Veterans Dam Grass Reestablishment Project to Restrict Foot and Vehicle Traffic
by Bobby Jones, Environmental Resources Manager, LOWA

Veterans Dam has worn paths from foot and vehicle traffic that require the Association to make repairs prescribed by our dam engineer. In order to reestablish grass growth on these paths, the Grounds Division recently added top soil to level the worn earthen void. Soon the crew will add grass seed, cover with straw, and irrigate to promote a successful growth throughout. The repairs will ensure soil stabilization to protect the dam. This work is ongoing through the spring and summer. During this time, walking on the repair areas will be strictly prohibited until further notice. Please take care to stay off of the areas of repairs since foot and vehicle traffic can damage the repair work and inhibit the potential growth of the required grass reestablishment. We thank members for their cooperation.

For questions or concerns, please contact the Environmental Resources Manager Bobby Jones at 972-5548, or JJones@LOWA.org.

Trunk Show of JoFit at the Pro Shop on April 11
by Rea Hargraves, PGA and Woods Center Manager

JoFit is a brand of merchandise that golfers, tennis players, and fitness enthusiasts wear. Al Rappaport has agreed to a Trunk Show for Lake of the Woods. The Trunk Show will have various types of merchandise for customers to try on. If they like it and order it, members will fill out an order form with their name, address, e-mail address, phone number, size of the item, retail price and LOW Price (20% less than retail) and pay for what they have ordered. Members can pick up their order at the Pro Shop within three to four days. If there is enough interest, we will order more JoFit items for the Pro Shop.

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Reminders

- March 23, 7 PM, CC
  LOWA Town Hall Meeting I
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  on Fees Including Tenant Fee
  7 PM, Community Center

- March 31, 7 PM, LLCH
  LOWA Board Special Meeting
  Regarding Section 16

- April 8, 7 PM, CH
  LOWA Board Meeting

- April 9, 11 AM-12:30 PM, WC
  Coffee & Conversation with Board Directors

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Members login and watch LOWA videos under the Administration tab, click Videos

Security at Front Gate
Info: 972-2210 or 972-2020
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lakeofthewoods.capsure.com
President’s Letter
by Mike Rugless

Thursday, March 5, we were all prepping for an onslaught of snow; and did it come! Some six inches plus shut down the LOW Association on Friday after an early release for employees on Thursday in order to get them home safely before the heaviest snowfall. Many of us began the three R’s: Readiness, Response and Recovery. Readiness—always evident at the grocery stores; parking lot bustling, seeing many friends stocking up on what we think we need for the ensuing days at home, out of the cold, ice and snow. For LOWA, it is action time for Jessie Graves’ Maintenance Department emergency weather troops. Work hours and schedules are assigned, materials prepped for use, vehicles fueled, checked and staged for deployment. Personnel-wise, it is a two shift, 20 person team, a 12 hours on, 12 hours off rotation (18 drivers/equipment operators plus two mechanics to keep everything operating properly), operating five trucks, four front-end loaders, and a plow. Once assignments are made, they are ready for the next phase.

Response—our Maintenance Department goes into action; sanding and salting, followed by clearing roads once the snows have come. This is the team on which we depend and for whom we are so grateful. From the onset of a storm the tough work continues; the objective being that within 12 hours of the end of the snowfall, all roads will have been cleared of snow. As we are nestled in the warmth and protection of our homes, these faithful workers begin untold numbers of hours clearing roads so that we can get out onto them when necessary. At the same time, each of us begins our own Response activities; “Where did I leave that shovel? Do we still have some sand and snow melt from the last time? I knew I should have bought some more, next time I’ll be better prepared.”

Lake of the Woods has 41 miles of roads, 5,800 square yards of parking lots, and 12 mail stations, all of which need to be cleared so we can travel as necessary. So, give thanks for those dedicated folks on the emergency response team. Their extreme efforts to combat storms, ice, snow, fallen branches and trees is what allows us to begin our own Recovery work once the active storm has passed.

Recovery continues through the ensuing days and weeks as the crew patches new and existing potholes enlarged by the freezing and expanding of water. They repair new outlets caused by vehicles running off roads due to the slippery ice. They uncover ditch lines concealed by the snow and repair or replace damaged sign posts. All of this is required work in addition to what has been planned. Sure, there are some costs anticipated in the budget, but major storms, such as this one, are definitely above and beyond the norm.

There are some things we can do to help speed up the work and minimize the cost. Avoid parking on the street. On narrow streets, cars can prevent the plows from accessing the street area beyond the parked car. Minimize any travel; driving only when absolutely essential. It is easy to get stuck or run off the pavement into a ditch. Thanks to Security Chief Scott Walker and his security officers, some 28 stuck cars were pulled out of ditches, enabling drivers to continue on safely.

Although it may be great fun to sled or toboggan in the new snow, do not do so on the slopes of the dam or in any area where the end of the sledding run could place you in the possible path of a vehicle. The dams are great slopes, but sledding can damage the grass, causing ruts that turn into stream beds that then cause erosion of the dam face. This weakens the protective nature of the dam. For safety, don’t take chances on the lake. The surface may appear frozen, but what may seem like a fun walk could easily turn into an icy tragedy. Be safe, stay on land and just enjoy the view.

Lake of the Woods Association, Inc.
Special Board of Directors Town Hall I
Declaration of Restrictions Referendum on Fees Including Tenant Fee
Community Center
March 23, 2015

5:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

7 PM CALL TO ORDER
1. DISCUSSION OF DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS REFERENDUM ON FEES INCLUDING TENANT FEE
2. MEMBER COMMENTS
3. ADJOURNMENT

Lake of the Woods Association, Inc.
Special Board of Directors Meeting on Section 16 Declaration of Restrictions
Lower Level Clubhouse
March 31, 2015

7 PM CALL TO ORDER
1. DISCUSSION OF SECTION 16 DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS
2. MEMBER COMMENTS
3. ADJOURNMENT
LAKE OF THE WOODS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
March 7, 2015, 9 AM, Community Center

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

Present: Mike Rugless, President
Jim Hutchison, Vice President
JoAnn Zwiclk, Treasurer
Louisa Rucker, Secretary
Olive Kelly
Nigel Goodwin
Larry Morlan

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

Call to Order: With a quorum present, President Rugless called the meeting to order at 8:54 AM in the Community Center.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Morlan, passed unanimously, to enter into Executive Session at 8:55 AM for the purpose of addressing matters involving the violations of the Declaration of Restrictions and Regulations for which a member, his family members, tenants, guests or other invitees are responsible; to review attorney-client privileged and confidential communication from legal counsel, discuss and consider contracts, and discuss pending and probable litigation. Motion by Goodwin, passed unanimously, to exit Executive Session at 9:58 AM

2. OPEN SESSION
Motion by Kelly, passed unanimously, to enter into Open Session at 10:09 AM, and to affirm that the Board met earlier today in Executive Session for the purpose of addressing matters involving the violations of the Declaration of Restrictions and Regulations for which a member, his family members, tenants, guests or other invitees are responsible; to review attorney-client privileged and confidential communication from legal counsel, discuss and consider contracts, and discuss pending and probable litigation.

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

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

2.3 Approval of Agenda
Motion by Hutchison, passed unanimously, to amend the Agenda by adding Item 6.5: Consideration of Adopting Special Resolution 2015-2 Authorizing Conveyance of Unimproved Property at Section 7, Lot 36 from the Estate of Edwardo R. Ilano to Lake of the Woods Association, Inc. for pollution removal and lake management purposes, and approve the Agenda.

2.4 Approval of the Minutes of February 18, 2015.
Motion by Rucker, passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2015 Board of Directors meeting.

3. REPORTS
3.1 Report from Orange County District 5
Supervisor Lee Frame reported that the Board of Supervisors is still working on the budget, but no tax increase is projected. Funding for Fire & Rescue operations will remain stable. A Public Hearing on the budget is scheduled for March 31.

The five participating counties are working on restructuring the Regional Jail Authority subsequent to a request for increased funding to expand facility capacity. The Germanna-Wilderness Area Plan Steering Committee still has plenty of work to do and continues to meet regularly. The County received a $16,000 grant to implement a text-to-911 emergency system. A recent father-daughter dance sponsored by the Orange County Youth Foundation hosted over 232 “couples” and was a great success.

3.2 Report from Orange County Sheriff’s Office
Sheriff Mark Amos reported that in February there were 2032 calls for

3.3 Lake of the Woods Lake Currents
March 20, 2015
Association News

Office Hours: Wed.-Fri., 9 AM-5 PM
Clubhouse: Building 972-2237
Member Services/Holcomb
Building: 972-2237
M-F: 8:30 AM-5 PM; Sat. 9 AM-1 PM
Clubhouse: Office Hours: Wed.-Fri., 9 AM-5 PM
Info/Reservations: 972-2221
Menus at LOWA.org/Amenities/clubhouse
See p. 9 for Specials & Hours
Community Center: 972-9680
ECC Office: 972-2211, M-F, 7 AM-3:30 PM
Equestrian Center: 972-2238
Fareways Cafe: 972-2216
See p. 9 for Specials & Hours
Fitness Center: 972-9680
Daily 5 AM-11 PM
Golf Pro Shop (Woods Center):
7:30 AM daily
Reserve a tee time 972-2230
Golf Course: 8 AM daily
Maintenance Office: 972-2223
M-F, 7 AM-3:30 PM
9.9 Leaf/Brush Area:
7 AM-5 PM daily
Security/Front Gate:
972-2210 or 972-2020
Lakeofthewoods.capture.com
Tennis: Hollyfield Park
Jim 972-8888
Courts available 24/7 with pass
See March 7 Minutes on p. 4

General Manager’s Column
Saving Time, Energy, and Assessment Dollars
by Phil Rodenberg, LOWA

Early Boat Registration. Springtime at LOWA means boats on the lakes. It also means it is time to get new boat decals. LOWA offers Early Boat Registration for members to re-register their boats before the assessment payment lines form to help save you time, enforcement deadline anxiety, and a $50 fine. LOWA’s Early Boat Registration is Monday, March 16 through Tuesday, March 31. Renew your boat registration today using the Finance Department renewal letters sent to you on March 13. The purpose of the decal is to show your boat registration has been paid and your insurance information is current. If your boat is in the lake or on an Association rack, the decals only count when attached to your boat. So, please do what I call the DECAL TWO STEP before enforcement starts on the lakes on May 2: BUY ‘EM and STICK ‘EM on your boat. Thanks for your cooperation.

Energy Conservation Projects. LOWA has just completed an attic insulation project we expect to pay dividends in the form of energy savings. When LOWA turns on the air conditioner this spring, we expect our bills will be lower because of the recently-completed Clubhouse Energy Conservation Project, which was done by Creative Conservation, Inc. of Charlotteville. The Clubhouse Manager and staff have already noticed a difference in room comfort. This concludes Phase I of the Project. The Phase II LED lighting upgrades will be conducted by the Buildings Crew beginning in May. Management will track energy consumption and costs and report back to the Board the savings at a later Board meeting.

Elsewhere, the Building Crew has been busy replacing inefficient fluorescent lights and multiple inside and outside lights at park bathrooms, Mail station, Sweetbriar pool building, Club Barn, and maintenance buildings. In addition, the crew installed motion sensors at most of the outside park bathrooms so that the lights will turn off when the bathrooms are not in use. Old turn dial thermostats are being replaced with more efficient programmable thermostats in several areas as well. Management will measure the success of the improvements by tracking the energy consumption where improvements are completed.

Fee Referendum. LOWA is gearing up for another LOWA-wide referendum, this time to finish the work started with the 2014 Declarations of Restrictions amendment on fees including the Tenant Fees. While approved and in the court records for 11 sections, the lot owners in five of the remaining residential sections did not garner enough votes to approve the 2014 referendum question on fees. Thus, their Declarations of Restrictions (Covenants) do not contain the fee language. The five sections are Sections 5, 9, 10, 12 and 18.

The Board is discussing referendum issues and tentative schedule towards including a LOWA-wide, single question referendum for this summer. The purpose of the referendum is to ensure all 16 residential section Declarations include the fee language which confirms LOWA’s authority to charge fees other than the uniform annual assessment. The most notable of these fees is the Tenant Fee, which is specified in the amendment. The Tenant Fee is an important component of our association budget, saving $111 per lot in 2015-2016 assessments.

We invite you to participate in two Town Hall Meetings at the Community Center to learn more and give your feedback. The meeting dates are:

Town Hall Meeting 1 March 23 at 7 PM Community Center
Town Hall Meeting 2 April 27 at 7 PM Community Center
Association News
March 30, 2015

3.3 Report from Allied-Barton Security
Chief Scott Walker reported that staff received 260 calls for service in February. Incidents reported included two thefts, 37 reports of suspicious activity, 6 reports of vandalism, a B & E on Mt. Pleasant Drive, and 30 animal complaints. Due to several winter weather systems, staff responded to 28 motor vehicle accidents on Thursday. There were 40 calls for assistance and 67 general complaints in February, many associated with sledding or walking on the ice. An upgrade to the D3 reporting system and changeover to iPads in the field has resulted in improved efficiency in staff functioning.

3.4 Report from LOW Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc.
Member Lee Frame reported that Rescue had 576 calls throughout the County in January, but only 414 in February, with LOW responding to 25% of the total calls. A report on Fire Department activities was not available.

3.5 Report from Orange County School Board
Representative Jim Hopkins introduced Orange County Robotics Team mentor Simon Gray and his son, Spencer, who summarized the activities of the program. In February, the Orange County High School’s Robotics Team won the VA State Championship in Richmond, earning them a spot at the East Super-Regional Championship competition in Scranton, PA on March 19-21.

3.6 Reports of Officers
President’s Report: No report.
Vice President’s Report
Vice President Hutchison reported that the ECC Committee is experiencing a turnover in personnel and is in need of new members. Anyone interested should contact him or Chair Joe Takacs. Director Hutchison also thanked the roads crew for the excellent job they are doing keeping the roads clear following frequent snow events.

Treasurer’s Report: No report.
Secretary’s Report: No report.
A. Executive Session Actions
Motion by Rucker, passed unanimously, that the Board accept one appeal, suspending any fines provided the corrections are completed by August 31. Motion by Rucker, passed unanimously, that the Board restrict access to LOW of four individuals until their fines are paid in full.

B. Committee Changes
Motion by Hutchison, passed unanimously, that the Board approve the following Committee changes as listed in the memo dated March 7, 2015:

Name: Action: Committee:
Charlotte McMillan: Alternate: Legal & Compliance
Jennifer Zukowski: Resigned: Pools
Donna Nuzum: Alternate: Rules

C. Committee Liaison Reports
Director Moran reported that Nancy King, Golf Committee Chair, has prepared a proposed new business plan which is being studied by the Golf Committee to evaluate ideas that might be adopted to increase daily play attendance. He also reported that the Safety & Security Committee is focusing on speeding issues, posting new speeding signs on some roads and running articles in the Lake Currents. Unauthorized contractors is also up for discussion.

3.7 Report of the General Manager
A. January Financials
GM Phil Rodenberg reported that as of January 31 we have collected 94.7% of FY 2014-15 lot assessments billed. The Preliminary Unaudited Budget Summary is showing a net favorable variance of $156,238. The delinquency rate as of January 31 is 3.5%, down from 3.8% in December and 1.1% lower than this time last year. One hundred accounts are in the hands of our collections agency. The delinquency rate is expected to trend downward to 2% by year’s end.

B. Lakes Management Report
A tabletop exercise involving emergency scenarios of dam failure has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 28 at 10 AM in the Clubhouse.

C. Other Business
Creative Conservation has completed the insulation project at the Clubhouse, which concludes Phase I of the Clubhouse Energy Conservation Project. Phase II, LED lighting upgrades, will be conducted by our Buildings Crew beginning in May. Energy-efficient lighting and thermostats are slowly being installed in other buildings throughout the community. The Maintenance Department has already posted 25 mph speed limit signs.

Equestrian Center Manager Carolyn McFarland reports there are now 7 boarder horses at the stables. Assistant GM Rob Martin is working with the Equestrian Committee to develop a new site and business plan for the Equestrian Center, which may come to the Board for a first look in April or May.

The Virginia General Assembly has approved SB1008, Condominium and Property Owners’ Association Acts, which is called the Homeowners’ Bill of Rights and essentially restates the HOA requirement already in State law.

The bill now goes to the Governor for his approval.

3.8 Committee Reports
Community and Youth Activities
Chair Michelle Dusing reported that the Committee has reconstituted as of October, 2014, with 11 members. They have appointed three working groups which will focus on different initiatives such as creating an online survey of LOW Committees and clubs, obtaining liaisons to appropriate clubs (outreach), and creating social media links. They anticipate working closely with Communications and Community Center staff to develop and advertise programs. They plan to have a monthly newsletter, and a list of programs available by March 22.

Maintenance and Ecology
Chair Gil Churchill reported the Committee has 7 voting members, 4 alternates and 6 advisors. He summarized the Committee’s scope of work, focusing on action-oriented activities as outlined in their Charter. Recent activities have included a sign survey, hazard identification, maintenance and repair issues, guardrail safety, maintenance of cemeteries, traffic control, 9.9 operations, landscape recommendations and working with the Planning Committee on revisions to the 5-year plan.

Finance Committee
Chair Roger Anderson reported that following a request from the Board that the Committee review and comment on the proposed new restatement of the Reserve Policy, the Committee passed a motion recommending a full review and rewrite of the policy by a subcommittee.

Motion by Hutchison, passed unanimously, that the Board redirect responsibility for reviewing the Draft Reserve Policy back to the Finance Committee, with authority to create a focused Working Group including the General Manager and appropriate staff, and their findings reported to the Finance Committee for presentation to the Board at the May 20 Board meeting. Mr. Anderson mentioned that revisions to their Charter are pending review by the Board.

4. Member Comments on Business Agenda
One member suggested the Board consider a limited Referendum (5 sections only) as opposed to a community-wide referendum. Another member expressed concerns regarding the Association’s relationship with Section 16 members. In a non-business item, the Vice Chair of the Equestrian Committee thanked the Board and management for their support of revised plans for the Equestrian Center, and mentioned that a lighted, covered exercise ring would be an important upgrade for the complex.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
5.1 Consideration of Adopting Amendments to Regulations II. and XV., Concerning Deactivation of Barcodes for Non-payment of Annual Assessment and other Amounts Due the Association After 60 Days. (Policy Resolution 2015-2)
Motion by Rucker, passed unanimously, that the Board approve Policy Resolution 2015-2, to give final approval to amendments to Regulation II, Admittance to Lake of the Woods, as well as amendments to Regulation...
Board Seeks Member Comments on Proposed Ditch and Drainage Easements Regulation

The following proposed amendment to the Rules and Regulations, Section V Use of Property—Individually Owned, subpart E. Installation and Maintenance of Improvement, subpart 5 Road Rights-of-Way, Roadside Ditches and Culverts, submitted by the Maintenance and Ecology Committee, and approved for publication by the Board at its March 7 meeting is open for written comments from the membership. Comments from members of the association need to be submitted to the Board of Directors by April 3, 2015 for consideration at the Board’s April 15 meeting.

The Maintenance and Ecology (M&E) Committee initiated this action. M&E as well as the Director of Facilities and staff want to ensure the rules are clear that residents cannot remove vegetation from a roadside ditch or drainage easement without immediately stabilizing it with new sustainable vegetation. Roadside ditches are LOWA-owned property and drainage easements are private property. Ditches and drainage easements are important components of our lakes management program.

See March 7 Minutes on p. 19

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(through 3/11/2015)
as reported in Metropolitan Regional Information Systems:
84 active
36 under contract
23 sold since 1/1/2015

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The LOWA Board of Directors has recommended changes to Bylaws Article I and Article V. Article V, Organization, Section A., Board of Directors, subsection 3, Nominations will affect how this year’s candidates for the Board will be handled.

Why: After the last election, the LOWA Board noted that language regarding nomination by petition needed to be amended for clarification.

When: The following proposed amendment to Bylaws Article V, Nominations/Petitions/Elections was approved for publication by the Board at its March 10 meeting. Members should send written comments to the Board of Directors by April 3, 2015. The Board will take this up at its April 15 meeting.

Current Bylaw language is in regular print. New proposed text is in **bold** and proposed deletions have a *strike through*.

**ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS AS USED IN BYLAWS AND REGULATIONS**

**SECTION A.** The term “Association” shall mean the Lake of the Woods Association, Inc.

**SECTION B.** The term “Act” shall mean the Virginia Non-Stock Corporation Act, as amended.

**SECTION C.** The term “Restrictive Covenants” shall mean the Declaration of Restrictions, Lake of the Woods, filed with the Circuit Court of Orange County, Virginia, as amended.

**SECTION D.** The term “Articles of Incorporation” shall mean the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, as amended.

**SECTION E.** The term “Bylaws” shall mean the Bylaws of the Association, as amended.

**SECTION F.** The term “Board of Directors” shall mean the Board of Directors of the Lake of the Woods Association, Inc.

**SECTION G.** The term “Subdivision” shall mean the Subdivision known as Lake of the Woods, which is situated in Orange County, Virginia.

**SECTION H.** The term “member of the Association” or “member” shall mean the owner (legal or equitable) of one or more numbered residential lots in Sections 1 through 14, and Sections 16 and 18 of the Subdivision. The term “member in good standing” shall mean a member who has fully paid and discharged all dues, assessments, fines, charges, and penalties imposed or levied upon him by the Association.

**SECTION I.** The term “Voting Member” means the one member per lot designated by the co-owners of a lot to cast the vote in association elections, referendums or at meetings of the members.

**ARTICLE V. ORGANIZATION**

**SECTION A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. **General.** The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a board of seven Directors elected for staggered three-year terms and serving without compensation. The terms of two Directors shall expire on Labor Day of each year, and the term of a third Director shall expire on Labor Day in 1983 and each third year thereafter. No Director shall be elected to serve more than two consecutive full terms without a lapse of at least one year.

2. **Qualifications of Directors.** Persons elected or appointed to and thereafter serving on the Board of Directors must be members of the Association in good standing, not engaged or otherwise involved in any business that constitutes a conflict of interest with the Association, and not having been convicted of a felony. Upon establishment of the fact that a Director is holding office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, the Board of Directors shall promptly suspend such Director from office, until the violation has been abated or the Director has been recalled.

3. **Nominations.** A Nominating Committee shall be established by the Board of Directors whose duty it shall be to prepare a list of nominees for the position of Director. The list of nominees must be received by the Board no later than the Monday before the mid-May Board of Directors meeting. The Board will approve the list of nominees at the mid-May meeting. (3/14/14)

4. **Nominations by Petition.** Members may also run for the office of Director by submitting a petition signed by at least 250 voting members, which are eligible to vote in the election. Petitions must be submitted to the Board of Directors no later than 4 PM on May 15. All approved nominees shall be given the same rights and privileges during the election process as those nominees who are recommended by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board. Within three business days of the receipt of a candidate’s petition, the General Manager will publish the name of the candidate on the Association website, on the Association cable television channel, and on the Holcomb Building Member Services bulletin board.

**SECTION B.** Members who are eligible to vote in the election.

Candidates must use the standard petition form that is available at the Holcomb Building or on the Association website.

5. **Elections.** There shall be included in the notice of the annual meeting of the members, given to the members pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Article V of the Articles of Incorporation, a list of candidates for election to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall establish an Elections Committee to prepare the ballots and proxies, conduct the election, and, after certification by the Association Secretary that the voters submitting ballots or proxies were eligible so to do, tally the valid votes.

Candidates applying for election to the Board of Directors must submit applications through the use of the standard form (Board of Directors—Candidate Application) available at the Holcomb Building or on the Association website to the Nominating Committee which must be received each year by 5 PM April 30.

LOWA Survey Supports Need for Fitness Center

by Robert Haring, Chair, Fitness Committee

Results from the Planning Committee survey of 2002 showed an Exercise Room to be LOW’s number one priority. In 2006, Dan Greene and Chuck Russell, with member help, created the Fitness Center in the pool building where the preschool had been. There were less than 150 members during that year. There are now close to 740 household members of the Fitness Center, a 400 percent growth. The 2014 results of the Planning Committee survey indicated a new Fitness Center as the number one priority.

Fitness Center members have outgrown the current facility. The LOW community is about to receive another survey to gather feedback about the disposition of the Pool/Fitness Center building. To fill out the survey, you will need to sign up for Constant Contact, which you can do by going to the Association’s website, LOWA.org. Click on login. (Members must first be registered on LOWA.org to login.) Once logged in, click on Member Central. Constant Contact is the second link on the Member Central page. You will receive a confirmation email once you sign up. If you do not receive the email, check your spam folder. If you use Gmail, it could be under your Promotions folder. If you have difficulty signing up for Constant Contact, please contact Melanie Parmelee at mparmelee@LOWA.org or 972-2278.
Board Adopts Policy Resolution 2015-2
Authorizing Deactivation of Barcodes for Nonpayment of Annual Assessment and Other Amounts Due the Association after 60 Days

WHEREAS, Article V of the bylaws gives the board of directors the authority to amend and adopt association bylaws; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for regular review of LOWA Bylaws for completeness and clarity; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for clear, concise and consistent Rules and Regulations for admittance to Lake of the Woods, Fees, and Late Fees for Assessment Payments, including the penalty of deactivating barcodes for convenient access to Lake of the Woods; and

WHEREAS, HOAs traditionally prevent members from using amenities and services for nonpayment, and members with suspended barcode privileges still have access to their homes through the Front Gate Visitor Lane; and

WHEREAS, these amendments to LOWA Regulations state LOWA deactivates barcodes for nonpayment after 60 days of annual assessments and other amounts due to the Association, which include non-payment of fees and fines including summonses for traffic offenses; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owners’ Association Act addresses this authority of associations in § 55-513.1 Adoption and enforcement of rules:

“The board of directors shall also have the power, to the extent the declaration or rules and regulations duly adopted pursuant thereto expressly so provide, to (i) suspend a member's right to use facilities or services, including utility services, provided directly through the association for nonpayment of assessments which are more than 60 days past due, to the extent that access to the lot through the common areas is not precluded and provided that such suspension shall not endanger the health, safety, or property of any owner, tenant, or occupant and (ii) assess charges against any member for any violation of the declaration or rules and regulations for which the member or his family members, tenants, guests, or other invitees are responsible.”

THEREFORE, the Board of Directors adopts the following revised and amended language:

Section XV. ESTABLISHMENT OF USERS FEES, ASSESSMENT SETTLEMENT AND OTHER CHARGES

A. ACCESS TO LAKE OF THE WOODS

Every member, registered tenant and their family members are provided access to Lake of the Woods through the manned main gate off of Germanna Highway (Route 3) with proper identification. Entrance there is also provided for their non-registered family, guests and contractors with the member’s or tenant’s authorization. Members in good standing, registered tenants and their registered family members as well as registered contractors are also provided the convenience of using the barcode lanes at the main gate and the back gate off Flat Run Road subject to the Association’s Collection Policy, and after giving a member an opportunity for a hearing, the Board of Directors shall have the right to suspend a member’s, tenants’ and their families’ use of the barcode lanes because of nonpayment of assessments, fees, and/or fines owed to the Association that are more than sixty (60) days past due. The member may, at his/her expense, be represented at the hearing by an attorney licensed in Virginia. Deactivation of the barcode, which is considered to be a convenience, shall not in any way prevent a member from entering Lake of the Woods by way of the manned main gate off of Germanna Highway (Route 3) with proper identification. A member for the purposes solely of this section shall include spouses and dependent children.

[Renumber remaining articles.]

Section II. ADMITANCE TO LAKE OF THE WOODS

Low Prohibits Solicitors
by John Bell, Chair, Safety & Security Committee

Soliciting is prohibited in Lake of the Woods. The exceptions are:
donation drives for LOW Fire and Rescue, CHART (Cancer, Heart and Red Cross Together), LOW resident schoolchildren in support of school activities;
Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the Lions Club. However, it is not uncommon to have someone solicit work at your door or on the street. As spring approaches, this may become commonplace.

When solicited, the Safety and Security Committee recommends the following:
1. Do not accept the services offered. If you feel comfortable, you may inform the solicitor that LOWA regulations prohibit door-to-door solicitation and/or obtain a business card.
2. Notify LOWA Security as soon as possible.
3. Provide as much descriptive information as possible, including when and where the incident occurred, description of the person(s) and vehicle(s) involved.

Chief Walker furnished the following general information regarding unlawful solicitation within LOW.

Contractors seem to represent the highest threat to the security of homes and property. Any contractor, especially those who solicit, may be checking out property for burglary opportunities.

Soliciting is often done by contractors legitimately admitted to LOW. After completing their designated work, they take the opportunity to solicit more work.

Residents are responsible for the actions of those whom they have authorized to be admitted.

LOW residents who provide contracting services are not to engage in door-to-door soliciting. The prohibition against the activity applies equally to residents and non-residents.

Security is scanning contractors’ drivers’ licenses as they enter LOW and videoing license plates at both gates.

Security will respond to all reports received and will escort unauthorized solicitors off the property.

Generalities, such as “a guy driving a pickup on Lakeview Parkway”, is too vague. Security can help the members if specific information is provided and reported in a timely manner.
SCRAMBLE!

Sign-up: March 15-27, 2015
Date: April 1, 2015
Time: 10:00 am

This will be an Event for Men and Ladies combined.
Cost will be $10.00 per player. (Green fee and Cart additional)
Mulligans will be (2) for $5.00 –
(May not be use on Special Events Below:)
Certain holes will have golf clubs for players to use.
(4) Closest to Pin contests #3, #7, #12, and #17
(2) Long Drives #8 and #17
(2) closest to Line #1 and #10
Sign-up and let’s have some FUN!

LOW Spring Community Yard Sale!

Some of the goods will be new, like-new, or just not wanted or needed anymore.

April 11 at Sweetbriar Park
8am to 2pm
For more information or on how to register, call Sylvia or Sara at 540-972-9680

LOW Players Present:

Sunday, April 5th

Featured Menu
Fresh Fruit Display
Elegant Salad Station
Danish, Muffins and Croissants
Generous Omelet Station
Grand Belgian Waffle Station
Applewood Bacon and Sausage
Canned Beef Hash and Grits
Country Biscuits and Gravy
Home Style Potatoes
Vegetable Medley
Smoked Salmon Display
Fried Shrimp
Crab Stuffed Flounder

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

Limited Seating
No Cancellations after March 29
March 25 ~ March 29
Wednesday  Shrimp & Grits or Chicken Bruschetta
Thursday  Jack Daniels Ribs or Chicken Marsala
Friday  Fried Oysters or Seafood Promenade or Prime Rib
Saturday  Salmon in Parchment or Prime Rib or Lobster Ravioli
Sunday  Chicken Caprese

April 1 ~ April 5
Wednesday  Country Fried Steak or Chicken Parmesan
Thursday  Jack Daniels Ribs or Tuscan Chicken
Friday  Beef Kabob or Chicken Carbonara or Prime Rib
Saturday  Seafood Cannelloni or Coconut Shrimp or Prime Rib
Sunday  Easter Brunch Reservations Only
No Lunch or Dinner Service

Lunch: Sat & Sun, 11 AM-4 PM
Dinner: Wed, Thurs & Sun 5-9 PM, Fri & Sat, 5-10 PM
Brunch: Sunday 10 AM-1 PM
Menus: LOWA.Org/Clubhouse

The entire menu is not available during lunch hours on Saturday or Sunday.
It is a modified menu to include: Sandwiches, Burgers, Salads, Appetizers and Soups.
We do not serve dinner/chef specialties for lunch.

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

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Special Meeting of the Board,
Declaration of Restrictions
Referendum on Fees Including Tenant Fee.
Monday, March 23, 7 PM, CC

LOWA Board Special Meeting
Tuesday, March 31, 7 PM, LLCH
Regarding Section 16

LOWA Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 8, 7 PM, CH

Coffee & Conversation with
Board Directors
April 9, 11 AM-12:30 PM, WC

Committee Meetings:
March 23-April 8
Members are encouraged to attend.

Golf: 3/23, 3 PM, WC
Communications: 3/25, 3 PM, WC
Planning: 3/25, 7 PM, LLCH
Treasurer/Investment: 3/26, 10 AM, LLCH
Elections: 3/26, 10 AM, CC
Fitness: 4/1, 10:30 AM, LLCH
Safety/Security: 4/1, 3 PM, WC
ECC: 4/2, 8:30 AM, WC
Finance: 4/6, 7 PM, CC
Community/Youth: 4/7, 7 PM, CC
Clubhouse: 4/8, 1 PM, CH

LOW Civic Club – March 11 Meeting (1:00)
“Issues Facing Orange County”
Lee Frame, Chairman, Orange County Board of Supervisors

LOW AARP Chapter 5239 – March 16 Meeting (1:00)
“Virginia’s Native Americans”
Kareene Wood, Member, Monacan Indian Tribe and Tribal Council

LOW Rescue Squad “New Hands-Only CPR Technique” (:15)

“LOW From the Air” (:10)
Pat Licata’s Interesting “Drone-Eye View” of our Community

9:45 AM 1:45 PM 9:45 PM 1:45 AM

Real Virginia – Mid-March Report (:30)

March 27-April 2, 2015
LOWA Board of Directors – March 18 Meeting (3:00)

LOWA Administration “ECC’s Top Ten Violations In LOW” (:30)
Fred Ripley, Erosion Inspector

3 PM Daily

Channel 18 History Series “Inside the California Missions” (1:00)
Following in the footsteps of early Mexican and Spanish settlers, dedicated and brave Roman Catholic Priests built 21 missions along California’s Pacific coast. These missions would be the foundation of the state.

9 AM 1 PM 9 PM 1 AM
Calendar of Events

SPONSORED & EXERCISE (subject to change)

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Please refer to meeting room location key on previous page.

Notice of Meetings & Events

Saturday, March 21
6:30 AM LOW Anglers Tournament (CH Dock).
Info: lowangler.webs.com/.

Monday, March 23
7 PM LOWA Town Hall Meeting I. Special Meeting of the Board, Declaration of Restrictions
Referendum on Fees Including Tenant Fee (CC). Info: 972-2214.

Tuesday, March 24
1 PM-7 PM Red Cross Blood Drive (LLCH). Info: Lalli 540-241-9426.
5 PM Orange County Board of Supervisors Meeting (Gordon Bldg).
Info: orangecountyva.gov.

Wednesday, March 25
12:30 PM-1 PM LOWA Special Board Meeting (LGMS).
Info: Carol 972-8920.

Thursday, March 26
9 AM-1 PM AARP Smart Driver Course (CC), fee.
Info: Su 540-208-1914.
12 PM NARFE Meeting/Potluck Luncheon (LLCH).
Info: Cliff 412-5764.
7 PM LOWA Special Board Meeting (LGMS).
Info: Dick 308-5507.

Friday, March 27
9 AM-1 PM AARP Smart Driver Course (CC), fee. Info: Su 540-208-1914.
10:30 AM Civil War Study Group (WC). Info: Craig 972-2844.

Saturday, March 28
8:30 AM-1 PM LOW Lioness Flea Market (LGMS).
Info: Carol 972-8920.

Tuesday, March 31
7 PM LOWA Special Board Meeting (LLCH), Section 16. Info: 972-2214.

Saturday, April 4
12:30 PM LYF Easter Egg Hunt (SB Park). Reservations required.
Info: Katie 972-4230.

Sunday, April 5
Happy Easter!

Wi-Fi available at the Holcomb Building, Woods Center, and Community Center.
To reserve meeting space in all facilities: Woods Center, Community Center, Lower Level Clubhouse, and Sweetbriar Park Pavilion, contact Sylvia 972-9680, or see “Forms” at LOWA.org.
Tips from the Pro
by Rea Hargraves, PGA and Woods Center Manager

Upcoming Events
March 21 PGA Junior League Meeting,
Woods Center 10 AM – 11 AM
21 5th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Scramble (rescheduled from March 14)
23 Golf Committee Meeting,
Woods Center 3 PM
24 9-Hole Ladies Meeting and Scramble, 9 AM / 10 AM
27 LGA Spring Luncheon Clubhouse
11:30 AM (Fashion Show at Luncheon)

We will be having a PGA Junior League Meeting on Saturday, March 21, at 10 AM in the Dogwood Room at the Woods Center. The PGA Junior League is similar to Little League in baseball. Knowing how to play is not necessary for this program. We are looking for children, ages 13 years old and under, to play golf at Lake of the Woods and at other clubs in our area. We need 12 children to form a team. Team vs Team competition consists of four 9-hole matches. The format is two-person teams, match play scramble. Matches are broken into 3-hole segments called “Flags.” This allows for substitution between the 3-hole segments, giving every participant a chance to play. The season will be a 4 to 6 week regular season, with 2 to 3 home competitions and 2 to 3 away competitions against other PGA JLG teams in our area. Cost is $100 per child; each child will get a jersey.

The meeting will be for the parents or grandparents of children interested in playing in the Junior League. Please join us.

Clubhouse Manager’s Letter
by Joey Welsh, LOWA

We can welcome back the snowbirds as we are finally through with this cold winter and beginning to enjoy spring here at the Lake.

Easter Sunday is just a couple of weeks away, so if you are planning on joining us for Easter Brunch, please make your reservations now. We are offering two seatings and they will sell out. Please call 972-2221 to reserve your seats. The Clubhouse will not be open for lunch or dinner on Easter Sunday. This allows us to concentrate all of our efforts on our beautiful and bountiful holiday brunch.

Over the past few months, our Members Lounge became a great meeting place to see friends and neighbors during the cold winter months. Nights in the Lounge have been crowded and active. As we fill the seats each evening, it’s hard to imagine the Clubhouse without it.

Nick is working on our Spring / Summer Menu which we will roll out at the end of April. We will have some new and interesting menu items along with a great selection of our usual favorites.

Due to the inconsistent weather, it is difficult to successfully open the deck during the month of April. The deck opens for business on May 1 this year, so look to enjoy dining al fresco soon.

We are wrapping up our fiscal year in a few weeks and are happy to report that once again, with your support, we are on track to meet a challenging budget. The Clubhouse staff works hard year round to make sure this is not only a first class amenity, but a fiscally responsible one as well.

Happy Easter to everyone and we will see you soon!
LOW Lioness Club Quilt Raffle – $5/ticket or $10/three tickets. All proceeds will be used to establish a nursing scholarship at Germanna Community College. Drawing will be held on May 10. Get your tickets by calling Claudia at 540-412-1304 or Karen at 972-9043.

Connie Buttmer of The Lake Youth Foundation presented a $500 donation to the Orange County Robotics Team at the Civic Club meeting on March 11. Part of the team, left to right: Michael Jamerson, Elliott Matteson, Sarah Agam, Spencer Gray, Jason Woolfrey, and Zach Swope. Jason, Zach and Sarah are seniors at OCHS. The OCHS Hornet Robotics team will compete in Scranton, PA on March 19-21 against 72 other NE Regional teams which make up 12 states plus Washington, DC. The team plans to outstandingly represent not only Orange County, but all of Virginia.

The Clubhouse celebrated St. Paddy’s Day on Friday, March 13. Members Richard McNutt and Ralph Hancock were clapping and singing along with entertainer Wayne Jordan. If you missed the fun, plan ahead for next year’s party!

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Lake Currents March 20, 2015

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Featured speakers at the event included Orange County Supervisor Lee Frame, Orange County 4th District Supervisor James “Jim” P. Crozier, and Director of Orange County Social Services Bob Lingo. Supervisor Frame lauded the significant improvements to the Pantry and the major effort undertaken by numerous volunteers, especially the tireless contributions of the pantry’s co-managers, Betty Beck and Dave Francis. Special recognition went to Ken and Lora Dotson, owners of the Town Center and land for the new building’s location. The contributions generated by Lions Club’s yard sale operation, food donations from local stores, the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank, individual citizens, local businesses, churches, and service organizations in Orange and surrounding counties were also recognized. Supervisor Frame noted that the food pantry is a community based service that exemplifies the Lions’ “We Serve” motto, and that we are, in so many ways, “our brother’s keeper.”

Supervisor Crozier followed with remarks offering a vision of “a county where a food bank isn’t necessary...a county with good jobs and a strong economy...a county where the food bank was dismantled due to lack of business.” Director Lingo echoed these remarks stating that the pantry fills a gap in social services. He further commended the good work of the pantry volunteers.

Pantry co-managers Betty Beck and Dave Francis performed the ribbon cutting ceremony, with Ms. Beck commenting, "We don’t give a lot, but we help folks get through.”

The ceremony concluded with a closing prayer offered by Reverend Tom Savage from The Lake of the Woods Zoar Baptist Church, for the Invocation. Reverend Buchanan reflected on the good work of the pantry volunteers and the value of helping those in need. Lions President Sue Simmons and Lioness President Karen Cakouros each offered welcome remarks describing the new Pantry as a “labor of love” resulting from a vision set over four years ago.

Tour of the new facility was also offered after the ceremony. Attendees noted the improved storage, wider aisles and new shopping carts that will surely provide more efficient services to the Food Pantry clients.
CWSG to Highlight 1864 Gordon’s Flank Attack Through LOW
by Craig Rains, President, Civil War Study Group, Inc.

Dozens of books have been written about the Battle of the Wilderness, including one of its most famous events; the charge of Confederate General John B. Gordon’s troops that almost decimated a Federal corps on May 6, 1864.

That charge, known as Gordon’s Flank Attack, began in what is today’s Lake of the Woods and rolled across the hills and through the trees until darkness called a halt to it. Through the years, the stories of that attack have been varied and don't always agree. Of course, there were no audio recordings, video tapings, or smartphone cameras to capture what happened.

Pete Rainey, chairman of the Civil War Study Group (CWSG), has done extensive research on the attack and narrowed down the facts by focusing on the words of those soldiers who actually were there. He will present his findings to the CWSG at its meeting on Friday, March 27.

Dr. Rainey’s presentation will be at 10:30 AM in the Woods Center at 108 Fairway Drive. It is free and open to anyone with an interest in Civil War history, especially what happened here in Lake of the Woods during the war. This is an opportunity to find out if you may have had soldiers in your backyard during Gordon’s Flank Attack. For more information about CWSG and its programs, go to civilwarstudygroup.org or call Craig Rains at 972-2844.

CIA VA Battlefields Chapter Hosts Sandra Grimes
by Debbie Christie, Secretary, CIA VA Battlefields Chapter

On April 17, the CIA Virginia Battlefields Chapter will be hosting a luncheon featuring speaker Sandra Grimes, co-author of “Circle of Treason.” Ms. Grimes was instrumental in identifying Aldrich Ames as the CIA’s mole who had been spying for the KGB for over six years. Ms. Grimes will NOT have books available, but will be happy to sign any copy that you bring to the luncheon. The luncheon will be at the LOW Clubhouse and will begin at 11:30 AM. There will be a cash bar for the first hour. The menu choices are Tuscan Chicken or Seafood Manicotti. All meals will be served with Caesar salad, baked potato, vegetable medley, tea or coffee, and apple pie with ice cream. Please make your check for $20 payable to CVBC. Send this, accompanied by your meal selection, to Bruce Bixby, 310 Liberty Blvd. We expect a heavy turnout for this luncheon, so be sure to get your money in no later than April 1. If you have any questions, please contact Carla Wascalus at 972-3436.
March 24 and 31, Story Time
Tuesday at the Wilderness Library: 10:15 AM, Toddler Time, 10-15 minutes of stories, fingerplays, nursery rhymes, and music for children ages 18 months to 3 years old with a caregiver. 11 AM, Preschool Storytime, 30-45 minutes of stories, action rhymes, music, and crafts for children 3 to 5 years old with a caregiver. All programs are drop-in, individual registration is not required. For more information call 854-5310.

March 28, Annual Park Day 2015 - Friends of Wilderness Battlefield (FoWB). From 9 AM to 1 PM, in partnership with the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, FoWB will host the Annual Park Day event at the Wilderness Battlefield. Volunteers are needed to spruce up our park! Please register at battlefield@FoWB.org. For more information or questions, please contact Mark Wakenam at 540-760-5948.

March 28, 2nd Annual Easter Egg Drop from 11 AM to 2 PM at the Orange Baptist Church. Come watch ten thousand eggs drop from the sky out of a helicopter at 11:30 AM! After the eggs drop and the helicopter is out of view, the children will be allowed to begin their hunt. The eggs collected will be traded in for a bag full of candy. Free tickets for the event can be ordered at www.eastereggdrop2015.eventbrite.com or by visiting Orange Baptist Church’s Facebook page.

Through April 11, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide. Volunteers (AARP) will be providing free tax return services in the lower level Clubhouse. This service is free to low- and moderate-income taxpayers. It is especially for those who are 60 years and older, but we welcome all with few exceptions. Call 972-9068 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are scheduled on Fridays from 10 AM to 2 PM and Saturdays from 9 AM to 2 PM. Please organize your returns before your appointment. With all necessary documents on hand, we can process your returns in an orderly and time-saving manner. All filings will be done electronically and you will receive a copy.

April 20-24, Kindergarten Registration for Orange County Public Schools. Students entering kindergarten in the 2015-16 school year may register by appointment only by calling the school your child will be attending. For school phone numbers and more information, please go to the website at ocsps-va.org or call 661-4550.

June 25, AARP Baseball Game—Washington Nationals vs. Atlanta Braves. Bus pickup at Lower Level Clubhouse parking lot at 1:45 PM, $70 per person. Call Nick 972-0350 or John 972-4883.

Reassessment of Orange County Real Estate. LOW property owners can expect to see representatives from Wampler-Eanes conducting reassessments lasting through October 2015. For more information, please contact the Commissioner of the Revenues office at 672-4441.

Volunteer Tutors Needed! The Office on Youth is looking for volunteers to tutor children from grades K-5 at Locust Grove Primary and Locust Grove Elementary Schools. A Project EXCEL volunteer type, daily tutors once a week for an hour. If you have the time and love helping a child learn or need more information, contact Leigh Ann Cugbage at leighann@cugbage@ yahoo.com or avines@ orangecountyny.gov.

Lost or Found Pets. A Facebook page has been set up for posting lost or found pets in LOW. 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. The Lions Club is seeking wheelchairs and attached equipment for wheelchairs. Info: Noel, 972-0018 to donate items.

Fundraisers

May 16, The LOW Lioness Golf Tournament will be on Saturday, May 16 at the LOW Golf Course with 8 AM Check-in and 9 AM Shotgun Start. Men and women 4 person scramble. There will be a 50/50 raffle, great raffle prizes, and lunch will be provided. Get a team together or we will pair you up. Registration and fees must be received by May 4. $60/person (includes: green/cart fees/lunch/prizes). All monies raised will be used to support local charities. For more information contact Maureen Otero at 972-0077.

Girl Scout Cookies will be on sale through mid-March. Keep your eyes open at our local businesses for the opportunity to purchase your favorite cookie. For more information or to place an order, please contact Lana Mar at 703-795-6588 or lanamar@mac.com.

Cause 4 Paws – Please help support Cause 4 Paws by attending the Lioness Flea Market on March 28 at the Locust Grove Middle School from 8:30 AM-1 PM. We are still 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: Mary Kay, 540-412-5764 or Casey, 540-841-0661.

LOW Lioness Book Sale - Used books will be sold on the last Saturday of each month from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM at the Ferris Bldg. Proceeds go to the Benevolence Fund. Book donations are accepted at our book sales and on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 AM-11 AM. Contact: Closed in January. Info: Ann, 972-4338 or Sherri, 412-9854.

Bargains, Bargains, Bargains! The Lions/Velona Bldg. will be 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, 972-4531; for buying/selling furniture, call Norm, 540-205-5529 or Stan, 412-9854.

Cars for Homes. Donate your car, boat, RV, trailer. Proceeds will go to Orange County Habitat for Humanity. Call 877-277-4344, and they will pick up. All donations are tax-deductible.

LOW Directory - On sale for $10 at Member Services area in the lower level Holcolm Bldg. Sales benefit F&R. For directory changes or additions, please email LOWDirectory@comcast.net.

Human Services

Al-Anon Meeting: Every Tues. at 7 PM, LOW Church, Founders Room. Info: Diane, 540-538-7121.

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. 3rd Wed. at 10 AM, Room 210/211. Info: LOW Church 972-9060.

Alzheimer’s Support Group: 6:30 PM - 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 3rd Tuesday. By Alzheimer’s Association’s Caregiver Support Groups. Call to confirm group is meeting. Info: Kathi Walker, 825-3100, ext. 3416, or kwalker@mcsb.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 Babysitter? The Lake Youth Foundation has a list of students who have taken their Super Sitter class with lessons in fire, first aid and CPR, practiced handling babies with confidence, and learned fun activities for children. Info: Sylvia 972-9680 or email LYF at info@lakeyouth.org.

LOW Lions/Lioness Wilderness Food Pantry located behind LG Town Center, Rt. 20, 1st and 3rd Thurs. from 9 AM to Noon; second and last Wed, from 5 PM-7 PM; last Sat. from 9 AM to Noon. Clients may come to the pantry two times each month. Info: Betty 972-1872.

LOW Lions Medical Equipment - Durable Medical Equipment is available for temporary loan to those with needs. Lions also gratefully receive donations of used equipment, in clean and good condition, that can be readily used by others. Contact Noel, 972-0018; Dave, 972-2125; or George, 840-2740. Please leave message and we will return your call.

Lyme Disease Support Group, at 7 PM. Meeting every other week at 106 Mt. Pleasant Drive. RSVP/Info: Terry 570-228-7415.

Orange County Free Clinic offers primary medical care and prescription assistance to the uninsured in OC. Medical care available Mon., Wed., and Fri. by apt. and on Tues. evenings (walk-in). 13296-A James Madison Hwy, Orange. Volunteers needed. Info: Dorren Brown, 672-0793.

Overeaters Anonymous meets every Monday 10:30 AM in Community Center Computer Rm. Info: Elise, 540-841-4980.

Red Cross Blood Drive. 4th Tues, every other month. LL Clubhouse from 1 PM-7 PM. To give blood, you must be generally healthy, 17 years of age or more, and weigh at least 110 pounds. The next blood drive will be March 24. Info: Lall 540-241-9426.

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


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

Deadline for submissions to the April 3 issue of Lake Currents is Monday, March 23.

Deadline for submissions to the April 17 issue of Lake Currents is Monday, April 6.
LGA Plans Meet & Greet
Fun Scramble
by Karen Woods, Publicity, Ladies Golf Association

Attention all LGA 9-hole golfers! Here’s a great way for you to get ready for the 2015 LGA Golf Season. You are invited by Phyllis Sakole, Second Vice President, to a special meeting on March 24 at 9 AM in the Dogwood Room of the Woods Center. You will get information on how LGA Tuesdays work and how to prepare for it. Rea Hargraves will be there to review some of the rules of golf and answer questions. After the meeting, you are invited to play a 9-Hole Scramble starting at 10 AM. Bring your questions and concerns and don’t forget your clubs.

If you haven’t signed up for the March 27 Spring Luncheon and wish to attend, please contact Louise Hoh at louisehoh@comcast.net or 972-1726. During the luncheon, our 2015 Member/Member Tournament Chairs, Debbie May and Denise Reese, will be conducting a silent auction to support the tournament. They are collecting items and ask that you bring your “gently-used” treasures to the LGA closet in the Woods Center. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie at debmay49@comcast.net or 972-0680.

Our Opening Day Scramble is on Tuesday, April 7. Please remember to sign up for the game no later than noon on Monday, April 6. Check-in time is 8:30 AM, with a shotgun start at 9 AM. Arrive a bit early to catch up with old friends, meet some new ones and give yourself time to warm up prior to playing. The game format will combine 9-hole and 18-hole players into foursomes who will play 18 holes as a team. The purpose of the day is to get to know each other and have fun.

The countdown to Opening Day is 19 days!

Wine Talk
by Joe Szadvari, Sommelier

In the last “Wine Talk,” a hint was given about a new Argentinian wine, based on the Bonarda grape. Well, I have tasted this wine and the information is included in this article.

**Maipe, Bonarda Reserve, Chakana Wines, Mendoza Region, Argentina, Vintage 2013**

The Bonarda grape has only recently been surpassed by Malbec as the most-planted/varietal in Argentina. This is true, even though Americans are very aware of Malbec! Only recently has this grape varietal been used to make deeply rich, full-flavored, and creamy wines. It is beautifully dark purple in color, with seductive aromas of ripe black cherry and blueberry. The “mouth feel” of this wine is very creamy. Loads of densely flavored black cherry and fig-like flavors abound in this wine. An hour of aeration will be needed as the tannins in this wine are quite heavy and astringent. Certainly a wine to serve with barbecued meats, pizza, heavy cheeses, or red meats.

Price: About $15 a bottle.

**Vistamar, Sepia Reserva, Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca Valley, Chile, Vintage 2013**

Chile produces not only great Cabernet Sauvignons and high quality Sauvignon Blancs. I rate this Sauvignon Blanc as an “in between” dry white wine. The reason is California “Sauv Blancs” are usually very fruity, while most French versions have much more minerality and grassiness. The acidity in this wine is very balanced against the tannins and sugars (not detectable). It has very nice aromas of grapefruit and pineapple, followed by the characteristic grassiness and grapefruit flavors. I like this wine and it would be perfect served with shellfish, sharp sheep or goat cheeses or your favorite lemon-pepper recipe. Even though light-bodied, it is nicely crispy and a real bargain. Price: About $10 a bottle.

**Governors Bay, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, Vintage 2014**

Great “Sauv Blancs” are made on the southern New Zealand island of Marlborough. This wine is no exception. Loaded with aromas of gooseberry (very herbal and grassy), it made my mouth water! Also inviting flavors of herbs and gooseberry, plus grapefruit and a hint of pineapple were very well balanced against the wine’s acidity and alcohol. What a great bottle to serve with shellfish, sharp sheep or goat cheeses or your favorite lemon-pepper recipe. Even though light-bodied, it is nicely crispy and a real bargain. Price: About $12 a bottle.

**Bellini Rosso Toscana IGT, Tuscany, Italy, Vintage 2013**

Looking for a “pop and pour” wine? This IGT (Indicazione geografica tipica or typical indication of the geographic area) wine can be opened and enjoyed without any aeration! This one is beautifully dark red in color and has an intense aroma of red berries and smooth oak. The flavors of red cherry, smooth oak and flowers are very apparent. Try it with any tomato-based pasta dish, pizza or grilled meats. Price: About $10 a bottle.

Bethanne Elbert, M.D.

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The Lake Youth Foundation (LYF) is Awarding Scholarships to Graduating Seniors
by Lois Powell, President, Lake Youth Foundation

It is that time again when the Lake Youth Foundation is looking for graduating seniors whose primary residence is the Lake of the Woods and have volunteered their time and talents to better their community.

To qualify for the scholarship, seniors can be from a public school: Culpeper, Fredericksburg, Orange, or Spotsylvania; a private school, homeschooled, or a Christian school. Applicants must plan to attend a four-year college, community college, or a trade school in the fall. Your GPA must be 2.5 or higher. Scholarship finalists will be required to complete an interview with the Lake Youth Foundation Scholarship Committee.

The application deadline is Wednesday, April 1, 2015. Applications are available at the Orange County High School Guidance Department or from our website lakeyouth.org. Scholarships will be awarded in June during a reception sponsored by the Lake Youth Foundation. For more information, please contact Lois Powell at 972-6513 or email LYF at info@lakeyouth.org.

Twenty Five Cent Book Sale
by Nancy Horch, Volunteer, Friends of the Wilderness Library

Friends of the Wilderness Library are sponsoring a Special Quarter (25 cent) Book Sale on March 25 through March 28. From paperbacks to “Coffee Table” editions; all items are only 25 cents. The Library is replacing its software and is deleting many books that are catalogued under the old system. Help the library make room for new books. Bring your quarters and come browse in the lobby and meeting room.

This sale will be repeated April 22 through April 25.

VA Senator and Delegate to Lunch with Ladies
by Brenda Rogers, Program Chair, SARWC

The Susan Allen Republican Women will receive an update on the General Assembly from our representatives, Senator Reeves and Delegate Scott. This luncheon meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25 at 11:30 AM in the Clubhouse. Everyone is invited to attend and hear what the General Assembly is doing. Please call Toni at 972-0295 for your reservation.

LOW Realtors Spring Open House
by Brenda Rogers, Open House Coordinator

The LOW Spring Realtors Open House will be Sunday, May 3, from noon to 4 PM. Existing LOW homeowners are the best referral system. Make a list of people you would like to have as neighbors and invite them to attend. The Open House offers a way for visitors to tour houses and see all the wonderful advantages that a recreational community has to offer.

If you are considering selling your house, now is the perfect time to prepare your home for the Spring Open House. You may participate “by owner” or you may choose a realtor.

For more information, please contact Brenda Rogers at 972-8117 or email drogers73@msn.com.

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Deadline for Ordering is March 30
Stage Alive! “Not an Impossible Dream” by Karen Kovarik, Subscription Chairman

On Saturday, March 28, at 7:30 PM, Stage Alive welcomes Brian Roman to the Culpeper County High School stage. At the age of 42, Brian took a leap of faith from a long and successful career in insurance and began his singing career. Brian’s debut album, “Dreamer,” is the long-anticipated answer for a brave man who had the courage to ask “What if?”

Brian Roman gives a rich and versatile performance with compelling renditions of the great songs of Frank Sinatra, Tom Jones, Elvis Presley, Neil Diamond, Bobby Daren, and many more. Brian’s voice, humor, warmth, and heart create moments that will take your breath away. His signature song, “As Long as I Have Music,” reveals his passion for the wonderful gift of song. Come join Brian on a musical journey that will be uplifting and have you leaving the theater wanting more. You may preview a video of Brian’s music at stagealive.org.

Culpeper County High School is handicapped accessible and has ample free parking. Single admission tickets will be sold at the door. Cost is $25 for adults and $5 for students. For additional information, please call 972-7866.

Cause 4 Paws Plans Fundraiser at Lioness Flea Market by Mary Kay Wilks, Publicity/Fundraiser Chair

Cause 4 Paws, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization supporting feline rescue operations continues to need your help. We are having another fundraiser at the Lioness Flea Market on Saturday, March 28, from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. This is being held at the Locust Grove Middle School on Flat Run Road off Route 20. We will be selling raffle tickets for our beautiful handmade Queen Size Cat Quilt and many other items donated by our local businesses. We will also be selling cat and dog T-shirts. Sales help pay our veterinary bills as well as aid us in our mission to spay and neuter cats/kittens and find them forever homes. In addition, there will be animal jewelry, crocheted hats and afghans and other handmade items for sale. Part of the proceeds from these items will also benefit the homeless kittens.

We continue to need your help keeping kittens/cats safe and healthy and keeping our organization running. You can bring cat food donations to any of our events and place it in the bin provided. For more information or to volunteer, please call Mary Kay at 412-5764 or Casey at 841-0661.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you at the Lioness Flea Market.

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Directors Kelly and Goodwin authored a draft brochure with proposed Referendum content and language for the 2015 Referendum. GM Phil Rodenberg offered a proposed timeline for the process which includes two Town Hall meetings for members and a ballot window for the active Referendum voting period.

The Board agreed with the need for Town Hall meetings, but did not come to a consensus on the wording in the brochure or on the timetable. Director Rucker mentioned that the Elections Committee has requested a Referendum end-date no later than July 31, so as not to create any workload conflict with the annual Director election.

Additional discussion was deferred and will be added as a second agenda item on the March 10, 2015 Special Board meeting on the Bylaws.

6.3 Status Report on Potentially Modifying the Upper Area of the Lower Level of the Clubhouse.

GM Phil Rodenberg reported Assistant GM Rob Martin met with committees, frequent users and other interested residents on December 2, 2014 to gather information on features desired should modification of the lower level Clubhouse rooms be approved. There was a strong desire to maintain a large open space for users who needed it, and installing partitions that could be adjusted based on the space needs of smaller groups. Suggestions included replacing the existing wall paneling and removing the fireplace hearth. Director Zwickl also mentioned that the entrance door and ramp need adjusting to allow the door to open all the way.

AGM Rob Martin is in the process of identifying suitable contractors for proposed items to get preliminary pricing. An update on progress is expected to be ready for the Board in April.


GM Phil Rodenberg announced that LOWA and American Fireworks have entered into an agreement for a fireworks display to occur on Sunday, July 5. The preferred date of July 4 was not available through either American Fireworks or other possible alternate vendors. The parade, flag-raising ceremony, activities on Clubhouse point and the Ski Show will still be held on July 4 according to the customary schedule.

6.5 Consideration of Adopting Special Resolution 2015-2 Authorizing Conveyance of Unimproved Property at Section 7, Lot 36 from the Estate of Edwardo R. Ilano to Lake of the Woods Association, Inc., for pollution removal and lake management purposes.

Motion by Goodwin, passed unanimously, that the Board adopt Special Resolution 2015-2, which authorizes President to execute documents to effectuate conveyance of the unimproved property at Section 7, Lot 36 for Association purposes from the estate of Edwardo R. Ilano to LOWA, Inc. (Director Goodwin read the full text of Resolution 2015-2 into the record.)

7. Member General Comments: There were no comments.
8. Director Comments: There were no comments.
9. Scheduled Meetings:
   • Special Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 from 9 AM to 12 PM in the lower level of the Clubhouse. Topic: Bylaws Amendments
   • Regular Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 2 PM in the Community Center.
   • Regular Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7 PM in the Clubhouse Great Hall.
10. Adjournment: Motion by Hutchison, passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 1:33 PM.
LOW Veterans Club Seeks New Members
by Ken Buell, Publicity, LOW Veterans Club

Have you served or are you currently serving in the military? If so, please consider joining the Lake of the Woods Veterans Club. We welcome members from all military services and are seeking new members who have served our country in both war and peace.

Our club’s purpose is to provide a social venue that promotes fellowship and provides mutual assistance between our members. Our primary goal is to promote patriotism and the ideals of American citizenship to our community. We achieve this goal through our promotion of LOW’s celebration of Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Veterans Day.

Our meetings are usually on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 PM in the Lower Level Clubhouse. Beverages are sold for a nominal fee and we generally host an interesting guest speaker as our main event.

Please join us for our next meeting on March 26. Our guest speaker is Mr. Mike Sutton, author of No Survivors. This book is a first-hand, true account of Mr. Sutton’s three tours in the Vietnam War. For more information, visit us on the web at https://sites.google.com/site/lowvetsontheweb/home or call our President Dick Bradie at 540-308-5507.

Help End Child Hunger in Orange County
by Carol Lee, Director, Shining Hands, Inc.

Child Hunger is very real in Orange County and there is no help outside of our local community to end this problem. Shining Hands, Inc., is a fully recognized 501(c)(3) organization providing services to families and individuals in need. Our mission is to provide spiritual, emotional, and physical support to nurture and empower families and individuals. Our organization is run solely by volunteer effort and funded by donations.

We began Caring for Kidz which is similar to the Feeding America Backpack Program. Orange County has the highest rates of children receiving free or reduced lunches than any of the surrounding counties. Many of these children live in food insecure households, meaning the only consistent meals they receive are during the school day. Approximately 50 of these children attend Locust Grove Schools. Shining Hands is working with Orange County Public Schools to help these children.

Each Friday, participants in the program receive a bag consisting of breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks for two days. The meals are shelf-stable, and provide fruits, vegetables and protein. All of the items can easily be prepared by children in any of the grades we serve. There are approximately 300 children in grades K-5 who face hunger every weekend. We are currently able to help only 55 of these children. The program costs $30 per child per month and to serve all of the children in need, we need a budget of $81,000 per school year.

There are no other organizations or agencies helping these children. The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank is our local Feeding America Partner. At present, while we qualify for the program, due to budget constraints, we are not able to receive aid from them for the weekend meal program.

In an effort to bring awareness to this issue, we have met with the Orange County School Board, the Town Councils in the communities of the schools most impacted by child hunger and the Orange County Board of Supervisors. We are being featured in an article in our local newspaper The Orange County Review and Newsplex 19 (television station) in Charlottesville aired a story on our efforts titled Orange County Nonprofit Helps Hungry Kids. We also use our website and social media to promote the program to garner support and funding.

Our theme for 2015 is Share the Love. As part of our capital campaign, we are hosting the Share the Love MasquerAid - Remove the Mask from Child Hunger. This will be a formal affair consisting of dinner, a silent auction and dancing. We are asking businesses in Orange County to help sponsor the event, donate items for the silent auction and to attend the event. All of the sponsorships are donations. ALL of the FUNDS from sponsorships and the silent auction go directly to the program. The event is being paid for by the sale of admission tickets. We anticipate earning 25 percent of our 2015-2016 program budget with this event.

As you know, Orange is a small rural community that is often overlooked. The support of businesses in the community is vital to our organization and this program. I would like to extend an invitation for you to attend our gala. Tickets are $75 per person and can be purchased online at shininghands.org. Click on events, then Share the Love MasquerAid. I appreciate any consideration you would give to our group and our program. For more information, please go to shininghands.org or call Carol at 661-2047.
Orange County Supervisor’s Letter
by Lee Frame, District 5 Supervisor

Recently, Orange County supported the Germanna Foundation with a letter to the World Monuments Fund endorsing the inclusion of the Fort Germanna / Enchanted Castle archaeological site on the 2016 World Monuments Watch List. The Watch List calls international attention to cultural heritage sites around the globe that are at risk. If this site is included on the 2016 Watch List, it should bring widespread attention to the significance of this historic property here in Orange County. The Germanna Wilderness Area Plan recognizes and supports this historic resource. The Germanna Foundation is restarting archaeological exploration of these sites and this nomination should help the Foundation as it seeks Historic Landmark status for these sites. The pre-revolutionary nature of Germanna provides a unique aspect that supports the Civil War history as an attraction for visitors to Orange County.

Many of you are aware that the LOW Lions and Lionesses Clubs opened a new Food Pantry facility at the Locust Grove Center. Given that no good deed goes unpunished, the highly efficient Orange County government issued a tax bill for the new facility within a couple days. Since the tax bill for $163.00 was sent to the Lions Club, the owner of the new facility and also a 501(c)(3) charity, I initiated action to get the Lions exempted from the tax. I thought this was easily a done deal when I proposed it at a recent meeting. To my utter amazement, two of my fellow Supervisors began questioning the appropriateness of such an exemption. I was ready to go into high order debate until I noticed a slight smile from one of the opponents and realized that they were putting me on. We all had a good laugh and the proposal to exempt the Lions from the tax moved ahead with a 5-0 vote in favor. I mention this partly to let you know that the tax will be exempted, but also to point out that this Board of Supervisors has a good working relationship with mutual respect and can work effectively to govern the county. We don’t always agree on every issue, but we can work to find solutions. Too bad this doesn’t happen at all levels of government.

The Orange County Office on Youth promotes activities for the youth of the county. They hosted their 11th Annual Father-Daughter Dance earlier this month. There were tickets sold for 4th through 8th Grades, held from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM, sold tickets for 87 couples. Attendance was higher than expected and additional tables had to be added to accommodate everyone. Over 450 individuals attended between the two dances.

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.

Office on Youth Hosts
First Annual Lotapalooz
Press Release

The Orange County Office on Youth is pleased to announce that it will host Lotapalooza, a parking lot festival at Orange County High School (OCHS) on Saturday, April 18 to help raise funds for the 2015 After-Prom Celebration. The event will take place from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. Lotapalooza offers an opportunity for individuals and businesses to showcase their organization and/or craft items. All registration fees will benefit the After-Prom celebration. Craft vendors, businesses, food vendors, and other like organizations are welcome and registration is now open!

Each year, the Office on Youth and After-Prom Committee members plan and hold the After-Prom Celebration for OCHS Juniors, Seniors, and their guests. This event provides a safe, alcohol and drug free option for our youth to spend time together and have fun rather than the dangerous alternatives associated with the evening. Prom will be held on Saturday, May 2 and the After-Prom celebration will begin at midnight and conclude at 5 AM on Sunday, May 3.

If you are interested in supporting this cause, please consider being a vendor! For additional information or to register, please contact Alisha Vines, Office on Youth Director at 672-5484 ext. 4 or avines@orangecountyva.gov. Information and a registration form can also be found online at orangecountyva.gov/afterprom.
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