Meet the LOWA Board Candidates
by Betty Tabor, Chairman, Elections Committee

The annual election of new board members for the LOWA Board of Directors is fast approaching. This year we will be selecting five new board members from a list of eight candidates.

Three candidates will be elected for three-year terms, one for a two-year term, and one for a one-year term, determined by the number of votes for each candidate. The one-year term replaces the remaining time because of a resignation.

The close of balloting will be at the Annual Meeting of the Membership on Labor Day, September 5. No proxies or ballots may be presented following the close of the election, announced by the President of the Board of Directors. Proxies and ballots will be counted and directors announced on Tuesday, September 6.

See Candidates on p. 5

The Lake of the Woods Independence Day celebration included the morning’s parade, the LOW Vets flag raising ceremony, afternoon festivities on Clubhouse Point, the Ski Club Water Ski show and fireworks.

(see Pg. 13 for more event photos)

Ski Club members salute the Armed Forces with a flag pass in the Independence Day Ski Show.

Reminders

- **July 8**
  - Clubhouse Pool Closes at 6 PM

- **July 9**
  - Tennis Social
  - Hollyfield Courts, 9 AM

- **July 19**
  - LOWA Regular Board Meeting
  - Community Center, 7 PM

- **July 22**
  - Concert on the Point, 7 PM

- **July 28**
  - Coffee & Conversation with Board Members
  - Clubhouse, 7 PM

Members: Lake Currents can be read online at: LOWA.org/Lake-Living/Lake-Currents

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President’s Letter
by Louisa Rucker
Dear Friends,

A couple of summer observations: Swimming in the main lake beyond the No Wake zone is against the rules and a bad decision. Sunbathing on the ski jump is downright not an option.

Over the past several weeks I have been on the phone calling members who have not returned their golf referendum ballots. Of the 200+ folks, A. whose answering machines have responded, I have left messages urging a vote – either way – or a quick call if they have questions about the issue. B. of the one’s who’ve answered, only two have had significant feelings about the ref and voting. The rest have had responses such as “Oh, I haven’t voted because I don’t play golf,” or “Referendum? What referendum?” or “I meant to vote, but I don’t know where my ballot is.” When offered a replacement ballot by mail, a dozen or so households have readily accepted and others have said they would go to the Holcomb building, get a replacement ballot, and vote on the spot. Hooray. If the ref passes, we will stand to gain at least $25,000 back by allowing the VSGA members and other non-members to play by reservation only. Here are the top five member concerns about the ref:

1. I don’t want to see LOW opened wide to outsiders. Comment: This ref will allow outsiders by reservations only to visit the golf course only – not the Clubhouse, not the beaches or pools.
2. LOW will no longer be private. Comment: Yes it will, because our recorded covenants say and will continue to say that every LOWA member will retain their priority (as per the Clubhouse, not the beaches or pools).
3. Since LOWA has allowed outside golfers in to play for the past five or so years, why do we need this referendum? Answer: We need it because on further review with our legal counsel, we believe we have been going beyond member-guest play allowed by our covenants, and scrutiny of HOA covenants has increased.
4. Outsiders coming in to play will trash our course. Comment: All outsiders will have to register in advance to be permitted to play, we’ll have their number! MOST golfers come to play, not to damage a course. Golfers continue to have the best reputations for manners of any of the sports.
5. This referendum gives the Board too much power. Answer: The golf pro, Golf Committee, MGA and LGA will advise the Board on the hours and gate, I was surprised by the number of members who use the visitor lane by showing membership cards or the VSGA hang tag. This practice definitely lengthens that line and slows down the entry process. Would those of you who use this practice please consider getting one of the black stealth bar codes which moves you to the members lane and relieves some of the pressure on the visitors lane? I think we all might be pleased by the results.

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Hopefully,
Louisa
Board@LOWA.org
Aging Pools Create Challenge and Opportunity
by Julie Phend, Pools Committee

We started the 2016 pool season with great optimism. A new pool company was hired, bathrooms and shower rooms were repainted and refurbished, new deck furniture purchased, lane lines power washed—everything looked great and ready for fun. Then Sweetbriar Pool cracked, necessitating its closing for inspection and major repair. Pool users came together to create a plan to accommodate all users: swim team, classes, and patrons.

Clubhouse Pool opened Memorial Day weekend drawing record crowds. The following weekend was hot and sunny, again bringing crowds of fun-loving pool enthusiasts. On Monday, June 13, the swim team started morning practice, water fitness classes began, and swimmers dove in during the afternoon.

Alas, that evening a serious flaw was discovered in a large sand filter, necessitating the closing of Clubhouse Pool for three days while it was being fixed. These have been the challenges of the season so far. Others may be on the horizon, as our aging pools reach the end of their useful economic years.

However, these current challenges give rise to great opportunity for the future. The Lukmire Partnership has been hired to design a new Fitness Center and pool area because the Fitness Center, housed in the building adjacent to the pool, has seriously outgrown its current space.

In their first meetings with LOWA, Lukmire architects point out that the design for a new Fitness Center must consider the future of our 50-year-old Clubhouse Pool. The Ad Hoc Committee for the Pools/Fitness Center Complex, along with LOWA Management and the Board, has been working with Lukmire architects to design a new pool/fitness complex that will serve the needs of our community now and in the future, add value to our homes, add much-needed handicapped parking, and create a beautiful, functional attraction for our residents.

The design under consideration would update the pool area, providing a separate 25-meter, six-lane pool with diving board making it compatible with Sweetbriar Pool, adding a splash pad (a safer, fun-filled alternative to the wading pool,) and a zero entry ramp for easy accessibility. It would also provide new bathrooms and a shared concession location for beach and pool users, additional handicapped parking, and a larger, updated Fitness Center.

NOW is the time to plan for the future. Our pools are 50 years old. Constant repairs are costly, inconvenient, and temporary. As Lake of the Woods celebrates its 50th birthday next year, we need to applaud our proud history and promise a future that will serve residents for years to come.

Don’t be concerned that things appear to be falling apart: this has to happen in order for something new and wonderful to emerge. --Marianne Williamson

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

Main Marina: 412-6552
Ethanol-free gas available
Tues-Fri., 12-7 PM (closed
Mondays)
Sat/Sun, 9:30 AM-5:30 PM

Amenities

Equestrian Center: 972-2238
Fareways Café: 972-2216
Daily 7 AM-4 PM
Fitness Center: 972-9680
Daily 5 AM-11 PM
Golf Pro Shop (Woods Center):
Daily 7 AM
Reserve a tee time 972-2230
Golf Course: 7:30 AM daily

Main Marina: 412-6552
Ethanol-free gas available
Tues-Fri., 12-7 PM (closed
Mondays)
Sat/Sun, 9:30 AM-5:30 PM

Maintenance Office: 972-2223
M-F, 7 AM-3:30 PM
9.9 Leaf/Brush Area:
Daily 7 AM-7 PM
Pool (Clubhouse): M-F, 12-6 PM;
Sat/Sun/Hol, 10 AM-8 PM

Main Marina: 412-6552
Ethanol-free gas available
Tues-Fri., 12-7 PM (closed
Mondays)
Sat/Sun, 9:30 AM-5:30 PM

Amenities

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Curbside trash & recycling collection: Wednesdays

Phil Rodenberg

General Manager's Column

More on Sweetbriar Pool, Plus 9.9 Mulch and a Vandalism Summit
by Phil Rodenberg

On July 5, the Board of Directors authorized the General Manager to move forward with the replacement of the damaged Sweetbriar Pool with new design and construction to be completed in time to open for swimming in May 2017. Our informal survey of members yielded great support for replacing the pool rather than repairing the 17-year old reconstructed pool. Management will be contacting capable pool companies to design and build a modern new pool with the characteristics of both a competition pool for the Barracuda Swim Team and a recreational pool for all ages of members and guests. The specifications were discussed by the Ad Hoc Committee involved in the Clubhouse Pool/Fitness Center planning effort and will include:

- 25 meter pool with six lanes (same as existing)
- Depth of four to six feet (modified)
- Zero entry for ease of access (new)
- Containing a bubbler feature (new)
- Shallow end oriented to the pool house (new), and
- Other features such as diving board or slide depending on cost (new)

Members have asked, “Will our insurance premium go up if we take the insurance payment of $510,965?” We believe it will not. Our insurance carrier is going against the insurance of our pool company responsible for preparing the pool for summer use. LOWA requires its contractors working to carry proper insurance showing LOWA as “additional insured” on the certificate of insurance.

A member asked me when the tub grinder contractor will be in the 9.9 Mulch Area to start grinding the large piles of brush into mulch. We expect Greenwaste Recyclers on or before July 15.

On June 30, the Association hosted the annual Vandalism Summit with Orange County Sheriff Mark Amos and his command staff, LOWA Security Chief Scott Walker and Major Gary Brown, LOWA Board Members, Management and Staff, and Committees. We were pleased to hear Sheriff Amos say he has great confidence in the job Allied Barton Security Services is doing for LOWA. Some of the big takeaways from this year’s session were:

- Road patrol by Allied Barton Special Conservators of the Peace (SCOP) Officers as well as our outdoor surveillance cameras are effective in curbing crime and vandalism. Security will continue to be visible and responsive in the area of the Clubhouse basketball courts, Fitness Center, and Sailboat Beach.
- Incidents of vandalism have been small and less intense, and Security and Maintenance have responded quickly to overcome issues.
- Immediate calls from members to Security are the key to Security identifying and solving incidents of vandalism.
- The Community and Youth Activities Committee should have youth members on it. Get young people involved in the planning of activities around the community.

Tennis Social July 9
by Jim and Jan Lemieux, Tennis Committee

The July Tennis Social will be held Saturday, July 9 from 9-11 AM. This is a social event and all players will be welcome. We play a round-robin format changing partners and at 11 AM we break for brunch in the Gazebo. We ask each player to make a reservation and bring a brunch item to share. We provide drinks and tennis balls. The cost is $2 each.

Please call Jim and Jan Lemieux at 972-8888 if you would like to join us for this “just for fun” event. We are looking forward to seeing you on the courts.
Civic Club to Host BOD Candidates
by Pat Licata, President, Civic Club

Please join the Civic Club Wednesday, July 13 at 5 PM, as we host a Reception for the Candidates in the Great Hall of the Clubhouse. LOWA BOD candidates are Carl Clawson, Bob Hoh, Jeffrey Johnson, Larry Morlan, Brian Sakacsi, Brian Smith, Michael Tait and Jennifer Zukowski.

The reception will begin with a social time to include hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar. A more formal program will follow in which each candidate will have up to three minutes to address the gathering.

The reception is open to all members of the community. Please attend so that you are able to know your candidates better. We look forward to seeing you there.

New No-Wake Buoys

Photo by Bobby Jones

Five new, larger 14-inch-diameter No-Wake buoys have been placed on the upstream side of the Main Lake to remind boaters that covets inside these markers, as well as the area between the buoys and the nearest shoreline are restricted to No-Wake speed. Lake Patrol will be giving these areas special emphasis in its rounds. The larger numbers will also help stranded boaters communicate the location to a 911 operator.

To avoid a citation, be sure to slow to NO-WAKE speed in coves.

LGA News
by Karen Woods, Publicity, Ladies Golf Association

The LGA Member/Guest Tournament June 15 was a great success thanks to the talents of the Tournament Chairs, Kathy Smith and Sharon Debnam. They put together a great team of “assistants,” who loaded the golf bags, organized the breakfast and gift bags, photographed the foursomes, kept the players hydrated, kept their eyes open for errant golf balls and decorated the tables at the Clubhouse. Many thanks to Dorothea Barnes, Joan Burnett, Stu King, Judy Ludvigsen, Janice Mincey, Jo Stewart, Jeanne Woodward, Susie Wright, Ralph Debnam, Gary Reese, Don Smith, Woodie Woodward, Chuck Liddick and Ralph Yurkus. None of our events would happen without the guidance and support of LOW’s Golf Pro, Rea Hargraves. This year Rea added to the fun by donning an “Old Time” golf outfit matching our theme “Remember When.”

Results of the tournament are as follows:
Overall Winners with a Low Score of 70: Nancy King and guest, Debbie Morey.
Flight A
1st Place: Sharon Debnam and guest, Phoebe Lyons - 73
2nd Place: Loretta Yurkus and guest, Anne Thaxter - 75*
3rd Place: Nancy Lentine and guest, Paula Williams - 75*

Flight B
1st Place: Sharon Carnical and guest, Linda Hanes - 79*
2nd Place: Sue Richards and guest, Terry Detoria - 79*
3rd Place: Phyllis Sakole and guest, Darrelene Sakole - 81

Flight C
1st Place: Karen Woods and guest, Candy O’Donnell - 82
2nd Place: Elaine Shirley and guest, Molly Fulton - 83
3rd Place: Diane Walsh and guest, Judy Danher - 86

*In accordance with USGA rules, the score on the back nine holes is used to determine winners when a score is tied.

Special Contests: On Hole #1 - Ball Closest to the Line
On Hole #17 - Ball Closest to the Pin (Please note: all the winners were guests!)

The Annual Sadie Hawkins Tournament will be held July 12.
Candidates from p. 1

For your convenience, candidate biographies are printed in this issue of Lake Currents. The biographies will also be included with the ballots when they are mailed July 29.

To further members’ knowledge of each candidate, the Elections Committee and Communications Department conducted video interviews with each candidate. The interviews are being broadcast on Channel 18 and will continue through the month of July. They can also be viewed on LOWA.org after login. The videos are located under the Administration tab click on Videos in the dropdown box.

The Candidates Forum for members to personally question all candidates in writing will be held on Sunday, July 31, from 4 to 6 PM in the Community Center. The Forum will also be videotaped and broadcast on Channel 18 beginning August 5.

Meet the candidates below and on the next three pages.

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**Carl D. Clawson**

**LOW Residence:** 103 Liberty Blvd.

**Family:** Wife: Vickie Spencer; two sons and a grandson.

**Education and Training:**

- Four years of Apprentice School with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America
- Journeyman’s certificate 1973. Also holds a Home Inspector certificate.

**Occupation / Career History:**

- 2014-2016: Retired Class A and Class B Contractor living in Lake of the Woods running a small repair business with my two sons.

**Community Service:**

**LOWA Committees**

- Voting member: Environmental Control Committee and Equestrian Committee. Secretary and Vice Chair of Maintenance and Ecology Committee.

**Clubs and Organizations**

- Volunteer with the LOW Church group Home Help supplying drawings for construction projects.
- Member of LOWLINC and Lake of the Woods Lions Club.
- I am and always will be an Eagle Scout. I served as Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 840 in Stafford for three years.
- Served as Unit Commissioner for the National Capitol Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.
- The Stafford County Parks and Recreation Board presented me with the Florence D. Helms Award for service to the youth of Stafford County.

**Experience Summary:**

- Leadership roles in military and industry
- Program management and financial responsibilities in wide spectrum of organizations
- Conference/meeting facilitator for building consensus and problem solving
- Corporate/volunteer non-profit association board of director experience
- President/VP/Treas/Director LOW Veterans Club President/VP

**Awards/Honors:**

- College – Dean’s List; Commandant’s List (Military Merit);
- Superintendent’s List (Academic and Military Excellence)
- Air Force – Outstanding Pilot and Top Gun Awards; multiple combat and service awards and decorations

**Professional Affiliations:**

- Air Force Association – Life Member
- Daedalian Association – Life Member
- Air Force Academy Association of Graduates – Life Member
- Professional Association of Diving Instructors

**Community Service:**

- President/Vice President, Council Square Homeowners Association

See Candidate Carl Clawson on p. 18

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**Bob Hoh**

**Born:** 1945

**LOW Residence:** 132 Madison Circle

**Family:** Spouse, Louise; two daughters; five grandchildren

**Education:**

- B.S. Civil Engineering, USAF Academy, 1966
- MBA, University of Utah, 1977
- Industrial College of the Armed Forces, 1981
- Defense Systems Management Executive Course, 1988
- Occupation: Retired; SCUBA diving instructor

**Career History:**

- 1962-1990: U.S. Air Force; pilot/instructor pilot; and command positions in fighter squadrons worldwide. Combat experience in the F-4, A-10 and other aircraft; 3500 hours flying time; international staff experience with North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) retired as a Colonel.
- 1990-1993: Program Manager, Network Solutions, Inc.
- 2003-2010: Vice President/Partner, CollabOrX
- 2010-Present: Founder/President, Operationally Focused Acquisition, LLC.

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Future issues for LOW, in my opinion, are meeting the needs of LOW, as communicated by our members, versus the restraints of what we have (not requiring the HOA to be increased), and increasing growth of our community. If elected, what do you see as the most important short- and/or long-term goals for the LOW community? Being relatively new to LOW (only 18 months), I view the future and the organizational needs of the Lake of the Woods community in two separate but parallel requirements: financial responsibility and growth. The future must incorporate both requirements as we grow our families and community. Organizationally there must be programs in place to ensure financial responsibility teamed with clear and concise communication to the LOW community, while mixing in programs to entice those outside LOW to want to move here.

Jeffrey Johnson

Born: 1967
LOW Residence: 216 Yorktown Blvd
Family: Wife, two daughters
Education: Bachelor’s in Business Administration and Business Management, Faulkner University, Montgomery, Ala.
Master’s in Education, Touro University, Vallejo, Calif.
Occupation: Computer forensic/ incident response specialist, Department of Education, Washington, DC.
Experience Summary: Retired after 26 years of service in Air Force, with the last 18 years as a federal agent with Air Force Office of Special Investigations.
Community Service: Member, Orange County Youth Commission

What personal strengths do you bring to the Board of Directors?
I believe I will contribute in many ways to LOW serving on the Board of Directors. I have many experiences from which to draw. I have held positions of trust throughout my military career, including being the director of the Afghan National Military Police School for a year in Afghanistan, being a superintendent for an Air Force detachment, and as commander of an Air Force detachment for three years as my last military assignment. Being able to serve on the LOW Board of Directors will be another way for me to give back to those I live with – the entire LOW community.

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Larry D. Morlan

Born: 1944
LOW Residence: 307 Green Street
Family: Wife: Joyce, one son, two grandsons
Education: Master’s in Public Administration, 1979, The University of Kansas
BS in Education, 1966, McPherson College, Kansas
Employment
Illinois State University, Bloomington Ill. (1998-2010)
• Assistant Vice President for University Advancement & Executive Director of Development, 1998-2005
• Assistant to the Athletic Director, 2006-Retirement in 2010
• Executive Director
• Director of Corporate and Foundation Support
• Associate Executive Campaign Director (1987-1991)
Kansas Department of Transportation, Topeka, Kan. (1977-1985)
• Chief, Management Services (1977-1982)
• Chief, Management and Budget (1982-1985)
• Chief, Computer Services (1983-1985)
Additional Experience
• Radio: Color Commentator, Kansas University Football and Basketball, 1972-1976
• Consulting in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 1980-1981
• School Board Member for Lawrence Unified School District #497, 1984-1988
• National AAU Swim Championship Meet Director, 1988
• Missouri Valley Swimming, Volunteer Family of the Year, 1989
Professional Associations:
• Lifetime Member of National Education Association
• Former Member American Society of Civil Engineers
• Lifetime Member of the Boone and Crockett Association
Community Service:
Lake of the Woods Neighborhood Watch Coordinator since September, 2013.
Safety and Security Committee and Communications Committee.
Personal Strengths
Throughout my service to boards and committees, I have brought leadership, a quiet resolve, the ability to listen and a preparedness on the issues. I have served tirelessly to bring civility and understanding to service to each represented group.
Most Urgent Issue
To sustain Lake of the Woods as an attractive, progressive, multi-generational community with tolerant, cooperative and informed leadership.
Short/Long Term Goals
• Build and maintain the health of Lake of the Woods lakes
• Improve member participation in LOWA decision making
• Address the issue of Sweetbriar pool
• Ensure that BOD decisions affecting the assessment take into account the impact on all households
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If the south end is congested with entering/exiting boat traffic, wake surfer, tuber, etc.) it is your responsibility to safely navigate lake traffic when exceeding No Wake Speed.

Boating Tips
by Julie Wilson, Chair, Lakes Committee

Skiing at the South End of the Lake
According to LOWA Use of the Lakes Rules (X.A.2.h.): “All motorized watercraft must keep a one hundred (100) foot clearance from other watercraft when exceeding No Wake Speed.”

This rule applies to the south end of the lake, too. As a boat driver pulling a “skier” (includes water skier, wake boarder, wake surfer, tuber, etc.) it is your responsibility to safely navigate lake traffic. If the south end is congested with entering/exiting boat traffic, you should (depending on the circumstances) slow down the speed at which you are towing your skier and/or turn back north to avoid entering the south end altogether. On occasion, it may be necessary to drop your skier.

There are hand signals that driver and skier use to communicate to one another; be sure that all are aware of the signals and their meaning before you head out.

What do you consider the most pressing problems facing LOW?
Attempting to keep assessments as low as practical while maintaining amenities.

Brian M. Sakacsi

Born: 1956
LOW Residence: 217 Birdie Road
Family: Wife, Stephanie, one son, two daughters, 12 grandchildren.
Education: Associate Degree in Data Processing
Occupation: Machinist

Experience Summary:
2007-2008: Automotive Mechanic, Great Smoky Mountains National Park
2001-2007: Truck Driver, One-Way Express, Inc., Bedford, Ohio

What do you consider the most pressing problems facing LOW?
Attending to keep assessments as low as practical while maintaining amenities.

Brian L. Smith

LOW Residence: 1226 Lakeview Parkway
Family: Wife, one daughter
Education: Bachelor of Science – Occupational Health and Safety, University of Environmental Science, Ala.
Associate in Applied Science (AASc) – Fire Protection Technology;
AASc - Emergency Medical Technician, Corning Community College, N.Y.
Occupation: Stay at home Dad, Entrepreneur

Experience Summary:
2014-Present: Private Police Officer for DOD Contractor
2001-2002: Supervising Investigator Fugitive Recovery, Chesapeake Investigations, Upper Marlboro, MD
Community Service: LOW Rescue Squad volunteer, two years. Supply Officer, one year. Previously, Volunteer Firefighter;
American Red Cross First Aid and CPR instructor, EMT, various communities.

What personal strengths do you bring to the Board of Directors?
I want to serve on the Board because I as well as many others feel that changes are needed and that the voice of the common person is not being heard. For a couple of years a number of people have been encouraging me to run. The time has come.

What do you consider the most pressing problems facing LOW?
What I and many others feel is of great concern is the urban sprawl creeping upon us and people feeling that their voice is not being heard with the county forcing this growth upon us. But more importantly, many of us feel that our money is not being wisely spent.

If elected, what do you see as the most important short-and/or long-term goals for the LOW community?
Short-term goals: Many are concerned about the amount of registered sex offenders living in the area as well as in the Lake itself. I share this concern. This is a major safety issue for our children. With the demographics of this community changing from older to younger, we need to look at ways that we can legally take to safeguard our children. The Pools and the Fitness Center have popped up since this was answered. While these are longer term issues, it is an immediate need now. We need a balance between having non-functioning pools and Kings Dominion North as has been printed on.

See Candidate Brian Smith on p. 18

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Eventually young families will complete. This may result in a term goals for the LOW community? Many capital projects both current and future will require additional funds to may create a negative atmosphere as to future ownership within LOW.

What do you consider the most pressing problems facing LOWA? If elected, what do you see as the most important short-and/or long-term goals for the LOW community? What do you think we should strive to provide amenities that the majority of the members would support and utilize. Maintain and repair before we reach a critical stage so that they will not become or enter a state of disrepair, which will then necessitate expenditures and result in additional financial burden on the community.

Long Range: Let’s make sure we clearly define needs over wants, keep our facilities, streets and all public areas maintained, well managed and attractive so visitors will say, “I want to live at Lake of the Woods too.”

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Michael Tait
Born: 1946
LOW Residence: 315 Edgehill Drive
Family: Wife, Lisanne Zabka, two sons, one daughter, six grandchildren.
Education: Bachelor of Science- Psychology and Business; Masters – Divinity; PhD – Environmental Engineering
Occupation: Retired
Experience Summary:
Forty-five years in the water treatment industry, starting as a water treatment technician and ending as a vice president/technical director.
Community Service:
• Served on the board of directors of Ridge Point HOA in Falmouth.
• Vice chairman of Maintenance and Ecology Committee.
• Alternate on Pools Committee and also newly-formed Ad Hoc Pools and Fitness Committee.
What do you consider the most pressing problems facing LOWA: Assessment fees seem to climb every year. We should try to manage our assessment fees so that we encourage families to join our community. Eventually young families will find it difficult or impossible to locate here. Many capital projects both current and future will require additional funds to complete. This may result in a financial burden to the community that possibly may create a negative atmosphere as to future ownership within LOWA.
If elected, what do you see as the most important short-and/or long-term goals for the LOW community?
Short-term goals: I think we should strive to provide amenities that the majority of the members would support and utilize. Maintain and repair before we reach a critical stage so that they will not become or enter a state of disrepair, which will then necessitate expenditures and result in additional financial burden on the community.
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Jennifer L. Zukowski
Born: 1950
LOW Residence: 113 Indian Hills Road
Family: Husband, Walter Zukowski, three daughters and three grandsons
Education: Bachelors in Sociology, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
Occupation: Retired Manager of Attorney Employment and Professional Development
Experience Summary: Over 18 years in attorney recruiting and professional development
Community Service:
• Member, Board Ad Hoc Committee on the Pool/Fitness Center/Outdoor Recreation Complex, March 3, 2016 to present
• Founding Director, non-profit, 501(c)(3) Friends of Lake of the Woods; currently serving as Board Secretary, November 2015 to present
• Member of the Planning Committee, February 2015 to present; currently serving as Chair of the 2016-2020 Land Use Study subcommittee
• Member/Advisor/Alternate and again Member of the Fitness Committee, 2008 to present
• Volunteer Fitness Center orientation for new members, 2008 to present (Certified Personal Trainer, May 12, 2002 -May 12, 2016)
• Project EXCEL volunteer at Locust Grove Primary School, September 2015 to present
• EMT, Lake of the Woods Fire & Rescue, 2009-2010
What personal strengths do you bring to the Board of Directors?
• Enjoy working with people of disparate views
• Finding creative ways to solve problems for the greater good
• Awareness of issues facing the community
• Awareness of the need to maintain an aging infrastructure while keeping costs within reason.
• Perspective of a LOWA resident since 1990 (26 years)
What do you consider the most pressing problems facing LOWA?
The biggest challenge facing our community is meeting the needs of a diverse population while managing costs. If elected, what do you see as the most important short-and/or long-term goals for the LOW community?
Short-term goals: Facilitating communication between the Board, Administration and the community, maintaining the health of our lakes, improving the traffic situation at the front gate, supporting activities for the youth of our community, and studying how we can maintain our aging infrastructure at the most reasonable cost, without sacrificing the integrity of our community.
Long-term goals: Consider that new or improved infrastructure be built to last 20 years or more so that we don’t make an endless number of quick fixes, spreading out over several years, that might cost the community more in the long term. Encourage members to be aware of the 2013 Orange County Comprehensive Plan, in particular the 2015 Germanna-Wilderness Area Plan (GWAP), and how it might affect Lake of the Woods.
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**LOWA Regular Board Meeting**

Tuesday, July 19, 7 PM, CC

**Coffee and Conversation with Board Members**

Thursday, July 28, 7 PM, CH

**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.

**Ad Hoc 50th Anniversary:**

7/11, 1 PM, CC

Tennis: 7/11, 4 PM, CC

**External Affairs:** 7/11, 7 PM, CC

Community/Youth: 7/11, 7 PM, CC

Equestrian: 7/12, 1:30 PM, CC

Pools: 7/12, 3 PM, CC

Ad Hoc Pool/Fitness Center w/ Lukemire: 7/12, 5 PM, CC

Lukemire will present design concepts

Clubhouse: 7/13, 1 PM, CH

Ad Hoc Pool/fitness: 7/14, 3 PM, CC

Honor Awards: 7/15, 10 AM, CC

Lakes: 7/18, 7 PM, WC

Rules: 7/19, 4 PM, CC

M&E: 7/20, M-CR

LCC Meeting: 7/20, 7:30 PM, WC

LCC Hearing: 7/20, 8 PM, WC

ECC: 7/21, 6:30 AM, WC

Investment: 7/25, 1 PM, CC

Treasurer’s Mtg to immediately follow Golf: 7/25, 3 PM, WC

**Program Schedule**

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**LOWA Special Board Meeting (July 5):**

To discuss actions needed for Sweetbriar Pool

- 6 AM 11 AM 6 PM 11 PM

**LOWA Board Candidates Interviews (July 4):**

Jack Spadaro, Elections Committee, interviews eight candidates vying for five Board positions opening Labor Day

- 7 AM 12 PM 7 PM 12 AM

**Tips from the Pro – Rea Hargraves, LOW PGA Pro:**

- 6:45 AM 11:45 AM 6:45 PM 11:45 PM

**LOW Independence Day Celebration (July 2):**

- 9 AM 2 PM 9 PM 2 AM

**LOWA Administration – Louisa Rucker, LOWA Board President:**

Calls for members to submit their Golf Referendum ballots

- 4 PM 4 AM

**LOWA Special Board Meeting (July 1):**

Jack Spadaro, Elections Committee, interviews eight candidates vying for five Board positions opening Labor Day

- 6 AM 10 AM 6 PM 10 PM

**LOWA Administration – Louisa Rucker, LOWA Board President:**

Calls for members to submit their Golf Referendum ballots

- Showing after each program

**LOW Club Report – LOW Garden Club, Come Join Us!**

Dan Greene, Club President

- Showing after each program

**Real Virginia (Early July Report):**

- 4 PM 4 AM

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- 8:45 AM 12:45 PM 8:45 PM 12:45 AM

**Channel 18 History Series:**

Where America Began: Jamestown, Williamsburg, Yorktown

- 9 AM 1 PM 9 PM 1 AM

**LOW Club Report – LOW Lioness Club, Come Join Us!**

Karen Cakouris, Club President

- Showing after each program

**Real Virginia (Mid July Report):**

- 8 AM 12 PM 8 PM 12 AM

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9 Association News

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Notice of Meetings & Events

Saturday, July 9
9 AM Tennis Social (HF Courts), $2. Info: Miff 412-5958.
5 PM Good Time Cruisers Car Show (LG Town Center), free. Info: Dan 972-1570.

Tuesday, July 12
5 PM Orange County Board of Supervisors Meeting (Gordon Bldg.). Info: orangecountyya.gov.

Wednesday, July 13
5 PM Civic Club Meeting (CH). Info: Pat 540-735-7998.

Saturday, July 16

Monday, July 18
10 AM AARP Meeting (CH). Info: Carolyn 972-3306.

Tuesday, July 19
7 PM LOWA Regular Board Meeting (CC). Info: 972-2214.

Friday, July 22
10:30 AM Civil War Study Group (LLCH). Info: Craig 972-2844.
7 PM Concert on Clubhouse Point.

To reserve meeting space in all facilities: Woods Center, Community Center, Lower Level Clubhouse, and Sweetbriar Park/ Pavilion, contact Sylvia at 972-9680, or see “Forms” at LOWA.org.

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

July Events
8 Friday Night Couples Event, (contact Janet Thompson), 5 PM Shotgun
12 Sadie Hawkins Golf Tournament, 8:30 AM Shotgun
14 Sr. League Match: LOW vs. Fredericksburg, 9 AM Shotgun
16 PGA Junior League: LOW vs. Augustine, 5 PM Shotgun
18-22 Second Beginner Junior Golf Camp
23-24 Male/Female Golf Tournament, 8:30 AM Shotgun

On June 14-15, we held the LGA Member-Guest Golf Tournament. This year’s event was hosted by Kathy Smith and Sharon Debnam. The theme was “Remember when...” with 52 ladies participating in the event. The format was Ryder Cup: Holes #1-#6 was Captain’s Choice, Holes #7-#12 was Alternate Shot, and Holes #13-#18 was the Best Net Score of the Twosome. The weather was great and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the tournament!

The Overall Low Score winners were Nancy King and Debbie Morey “A” Flight winners were Sharon Debnam and Phoebe Lyons “B” Flight winners were Sharon Carmical and Linda Hanes “C” Flight winners were Karen Woods and Candy O’Donnell

On June 25-26 LOWA hosted the Spring Two-Person Team. This tournament was three separate events: Ladies, Men and Senior Men. We had 58 players in the tournament.

The Ladies Overall Low Gross was won by Denise Reese and Debbie May with a score of 177. The Overall Low Net was won by Lisa Halpin and Louise Hoh with a score of 130.

The Men’s Division, 1st Gross was won by Dave Baker and Dave Lloyd with a 140. The 1st Net was won by David Kerr and James Harrell with a 119.

The Senior Men’s Division, 1st Gross was won by Charles Mincey and Ralph Debnam with a 155. The 1st Net was won by JT Darby and Mike Hill with a 120.

On Saturday June 25 LOWA PGA Junior Golf Team was successful in their match against Lee’s Hill #2. LOWA’s score was 9 to 3. Way to go team!

Our next home match will be July 16 against Augustine.

I look forward to seeing you on the course!

LGA Member-Guest Golf Tournament participants

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Spring Two-Person Team

(left) Men’s Division winners: Dave Lloyd and Dave Baker;
(right) First Net winners: David Kerr and James Harrell

(left) Ladies Overall LOW Gross winners: Denise Reese and Debbie May; (right) Senior Men’s Division first gross winners: Charles Mincey and Ralph Debnam

(left) First net winners: Mike Hill and JT Darby; (right) Overall Low Net winners: Lisa Halpin and Louise Hoh

Photos by Rea Hargraves
Wounded Veterans Adaptive Water Sport Event
by Jordy de Boer, President, LOW Adaptive Watersports

If you happened to notice that the point was bustling and a bit crowded on June 4 here is why: Lake of the Woods Adaptive Watersports was hosting their second Wounded Veterans Event. The event was an amazing success! With around 20 veterans, over 50 of their family members and 75 volunteers, a fun day was had by all. Activities such as fishing, swimming, playing in the sand, lawn games, paddle boarding, kayaking, boat rides, tubing, and waterskiling with assistance (on a triple bar or in a specially designed sit ski) were enjoyed by all who attended. Many of our veterans are dealing with added stress and challenges in their lives, and our goal was to treat them to a relaxing day of fun on the water. I believe our mission was accomplished. The attendance was triple that of last year’s event and screams of excitement and laughter could be heard all over the point and out on the water.

We want to extend a HUGE thank you to Clearwater Grill for catering the event with a delicious barbecue lunch and to all the amazing volunteers who helped give back to our wounded local heroes and their families! Thank you as well to Food Lion for their much needed and very appreciated donation and support.

Planning has already begun for our children’s event on August 6, and we want to invite the community to participate in the event by volunteering, inviting friends and families who qualify, and/or submitting donations. This event is designed for any child who is differently-abled and between the ages of 5 and 21 who would otherwise not have such an opportunity to be out on the water. Children from all over the state and beyond are expected to attend and participants are already signing up.

Please visit our website: adaptivewatersports.org and learn how you can help support our cause by either volunteering or donating.

Last but not least we would also like to thank the community for allowing us to share the magic of our lake and this wonderful community with our local heroes and these special families. The word is getting out about how we want to invite the community to participate in the event by volunteering, and please visit our website at lowswim.org.

The board of the LOW Barracudas would like to encourage you to visit our website and to learn more about the wonderful sponsors who will help to make the 2016 Barracudas swim season a success. Please thank Sheetz, Design Craft Homes, B & N Farms, JK Carpets, Orthopedic Specialty Clinic, Getty and Associates, PC, Mosquito Squad, Johnson Funeral Home, and Locust Grove Veterinary Clinic for their support. Rich Harrington of Mid-Atlantic Securities and Kelly Dodson of Coldwell Banker Elite not only have swimmers on the team but they have put their money where their heart is to support the Barracudas. Thank you again, to all the Barracudas sponsors. While we cannot put banners up at Sweet Briar this year, your support is invaluable.

Photo Provided

Barracudas Dive into a New Season
by Megan Harlan, Barracudas Board Member

Against the odds, the LOW Barracudas started the 2016 swim season with their first meet against Ferry Farm. While the event was the Barracudas first loss of the season (387-112), the team made a very good showing against a team that is ranked in a higher division. Eight-year-old Rowan Turner had an especially good night, taking first place in the 25 Freestyle (19.53), 25 Backstroke (24.27) and 25 Breast Stroke (25.76) in his age group. Rowan is our first triple winner of the 2016 summer swim season.

The Barracudas have adapted nicely to their temporary setting at Clubhouse Pool. While some had worried they wouldn’t have enough time or space, the five lanes are accommodating us nicely. While we will not be hosting any meets at Clubhouse Pool, all Lake of the Woods residents are invited to join us at our meets outside the neighborhood. For a full list of meet dates, times and venues, please visit our website at lowswim.org.

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Photo by Megan Harlan
Rowan Turner, 8 years old, Triple Winner against Fawn Lake.
Finding Gems in Virginia’s Largest Regional Archives
by Craig Rains, CWSGI President

Elizabeth Daly of the Central Rappahannock Heritage Center (CRHC) board of directors will speak about the CRHC archives and the preservation of several hundred thousand historic documents and photos to the Civil War Study Group on Friday, July 22, at 10:30 AM. The presentation will be in the lower level of the Clubhouse.

Located in the former Maury School building in downtown Fredericksburg, the Central Rappahannock Heritage Center is the largest regional archives repository in the Commonwealth. Almost daily, it receives hundreds of items of historical interest donated by families and organizations in Central Virginia. The Center’s staff and volunteers record and file individual items in more than 120,000 separate archives in a climate-controlled environment that will preserve them for future generations. It also has staff to assist in genealogy research and is a treasure trove for researchers.

Ms. Daly will emphasize the Civil War archives and discuss the publication of the book “The Circle Unbroken: Civil War Letters of the Knox Family of Fredericksburg” that was co-produced by CRHC and Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, Inc. in 2013. She was a transcriber and researcher for the book.

Everyone with an interest in history or historical research is welcome. For more information about the program or the Civil War Study Group, contact Craig Rains 972-2844 or go to civilwarstudygroup.org.
Progress Report on Living Water Clinic at AARP Meeting
by Charlotte Baker, Publicity, AARP Chapter 5239

The Living Water Community Clinic, a new venture in the eastern part of Orange County, is up and running and welcoming patients. Pastor Adam Colson, of the Lake of the Woods Church will talk about its history, progress so far, what is happening currently, and how it is benefitting area residents. Many people and groups nearby have seen the need for medical care for eligible uninsured people in this area and have joined together to support the effort. We look forward to hearing the latest update.

AARP members and visitors are invited to come to the LOWA Clubhouse on Monday, July 18, 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 Needs Good Babysitters
by Mary Lou McFarland, Lake Youth Foundation

Students between the ages of 11 and 14 can sign up for the babysitter training class offered by the Lake Youth Foundation August 11 and 12 from 9 AM to 12:30 PM. Students learn safety training, First Aid and CPR. The class teaches how to diaper and care for a baby, care for toddlers and much more. This is not a sit-and-listen class, but more a chance to role play situations that may occur.

Applications are available from the Holcomb Building and on the Lake Youth Foundation website Lakeyouth.org. They must be turned in by August 1 to the Community Center Office. Cost for the class is $25. Make checks payable to LYF. We add our graduates’ names to the babysitter list which is available to all parents at the Community Center. The class is a fun way to end the summer. Sign up now! For more information call Mary Lou at 972-1483.

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Notices
July 25-30, Vacation Bible School “Cave Quest” at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 6170 Plank Rd, Fburg from 5:30-8:15PM for preschool to adults. A light dinner at 5:30 PM will be provided. Info: 540-786-778 or visit our website at www.resurrectionpeople.org. All are welcome.

July 30, Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department Fair. Fun for the whole family! Car, Truck, Tractor & Motorcycle Show at 10 AM; Lawn & Garden Tractor Pull at 3 PM. 20057 Fleetwood Heights Rd, Brandy Station (Culpeper County). For a full listing of events go to www.bsvfd.com.

New/Coloring Book Club starting. Join the group for relaxation, calm and warm conversation and creativity. Call Terry at 540-412-2282.

Lake of the Woods Ecdotic Book Club. Join us for an evening of lively discussion, an exchange of ideas, and friendship. We meet the Last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Here’s our schedule for the next few months:
- Wednesday, July 27: Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson
- Wednesday, August 31: Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins
- Wednesday, September 28: The Alchemist by Paul Coelho
  Info/location: Geraldine, 540-388-2449 or email geraldinestarot@gmail.com.
- September 14, AARP Baseball Game.
  NY Mets vs. Washington Nats, 4 PM. Tickets $70. Bus departs 1 PM from LLCH parking lot. Info: Nick 972-0350; Dave 571-334-4913; John 972-4883.
- Car Show-Cruise-In hosted by the Good Time Cruisers Car Club. From April through October join in the fun on the second Saturday of each month at the Locust Grove Town Center, from 5 PM until dark. Oldies music and 50/50 raffle. Free event and family friendly; please bring canned goods for local food bank. Info: Dan 972-1570.
- Project EXCEL. Looking for a way to help the children in your community? The Orange County Office on Youth is looking for volunteers to tutor elementary school students who are as much as a year behind in math or reading.

As little as an hour per week could make a big difference! Info: Amy Bisceo, projectexcel.uv@gmail.com or 540-645-8118.

Lost or Found Pets in LOW can be posted on facebook.com/LOWLostandFoundpets.

Hearing Aids/Eyeglasses Recycled: Place unused hearing aids and eyeglasses in LOW Lions boxes at Wells Fargo Bank, Wilderness Pharmacy, LOW Hair Studio, LOW Security, and Dr. Stephen Lord in Orange.

Fundraisers
The LOW Lions Golf Tournament will be Friday, September 23 at the LOW Golf Course, 1 PM Shotgun Start and 11:30 AM Putting Contest. Coed 4-person Scramble. Get a team together or we will pair you up. $65/person (before Sept. 1) Includes: green/cart fees/dinner/prizes. All monies raised will be used to support local charities. For more information contact Lak at 540-840-8979.

LOW Directory. The current Directory is on sale for $10 at Member Services area in the lower level Holcomb Bldg. Sales benefit F&R. Information: Mary Lee Hensel at mhensel59@gmail.com.

Bargains! The Lions/Velona Bldg. is open for sales and drop-offs on Saturdays each month from 9 AM to noon. For furniture pick-ups, call John at 972-1187; for Velona sales, call Dan at 972-3531; for selling furniture, call Norm at 540-205-5529 or Stan at 412-9854.

Cause 4 Paws. We are in need of volunteers, cat food, and monetary donations. Proceeds benefit feline rescue. Donations are tax deductible as we are a 501(c)3 charity. Info: LA, 972-4960 and Darlene, 972-8038.

LOW Lioness Book Sale. Used books will be sold on the last Saturday of each month from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM at the Ferris Bldg. Proceeds go to the Benefice Fund. Book donations are accepted at our book sales and on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30-11 AM. Closed in December and January. Info: Ann, 972-4338; Sherrin, 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.

Hound. Humane Society. Dog and cat related T-shirts for sale, call Betty at 972-3820. Proceeds benefit the animals of Orange County. Donations to OCHS are tax-deductible, we are a 501(c)3 charitable corporation and donations can be mailed to OCHS, P.O. Box 852, Locust Grove, VA 22508. Website orangecountyhumanesociety.org and Like us on Facebook. Thank you for your support.

Human Services
Al-Anon Meeting: Every Tues. at 7 PM, LOW Church, Founders Room. Info: Tom, 540-661-2128.
Alcoholics Anonymous: Meetings are held at LOW Church, 7 PM, every Mon. (Rm 505), Wed. (Cabin), and Fri. (Rm 505). Info: LOW Church 972-9060.
Alzheimer & Dementia Support Group: Third Wed. at 10 AM, Room 210/211. Info: LOW Church 972-9060.
Alzheimer’s Support Group: 6:30-7:30 PM, Culpeper County Library, 271 Southgate Shopping Ctr. FREE. Learn tools needed in each stage of the disease to support both care partners and those diagnosed. Open to all. Meets third Tuesday. By Alzheimer’s Association's Caregiver Support Groups. Call to confirm group is meeting. Info: Kathy Walker, 825-3100, ext. 3416, or kwalker@ncbs.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 first aid and CPR, practiced handling babies with confidence, and learned fun activities for children. Info: Diane, 972-8634, or email LYF at info@lakeyouth.org.

LOW Lions/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, 972-9867.

LOW Lions/Velona 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 570-229-7415.

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 other month in the lower level Clubhouse, from 1-7 PM. To give blood, you must be generally healthy, at least 18 years of age, and weigh at least 110 pounds. The next blood drive will be July 26. Info: Lalli, 540-241-9424.

Seeking Counseling? The LOW Church offers free counseling by appointment. We care. Info: Church, 972-9060.


Thinkin’ About Quittin’: Free, individualized stop smoking program. Culpeper Regional Hospital, 829-4190.

Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services Care-A-Van will provide transportation to health care (including picking up prescription medications) and legal appointments for senior citizens (over 60) and persons (over 18) with physical disabilities. Available Monday-Friday with minimum of 48 hours notice. Free Service (but donations are encouraged) Call 540-825-3100 ext. 3358 or 3013.

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The “Viewpoints” page in Lake Currents provides members of the Lake of the Woods Association an opportunity for an exchange of ideas with each other on issues affecting our community.

These issues may include, but are not limited to:
1. Matters proposed to/under consideration by/decided by the Board of Directors, the Administration, and/or standing and ad hoc Committees;
2. Any aspect of existing or proposed amenities;
3. Recommendations from individual members for changes in policies, administrative procedures, covenants, by-laws, and other governing documents;
4. Security and related concerns;
5. Use, maintenance, and operation of LOWA buildings, grounds, parks and roads; and
6. Actions affecting Lake of the Woods taken by Orange County, other jurisdictions, and/or governmental agencies.

Letters should not exceed 175 words.

When the number of eligible letters exceeds available space, first-time or infrequent contributors will be given priority. Letters not selected for publication should not be held over for more than one subsequent edition. Members must be in good standing with the Association.

“Viewpoints” letters will be published on the members only section of the LOWA website.

Members expressing opinions in Viewpoints are communicating directly with each other, and their comments should (1) meet basic standards of civility and accuracy and (2) avoid direct or indirect criticism of individuals.

Comments regarding organizations not under LOWA jurisdiction should be addressed directly to those organizations. Letters regarding commercial businesses or services will not be published. Respect for the diversity within the LOW community does not permit publication of letters advocating partisan political or sectarian religious opinions.

The Viewpoints column is normally one page in length.

Lake of the Woods Community Wide Yard Sale July 23
by Donna Merryman, Volunteer Coordinator, Community Yard Sale

Mark your calendar now for the Community Wide Yard Sale being held July 23 from 8 AM-1 PM. Sales will be held on the following streets: Eastover, Lakeview, Green, Fairfax, Liberty, Yorktown, Bircheside, Stratford, Dogwood, Washington, Confederate, Marble, Patrick Henry, Fairway, Harrison, Cavalier, Gold Valley, Edgemont Lane, Pine Valley and Saylers Creek with more homes being added daily. If you are in need of a treasure, July 23 is the day to get up early and head out to these amazing sales!

If you would like to have your home included please complete a yard sale form available at the Holcomb Building and join in the fun. You can set your sale up at your own home. For more information, please email me at Donna.Merryman@aol.com and I’ll be happy to assist you.
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For more information, contact Pat Licata at 540.735.7998.
Board Candidates

Candidate Carl Clawson from p. 5

- Board of Directors with S.E.R.V.E. (Stafford Emergency Relief through Volunteer Efforts), a non-profit organization in Stafford County Virginia to help the less fortunate with counseling, food, medication assistance, clothing and financial assistance in times of need.

What personal strengths do you bring to the Board of Directors?

I wish to serve on the board to help with the coordination between the Members, Committees and Management. I believe that my background as a businessman running a construction company for over 40 years before my retirement and my participation as a coordinator of volunteers of various projects over the years more than qualify me as a volunteer for the board.

If elected, what do you see as the most important short and/or long-term goals for the LOW community?

I will always be looking for ways to reduce the member’s assessments and cut back on spending.

The problem that I believe that is pressing now is the money being spent on studies from outside sources on projects that never come to pass, for example the Equestrian Center that was to be built behind 9.9. We must work within our budget.

Candidate Bob Hoh from p. 5

- Volunteer judge for FIRST high school robotics regional/national competitions
- Treasurer and Board of Directors, Boys Club, Glendale, Ariz.
- Church Youth Group Leader

What personal strengths do you bring to the Board of Directors?

Leadership – consistent, reliable decisions in a wide range of high-stress situations

Experience – effective manager in organizations of all sizes

Dedication – successful military and civilian careers spanning 50+ years

Patience – worked with wide spectrum of personalities in government and industry

What do you think is the most urgent issue facing LOWA?

Channeling LOW’s amazing talent and energy toward constructive cooperation on the many issues facing our community.

If elected, what do you see as the most important short and/or long-term goals for the LOW community?

Short: Review, refine, decide and execute plans currently under consideration; for example, the third gate and the repair/revitalization of our amenities.

Long: Position LOW to be a viable and desirable community that will meet the needs and expectations of the next generation buyers and residents.

Candidate Brian Smith from p. 7

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I believe that we need to repair and maintain the existing properties and equipment that we have before we start future projects. Where will we find the money to fix and repair the existing properties if we are spending our Capital on future projects? I will always be looking for ways to reduce the member’s assessments and cut back on spending.

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Long Term Goals:

As for the future and organizational needs of the Community, some things are going well, others need change. There needs to be a balance struck or possibly elimination of some items. But most important is being able to bring new residents into the Community to fill these many, many vacant homes. The reasons why they don’t want to move here need to be addressed and changed.
Registration Open for Lions Golf Tournament by Lion Su Bielmeier, Lions Club

Attention all Golfers. It’s time to sign up for the annual LOW Lions Club Charity Golf Tournament scheduled for Friday, September 23 at the Lake of the Woods Golf Course.

The tournament will have a shotgun start at 1 PM and a Putting Contest beginning at 11:30 AM. This is a 4 person co-ed scramble format. Mulligans, Red Tees, and raffle tickets are available. Hole-in-One wins a car! The cost is $65 before Sept. 1; then $75. Proceeds benefit the LOW Lions benevolence fund to support its sight and hearing programs, food pantry, medical equipment loan program, and other charitable activities. Register by calling Lak at 540-840-8979, or get the form at the Lions website: lowlions.org.

LOWVAC Gives Back to the Community by Gaylen Smoak, Member, LOW Visual Arts Council

Thank you, thank you, thank you! We wanted to let our LOW neighbors and friends know how much we appreciate your continued support of our annual Art Show and Sale, and how the proceeds of your generosity were spent. Did you know that all of the raffle receipts, entrance fees, and 15 percent of each sale are held in reserve and then given out in the form of grants to the local schools’ arts teachers? We only keep enough for a small advertising budget and operating costs for next year’s show. This year you helped us donate $2,300 to six different arts teachers to support art experience projects that were beyond their limited budgets.

Here is some of what your generosity purchased: large top-loading art frames to be displayed in the center hallway for a rotating exhibit of student work; a Canon camera so students could make professional quality photographs of their art to create their own portfolios; paper making supplies; seed money toward a pottery kiln; and a $100 donation to LOW Players to help fund the production costs of their wonderful performances.

If you missed out on being one of the lucky ones to buy a gift and give a gift, our next Art Show and Sale will be October 15 and 16. We would love to have any LOW artists enter their work in the show as well. For further details, please contact Jan Moore at 972-9355 or Sallie Wallace at 972-0412.

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DAR Sets a New World Record by Kerry Grcyzynski, Chaplain, Susannah Chandler Chapter, DAR

The 125th National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Continental Congress attempted to set a world record by collecting the “Most letters to military personnel collected in one month.” The goal was to officially set a Guinness World record by collecting 10,000 cards and letters. Each letter had to be personally written to an active duty military member.

Two members of the Susannah Chandler Chapter, DAR; Robbie Rokosz, Chapter Regent and Kerry Grcyzynski, Chapter Chaplain, hand delivered 49 cards to the Collection Station at the 125th NSDAR Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. Chapter members, family and friends at Lake of the Woods and in Fredericksburg were delighted to write a hand written note to active duty members of their family or to choose an active duty military member from a list provided by the NSDAR. Sons and daughters, grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews were written to, thanking them for their service to our country.

On Saturday evening, June 18, National Defense Night, the total was to be given at the end of the evening program. Attendees at Constitution Hall were anxious to find out whether or not the goal of 10,000 letters collected had been achieved. As the total was placed on the jumbo screen the crowd went wild with excitement as the numbers started at a few thousand and then progressed to the final total of 100,904 cards and letters. More than ten times the original goal had been collected during the week of the Congress. The members of the Susannah Chandler Chapter want to sincerely thank those who participated in this project. They and the letter recipients have become part of a new world record. Congratulations on a job well done.
Waterski Club Pete Johnson Memorial Tournament
by Shane Quinlan, LOW Water Ski Club

On Saturday, June 18, the LOW Waterski Club held its annual fun tournament. The day consisted of a competition at Bear Lake, a dedicated slalom lake in Spotsylvania. Our competitors showed their slalom skills in front of the roughly 100 people in attendance. The club would like to thank everyone who participated in this event and made it a huge success.

Trophy winners in each age group were as follows:

Girls 1 (age 9 and under)
1- Lianna Deboer
2- Abby Quinlan
3- Natalie Pettyjohn

Boys 1 (age 9 and under)
1- Seamus Quinlan
2- Ethan Pettyjohn
3- Johnny Winter

Girls 2 (age 10-13)
1- Calyn Ingram
2- Abby Quinlan
3- Natalie Pettyjohn

Boys 2 (age 10-13)
1- Josh Benner
2- Ethan Pettyjohn
3- Johnny Winter

Girls 3 (Age 14-17)
1- Corinne Marr
2- Annaleah Schatzler
3- Sondra Moore

Boys 3 (Age 14-17)
1- Chamberlain Cotton
2- Franklin Farrel
3- Chance Prine

Men’s 1 (Age 18-24)
1- Eric Kronenwetter

Men’s 3 (Age 35-44)
1- Jordy Deboer
2- Brent Pettyjohn

Men’s 4 (Age 45-52)
1- Simon Gray

Chess Anyone?
by Matthew Asai, LOW Chess Club

School’s over. Looking for something challenging and fun? Learn to play chess! The LOW Chess Club is offering chess lessons for young and old. Join us at the Community Center in Classroom One from 10 AM to noon on the second Thursday; and 6:30-8:30 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month. Contact Matthew Asai, 540-659-3414 for additional information.

Chess’ benefits:
• It can raise your IQ. Chess has always had an image problem, being seen as a game for brainiacs and people with already high IQs.
• It may help to prevent Alzheimer’s.
• It exercises both sides of the brain.
• It increases your creativity.
• It improves your memory.
• It teaches you the benefits of planning ahead.
• It teaches you the consequences of your moves.

Chess Anyone?

Nelson Wins June Angler Tournament
by Joe Lentine, Reporter, LOW Anglers

Saturday June 11 was a hot and blistering day to be fishing but teams from the LOW Anglers went out to search for bass. The fish proved to be very hard to find that day! Dave Nelson, fishing solo, worked his favorite points with jigs and jerk baits to put together what normally would be considered a meager total weight of 8.71 pounds, but on this day, it turned out to be the winning bag. With 17 boats covering the lake, it was hard at times to get to your intended spot, as Denny Heck and Joe Lentine of the GrandPop-R’s found out. Looking to move to one of their sweet spots, they noticed another boat was there, so they reluctantly fished the area they were in a bit longer. To their surprise a precise soft plastic bait thrown by Joe Lentine up against a bulkhead was gobbled up by the big fish of the day, weighing in at a hefty 3.97 pounds. You never know what the next cast will bring! The bags brought to the weigh-in were tightly bunched with mere ounces making a difference in the overall results.

The top five finishers in the June 11 event were as follows:
1 – Dave Nelson: 5 fish total 8.71 lbs.
2 – Glue Monkey (James Hostclka & Wayne Doorman): 5 fish total 8.69 lbs.
3 – Lake Record (Barry Priddy & Jesse Foster): 5 fish total 7.95 lbs.
4 – Wall to Wall (John Kulick & Bill Barnes): 5 fish total 7.55 lbs.
5 – Team Extreme (Mark Nowacki & John Micks): 5 fish total 6.91 lbs.

Big Fish – Joe Lentine – 3.97 lbs.

The June event caused some changes in the overall point standings - used to determine the Angler of the Year title and entry into the LOW Classic Tournament. After four events, the team standings are:
1 – Lucky Charms - 560 points
2 – Lake Record - 510 points
2 – Team Extreme - 510 points
4 – Hay Seeds - 505 points
5 – G-Unit - 475 points

All fish were released safely back in the lake after weigh-in. The next LOW Angler tournament will be Saturday July 16 from 6 AM to noon. For more information regarding the LOW Anglers, please go to the website: lowangler.webs.com.

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Downpour Cuts Concert Short
by Carolyn Rourke, Board Member, LOWLINC

LOWLINC was pleased to be hospitality host for the June 24 Concert on the Point. This concert is generously sponsored by area businesses that serve Lake of the Woods and is held once a month during the summertime. LOW clubs and organizations are invited to serve as hospitality host to welcome concert-goers, conduct fund raising and tidy up the venue after the concert. We visited with attendees about LOWLINC and conducted a 50/50 fund-raiser (raffle tickets are sold, with 50 percent of the take coming to the raffle winner and 50 percent coming to the organization).

At intermission, just as LOWLINC President Jeff Flynn was preparing to announce the winner of the 50/50 raffle, the skies opened up and the rains poured down. Concert-goers scrambled for shelter, and as the rain continued, everyone started making their way to their cars. The winning raffle ticket number was never revealed.

By the time this article appears, it will have been two weeks since the concert and hopefully the winner will have come forth. If not, we are still looking! The winning ticket number was 6434530. If you have this ticket, call us at 1-855-LOWLINC (569-5462) to claim the cash ($172). If the prize isn’t claimed, LOWLINC will work with the concert sponsors to determine the best way to handle it.

Despite the downpour that ended the evening early, it was a fun time, and LOWLINC is honored to have been a part. These free concerts have become a big element of the summertime fun here at the lake, and we salute the area businesses that make them possible: DesignCraft Homes, Inspired Electrical, Locust Grove True Value Hardware, Locust Grove Veterinary Clinic and Townsend Home Health and Hospice Care.

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

A couple of weeks ago, I had the opportunity to meet some of the Orange County elections officers at a luncheon honoring their service. Many of these individuals have served for many years, with several having served for 25 years and one for 40 years. These people are serving a very important function at all levels of our government; federal and state as well as local. The upcoming presidential and congressional elections this fall will need a full slate of election officers to ensure a smooth election process. Additional people are needed to staff the county’s election precincts for this coming election. Training is provided and there is compensation of $125 or more. If you are interested in serving this most important civic function, you can get more information at the Office of Voter Registration and Elections under county government on the county’s website.

Orange County is moving ahead with efforts to upgrade public safety communications and to provide broadband services throughout the county. At our last meeting the supervisors approved awarding the contract for communications and broadband engineering design services. We envision fiber optics being connected to county facilities including the schools and being made available to homes in dense residential areas such as LOW. For the rural areas we envision using the towers built for public safety communications to provide over-the-air broadband.

The supervisors were recently briefed on potential debt-funding strategies for the required upgrades to the public safety radio system, a needed new facility for the 911 center, sheriff’s office and emergency operations center and the infrastructure to provide broadband capability to the entire county. Those strategies are under consideration and will be decided after we receive better estimates of costs. I thought the makeup of the existing bond and lease debt might be of interest. Currently, Orange County has $84 million in outstanding debt. The Dogwood Village Senior Living Center represents $18 million of that debt, however the servicing of that debt is provided by Dogwood, not by county taxpayers. The county assisted Dogwood in getting the funding to build the Senior Living Center to get the lower interest rates available to local governments. The remaining $66 million is serviced with local taxes. Of this amount, $55.4 million comes from capital costs for the Orange County Schools including school construction and long term leases for equipment and energy improvements. The servicing of this debt is a schools cost in addition to the funding the county transfers to the School Board for operations. The remaining $10.6 million of county government debt covers the construction of the courthouse and long term leases for fire trucks, ambulances and other equipment.

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