitted many articles to Lake Currents and publicized their events.

Stage Alive! Community Concert Association has been fortunate to have Karen as an energetic promoter of their yearly programs. It serves the counties of Culpeper, Fauquier, Louisa, Madison, Orange, Rappahannock and Spotsylvania. She is the 2nd Vice President in charge of subscriptions, and Lake of the Woods has the largest contingent of subscribers. She has also played a key role in widening the subscription base across the seven counties during the recent years of the Association’s 46-year history.

She is currently president of the Friends of the Wilderness Library after many active years at fundraising for the Library. Using articles in Lake Currents and organizing events, she has promoted community awareness and brought more people and benefactors to the library.

Karen is one of three leaders of the Stretch and Flex group, which meets three times a week. The group consists of people who are all trying to stretch or strengthen different parts of their bodies.

Karen is a strong supporter of the community and is always looking for ways to improve it. She has served on many boards and committees and has been involved in a wide range of activities over the years. She is a dedicated volunteer and has given her time and energy to many different organizations. She is a true asset to LOW and is deeply respected by everyone who knows her.

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Dear Friends,

Thanks to all of you who attended the Annual Meeting of the Membership on Labor Day, and a sincere congratulations to those of you who were recognized for exceptionally good work within our community. The Honor Awards presentation is always a highlight because it underscores the fine fabric of our community. With the fireworks display taking place that weekend, it was a fitting ending to a great summer…and the starting point of a busy Association year!

To not mention the outgoing Association President would be an opportunity missed. Mike Rugless has done an outstanding job of being the public face of the community both in and out of his house. His ever-calm demeanor, his experience, his concern for people as individuals, and his integrity have served us well. He leaves an incredibly big shoe print. Thanks, Mike, for your service, then and now, as LOWA Vice President.

The Board has recently spent two days at the annual Board Retreat, the focus of which was to discuss and determine the goals for the year (we will publish them in the next Lake Currents). Like last year, you will be hearing about those goals periodically at Board meetings, in Lake Currents, on the website (LOWA.org), and at an occasional Town Hall meeting. If you have questions, thoughts, or comments about any aspect of life at Lake of the Woods, please email us at Board@LOWA.org, and perhaps attend an upcoming Coffee and Conversation gathering. Watch for dates in the next Lake Currents.

When I joined the Board in January 2013, I pledged to you my best efforts and accepted the responsibility of Association Secretary. Now, 32 months later and more than 750 written correspondences with individual members, I’ve assumed a different position on the Board which only intensifies my interests in your concerns, comments, and satisfaction with life at the lake. Please know I look forward to hearing from you and hope you will be in touch with any of us on the Board. We are here to serve you and this community to the best of our abilities.

Warmly,
Louisa Rucker

Planning Committee Hosts Town Hall Meeting on Requested 2016-2020 Capital Projects
by Tom Sheridan, Chairman, Planning Committee

The Planning Committee’s Town Hall on requested 2016-2020 Capital Projects is scheduled for next Tuesday, September 22, at 6:30 PM in the clubhouse. All new capital asset requests, as well as major Lakes Management Improvement projects and major replacement capital projects will be presented. Major projects are those projected to cost $100,000 and higher. Descriptions of these projects can be found on the association’s website under Operations Center’s 5-Year Capital Plans. Members are invited to this Town Hall review of 2016-2020 proposed projects, and to comment on the value of these projects to the community.

LAKE OF THE WOODS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Minutes of the 45th Annual Meeting of the Membership
September 7, 2015, 10 AM, Community Center

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

Call to Order: With all Board members present, President Rugless called the Forty-fifth Annual Membership Meeting to order at 10:04 AM in the Community Center.

Pledge of Allegiance

Confirmation of Quorum and Meeting Notice

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

President’s Remarks and Recognitions

President Rugless recognized and thanked all past Board presidents who were present at today’s meeting. He also thanked all the current Board members for their dedication, and the Committee chairs for their valuable contributions to the work of the Association this year.

President Rugless presented a special award and separate acknowledgement to outgoing Director Olive Kelly for her tenure as a Board member for seven years, including serving as Treasurer for five years.

On behalf of the Association, President Rugless presented a check to Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Inc. representative Bob Schwab with a check for $42,000. This annual gift helps support fire and EMT services provided to LOW residents and the surrounding community in northeast Orange County.

President Rugless noted that LOW remains in very good financial health as measured by seven assessment parameters issued by the Community Association Institute. He provided a status update on progress made toward the 12 goals the Board established for themselves last year.

Annual Report of the General Manager

General Manager Phil Rodenberg reported that the Association remains financially strong with $3M in reserves, a low assessment delinquency rate of 1.7% as of April 30, 2015 and a clean financial audit.

Housing stock and new home construction and renovation projects are healthy, with 3700 finished homes and brick resales of 100 homes in May/June of this year.

Mr. Rodenberg summarized capital requests of note undertaken this year and progress made toward the 12 goals established by the Board of Directors. He reviewed several personnel changes made this year, and highlighted key activities undertaken by Communications, Security, Finance and the Community Center. Roads, parks and dams remain in excellent condition, and the Lakes Management Plan continues to be implemented according to plan. The main marina dock is scheduled for replacement this fall. The Clubhouse continues to report in excess of $1 million in revenue for the third straight year. The golf course staff continues to research ways to increase use by introducing new fee schedules and instructional programs, as well as adding more tournaments and events. Equestrian Center activities continue to attract students for riding lessons and pony camp.

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

Honor Awards Presentation

Honor Awards Chair Carla Wascalus introduced the members of the Honor and Awards Committee and thanked them for their work this year.

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

Certificate of Appreciation:
(Connie Buttmer, Presenter)
Judy Flynn, Daryl and Shirley Scott, Helen Nolan, Tina Aris, Karen Cakouros, Sheila Wimble; and AARP Tax Aides Phil Carmona, Jim Buongiovanni, George Duffy, Art Griggs, Donna Jackson and Carla Wascalus.

President Rugless presented LOWA members in recognition of their outstanding volunteer efforts and contributions to the community:

Mentorship and leadership:

Judy Flynn, Daryl and Shirley Scott, Helen Nolan, Tina Aris, Karen Cakouros, Sheila Wimble; and AARP Tax Aides Phil Carmona, Jim Buongiovanni, George Duffy, Art Griggs, Donna Jackson and Carla Wascalus.

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Lake of the Woods is a healthy, vibrant community in northeast Orange County, with a population of over 3,000 and home to 2,500 members and their families. The community is served by a fulltime administrative and operational staff, and the Board of Directors. The Association’s mission is to maintain the integrity of the lake and surrounding lands, to provide services and facilities, and to maintain a healthy community, with 3700 member homes and 1000 rental homes.

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45th Annual Meeting of the Membership
September 7, 2015
by Phillip L. Rodenberg, CMCA®, AMS®, LOWA General Manager

It is my honor for the fourth time to present the Annual Report to the Membership of the Lake of the Woods Association. Each year we gather to hear the State of the Association, celebrate accomplishments, and discuss future challenges. Lake of the Woods has a resilient nature to it that shows itself in our financial strength, the enduring qualities of our amenities and common areas, and community spirit of its members. I believe our common areas are looking beautiful, thanks to the hard work of the LOWA staff.

The annual independent audit of our financial records was recently completed by Keiter, Certified Public Accountants. Once again, we received a clean report or “unmodified opinion,” the highest level the auditors can give. We are four months into our fiscal year and collections are on target. Reserve Cash through July stands just shy of $3 Million, which is adequate to cover our capital spending plan for the year of $1.47 Million. Departments and amenities are within budget. Assessment delinquencies for the year ended April 30, 2015 were 1.7 percent, which is down .5 percent from the previous year and much better than the 5 percent industry standard.

LOWA remains the largest concentration of homes and population in Orange County with 3,700 completed homes on the 4,257 private lots, and a population exceeding the 2010 Census count of 7,100 full time residents. Our housing stock is a key indicator of a healthy community, and so it is good news that from May 2014 to April 2015, the Environmental Control Committee approved 26 new home construction projects and approved 83 renovation projects. Our Finance Department issued 100 resale packages in May-June alone.

Capital Projects of Note include the 13th Fairway Stream Restoration Project, the first of the structural projects to remove tons of sediment and pounds of nutrients before they reach Keatons Lake. It removes 29 pounds of phosphorus a year. Just one pound of phosphorous can produce 500 pounds of blue green algae. Comparing pre-project samples with post project samples, our lakes manager believes Keaton’s Lake water is visibly cleaner and less turbid which is terrific news. So far, through this project and roadside ditch reconstruction, we have removed 319 tons of sediment, which equates to 12 twenty-five ton dump truck loads of sediment. Smaller but important projects were completed including installation of 144 fish habitat structures, replacement of Equestrian Center upper paddock fencing, new clubhouse carpet and dining chairs, and new Community Center chairs.

We spent great effort on the 12 Board Goals including the Fee referendum. The Board approved a comprehensive rewrite of the LOWA Bylaws, the Capital Reserves Policy, and the Pools and the Registered Tenant Sections of the LOWA Regulations.

We hired Assistant General Manager Dave Heiser, Equestrian Manager Cara Potter, Roads Foreman Louis Gonzales, Buildings Foreman Darrel Hale, Assistant clubhouse Manager Chris Matteson, Community Operations Lead Tracie Hayes, and Lake Currents Copy Editor Scott Sherk.

Melanie Parmelse and her Communications team created a new video series for several clubs. We continued to use our communication mainstays of Lake Currents and Channel 18 programs and expanded use of Constant Contact with email blasts to 2,200 subscribers, and posts on LOWA.org website and our official Facebook page, which has over 1,000 “likes.”

Challenges are to expand Lake Currents advertising sales, and refresh the look of the website and add a better calendar feature.

IT Coordinator Mark Witham hosted CapSure visitor management software classes. We hope to make CapSure the number one way members register visitors. Front gate traffic grew to over 1.8 million vehicles last year. About 600,000 came in through the visitor lane. Challenge ahead is improving the front entrance or adding a third gate connecting to Shoosmith Road to accommodate inbound vehicles that number over 2.3 million a year counting the front and back gate.

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3. Confirmation of Quorum. Secretary Rucker confirmed that a quorum is present and proper notice was made to all members of record.

4. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Rucker, passed unanimously, to approve the Agenda.

5. Certification of Election Results

Motion by Rucker, passed unanimously, to accept the results of the 2015 Board of Directors election as certified by the Chair of the Elections Committee and the Board Secretary. The ballot results were as follows:

- Total Valid Ballots Cast: 1239
- Total Invalid Ballots Cast: 61
- Total Ballots Received: 1300

Number of votes cast for each candidate: Leighton H. Cumming 931.5; Jim Hutchison 924 and Larry Morlan 873.

Leighton H. Cumming and Jim Hutchison were elected to the LOWA Board of Directors to serve three-year terms. Larry Morlan was elected to serve a one-year term.

Secretary Rucker said that about half of the invalid ballots cast were due to non-payment of the assessment fee and the rest for improper completion. The Board and Elections Committee will be reviewing the ballot format in an effort to identify changes that may be needed.

6. Seating of New Directors

President Rugless invited the new Board members to be seated.

7. Election of Officers

Election of President:

President Rugless asked for nominations for President of the Board. Director Goodwin nominated Larry Morlan. Director Hutchison nominated JoAnn Zwickl for Treasurer. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed. Mike Rugless was elected Treasurer of the Board.

Election of Treasurer:

Election of Vice President:

Election of Secretary:

President Rugless then asked for nominations for Secretary of the Board. Director Goodwin nominated Larry Morlan. Director Hutchison nominated Leighton Cumming. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed. Votes for Morlan: 2; Votes for Cumming: 3; Leighton Cumming was elected Secretary of the Board.

8. Setting the 2015-2016 Annual Board Meeting Master Calendar

The General Manager presented a draft of the proposed Board meeting schedule for the 2015/16 Board meeting term. Following initial discussion, the Board asked the General Manager to see if he could increase the number of Saturday Board meetings over what is currently planned, and schedule the calendar for final approval by the Board at their planning meeting early next week.

9. Setting the Date for Board Retreat

Mr. Rodenberg briefly reviewed the agenda planned for Board discussions on September 14 and September 15, 2015 at 9 AM in the Community Center. Both mornings will be devoted to discussion of major projects and setting Board goals. On Monday afternoon they will meet in Executive Session for a legal briefing with LOWA legal counsel, followed by a tour of the Woods Center. The GM will provide an updated agenda prior to the meeting.

10. Selection of Committee Liaisons

Directors selected liaison assignments to the LOWA Committees as follows (subject to change at a later date):

- Director Rugless: Clubhouse, ECC and Golf.
- Director Zwickl: Finance, LCC, Pools and Tennis.
- Director Hutchison: Communications, Community & Youth Activities and Planning.
- Director Goodwin: Fitness, Maintenance & Engineering and Rules.
- Director Morlan: Board of Examiners, Equestrian and Safety & Security.
- Director Cumming: Elections, External Affairs and Lakes.
- Director Rucker: Nominating and Honor Awards (activated at Call of the Chair).

11. Member General Comments

One member mentioned the variable quality of audio broadcast by the portable microphones worn by Board members, and recommended adjustments be made to improve broadcast quality for optimum reception.

12. Scheduled Meetings

- Special Board of Directors Meeting/Retreat: Monday, September 14, 2015 in the Community Center. Open Session: 9 AM to 12 noon. Agenda: Board goals and major projects. Executive Session: 1 PM to 4 PM, Woods Center Tour.
- Special Board of Directors Meeting/Retreat (continuance): Tuesday, September 15, 2015 in the Community Center. Open Session: 9 AM. Agenda: Board goals and major projects.
- Regular Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 2 PM in the Community Center.
- Special Meeting of the Membership (continuance): Friday, September 18, 2015 at 6 PM in the Community Center. Agenda: 2015 Referendum on Fees, Including the Tenant Fee.

13. Adjournment:

Motion by Cumming, passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 AM.

Leighton H. Cumming, LOWA Secretary

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**Do You Know How to Use Your Tablet?**
by Sylvia Zelinsky, Community Operations Manager, LOWA

Do you need assistance learning all that your android tablet and iPad can do? The Lake of the Woods Association has teamed up with AT&T specialists to give a short class on home solutions. The place to be is the Woods Center Dogwood Room on Saturday, October 3 at 10 AM. There’s no charge, however, please register by contacting the Community Center at 972-9680 or email to SZelinsky@LOWA.org. Come with your device and for Freddy Campos our local AT&T representative.

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Upgraded Surveillance System Boosts Audio Recordings
by Scott Wilson, Contributing Author

The surveillance system in Lake of the Woods now includes an upgraded combination of audio and video capabilities.

The surveillance system as a whole has 20 stationary video cameras throughout LOW, but two areas have the audio-video capabilities — the front guard gate and the front member services desk in the Holcomb building.

The old microphones couldn’t pick up casual conversations, but the new mics do, said LOW Police Chief Scott Walker.

“It’s really good for those he said, she said situations,” explained Chief Deputy Maj. Gary Brown.

The audio surveillance should help guards deal with “negative interactions” at the front gate, said Chief Walker.

He pointed out that residents don’t have to be concerned that their conversations at the front gate and member services desk are being listened to live. The system isn’t designed for that.

Recorded audio and video has to be requested by LOWA General Manager Phil Rodenberg, the chief said. Recordings also can be obtained by outside police agencies.

“Security cameras help promote a safe work environment for employees and help protect LOWA property from theft or damage,” Rodenberg said in a memorandum. “Security Cameras also help promote positive interactions between members and employees.”

The general manager and security chief are the only people authorized to review recordings of "safety, security, or standards of conduct of concern or complaint regarding the actions or words of a LOWA or Security Staff Employee," General Manager Rodenberg wrote in the memorandum.

Chief Walker said the video and audio surveillance system also is used as a training tool.

“We make mistakes every day,” he said, adding that they can review the video and audio to help improve how situations are handled.

Chief Walker added that the surveillance system includes nine flat-panel screens in the front guard house, a system other association security forces have come to see.

He added that they are in the process of upgrading the other video cameras that are set up throughout LOW.

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Tips from the Pro
by Rea Hargraves, PGA and Woods Center Manager

On August 29-30, Lake of the Woods held the Fall Two-Person Team Golf Tournament. We had 58 players in the event. In the Fall Two-Person Team we have three divisions: ladies, men and seniors. This year the weather was super! The winners are posted below.

Ladies Overall Low Gross Winner: Jeanne Woodward and Kathy Smith, 88-87=175

Ladies Overall Low Net Winner: Louise Hoh and Lisa Halpin, 64-66=130 (3 hole sudden death)

Senior Men Overall Low Gross Winner: Bill Baker and Marvin Snoddy, 74-78=152 (2 hole sudden death)

Senior Overall Low Net Winner: Charles Mincey and Ralph Debman, 62-64=126

Men Overall Low Gross Winner: Dave Lloyd and Dave Baker, 70-72=142

Men Overall Low Net Winner: Bob Hoh and Gary Reese, 62-65=127

I’ll see you on the course.

Jeanne Woodward & Kathy Smith

Lisa Halpin & Louise Hoh

Marvin Snoddy & Bill Baker

Charles Mincey & Ralph Debman

Dave Lloyd & Dave Baker

Bob Hoh & Gary Reese

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112 Harpers Ferry
Two Brick Fireplaces, Full Screen Porch, Wide Cove Lakeviews $539,000

121 Castle Hill Ct.
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$460,000

108 Winchester Ln
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1214 Eastover Pkwy
3900sqft plus workshop, screen porch, deck, dock & storage on Small Lake $325,000

3105 Lakeview Pkwy
Lakeviews from most all rooms; NOW Built-In Custom Conveniences $765,000

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Security was busy with increased front gate traffic and with implementation of the new reckless driving enforcement program to send drivers caught speeding 20 miles over posted speed to court in Orange County. Chief Scott Walker continues to emphasize good customer service. Security is a visible and effective force on the roads and on the lake. We installed new security cameras at several amenities and upgraded others, which we believe helped reduce vandalism. Allied-Barton Security Services is in its third year and the Board will consider another three year contract this fall.

Finance Director Larry Cole and his team had a busy year at the Holcomb Building with several new members and registered tenants. Finance assisted in developing a new Unrestricted Operating Cash Policy to ensure adequate cash reserves to complete the operational needs of a year. Challenges are to keep assessment delinquency rates below 2 percent, to advise the Board on how to absorb the loss of tenant fees from the Fee Referendum extension, and to increase cash reserves.

Our Maintenance Department takes great pride in maintaining the dams and lakes as well as the roads and parks. Veterans Dam and Keatons Dam received annual inspection by a licensed engineer; both are in excellent condition. Grounds Division has a major beautification effort, including the Front Entrance and Spotswood Park. Challenges are the complete replacement of the Main Marina bulkhead and docks, and Sweetbriar soccer fields maintenance. Facilities Director Jessica Graves and Environmental Resources Manager Bobby Jones are completing permitting towards construction of Keatons Run Forebay (aka Eastover Park) to remove sediment and nutrients.

At the Community Center, Manager Sylvia Zelinsky and her team hosted several special events. The Center is getting terrific use with 26,000 visits this year. Summer Concert series brought out hundreds to enjoy free music thanks to sponsors picking up the tab for the musicians. Last year, we had 13,000 visits to the Clubhouse and Sweetbriar Pools. This year, we hit 13,000 through July and we anticipate a high final count. Tennis Courts are receiving new colorful bench canopies. Our Junior Tennis Clinic had 29 participants; twice as high as last year. Fitness Center has nearly 800 families. Join us for the Community Yard Sale in October, our annual Treats on Clubhouse Point at Halloween, and the Christkindlemarkt in December. Challenge ahead is to decide the future of the Pool/Fitness Center Building. This fall the new Board will consider sending a Request for Proposals to hire an engineer to perform a Conceptual Design of the Pool-Fitness Center-Recreation Complex.

At the Golf Course, the new 760-head irrigation system was in full operation helping improve the playing conditions. The immediate challenges are to grow membership and increase rounds played, and the club is introducing new ways for members to gain value from their memberships. To that end, the Board approved reduced prices for rounds at midday. Farewys Café remains popular and it is supporting the golf amenity and the breakfast and lunch needs of the membership. Golf Operations Manager Rea Hargraves and his team are proud of hosting three junior golf camps with 20 participants and of hosting a PGA Junior Golf League with eight children. Golf hosted a dozen tournaments including the Schutzenfest which brought in 87 golfers and over one thousand participants. The 5th Annual Schutztenfest Tournament is October 17 this year.

Clubhouse Manager Joey Welsh and her team had another good year. The Clubhouse broke the $1 million revenue mark for the third time in a row, and beat sales over budget by $54,000. Clubhouse hosted several special events including the Annual Open House and the fall and spring Golf Open Houses. Challenges ahead are to attain $1.25 Million in sales, food cost containment, redesign the kitchen and introduce a new Point of Sale system for efficiency, keep major building systems in good repair, and encourage members to make Clubhouse dining part of their eating out schedule.

Equestrian Center hosted 87 children in pony camps this summer, with 34 students taking riding lessons on a regular basis. Cara Potter and staff are hosting four Hunter Horse Shows this year. The July 5 Open House had a record attendance; final open house is October 31. Challenges ahead are to improve upper barn ventilation, make improvements to the lower barn electrical wiring and exterior siding, and determine if a lighted, covered ring is a feasible addition.

Thanks to the Board for all its good work and partnership. My best to Olive Kelly. Congratulations on her successful terms of service. Thanks to the management team and operation center managers. Thanks to the members for all your helpful feedback about how we operate your association.
Soggy Doggie Swim at Sweetbriar, A Fetching Good Time
by Sharon Forest, Pools Committee

Sweetbriar Pool was a flurry of excitement August 29 as water-loving dogs clamored to take a dip as part of the first annual Lake of the Woods Soggy Doggie Swim. Hosted by LOWA and the Pools Committee, the event gave dogs a chance to cool off and have some fun after Sweetbriar was officially closed for the summer. This event was free, and donations in the amount of $62 benefitted the Orange County Animal Shelter.

There were big dogs that loved to run and jump in. There were dogs that actually used the ladder! While several of the more adventurous, larger dogs dove head first into the main pool, those smaller in stature enjoyed their time playing in the wading pool or just getting used to the water. Prizes were given throughout the event:

Cutest: Mocha
Strongest: Frankie
Best at Retriever (tie): Einstein and Sadie
Best Hair: Faolan and Tala
Most Gorgeous Golden Oldie: Ace
Teeny-Weeny-Itsy-Bitsy: Rocky and Lucky

The Pools Committee would like to thank All Fur Pet Grooming for generously donating a $30 gift certificate to this event. It was won by Sadie, the Best All Around Dog winner, owned by Jennifer Buist. Sadie spent the entire time running, jumping and fetching and did not want to stop. A huge thank you to Sylvia Zielinsky and her crew for making the first annual Soggy Doggie Swim a great success!

Your Opinion is Important
by Jennifer Zukowski, Member, Fitness Committee

Fitness Committee members encourage you to attend the Town Hall meeting on September 22, at 6:30 PM at the Clubhouse. The General Manager is requesting Board approval for an RFP to review options to determine where a larger Fitness Center might go and how that could impact the Clubhouse Pool, basketball courts and general Clubhouse area.

Family membership at the Fitness Center has now reached 790 families. The current facility is overcrowded and housed in an old building with many problems. The General Manager’s RFP to the Board recommends hiring a consultant to review the current conditions and propose solutions for Board review.

Fitness Committee members support the General Manager’s RFP and encourage LOWA members to learn more about the project at the Town Hall meeting. Your opinions are important.

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- Moon Bounce for Kids
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- Kiddies Corn Bag Toss
- Listen to free music performed by our very own Oompah Band

Sign up for golf at Pro Shop ($35 per person)
Golf starts at 9:00 am
Band plays free from 1pm-5pm

Schützenfest 2015
Fifth Annual October Festival Held at the LOW Woods Center
German Food & Beer / Prizes for the most skilled!
Saturday, October 17th
Hosted by the LOW Thursday Men’s Industrial Golf League to benefit the Orange Recreation Association.

LOW FALL
COMMUNITY YARD SALE!
Some of the goods will be new, like-new, or just not wanted or not needed anymore.
October 10th at the Sweetbriar Park
8am to 2pm
For more information or on how to register, call the Community Center Office at 540-972-9680

LOW Community Yard Sale!
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6
Registration begins at 8 AM with a 9 AM shotgun start
Sign-up with your own foursome or we will make one for you.
Men, women, and co-ed teams invited.
Special contests include closest to the pin and longest drive.
Register at the Woods Center by October 1.

Lunch, snack & prizes are included in the tournament fee of $30.
Additional greens fee and cart fee of $29 applies to non-annual members.
$15 per player will be donated to St. Jude
For an extra $10 donation, the LOW Golf Pro will hit from the silver tees into the fairway for your team.
Sponsorship opportunities available!
Sponsor a hole or have your name posted on the beverage cart. Pick up a sponsor form at the Woods Center or contact Pat Shrader at 972-2055

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**Meeting Facility Key:**
- **CC**: Community Center
- **CH**: Clubhouse
- **CHGH**: Clubhouse Great Hall
- **CR**: Craft Room in Community Center
- **EQ**: Equestrian Center
- **LLCH**: Lower Level Clubhouse
- **M-CR**: Maintenance Conference Room
- **RR**: Reading Room
- **TC**: Teen Center in Community Center
- **ULH**: Upper Level Holcomb Building
- **WC**: Woods Center

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

**LOWA Special Meeting of the Membership**
Friday, September 18, 6 PM, CC

**LOWA Town Hall Meeting on 5-Year Capital Projects (Planning Committee)**
Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 PM, CH

**LOWA Board Meeting**
Saturday, October 3, 10 AM, CC

**Committee Meetings:**
Members are encouraged to attend.

- **Lakes**: 9/21, 7 PM, WC
- **Communications**: 9/23, 3 PM, WC
- **Elections**: 9/24, 10 AM, CC
- **Treasurer**: 9/28, 1 PM, LLCH
- **Investment**: 9/28, 2:30 PM, LLCH
- **Golf**: 9/28, 3 PM, WC
- **ECC**: 10/1, 8:30 AM, WC
- **Finance**: 10/5, 7 PM, WC
- **Community/Youth**: 10/6, 7 PM, CC
- **Planning**: 10/7, 7 PM, LLCH
- **Fitness**: 10/7, 10:30 AM, LLCH
- **Safety/Security**: 10/7, 3 PM, WC

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## Calendar of Events

### SPORTS & EXERCISE

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Selven mentors male students on Thursday afternoons at Locust Grove Middle School. Because of his interest in the Orange County youths he was appointed as one of the judges in the Miss Orange contest of 2015. He attends the Church of the Messiah, where he is an active member. He has taken over leadership of the church’s “Teen Tuesday” where he is available to hand out snacks, drinks, Bibles and is available to counsel or just talk with the teens if they are interested.

Selven’s record of service through the Lions Club and dedication to the youth of our community make him a valuable asset to Lake of the Woods.

Outstanding Service Award: This award is given for beneficial accomplishments or performance of duty beyond what is normally expected of volunteers. There are six award winners for this category.

Clifton Wilks joined the Rules Committee in 2012 and volunteered to be the committee secretary. Shortly after that he took on the responsibility as chairman. Under his leadership, this committee has been busy amending the LOWA Rules and Regulations, Bylaws, and other governing documents. He worked closely with the Lakes Committee to amend the entire chapter of LOWA regulations pertaining to the use of the lakes. He contributed suggestions regarding the election process to the Election Committee and restructuring their charter. Under his leadership the Rules Committee has advised amendments to several other areas of concern. He spent nine months on the Bylaws Working Group and worked to assure that we were in agreement with the Virginia Property Owner’s Association Act, the Virginia Non-Stock Corporation Act, and the LOWA Declaration of Restrictions.

Clifton Wilks has shown leadership, initiative, and unting dedication to this community as a Committee Chairman.

John Spadaro has served on the LOWA Legal and Compliance Committee for five years and has been chairman for the last two years. He has also served this last year on the Rules Committee.

He has been courteous to those appearing to the LCC and made an effort to ensure that all findings are fair, firm, and consistent; always advising defendants of their rights.

He has improved the committee’s cooperation with the LOWA Security Force, the general manager, and staff; and attended the general manager’s Safety and Security meetings.

On the Rules Committee he has lead efforts to draft proposals to the Board to amend key sections of the LOWA Rules and Regulations and the rewrite of the LOWA Bylaws.

John Spadaro’s dedication has been extremely beneficial in improving the safety and security of the association’s members and tenants, their families and guests.

Paul George serves as vice chairman of the Rules Committee and secretary of the Legal and Compliance Committee.

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His role on the Rules Committee has been to keep a running timeline and summary of the projects of that committee; in-depth analysis and research for each project; and research of applicable laws. His attention to detail and diligence was appreciated as he worked with Cliff Wilks and Jack Spadaro to rewrite the Association Bylaws.

On the Legal and Compliance Committee, he has produced graphs and charts of its actions and written several informative articles for Lake Currents. In addition, he developed a Standard Operating Practice for the monthly LCC hearings and for the LCC clerk. Paul’s proposed solutions to issues are always well researched, clearly outlined and authoritatively prepared to serve the best interest of the community while consistent with the association’s governing documents.

Gaylen Smoak is a member of the LOW Garden Club and in the last two years she has served as the chairman of the Clubhouse Garden. She has planned, shopped for plants and planted the garden. Other garden club members have helped in the garden because of her encouragement. It was her idea to create a path to walk through the garden rather than around the outside on the tarmac. In May, she held a Tea Party in the garden for her co-workers to reward them for their hard work.

Gaylen Smoak has spent untold hours working in the garden with a true dedication that has significantly contributed to the community.

Darlene Agsten serve as president and vice president of Cause 4 Paws, a non-profit organization, located here in Lake of the Woods. This organization is continually active in capturing cats and kittens that roam or are lost in our area. They make sure those captured cats receive proper medical attention and find forever homes.

Darlene maintains a Facebook page and in this last year has reunited two lost cats with their owners. They often take in tiny kittens, bottle feeding them if necessary, and find them forever homes. Additionally, they write articles for Lake Currents, hold fundraisers to raise money for veterinary care and sponsor adoption events.

Because of their outstanding actions in assisting Cause 4 Paws, the roaming population of cats has been reduced in LOW and they have helped residents with locating their missing felines when needed.

Thomas Prine is always the first in and the last person to leave LOW Ski Club practices and he has served as Ski Club president for the last two years. Encouraging and teaching skiers from the age of 4 to 79, he also tries to instill in them the joy of waterskiing. With his leadership the club has grown 20 percent in the last two years. He has spent countless hours planning the July 4th and Labor Day ski shows. His passion for making our children better skiers has encouraged several LOW skiers to participate in state championship competitions; and win! Thomas, as a veteran himself, has spearheaded a club sponsored adaptive ski program to train wounded warriors to be able to participate in skiing at Lake of the Woods.

Community Service Organization Group Award: Recognizes the Lake of the Woods Club/Organization that provides the greatest impact/service to Lake of the Woods and surrounding communities.

The Lake of the Woods Lioness Club was formed in 1987 and has grown to over 100 members. Sponsored by the Lake of the Woods Lions Club, it is a non-profit women’s community service group that organizes and hosts fundraising and community service activities to support various local and national organizations and causes. The Lioness motto is “We Serve.”

The Lionesses plan and execute many Lion projects, such as the Wilderness Food Pantry, Eyeglass Recycling Center, Sight and Hearing Van, Lions of Virginia Disaster Relief Fund, and Assisted Medical Projects.

To raise funds, the Lionesses plan and execute many different fundraising activities such as the Fall Fashion Show & Card Party, monthly book sales, spring flea market, Holiday House tour, bridge lessons, Christkindlmarkt sales, fall yard sale, golf tournament sponsor, and White House Christmas ornament sales.

With over $20,000 generated from their fundraising activities last year, the Lioness Club supported the following local community services: LOW Fire and Rescue, LOW Youth activities and scholarships, Germanna Community College scholarships, Germanna Heights Senior Community outreach, Childhelp East Christmas gift wrapping and Annual Ice Cream Social, Bridges for disabled adults, SAFE House, Orange County Animal Shelter, Orange County Free Clinic, Orange County schools and libraries, LOW Halloween celebration, LOW Independence parade, Headstart, and Piedmont Dental Clinic.

The Lake of the Woods Lioness Club is proud to play an active part in the local community, helping those less fortunate than themselves. Their efforts make life better for Lake of the Woods and the larger surrounding communities.

Certificate of Appreciation: Given for services and/or accomplishments of benefit to the Lake of the Woods community.

Judy Flynn has been a Lake of the Woods member since the early 70s and actively involved in many groups and organizations. Over the years she has worked with Boy Scouts, Fire and Rescue, Ski Club, Garden Club, AARP, and the Ladies Golf Association. Currently, she serves as an usher and does kitchen duty during funeral or wedding receptions at The Lake of the Woods Church. Judy also belongs to a group called Random Acts of Kindness, which meets monthly to discuss charitable acts achieved and charitable opportunities to pursue.

She has given and continues to give to the Lake of the Woods community.
Karen Cakouros has worked tirelessly in many organizations and activities during most of her 15 years at Lake of the Woods. She recently finished her year as president of the Lioness Club, after many years of service. She schedules workers at the Wilderness Food Pantry, picks up donated food at Food Lion, and often works at the Pantry. Over the years she has been the chairman of many Lioness committees and frequently works at the Eyeglass Recycling Center. Karen is a member of the Ladies Golf Association in which she has worn many hats and is currently a nominee for treasurer. She has also served on the Lake of the Woods Association Election Committee for four years.

Sheila Wimble has been a resident of Lake of the Woods since 1968. In the early years she camped out here on weekends with her family. She has worked at almost all the amenities such as the Clubhouse, Pro Shop, and pools. We sincerely appreciate our employees, but now we honor her for her volunteerism. She has been giving to the youth of Lake of the Woods by volunteering at the stables, coaching the swim team, training lifeguards, and coaching the ski team for many years. She is a physical education teacher at the Fredericksburg Academy and has mentored many youngsters there and in our community. We are fortunate to have Sheila as a neighbor who has spent countless hours with our youth encouraging them to work hard and succeed in their personal lives.

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Counselors at Lake of the Woods: Phil Carmona — 5 years
Art Griggs — 5 years
Carla Wascalus — 8 years
Donna Jackson — 10 years
Jim Buongiovanni — 12 years
George Duffy — 16 years
Cumulative Service — 56 years

Tax-Aide is a free program that helps people on all income levels (with special attention to those 60 and older) by assisting with tax services and ensuring the taxpayers receive applicable tax credits and deductions. The volunteer tax counselors at Lake of the Woods undergo IRS training each year and receive an IRS tax certification. They are also required to be trained and certified in the IRS Volunteer Standard of Conduct-Ethics Training and Intake/Interview and Quality Review Training. This past season with the addition of new rules regarding the Affordable Care Act, additional hours were spent learning the intricacies of this law and the effect it would have on taxpayers.

Lake of the Woods tax preparers provide a minimum of 12 on-site hours at the lower level of the clubhouse per week for the three months of the tax season. They spend their time asking the right questions to assist taxpayers in filing the best return for their circumstances. They have prepared more than 1,850 electronically filed returns during the tax years 2010 through 2014. An estimate would add approximately another 150 returns that were filed as paper returns for that same period. Obviously, the majority of these returns were done for Lake of the Woods residents, but they also provided similar services to outlying area residents from Culpeper, Orange, Fredericksburg, and Manassas. Their IRS reject rate for the last year was less than half of 1 percent and this was for a site whose returns are generally considered more complicated than other sites in our district.

Helen Nolan established The Book Club in the mid-90s. As participation increased, the monthly meetings moved to the Wilderness Library. An avid reader, Helen’s love of reading is contagious among others as she encourages a diversity of reading choices. She has also arranged for several authors to meet with The Book Club. When one of the members was no longer able to attend meetings, she arranged for a telephone conference call so the member could join in the discussion. Her dedication to The Book Club has had a continuing positive influence on our community.

Karen Cakouros
Helen Nolan
Tina Aris
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Snapper Jack’s Yard Care, LLC
Deryl and Shirley Scott are exceptional caregivers in their neighborhood. They prepare and deliver meals, do yard work, house cleaning, provide transportation for appointments, and perform handyman duties for many of their neighbors. They are always willing to step up and help rather than turn away anyone in need. Their neighbors are very fortunate to have such a caring people in this community.

Deryl and Shirley Scott
Helen Nolan
Karen Cakouros
Sheila Wimble
Tina Aris

Call Pat for all your real estate needs!
LOW LGA invites ALL Golfers to play in the Cancer Tournament on October 6, for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Pat Shradar, Chair of the LGA Cancer Tournament, invites all golfers in LOW and their guests to participate in this purposeful tournament on Tuesday, October 6. Men, women and co-ed teams are invited. The fee is $30, which includes lunch, snack, and prizes. There is an additional greens and cart fee of $29 for non-anual golf members of that, $15 per player will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. The sign-up poster is at the Woods Center. Deadline to enter is October 1. Please join us for a great day of golf, and support a very worthy cause.

Even if you can’t join us on the course, you can still help the children at St. Jude by sponsoring a hole for $1,000 or have your name posted on the beverage cart for $100. You can find a sponsor form at the Woods Center or contact Pat Shradar at 972-2055.

The LGA 9- and 18-Hole Picnic and Fun Scramble was held on September 1. It felt like the hottest day of the year, but we persevered. The winning teams were:

1st Place: JoAnn Roth, Elaine Shirkey, Sharan Marks and Su Bielmeier – 76
2nd Place: Nancy King, Louise Hoh, Margaret Darby and Kathy Genson – 78
3rd Place: Jeanne Woodward, Marion Dumais, Judy Ludvigsen and Joan Quimper – 81

The delicious picnic lunch that followed the game was supplied by members and organized by Louise Hoh, Lisa Halpin, Pat Shradar, Susie Wright, Barbara Francis and Judy Flynn with support from Dorothea Barnes.

Please accept our apologies for an error in the listing of the Member/
Member 18-Hole/A-Flight, First Place winners. Three teams tied with scores of 79: Sharon Debnam and Kathy Smith; Dottie Lohr and Kathy George; and Denise Reese and Debbie May.

The LGA Farm Team and PALS Group sessions will be ending at the end of September. Thanks to Nancy and Stu King and Kathy George for supporting, encouraging and coaching LOW’s new and returning golfers. Our current LGA Membership is made up of many former Farm Teamers who moved on to league play.

MGA News
by Bill McClellan, Member, LOW Men’s Golf Association

The annual meeting of the LOW Men’s Golf Association was held on Wednesday, September 9, at Fareways Cafe. Members attending were given a voucher for a free hotdog, chips and drink of their choice. The meeting was brought to order at 2 PM by President Terry Thompson. Attendees were asked to rise and observe a moment of silence for MGA members Mike Pitts, Bob Kavanaua and Joe Best all of whom had passed away during the last year.

The Assistant General Manager of Operations Dave Heiser was introduced. Dave gave a brief overview of his background and outlined his vision for golf operations. He then fielded questions from the membership.

Under new business, the election of officers was conducted. Jim Walsh and Tommy Thompson were elected by acclimation for the positions of President and First Vice President, respectively.

Members Dave Lloyd, Bob Hoh, and Ralph Debnam volunteered to take over the job of Tournament Committee.

President Thompson gave a brief overview of the increase in the member cost for the annual Christmas luncheon from $5 to $10. The price increase was due to the increasing number of individuals who signed up but did not attend in the past. The MGA is required to pay for the number of potential attendees given to the Clubhouse at the cutoff date. It was felt that increasing the pre-pay to $10 would help gain a firmer commitment from all.

Members are reminded that annual membership dues of $15 are due October 1. Members were also reminded that the Annual MEMBER-PLUS tournament that was postponed in July will be held September 19-20. Entry fee is $35 for members and $40 for non-MGA members and guests.
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**Friday, October 2**
1:30 PM-4:30 PM Local Authors Book Fair at Wilderness Library, free.

**Saturday, October 3**
10 AM LOWA Board Meeting (CC). Info: 972-2214.
10 AM Tablet and iPad Class (WC). Info: 972-9680.
11 AM-3 PM Antique Cars on Display at the Clubhouse. Must be a member of HFRAAACA to display car. All welcome to view.

** Notices**
October 3, Antique Cars on Display, the Historic Frederickburg Region Chapter of the Antique Car Club of America (HFRAAACA) will be having a picnic for its club members between 11 AM-3 PM. Their beautiful antique cars from the 1920s through the following decade will be parked around the perimeter of Clubhouse Point. LOW residents and guests are invited to come see these beautiful cars on display.

October 13, EMTs wanted! Lake of the Woods Rescue Squad will be hosting an EMT Class from October 13, 2015, through February 27, 2016. If you would like additional information on this class, please call Tasha Smith at 540-645-1627, or by email at training@lowf29.com. Be a part of something great! Come join a squad that makes many memories and many friends!

October 17-18 (show dates),Entry forms for Lake of the Woods Visual Arts Council Annual Show and Sale available in racks at the Community Center and Holcomb Building.

October 17, Household Hazardous Waste Day from 8 AM to noon at the Orange County Landfill. 11530 Porter Road, Orange. Citizens of Orange County can dispose of household hazardous waste, items that are normally not accepted at the landfill, free of charge. Please call 672-9315, if you have questions about acceptable items. No businesses please.

Monday Night Bridge: Newcomers always welcome. Woods Center at 6:45 PM. For more information, call contact listed under Calendar of Events in Lake Currents.


Reassessment of Orange County Real Estate. LOW property owners can expect to see representatives from Wampler-Eanes conducting assessments lasting through October 2015. Info: OC Commissioner of Revenues, 672-4441.

Lost or Found Pets in LOW can be posted on facebook.com/LOWlostfoundpets.
Three letters were submitted to ViewPoints and all have been printed.
Lake Currents prints all ViewPoints submitted that meet ViewPoints Guidelines. The comments and opinions offered by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of the Association. Letters for publication should be limited to 175 words or less, be submitted by a member in good standing with the association, and emailed to LakeCurrents@LOWA.org. Letters are published as submitted and not subject to editing, except where required to conform to Board approved guidelines. Letters must include writer’s name, lot and section number.
AARP Smart Driver Course for Seniors
Thursday, October 29
by Su Bielmeier, AARP Volunteer Instructor

Seniors, refresh your driving skills in the Teen Center in Sweetbriar Community Center from 9 AM-5:30 PM on Thursday, October 29.

You will:
- Get details on new defensive driving strategies
- Learn traffic laws and rules of the road
- Find out ways to handle highway traffic, right-of-ways and blind spots on today's roads.
- Be shown how to reduce your chances of having a crash or committing a traffic violation.
- Receive a multi-year discount on your car liability insurance that is good for three years.

The one-day course will include a working lunch. Please bring a brown bag lunch since there will be no time to go out to lunch. You must be present for the entire class. The cost is $15 for national AARP members and $20 for non-members.

Checks should be made payable to AARP. To register, mail a check to Su Bielmeier, AARP Instructor, at 1310 Eastover Pkwy, Locust Grove, VA 22508. Please include your name, address, phone number and email address. For questions, email Su at driversafetyclass@gmail.com or call Su at 540-208-1914 (cell). Please bring your driver’s license and your national AARP card (if applicable). The LOW Lion’s Club hosts this course.

As we age it is important to stay mentally and physically fit. If you go to the AARP website, you can find online games to stimulate your brain. You don’t have to be a member and there is no fee to play these games. Go to games.aarp.org. You will find Sudoku, backgammon, solitaire, Mahjongg, crossword puzzles, and many more. Also, to have fun working your memory, problem-solving, and language skills, scroll down to the middle of the page to find Brain Games.

NARFE Luncheon with Orange County Candidates
by Cliff Wilks, President, Chapter 1885

The next NARFE Luncheon meeting will begin at 12:30 PM on September 24 in the Clubhouse lower level. The Chapter will provide fried chicken, instant coffee, tea, and water. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with your fellow members and guests. Members, friends, and guests are welcome to enjoy the meal and fellowship.

Timothy Murphy will speak about his candidacy for Orange County Sheriff. Tim had a long career in the Orange County Sheriff's office and retired in 2012 with 32 years experience. There is more information about Tim Murphy on his website at TimMurphyforSheriff.com.

Sheriff Mark Amos will speak about his candidacy for reelection. Sheriff Amos is the current Sheriff of Orange County having been elected in 2007. There is more information about Sheriff Amos on his website at MarkAmos4Sheriff.com.

District 5 Supervisor Lee Frame will speak about his candidacy for reelection to the Board of Supervisors, Orange County. Lee is also a member of NARFE Chapter 1885.

We are honored to have all of these gentlemen attend our meeting and commend their willingness to commit to public service to Orange County residents.

In addition, we will be discussing and voting on the proposal to combine the Chapter’s Bylaws and Constitution into one document called Bylaws. This change will provide for people from other NARFE Chapters to join ours and those people not otherwise eligible to join NARFE, to join our chapter as Social members. If you are a current Federal civilian employee or retiree from the Federal government and not a member of NARFE, please come to the meeting and consider joining.

Members, please bring a canned food item for the Wilderness Food Pantry to the meeting and the Executive Committee will see to its delivery.

If you have any questions, please contact Clifton Wilks at CliffdWilks@outlook.com or by calling 540-809-2157.

“Tee Up for Health Care”
Golf Tournament to Benefit the Orange County Free Clinic
Saturday, October 10, 2015
Meadows Farms Golf Course
4300 Flat Run Rd, Locust Grove, Virginia
Registration at 8:00 Shotgun Start at 9:00

$100 per Player - $400 per Team
Includes: 18 Holes of Golf, Golf Cart and Catered Lunch by:

Please Call: 540 672-8530 or Email: ahodge@orangecountyfreeclinic.org
To Reserve Your Spot! Sponsorships Available
EMT Class is Starting in October
by Natasha Smith, Training Officer, LOW Rescue Station

EMT students wanted! Emergency Medical Technician is an abbreviation for Lifesaver. There are countless Emergency Medical Technicians throughout Orange County. Come be a part of making a difference in your community. Rescue Station 29, in Lake of the Woods, will be hosting an EMT class starting October 13 and it continues to February 27, 2016. This is a great way to meet new people and to volunteer in your community. If you would like additional information, please contact Tasha Smith at training@LOWFR29.com. Be a part of something great! Join Lake of the Woods Rescue Squad!

Help Support the Arts
by Gaylen Smoak, Member, LOWVAC

School has started, the LOW Players are rehearsing for “Annie Get Your Gun,” and the Lake of the Woods Visual Arts Council is once again holding its Art Show on October 17-18. This year we have five items to be raffled.

Longtime LOWVAC member Linda Sutphin is offering a lovely hand-painted ornament graced by a beautiful swan, very suitable for year-round display and it includes a stand. Dorothy Chudy is our newest member and she recently moved to the Lake. She has donated a very happy sunflower watercolor painting on canvas.

Sallie Wallace, also a longtime LOWVAC member, has provided a handsome cardinal acrylic painting, framed and perfectly ready for that blank space on your wall.

Don Larsen has been displaying at our LOWVAC Art Show and Sale for years and has given us a wonderful hand-turned wood bowl to be raffled.

Our final item for raffle is a one-on-one private art lesson with another of our LOWVAC artists, Pete Brown. All of these items will be on display at the Clubhouse along with the opportunity to purchase a chance to WIN!

Proceeds of the raffle and Art Show and Sale are donated to local area art teachers to further enhance their school curriculum and the art experience of their students. Last year it meant proper shelving to display art work, art supplies when the budget had run out and a soup dinner for area homeless using bowls made by the students. It’s really a wonderful way to support the arts in your community and the Lake of the Woods Visual Arts Council thanks you!

The show will be held in the lower level Clubhouse on October 17, from 10 AM-6 PM; and October 18, from 10 AM-4 PM.

First Annual Children with Disabilities Waterski Clinic
by Shane Quinlan, Vice President, LOW Ski Club

On Saturday, September 19, the LOW Ski Club invites you to our first annual children with disabilities adaptive waterski clinic. Sign-up begins at 9 AM; and the clinic starts at 10 AM. We are very fortunate to be able to enjoy the water at Lake of the Woods and believe all children should be able to partake in water sports. We have been very fortunate to partner with the great people of “On the Edge” Ontheedgechildrensfoundation.com. If you have a child with special needs and you feel they would benefit from a day on the water please contact LowSkiClub@yahoo.com or see a board member at the Clubhouse Dock during one of our practices. The event is free of charge and all family members are always welcome!

"Annie Get Your Gun"
by Marion Pronk, LOW Players

Please get your tickets for the LOW Players rousing musical comedy “Annie Get Your Gun,” as soon as possible. The Players are anxious for the community to see this madhouse of hilarious activity and ticket sales are going fast.

Production dates for “Annie Get Your Gun” are evenings at 7:30 PM on October 16, 17, 22, 23, 24; and matinees at 2 PM on October 18 and 25. All shows are presented at the Lake of the Woods Community Center. Tickets are $27 for adults and $22 for students ages 5 to 18. To purchase tickets, you may use our website LOWplayers.org or call Sandie Frame at 972-6385.

The show centers around Annie Oakley who is the best shot around. “She manages to support her little brother and sisters by selling the game that she hunts. When she’s discovered by Colonel Buffalo Bill Cody, he persuades this novel sharpshooter to join his Wild West Show. It only takes one glance for her to fall head over heels for dashing shooting ace Frank Butler, who headlines the show. She soon eclipses Butler as the main attraction, which while good for business, is bad for romance. Butler hightails it off to join a rival show, his bruised male ego leading the way, but is ultimately pitted against Annie in a final shoot-out. The rousing, sure fire finale hits the mark every time in a testament to the power of female ingenuity.”

Join us for this absorbing evening where the music by Irving Berlin is familiar, lively, and so energetic. Don’t miss it!
Local Authors Book Fair at Wilderness Branch Library
by Julie Phend, Publicity Chairman, Lake Authors Club

On Friday, October 2, Wilderness Friends of the Library, in conjunction with Lake Authors Club and Riverside Writers, will host a Local Authors Book Fair at the Wilderness Branch Library, 6421 Flat Run Road, from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM. The fair will feature published authors from Lake of the Woods, Orange County, and Fredericksburg.

At 2:30 PM, the authors will make short presentations about their writing experience and resulting books. Some of the authors presenting include:

- Bronwen Chisolm: “The Ball at Meryton” and “Behind the Mask,” both “Pride and Prejudice” alternative novels
- Judy Hill: “The Secret Diary of Ewan Macrae”
- Chuck Hillig: “Seeds of the Soul” and other books
- Dave Kovarik: “A Head of Lettuce”
- Julie Phend: “D-Day and Beyond,” “A True Story of Escape and POW Survival”
- Suzi Weinert: “Garage Sale Stalker,” “Garage Sale Diamonds”
- Bill Wilson: “Otto, Insanity by Murder”
- Liane Young: “Operation Firefly”

The Book Fair gives readers an opportunity to chat with authors and purchase signed copies of their work. Many of these authors are available to speak to clubs, schools, and civic groups. It is also a chance for anyone who has an idea for a book to gain insight into the creative writing process and meet a potential support group.

There will be fun for all: door prizes, refreshments, and clips from the Hallmark movie version of “Garage Sale Stalker.”

Don’t miss this opportunity to meet and consult with published authors who live near you!

LOWLINC Volunteer Gatherings:
September 26 and 30
by Mary-Jane Atwater, Jeff Flynn, Carolyn Graham and Joe Sakole, LOW Members

A final reminder: LOWLINC (LOW-Living Independently in Our Community) will hold two gatherings for LOW residents who would like to volunteer to help older residents in our community. Come learn more about LOWLINC, a new 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization whose sole mission is to enable seniors and those with physical and cognitive challenges who reside at LOW to continue living fully and independently in their homes for as long as possible.

Join us at the Community Center in September on one of the following dates: Saturday, September 26, 2 PM-4 PM, or Wednesday, September 30, 5:30 PM-7:30 PM. LOW residents of any age (families and teens welcome) are invited to attend.

Come learn about LOWLINC services and decide how you’d like to volunteer. There’s something everyone can do! You decide which days and times you’re available.

So we can better plan for seating and refreshments, please RSVP to carolyn@lowlinc.org and let us know which date (September 26 or September 30) you’ll attend.

LOWLINC is an organization independent of the Lake of the Woods Association and LOWLINC activities have no impact on LOWA’s annual assessment or user fees. For more information about LOWLINC, please visit Lowlinc.org.
September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month, and Lake of the Woods residents will have a chance to help youngsters stricken with the disease later this month.

Childhood cancer affects one in 330 Americans younger than 20. It is the number one disease killer of American children. Cancer treatment is not only hard on children but also embarrassing and demoralizing. Cancer has touched most all of us. We all know someone hit by the disease—a friend, a family member, or a friend’s family member. We see these people every day when we shop, or go out to eat. You can usually spot them by their conspicuous absence of hair. This can be devastating to anyone, at any age. Especially children.

There is a 501(c)(3) foundation, called Ellie’s Hats, aimed at helping kids stricken with cancer. It was started by Jay Coakley, a teacher at Woodburn Elementary School in Falls Church. One of Jay’s kindergarten students named Ellie was suffering from cancer, and he saw how much she enjoyed hats and how they gave her more confidence. So he started collecting hats for Ellie to give her a larger selection of hats to wear. Ellie was so grateful, and so happy, that this encouraged Jay to expand the program to other children stricken by cancer and has now grown to where they are helping thousands of children nationwide.

What started out as collecting hats for an individual child with cancer has blossomed into a cause that brings joy to thousands of kids going through cancer treatments. The hope is that by showing these brave children that others are thinking about them, it will help bring a little cheer to their day, and give them strength. Part of their vision is to raise awareness of childhood cancer and as Ellie’s Hats grows they plan to provide other items of support to the families.

If you would like to help these children, you can do so locally.

Girl Scout Troop 1002 is helping Children with cancer while earning their Bronze Award for community service. They have been working on this for months by collecting hats to help other children stricken by this disease.

On Saturday, September 19, from 10 AM until 2 PM, the Troop will be at the Lake of the Woods front gate accepting your donations of new and handmade hats in exchange for cupcakes. You can drop off your donations of hats for children ages 6 months to 18 years old. The hats will be delivered to Ellie’s Hats.

For more information, you can email Girl Scout Troop 1002 at GStroop1002@outlook.com or call 540-395-3524.
Orange County Supervisor’s Letter
by Lee Frame, District 5 Supervisor

Recently the Orange County Public Animal Shelter received a routine inspection from the Office of Animal Care in the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. They conducted a detailed examination of compliance with state pound regulations, the state of animal care and the quality of the operations. As usual for our superb shelter, there were no significant findings from the inspection. Orange County residents care very much about this shelter, given the many hours of volunteer time provided at the shelter itself and in conducting adoption events throughout the area and the substantial donations received by the shelter to enhance its operations.

At a recent Supervisor meeting, we approved funding for upgrades to the Wilderness Library. The original project called for carpet replacement, painting and new lighting. By deferring the lighting and assembling unspent funds from other completed projects, the county will repurpose and restructure the public space of the Wilderness Library. This project was developed by library staff, the Friends of the Wilderness Library and the Library Board. It will replace worn out fixtures and furniture, improve the aesthetic and functional layout of the building, create a welcoming feel for the public and increase the usability of audiovisual and computer areas. The library will be closed for about three weeks this fall to complete the work.

The work involved includes removing all the books, equipment and shelves to storage containers outside the library, painting, installing carpets and then replacing shelves, books and equipment in a rearranged layout. The lighting work is planned for the next fiscal year and will upgrade the existing fluorescent fixtures with cost-saving LED retrofit kits.

Here is a civics lesson on appeals of local government decisions in Virginia. This is a good time to discuss this because the Supervisors are in the process of nominating members to one of those boards that can affect all taxpayers in the county. There are two appeal boards in Orange County, the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) and the Board of Equalization (BOE). The BZA deals with land use decisions made by the Zoning Administrator. Most people are not routinely affected by zoning decisions. The BOE deals with the assessed value of real estate where every taxpayer is impacted every year. I recently nominated Pat Licata as the District 5 representative for that matter the BZA. These members are appointed by the Circuit Court making them a part of the judicial branch of government. If citizens are not satisfied with decisions by these boards, they can still appeal to the courts. This process in Virginia allows citizens who disagree with ministerial decisions of the executive branch to appeal to a body not part of that branch.

Although there is no District 5 Supervisor candidate other than myself on the November 3 ballot, I don’t want to take the voters for granted. I would like to make myself available to any groups that would like me to explain county issues or hear my positions on those issues. Let me know when and where and I will attempt to meet your schedule.

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

The Lake of the Woods Church
Fall Festival
by Dick Gullickson, Member, The LOW Church

The Lake of the Woods Church is pleased to invite our neighbors to attend our Fourth Annual Fall Festival. The Festival will be held at the Locust Grove Middle School at the corner of Route 20 and Flat Run Road (6368 Flat Run Rd.) on Saturday, September 26 from 11 AM to 3 PM. The Festival is a family affair with something for everyone. All activities are FREE and include:

- Games for ages
- Climbing Wall, multiple moon bounces, interactive games
- Petting zoo
- Fire, rescue, and police exhibits
- Health fair includes multiple hospitals, vendors, flu shots, and more
- Music, food, and drink

Tom Savage, Pastor for Family and Outreach, comments that “our Fall Festival reflects LOW Church’s commitment to families in our community to meet their needs and support their spiritual growth.”

For more information please contact The Lake of the Woods Church at 972-9060 or visit our website at LOWchurch.org.

Sign-up Time for LOW Winter Bridge is Running Out!
by Joe and Elaine Freeland, Coordinators

The time for signing-up for the new season of LOW Winter Bridge is running out. Don’t miss out on this enjoyable bridge tournament. Sign-up before October 2. Winter Bridge play starts October 7. This is a friendly tournament open to all levels of players who are your LOW neighbors. It provides an opportunity to establish new friendships and renew old ones in the comfort of members’ homes. Teams that have not played before are welcome. The entrance fee is $80 per team. All funds will be applied to the Winter Bridge lunch and prizes. Each team is a winner!

You will receive the roster of teams and play guidelines by October 7. Bridge games may be started as soon as you receive the roster, and all competitions must be completed by April 18. On Thursday, April 21 all participants will enjoy the Winter Bridge Recognition. We will play bridge before and after lunch with prizes awarded during lunch.

For more information please call Joe or Elaine Freeland at 972-8052. Checks, made payable to “LOW Winter Bridge,” are due to Joe or Elaine Freeland, 118 Washington Street no later than October 2. Please include the following information for each team member: name, phone number, email address, and mailing address.

Again, this tournament is primarily a social event. We hope you and your partner will participate this year.
FOR RENT - DUPLEX on Rt. 20, within 10 minutes of 5 public schools. 2 bed, 1 bath, family room, kitchen w/large dining area. Laundry room (washer & dryer), one-car garage, outdoor deck. $850 per month with $850 deposit (security). 1-year lease minimum. No pets. 540-661-7646 or 540-972-6901.

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CRACK'S LANDSCAPING, LLC - Leaf Clean-up and Removal, Tree Trimming, Gutter Cleaning, Sand/Gravel, Heavy Hauling, & exterior painting, power washing, deck staining, carpentry, drywall and plumbing. Tile and remodeling, and more. 540-672-2252.

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Lot for Sale

GOLF COURSE Lot for sale, 309 Westover Parkway, $25,000. Call 703-795-0194.

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For Sale

1993 FORD PICKUP. Old but runs good, $1000. Isadore Bianco, 972-9771.

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4-PERSON PADDLE Boat, $175, OBO, 540-412-1706.

FIREWOOD for SALE, seasoned $175/cord. 540-220-4777.

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