Lake of the Woods Realtor’s Open House May 5

by Brenda Rogers, Open House Coordinator

The LOW Spring Open House will be Sunday, May 5, from 1 PM to 4 PM. The purpose of the Open House will be to allow potential homebuyers an opportunity to view Lake of the Woods houses and lots for sale.

Visitors may receive information on current listings, be encouraged to view properties and to contact participating real estate agents or homeowners wishing to sell property. Open House visitors will be permitted access to LOW. Security will direct them to proceed to the Clubhouse to pick up current real estate listings and directions to homes and lots.

If you wish to participate in the LOW Spring Open House, please provide a flyer and/or MLS listing to be available during the registration period at the Clubhouse. For each house, please provide 30 copies, one in color for Clubhouse wall posting. Highlight selling price and category (Waterfront – Interior – Golf Course – Lots). Drop off at Holcomb Building by May 1. Please call 972-8117 or email: drogers73@msn.com for more info.

This is an opportunity for members who have friends or family who may be considering moving to Lake of the Woods to tour houses. Consider inviting friends to the Clubhouse before the tour to give them an opportunity to experience Lake of the Woods. Remember, the Clubhouse Sunday Brunch is the best and the price is right! Brunch is served 10 AM to 1 PM.

Honors Awards Committee Seeks Nominees

by George Lovelace, Honor Awards Committee

The Honor Awards Committee has oversight of the Honor Awards Program. It receives and evaluates nominations for this program, the purpose of which is to recognize and reward individuals and groups in Lake of the Woods for their outstanding contributions toward advancing and promoting the welfare of residents of LOW and Orange County.

The Honor Awards Program has seven categories, a new one, President’s Award for Committee Chair of the Year was developed in 2012. LOW residents are encouraged to submit nominations for these awards to the Committee. The person being nominated for an award must be a resident of LOW. The awards are announced at the annual meeting of the LOW Membership on Labor Day weekend. Below is a list and description of the award categories.

Warren J. Lodge Award for Excellence: in recognition of outstanding service by an individual representing Lake of the Woods within Orange County.

Distinguished Service Award: for accomplishments of highest significance to Lake of the Woods, which have major impact on the general welfare or meet a major need.

Outstanding Service Award: for beneficial accomplishments of performance of duty beyond what is normally expected of volunteers.

Heroic Act Award: for heroic or courageous acts in the protection of life and/or property.

Outstanding Youth Award: for activity by someone 18 or younger that is a credit to the community and exceeds normal expectations.

President’s Award for Committee Chair of the Year: This is for a LOWA Committee Chair who shows leadership in executing an agenda for the betterment of the community.

Certificate of Appreciation: for services or accomplishments that benefit the community.

The Committee must receive nominations for these awards by June 30. Nomination forms are available at the Holcomb Building and on the LOWA website at www.LOWA.org; click on “forms” and scroll down to Honors Awards nomination forms. Send your nomination forms to: “Send your nominations to Larry Eiben, 221 Harpers Ferry Drive, Locust Grove, VA.

We encourage everyone to use this opportunity to nominate outstanding LOW residents for recognition.
President’s Letter
by Jim Walsh, Board President, Lake of the Woods Association

Youth: Our youngest members, the youth of our community, need our attention. We have been trying for the past several years to have members serve on our Community and Youth Activities Committee. At my advancing age, I have no idea what the youth of today do for clean, wholesome fun. When I was growing up, I would play baseball for hours on end. What do children of today do, want, or need? Who knows better than the parents of the children living in LOW? Parents, we need your help. The Board wants to hear from parents, so we can provide the services our children need. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact the Board at Board@LOWA.org. I would also like to give a brief plug for the Lake Youth Foundation (LYF), a 501(c)(3) organization, serving the youth of the community. Coming events which they sponsor are the Children’s Fishing Tournament on May 19 and the Cardboard Boat Regatta on July 20. Please visit their web site at www.lakeyouth.org to learn more about this wonderful organization.

A brief update on two of the Board’s goals:
• Long-Term Plan. On July 10 we are scheduling a Special Board Meeting, followed by a Workshop, to hear the Planning Committee’s report on the Long-Term Plan. Please make a special effort to come to this meeting to provide your input to the plan. If you can’t attend the meeting, consider attending the June Planning Committee meeting. The Board voted to update the revised Employee Manual. Non-member employees can now use our amenities, except boating on the lake. I hope you agree this is a great employee benefit and a potential revenue generator.
• Senior Housing. With an apparent recovery in the housing market, we have received a serious proposal regarding senior housing. Our ad hoc committee is reviewing all aspects of the proposal including the long- and short-term financial impact, how it will be managed, the effect it will have on our amenities, traffic, legal issues, and other items. Our attorney is reviewing the plan to see what steps we must take should we decide to go forward. I will keep you posted.

Volunteerism: We have lots of talented and smart people living at LOW. We recently had the retired Executive Director of the Society for Human Resource Managers review our Employee Manual. She made some very good suggestions. We have engineers, computer technicians, lawyers, retired military, journalists, graphic artists, and government workers who may have a skill that could benefit our community. In order to make this program successful, we need a volunteer to come forward to run it. If you have an interest in helping to launch a Volunteer Program, please contact Board@LOWA.org, and we will get back to you.

Finally, I want to focus on a fun thing to do at Lake of the Woods. I had the opportunity to attend the LOW Fun Bowling League banquet at the Clubhouse. It was a delightful evening with rollicking entertainment. The LOW Fun League is a handicapped league that runs from October through March. They have bowlers of all skill levels from the very accomplished, such as Robert McMillan, Joe Best, David Lloyd, and Skip Frey, to the not so good like I am. I have been known to trip over my feet on my approach. All ages are welcome (oldest member is 90 and the youngest is Cathy Edwards.) If you want to avoid cabin fever next winter, and have some fun, please call the league secretary, Linda Brooks, at 972-1485.

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

Board of Directors, LOWA, Inc.
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Tentative Agenda
Lake of the Woods Association, Inc.
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Community Center, Saturday, May 4, 2013

9AM
1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10 AM
2. OPEN SESSION
2.1 Call to Order
2.2 Pledge of Allegiance
2.3 Approval of Agenda
2.4 Approval of Minutes: April 17, 2013

3. REPORTS
3.1 Report from Orange County District 5 Supervisor – Lee Frame
3.2 Report from Orange County Sheriff – Mark Amos
3.3 Report from Security Chief – Scott Walker
3.4 Report from LOW Fire & Rescue President – Joe Clontz
3.5 Report from Orange County School Board Member – Jim Hopkins
3.6 Reports of Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS
4.1 Committee Report on Board of Directors Election
4.2 Committee Report on Long-Term Plan
4.3 Committee Report on Capital Reserve Study Request for Proposals

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS
6.1 Consideration of Approving the Slate of Candidates for the 2013 Board of Directors Election
6.2 Consideration of Approving Permission to Enter Lots for Maintenance
6.3 Consideration of Authorizing the General Manager to Release the Capital Reserve Study Request for Proposals
6.4 Consideration of Approving Amendments to Regulation II., XV., and XVI., and the Table of Contents to Standardize the Use of the Name Fareways Café (Policy Resolution 2013-7)

7. SCHEDULED MEETINGS
7.1 Board Meeting and Workshop, Wednesday, May 15, 2013 Community Center, 2 PM
7.2 Regular Board Meeting, Saturday, June 1, 2013, Community Center, 9 AM Executive Session, 10 AM Open Session

8. MEMBER GENERAL COMMENTS

9. ADJOURNMENT
Springtime is an ideal time to get outside and explore what is new at Lake of the Woods! Inside this edition of Lake Currents is the Amenities Edition insert, which offers an overview of activities planned for the spring and summer. Save it for easy reference over the coming weeks!

- At the Equestrian Center, the first horse show of the year featured 53 horses. The next show is a Hunter Show on May 5, followed by a Jumper Show on May 11.
- The Marina Filling Station opened last weekend and sales of non-ethanol fuel were brisk.
- The Woods Center’s Cart Barn is nearly complete. The new barn holds 60 electric carts. Last summer’s Derecho storm caused a tree to smash the roof of one of the two old cart barns. The new barn not only gives us ample space to park and charge the carts, it offers a new space to host large golf outings. You are welcome to stop by the ribbon cutting on Thursday, May 2, at 9 AM to check it out for yourself.
- The Clubhouse Deck opens for business on good weather days beginning April 25, which provides that million-dollar view of our beautiful Main Lake. Thanks to our Buildings Crew, the newly renovated Clubhouse Deck received new decking boards that make a noticeable improvement in the look of the dock.
- The Community Center just hosted another successful community yard sale last weekend with 40 vendors! The staff is planning our July 6 Independence Day activities on the Clubhouse Point.

Springtime is a time to work on improvement plans. We are advancing our plans for improving the health of Keaton’s Lake (aka the Fishing Lake). We hired Williamsburg Environmental Group (WEG), the firm that prepared our Lakes Management Plan, to design a stream restoration project along and across the Golf Course’s 13th Fairway to mitigate erosion and sediment. Soon we will meet with the U.S. Corps of Engineers to seek plan approval. If the Corps gives us the green light, we plan to construct the project this time next year. The 13th Fairway Project, along with the roadside ditch reconstruction projects, will slowly but surely bring about a healthier lake. Meanwhile, WEG is coordinating the design of the above-ground crossing of the 13th Fairway with Hydro Designs, the designer that is laying out our new Golf Course Irrigation System. We plan to hire a contractor to build the new irrigation system by late summer. Then we will donate our antiquated system to the Smithsonian! Just kidding! Our new irrigation system eliminates labor-intensive hand watering, and will make for greener and healthier looking fairs next spring!
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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3.2 Report from Orange County Sheriff’s Office.
Sheriff Mark Amos reported that in the month of March there were 2855 calls for service in the county, 66 of those from LOW. There were 114 warrants served, 812 civil papers served (90 in LOW), 37 transports and 322 traffic summonses issued, 49 on Route 3.

Two staff deputies have completed SWAT training, and officer Dixon has been promoted to Sergeant. No additional manpower is planned to be added when Walmart opens, but his office is presently fully staffed.

3.3 Report from USA Security Chief: Capt. Travis Moore reported statistics for the month of March in the absence of Chief Gary Brown. Staff received a total of 53 calls for the month, which included nine complaints, three vandalisms, four dog complaints, one noise complaint, two fire calls and two Motor Vehicle Accidents. They provided three medical assists and three EMS assists. Road patrol issued 78 traffic summonses, and logged 5085 miles for the month.

3.4 Report from LOW Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc.
Mr. Lee Frame reported Rescue statistics on behalf of F & R President Joe Clontz, who could not attend today’s meeting. In March there were 73 calls, 51 from inside LOW and 22 from outside. Four of those called required two ambulances to be sent out.

Year-to-date, Rescue has logged in 238 calls, considerably less when compared to last year. Figures for the Fire Department were not available at this time.

3.5 Report from Orange County School Board Representative: No report available.
3.6 Reports of Officers
President’s Report - President Walsh said that the Association has received a Senior Housing Proposal from a building contractor. A committee has been assigned to study this proposal, and a report on their findings and recommendations will be available at a later date.

Consideration of the Compactor agreement on today’s agenda (Item 5.1) will be deferred to the April 17 meeting, due to an unavoidable delay in acquiring a written opinion from legal counsel.

Vice President’s Report
3.6A Committee Changes
Motion by McKee, passed unanimously, that the Board approve the following committee changes as listed in the memo dated April 6, 2013: (D-13-29)

Name                  Status        Committee
Bob Haring            Voting        Fitness
Alan Saunders         Alternate     Safety & Security
Peter Rainey          Resigned     Finance
Steve Basnett         Resigned     Legal & Compliance
William Grogan        Voting        Legal & Compliance
Katherine Merritt     Advisor      Clubhouse
Boggs Wright          Alternate     Clubhouse
Mark McManus          Resigned     Safety & Security

3.6 B. Executive Session Actions
Motion by McKee, passed unanimously, to deactivate all the barcodes associated with Section 3, Lot 155 for a period of 30 days.

3.7 Report from the General Manager
GM Phil Rodenberg summarized the latest financials, which show road fee, newsletter advertising, and Clubhouse income remain higher than anticipated in the budget. The Golf Course and Equestrian Center continue to perform below budget expectations, but staff continue to focus on ways to remediate this.

B. Lakes Management Plan
Mr. Rodenberg requested a legal opinion and Board approval to proceed with plans recommended by the Williamsburg Environment Group for stream/drainage restoration of Keaton’s Run and the creation of new easements, which will affect areas around the #13 Tee and three private lots. A constructed wetland will replace the current pond, and the project will cover approximately 11.61 acres in around Keaton’s Run and the #13 Tee. Confirmation and approval by the Army Corps of Engineers, which oversees wetland exchange and conversion requests, is also pending at this time.

President Walsh obtained a consensus from the Board members, and directed Mr. Rodenberg to proceed with the restoration plans.

Mr. Rodenberg also updated the Board on other business as follows:

1. The electrical upgrade at the Equestrian Center and window replacement at the Clubhouse have been completed. The Route 601 fence project is also nearly complete. LOWA has acquired rights to the new sailboat logo that appears at the front entrance, which can now be used on other logos, items, including merchandise.

2. Mr. Rodenberg also provided a tentative schedule for a Capital Reserve Study to be done by an outside firm before issuing an RFP for the job. The current target date for a final report is October 5, 2013.

3.8 Committee Reports
Lakes Committee Chair Julie Wilson thanked Committee members Jack Spadaro and Curtis Abel for filling in during her recent absence. She provided a summary of projects addressed over the last six months, including boat safety regulations, long range planning, stormwater management, and boating incidents, along with a review of actions taken and recommendations made to the Board. A special projects sub-committee was formed to take on specific assignments, and articles of current import were published in Lake Currents.

4. Member Comments on Business Agenda. No comments.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
5.1 Consideration of Approval of Orange County/LOWA Compactor Agreement.
(Notice was given during the President’s remarks that this item will be deferred to the April 17 Board meeting.)

5.2 Consideration of Approving Preschool Agreement Renewal. (D-13-30)

Motion by Anderson, passed unanimously, that the Board approve the Preschool Agreement.

5.3 Consideration of Planning Committee Recommendations for the Draft 2013 Orange County Comprehensive Plan. (D-13-31)

Motion by Rugless, passed unanimously, that the Board endorse the Planning Committee comments on the draft 2013 Orange County Comprehensive Plan, and authorize the President to represent LOWA before the County on these issues.

Secretary’s Report: No report available.
Treasurer’s Report:
Treasurer Kelly reported that a review of the February financials shows our current budget remains on track, with a possible net surplus by the end of the fiscal year April 30. The accounts receivable delinquency rate continues to decline, and currently stands at 1.9% for FY-2011/12 with FY-2012/13 expected to be about 2.6%.

As of February 28, $500K in capital projects were still pending. The restricted reserve balance is expected to be about $2.5M by the end of the fiscal year. She also summarized the increased payment options and new procedures now available to members to pay their assessment fee.

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See BoD Minutes, p.6
It’s official! The LOW Ladies Golf Association’s 2013 Season has begun. Members held their Spring Luncheon and business meeting on March 29 at the LOW Club House, where members had a delicious meal, held a 50/50 raffle to support this year’s Member/Guest Tournament and a Silent Auction in support of the Member/Member Tournament. Cathy Edwards created our beautiful table decorations, based on this year’s Member/Guest Tournament theme, “The Queen of Clubs.”

Eighteen-Hole Hospitality Chairs Janice Mincey and Loretta Yurkus organized this enjoyable event. The 2013 LGA Booklets are available at the Woods Center Women’s Lounge for members who have paid their LGA dues. Special thanks go to Kathy Kunze Smith for heading this project and to Robert McMillan of RDM Painting, our 2013 LGA Booklet sponsor. This handy directory holds all the information about the LGA, monthly start times, tournament dates, along with member contact information, and so much more.

Our Opening Day Scramble was on April 3. This was fun event, with 9- and 18-hole golfers playing together. Congratulations to the First Place Team of Denise Reese, Ellen Bearden, and Joyce Hartwick; to Marion Dumas for “Closest To The Line” on Hole #1; and to Phyllis Sakole for “Closest to the Pin” on Hole #7. All members had a great time, and the weather surpassed expectations. The Farm Team starts at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, May 1.

For potential new lady golfers, we will be offering a Beginner Ladies Golf Class on April 22-26. This class is limited to six students per class. We will touch on: clubs, grip, stance, posture, putting, chip shots, pitch shots, irons, and woods. On Friday, we will put everything together and play the 1st hole. Cost is $50. Classes will be from 3 to 3:45 PM, 4 to 4:45 PM, and 5 to 5:45 PM. Please sign up in the Pro Shop.

For more information and to sign-up, check in the Pro Shop.

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

Coming Events:
April 22
22-26 Beginner Ladies Golf Class, 3 sessions-3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM
24 Men’s Day and Goofers, 9 AM, Shotgun
26 Moose Golf Event (24-30 players), 9 AM, Reverse Shotgun
May 1 Farm Team, 5 PM, LOWA, Putting Green
3 Seemore Putter Demo Day, 9 AM-1 PM, Putting Green
4 Ski Team Golf Tournament, 9 AM, Reverse Shotgun

For more information or to sign-up, check in the Pro Shop.

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

The Farm Team starts May 1. Nancy and Stu King started this group several years ago. It is designed for new golfers - both male and female. Several mentors from the MGA and LGA will assist golfers learning this great game. The cost is zero! For more information or to sign up, check in the Pro Shop.

On May 3 we will be having a Seemore Putter Day on the Putting Green, Dwane Withers from Seemore will be here to custom fit and answer questions about RST- “Rifle Score technology.” Come out for the ultimate game improvement experience on our putting green from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Remainder: All property owners can book tee times online seven days in advance on the LOWA website LOWA.org. Have a great day on the course!
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5.4 Consideration of Amendments to LOWA Regulation X Regarding Stand-up Paddle Boards. (D-13-32)
Motion by Rugless that the Board approve Policy Resolution 2013-2 (formerly Policy Resolution 2012-10) regarding stand-up paddle boards.

Motion by McKee, passed unanimously, to amend the motion to include a requirement that users of stand-up paddle boards must wear a PFD (life jacket).

Vote on the original motion as amended passed unanimously.

5.5 Consideration of Approving Administrative Resolution 2013-3: Employee Use of Amenities. (D-13-33)
Motion by Anderson, passed unanimously, that the Board approve Administrative Resolution 2013-3 regarding employee use of amenities.

5.6 Consideration of Approving Employee Manual Update. (D-13-34)
Motion by Kelly, passed unanimously, that the Board approve the LOWA Employee Manual dated April 6, 2013 (Administrative Policy 2013-1).

6. NEW BUSINESS
6.1 Consideration of Approving Relocation of Lot Redivision for Section 4, Lots 117A, 117 and 118. (D-13-35)
Motion by Rugless, passed unanimously, that the Board authorize the President to sign the drainage easement relocation agreement and survey dated March 18, 2013, for Section 4, Lots 117A, 117 and 118, to be recorded at the Orange County Courthouse.

6.2 Consideration of Sending to the Rules Committee and Publishing in Lake Currents Proposed Amendments to Regulation X: Use of the Lakes, regarding raising the Minimum Age of Children Required to Wear a Life Jacket. (D-13-36)
Motion by Rugless, passed unanimously, that the Board expedite the review of the proposed amendment to LOWA Regulation X, Section A.8.b: Use of the Lakes, that addresses raising the minimum age of children required to wear a personal flotation device to under 13; and announce its publication in the April 5 issue of Lake Currents, for final consideration by the Board at their April 14 Board meeting.

7. Scheduled Meetings
   • Regular Board Meeting and Workshop: Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at 2 PM in the Community Center.
   • Regular Board Meeting: Saturday, May 4, 2013, at 9 AM in the Community Center.

8. Member General Comments
Members gave comments on improving the aesthetic appearance of the back gate entryway, the need to improve water rescue procedures, and the graduated cost increases in our new Security contract.

9. Adjournment
There being no further business, motion by Anderson passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 AM.

Jon Anderson, Acting LOWA Secretary
ASSOCIATION NEWS

Board Approves New Rules for Stand-up Paddle Boards

(Regulations regarding limiting stand-up paddle boards to existing no wake zones on the Main Lake and permitting stand-up paddle boards on the entirety of Keaton’s Lake)

WHEREAS, Article V of the bylaws gives the Board of Directors the authority to adopt, publish and enforce rules and regulations governing permitted and prohibited uses and restrictions within the association, and

WHEREAS there is a need for regular review of LOWA Regulations for completeness, clarity and enforceability and

WHEREAS there is a need for clear, concise and consistent regulations governing where paddle boarders may operate on the Main Lake and Keaton’s Lake

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the board will insert the following section in the LOWA Regulations as noted below:

X.E.14:
• Stand-up Paddle Boarders are restricted to operating in the no wake zones in the Main Lake.
• Stand-up Paddle Boarders are permitted on the entirety of Keaton’s Lake.
• Stand-up Paddle Boarders must wear a PFD (life jacket).

Plan to Attend the 17th Annual Children’s Fishing Tournament

by Terry Hileman, Chairman, Children’s Fishing Tournament

Gather your fishing gear and bait buckets for the Lake Youth Foundation’s 17th Annual Children’s Fishing Tournament, which will be held on Saturday, May 18, from 9 AM to 1 PM. The event will be held at the front entrance pond for children ages 5 to 14 years old.

Registration begins April 13 and ends on May 12. Registration forms can be found at the Holcomb Building, Security, or from our website www.lakeyouth.org. Completed forms should be dropped-off at Security. Pre-registration is required since only 100 participants are allowed for safety reasons. There will be no registrations taken on the day of the tournament.

Check-in on the day of the tournament will begin at 8 AM. The actual fishing tournament will start at 9 AM and end at 11 AM. Lunch will be served for the children and their families who participate in the event! The awards ceremony will start at 12:15 PM. If you should have any questions, please contact Terry Hileman by phone at 972-8634 or by email at info@lakeyouth.org.

Youngsters await the weigh-in statistics from LYF volunteer

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Spring Two Person Team
May 11-12

This event is open to everyone! Golfers will pick a partner of the same gender and sign-up in the Pro Shop. Shotgun start both days at 9:00 am.

Format: One “Best Ball” of the Two Golfer Team
Three separate events: Men, Senior Men, and Ladies. Events will be pre-flighted using their May’s Monthly handicap as of May 15th.

You can Sign-up in the Pro Shop from April 26 to May 8, 2013

Low Community

Mother’s Day Brunch
SUNDAY, MAY 12TH
10:00 - 2:00PM

Grand Belgium Waffle Station
Generous Omelet Station
Seafood Salad
Pecan Walnut Salad
Fresh Fruit
Breakfast Sandwich
Bacon and Sausage
Country Biscuits and Gravy
Coked to perfection Top Round Carved to Order
Vegetable Medley
Home Style Potatoes
Herb Roasted Pork Loin with a Mushroom Glaze
Smoked Salmon Display
Trout Oysters
Pasta Primavera Alfredo
Trout Danish, Scones, Croissants
Mothers Day Grand Dessert Display

$25.00 per person
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Lake of the Woods will co-sponsor the
WOUNDED WARRIORS Golf Tournament
with the Men’s Golf Association on
May 18, 2013

Cost will be $50 for Annual Golf Members
everyone else will pay $75 to participate
in this worthy event!
Please sign-up in the Pro Shop
For more information, call the Pro Shop at 972-2230.

American Pool is looking for a few good guards! Summer will be here sooner than you think, so now is the time to secure your spot on the Lake of Woods lifeguard roster. If you are interested in becoming a part of our team, please go to our website at www.guardforlife.com/apva or call us on our guard hot-line 1-877-614-7665 to set up your interview.

As an introductory offer, and our way of saying thank you for choosing us to manage your facility, American Pool is offering Lake of Woods residents FREE Lifeguard Training, to include Red Cross Lifeguard, CPR, and AED Certification, as well as Pool Operator Certification. If you need re-certified, we’ll cover that too! We look forward to putting together a great 2013 summer team, and hope you’ll be a part of it!
ASSOCIATION NEWS

ASSOCIATION BULLETIN BOARD

Board Meeting: Saturday, May 4, 10 AM, Community Center
Board Meeting/Workshop: May 15, 2 PM, Community Center

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
April 22 through May 9
Members are encouraged to attend.

Golf: 4/22, 8 AM (WC)
Elections: 4/24, 2 PM (CC)
Communications: 4/24, 3 PM (WC)
Planning: 4/24, 7 PM (LLCH) [Note: date and location change]
ECC: 4/25, 8:30 AM (WC)
Finance: 5/6, 7 PM (CR)
Pools: 5/7, 7 PM (CR)
Clubhouse: 5/8, 1 PM (CH)
ECC: 5/9, 8:30 AM (WC)

MEETING FACILITY KEY:
CC Community Center
CH Clubhouse
CHGH Clubhouse Great Hall
CH-PR Clubhouse President’s Room
CR Conference Room
EQ Equestrian Center
LLCH Lower Level Clubhouse
M-CR Maintenance Conference Room
RR Reading Room
WC Woods Center

CHANNEL 18 PROGRAMS

Please check Channel 18 for a list of show times.
Watch for new Amenity infomercials at the end of most programming.

April 19-25, 2013
LOW AARP Chapter 5239 “Film Preservation at Mount Pony” (1:00)
George Willemans, Nitrate Film Vault Manager
“Restoring Culpeper’s State Theatre” - Ed Bednarczyk, Executive Director
7 AM 11 AM 7 PM 11 PM
Tips from the Pro: Rea Hargraves, LOW PGA Pro (10)
8:30 AM 12:30 PM 8:30 PM 12:30 AM
Let’s Go Boating (Part 3 of 4 Series) (.45)
Topics: Weather, Sailing, Emergencies
6 AM 10 AM 6 PM 10 PM
Channel 18 Archive Series (from July 1997) (25)
Interview with Dick Carter, LOW Lot owner since 1967. MC for all early
LOW “Variety Shows,” then active in early “LOW Players” productions.
8 AM 12 PM 8 PM 12 AM
Channel 18 Travel Series: “Holland - Land of Windmills & Tulips” (50)
9 AM 1 PM 9 PM 1 AM
Tips from the Pro: Rea Hargraves, LOW PGA Pro (10)
8:45 AM 12:45 PM 8:45 PM 12:45 AM
Orange County School Board – April 2 Meeting (3:00)
2 PM…Saturday (if available) 2 PM…Monday (if available)

April 26-May 2, 2013
LOWA Board of Directors – April 17 Meeting (2:30)
6 AM 10 AM 6 PM 10 PM
LOW Civic Club “LOW’s Energy Efficiency Pilot Program” (1:00)
Tim Leroux, Operations Director, Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP)
9 AM 1 PM 9 PM 1 AM
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ASSOCIATION NEWS

Board Meeting: Saturday, May 4, 10 AM, Community Center
Board Meeting/Workshop: May 15, 2 PM, Community Center

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
April 22 through May 9
Members are encouraged to attend.

Golf: 4/22, 8 AM (WC)
Elections: 4/24, 2 PM (CC)
Communications: 4/24, 3 PM (WC)
Planning: 4/24, 7 PM (LLCH) [Note: date and location change]
ECC: 4/25, 8:30 AM (WC)
Finance: 5/6, 7 PM (CR)
Pools: 5/7, 7 PM (CR)
Clubhouse: 5/8, 1 PM (CH)
ECC: 5/9, 8:30 AM (WC)

MEETING FACILITY KEY:
CC Community Center
CH Clubhouse
CHGH Clubhouse Great Hall
CH-PR Clubhouse President’s Room
CR Conference Room
EQ Equestrian Center
LLCH Lower Level Clubhouse
M-CR Maintenance Conference Room
RR Reading Room
WC Woods Center

CHANNEL 18 PROGRAMS

Please check Channel 18 for a list of show times.
Watch for new Amenity infomercials at the end of most programming.

April 19-25, 2013
LOW AARP Chapter 5239 “Film Preservation at Mount Pony” (1:00)
George Willemans, Nitrate Film Vault Manager
“Restoring Culpeper’s State Theatre” - Ed Bednarczyk, Executive Director
7 AM 11 AM 7 PM 11 PM
Tips from the Pro: Rea Hargraves, LOW PGA Pro (10)
8:30 AM 12:30 PM 8:30 PM 12:30 AM
Let’s Go Boating (Part 3 of 4 Series) (.45)
Topics: Weather, Sailing, Emergencies
6 AM 10 AM 6 PM 10 PM
Channel 18 Archive Series (from July 1997) (25)
Interview with Dick Carter, LOW Lot owner since 1967. MC for all early
LOW “Variety Shows,” then active in early “LOW Players” productions.
8 AM 12 PM 8 PM 12 AM
Channel 18 Travel Series: “Holland - Land of Windmills & Tulips” (50)
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April 26-May 2, 2013
LOWA Board of Directors – April 17 Meeting (2:30)
6 AM 10 AM 6 PM 10 PM
LOW Civic Club “LOW’s Energy Efficiency Pilot Program” (1:00)
Tim Leroux, Operations Director, Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP)
9 AM 1 PM 9 PM 1 AM
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May 17, BSVFCD Chicken Dinner. Menu includes: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, corn pudding, cole slaw, rolls, assorted desserts and beverages. $10/adults, $6/children ages 6-10, Children 5 and under/free. Carry outs available. Parking in rear of the Brandy Station Fire Dept.

**FUNDRAISERS**

May 4, Hopewell Church Ham and Turkey Dinner from 5-7 PM. Benefits Scholarship Fund. $12/adults, $5/children (ages 5-11). Old Rt. 3 Lignum, about 6 miles west of LOW main gate.

**LOW Directory** Please email changes, deletions, additions to 2013 LOW Directory, by May 1, to LOWDirectory@comcast.net.

**Lions 300 Club** Drawing 1, Round 53

$200 Chuck Schulle # 256

$100 Ed Rowan #130
Strike Out in Your Spare Time!
by Pat Licata, Licata on the Lake

If fun, laughter, a little exercise, and camaraderie are on your New Year’s resolution list for 2013, then please allow me to present the perfect opportunity: The Lake of the Woods Fun Bowling League! One of the many reasons my husband, John, and I moved to Lake of the Woods was because of the plethora of clubs and activities based inside our gates. We have certainly been pleased with the immense variety of options.

Last year in early spring, Marion Pronk, Carolyn Graham, and I had the honor of being guest judges of the first karaoke contest at the Fun Bowling League’s annual banquet. What became quite clear, quite quickly, was that this group sure knows how to live up to the “fun” in the league’s name and has many amazingly talented participants. While some of the contestants were serious about their craft, others simply enjoyed the spotlight. And it truly was a fun event!

The show started off with a preview of what was to come, starring the “The Bowlettes,” Judy Flynn, Pat Shrader, Joan Trotter, Nancy King, Debbie May, Dorothea Barnes, and Cathy Edwards, who sang “These Boots are made for Walking.” The first place winners were “The Strikers” - Pat Shrader and Debbie May, singing “Boot Scootin’ Boogie.” It was evident that tremendous thought and effort by the banquet committee went into getting it right. The hard work of committee members Judy Flynn, Linda Brooks, Carolyn Holland, Jeanne Stoll, Barbara Eamigh, Cheri Stephens, and Cathy Edwards was appreciated by everyone. I’m confident that this year’s banquet will be just as entertaining!

This evening also brought back many fond memories of my childhood participation in a bowling league at Tindall Air Force Base in Florida, where I received the dubious honor of receiving an award for most spares two years in a row! Bowling was not a career option for me. But it was a lot of fun, and I enjoyed looking back at friends about whom I hadn’t thought in decades.

The league’s season runs for 24 weeks beginning on the first Thursday in October and culminates with the banquet held at the Clubhouse. Joey and her excellent staff, as usual, will contribute to making the event a great finale! This year, in lieu of a karaoke contest, a variety/talent show will be featured.

AMF in Fredericksburg is the location where 26 teams, each comprised of five people, bowl three games every Thursday from 1:30 to approximately 4:30 PM during the season. But many participants don’t end the fun there each week; they extend their fellowship by heading back to the lake for a great meal at the Clubhouse.

So, if you have the time and $12/week to spare, strike it rich by having fun and joining the Lake of the Woods Fun Bowling League! There are openings for full teams, as well as individuals. Contact Linda Brooks, Secretary, at 972-1485, for additional information or to sign up.

Until next time…It’s another beautiful day at the lake!
LOW COMMUNITY

National Day Of Hope Observed
by Ruth Beverina, Recording Secretary, LOW Childhelp Auxiliary

The national day of hope for abused and neglected children is observed on the first Wednesday of April. This year the LOW Childhelp Auxiliary marked the occasion with a luncheon for invited guests and a speaker, at the Fawn Lake Clubhouse.

Shannon Raybuck, Clinical Director at the Alice C. Tyler Village of Childhelp in Lignum, addressed our group with a vivid and moving account of the work involved in helping the children housed there. These children come from various places and ethnic backgrounds. The thing they have in common is that they have all been hurt by the people they trusted. The effects of this can last a lifetime. A few examples:

• More than five children die each day as a result of abuse and neglect.
• Child abuse occurs at every socio-economic level and across all ethnic and cultural lines, religions and levels of education.
• 90% of abuse victims know the abuser, 68% are family members.
• Many abused children will go on to abuse their own children, thus perpetuating this horrible cycle of abuse.

The staff at Tyler Village strives every day to teach these children self-worth and the ability to regain trust. This is a process requiring much time and patience, with the hope-ful result of a stronger and happier child upon leaving the Village.

Ms. Raybuck thanked members of the Auxiliary for the things we do to bring some sunshine into these young lives. We love doing it, and welcome all who wish to join us. Our monthly meeting is held in Friendship Hall at the LOW Church, at 10 AM on the first Wednesday of each month. If you are interested, feel free to attend a meeting.

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Pat Licata
Lake of the Woods, Virginia

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The Garden Club’s next major event is the “LOW In Bloom” flower show on Saturday, April 27, at the Clubhouse. The hours are Noon to 4 PM, giving the judges the morning to critique our entries. If that intimidates you, then you will be glad to know that, in preparation, Joy is hosting drop-in workshops from 10 AM to 3 PM on both Thursday and Friday, April 25 & 26. You may receive expert help with your arrangements, both miniature and small sizes. You may also get tips for the display and labeling of your horticulture entries. Joy’s address is 262 Washington Street. Whether or not you are a member of the Garden Club, you are invited to come and enjoy the “LOW In Bloom” flower show on April 27.

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by Karen Kovarik, Publicity Chairman, LOW Garden Club

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Calling All Children Ages 5 to 18: Summer Fun is About to Begin
by Megan Harlan, Barracudas Swim Team

Lake of the Woods Swim Team is looking for you to join us on the Barracudas. Participants will have fun meeting
developing team spirit and competing against other teams in the area. Initial sign ups are scheduled for Thursday, May 9, from 7:30 to 8 PM in the lower level of the Clubhouse. Registration is open to all children and grandchildren of Lake of the Woods Residents between the ages of 5 and 18 who can follow directions, love to swim, and are looking for a fun summer activity. Practices will begin in June and continue until Finals held in the beginning of August.

Fostered by a coaching staff led by Sheila Wimble, the Barracudas have joined the National Division of the Rappahannock Swim League, and we will be competing against Lake Wilderness, Spotsylvania YMCA, County Club Estates, Eden Estates, and Hopyard Farm this year. All Barracudas parents will have the opportunity to register for your volunteer position at sign ups. There will also be order forms available to order team apparel for delivery before our first swim meet. If you would like more information, contact Karen O’Donnell via email at odonnellake@gmail.com or phone at 972-0572.

Note to Parents: By registering your kids for the Barracudas Swim Team your child will enjoy up to 45 hours of instruction as well as fun, fitness and competition.

Support the Wilderness Library Book Sale!
by Nancy Horch, Member, Wilderness Friends of the Library

Wilderness Friends of the Library will be having a Book Sale in the Wilderness Library meeting room and front lobby entrance on Friday, April 26, from 10 AM to 5:30 PM and again on Saturday, April 27, from 10 AM to 2 PM. There will be many hardcovers published in the last ten years. We sell the books according to dates published, so you may get many new books for under four dollars. There will be many children’s books, young adult books, some DVDs, and audio books on CDs. We also have many paperbacks, but we could always use more. This is a good time for spring cleaning. The Library always needs good donations. The profits from the book sales are used to improve our Library.

We support both the children’s summer reading program and the adult reading program. If you are a member of the WFOL (Wilderness Friends of the Library), you will be entitled to one free book worth one dollar. Also, if your old book bag is looking worn and dreary, come check out our new book bags. For seven dollars you can own a new one. Come to the Book Sale and get lots of good buys. Summer is upon us and that means lots of pool side and beach reading.

Stage Alive! Presents a Blaze of Talent
by Karen Kovarik, Subscription Chairman, Stage Alive

On Tuesday, April 30, the Redhead Express & Walker Family will light up the stage of the Culpeper High School auditorium. The four sisters and three brothers, along with their talented parents, will amaze you. They play a variety of musical instruments, including guitar, upright bass, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, electric bass and electric guitar; in a variety of musical styles from county and bluegrass to the music of the 50s and 60s. Mother and the girls will even do a bit of dancing. In short, this will be a WOW performance. If you have internet access, you may preview them at: www.stagealive.org.

The concert starts at 7:30 PM. Single admission tickets will be available, $25 adult, $5 student. Ample parking is available, and the Culpeper High School auditorium is handicapped accessible.

Brochures for the 44th season of Stage Alive! are available from the rack at the Holcomb Building or the Wilderness Branch Library. If you purchase a subscription before May 31, the cost for all six performances is $50 for an adult. In addition, new subscribers will be able to attend the April 30 show, as a bonus. So, act now, and join us. A ticket to Stage Alive! remains the best live entertainment value in town. For additional information, please telephone 972-7866.

Open House April 20-21 from 11am to 3pm both days

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Wednesday, April 24
8:30 AM-9:30 AM Aerobics (LOWC Friendship Hall). Fee. Info: Church -9060.
9:30 AM-2 PM Wednesday Ladies’ Bridge (WC). Info: Joyce -1924.
10 AM Movement Disorder Support Group. Info/location: Curtis -5751 or Paul -2320.
1:30 PM-3:30 PM Open Tennis (Hollyfield). Intermediate/above players welcome. Info: Charles -5858.

Thursday, April 25
9 AM Horseshoes for Fun (HF Park). All levels. Info: Ron 412-2872.
7 PM Tae Kwon Do class for ages 8-12 (CC). Fee. Info: Mike -2058.
7:45 PM Tae Kwon Do class for ages 13-adult (CC). Fee. Info: Mike -2058.

Friday, April 26
8:30 AM-9:30 AM Aerobics (LOWC Friendship Hall). Fee. Info: Church -9060.
9 AM Yoga Class (call for location). Fee. Info: Phyllis -1457.
10:30 AM Civil War Study Group (WC). Info: Craig -2844.
1:30 PM-3:30 PM Open Tennis (Hollyfield). Intermediate/above players welcome. Info: Charles -5858.
7 PM LOW Veterans Club (LLCH). Info: Link -8340.
7:30 PM-9:30 PM Square Dancers (LLCH). Info: Darby -7696 or Boyd -0674.

Saturday, April 27
9 AM-1 PM Free Mulch available at the 9.9 area. Info: LOWA Maintenance -2223.
12 P-4 PM LOW Garden Club LOW In Bloom Flower Show (CH). Info: Karen – 7866.

Sunday, April 28
6:30 PM-8 PM Choreographed Ballroom Beginner Class (LLCH), Free. Info: Ron/Melissa -2586.
7 PM-9 PM Duplicate Bridge (WC). Info: Bob -8211.
8 PM-9:30 PM Choreographed Ballroom Class, Phase III-IV (LLCH), Free. Info: Ron/Melissa -2586.

Monday, April 29
8:30 AM-9:30 AM Aerobics (LOWC Friendship Hall). Fee. Info: Church -9060.
1:30 PM-3:30 PM Open Tennis (Hollyfield). Intermediate/above players welcome. Info: Charles -5858.
7 PM Monday Night Bridge (WC). Info: Don -8392.

Tuesday, April 30
9 AM Horseshoes for Fun (HF Park). All levels. Info: Ron 412-2872.
12 PM-3:30 PM Closet Quilters (LLCH). Info: Marie -4358.
5 PM TOPS weigh-in/meeting (LGMS). Info: Carla -3436.
7 PM Tae Kwon Do class for ages 8-12 (CC). Fee. Info: Mike -2058.
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Wednesday, May 1
8:30 AM-9:30 AM Aerobics (LOWC Friendship Hall). Fee. Info: Church -9060.
9:15 AM TOPS Meeting (LOWC, Founders Rm.). Info: Julia 540-841-8366.
9:30 AM-2 PM Wednesday Ladies’ Bridge (WC). Info: Barbara -7151.
10 AM LOW Childhelp Auxiliary (LOWC). Info: Nancy -2599.
1:30 PM-3:30 PM Open Tennis (Hollyfield). Intermediate/above players welcome. Info: Charles -5858.

NOTICES

April 19-21, Culpeper Remembrance Days. See the schedule of events at facebook.com/culpeperremembrance2023.
April 21, 3 PM, Frank Walker presents: “The Town of Orange, Its Lanes, Roads” and “Paul Verdier, the First Town Planner.” James Madison Museum, 129 Caroline Street, Orange. No admission fee, donations appreciated.
April 26, Blue Ridge Chorale spring concert, A New York State of Mind, at Open Door Baptist Church (Rt 3, Culpeper) at 7 PM. The concert features Broadway music, songs about the City That Never Sleeps, and many others! Admission: $10 adults; $5 children at the door. Info: www.brcsings.com, or 540-223-5462.
April 27, May 18, & June 29, FREE Saturday Art for Kids at the Arts Center in Orange. Registration required, call 540-672-7311.
LOW Realtor’s Spring Open House – Sunday, May 5, from 1 PM-4 PM. See lead article.
Lyme Disease Support Group forming now. If you are interested in this support, please call Terry Salis, 540-412-2282 (home) or 570-228-7415 (cell).
Volleyball Pick-up Games. Come join us for your recreational, backyard volleyball games Saturdays 10 AM at Community Ctr. Info: Susan, 903-7670.
Kayak Club – Want to Kayak with a group? We meet at Pleasant Grove Beach. 10 AM on Fridays; at Edge-mont Beach, 7 PM on Tuesdays, weather permitting. Need kayak, paddle, & life vest. Info: Dave -3143.
Movement Disorders Support Group. The group meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10 AM. Interested individuals should contact Curtis -5751 or Paul -2320.
Tuesdays, TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), First flr, LG Middle School. Weigh-in: 5-5:30 PM, mtg: 5:30-6:30 PM. Sponsored by Locust Grove Chapter 734. Info: Carla -3436.
Hearing Aids 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.
LOW Lions Furniture Pick Ups: For furniture and special pick-up items, or to view/buy furniture at the Velona Bldg., call Norm, 540-205-5529.
The Lions Club is seeking wheelchair and attached equipment for wheelchairs. Contact Noel -0018 or Vinnie -3721 to donate items.
The Cultural Awareness Circle embraces cultural diversity. Info: Charles -1340 and Lita, 301-928-4023.
**HUMAN SERVICES**

**Blood Pressure Screening.** The LOW Lions and Nurses United Network offer screenings on the 1st Wed. of the month in the CH Presidential Room, 5:30-6:30 PM, and in Room 216 at LOW Church on the 3rd Sun., 9:30-11 AM. Free!

**Low Lions Room** Equipment for loan. Call Noel -9018 or Vinnie -3721 for your temporary needs. We have a wide assortment of wheelchairs, crutches, potty seats, shower seats, etc.

**The Woods Cares:** an AARP program, will run errands and do small repairs, light yard work for shut-ins and caretakers. Free service. Call Jeanette -0726, Marion -4085, or Gail -7436.

**Alzheimer & Dementia Support Group.** 3rd Wed. at 10 AM, Room 210/211. Info: LOW Church -9060.

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings:** Meetings are held at LOW Church, 7 PM, every Mon (Rm 505), Wed (Cabins), and Fri (Rm 505). Info: LOW Church -9060.

**Al-Anon Meeting:** Every Tues. at 7 PM, LOW Church, Founders Room. Info: Holly -8607.

**Seeking Counseling?** The LOW Church offers free counseling, by appointment. Info/referral: Church -9060 or a Pastor. We care.

**Diabetes Support Group** of MW Hospital meets 2nd Thurs. of the month from 7-8 PM, LOW Church, Founders Room. Free. Info: Suzanne Amoruso, RD, CDE, 741-2219 or suzanne.amoruso@mvhc.org.

**GriefShare Support Group.** Tuesdays, 7 PM, LOW Church Library. Weekly support group for anyone grieving the death of someone close. Info: Lynn -7714.

**Red Cross Blood Drive.** 4th Tues. every other month. LL Clubhouse from 1-7 PM. The next blood drive will be May 28. Info: Joe -8403.

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

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

**Free Medication Assistance** for OC residents on limited incomes with no prescription coverage, 18 yrs and older, taking brand name medications long term. Info: Pat Lacey, 825-3100 ext. 3012.

**Monthly Nutrition/Wellness Talks** with Registered Dietitian. Various topics discussed. Info: Suzanne, 760-5337 or suzyrd67@yahoo.com

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- 5 PM-7 PM Ham & Turkey Dinner at Hopewell Church (Rt. 3, Lignum). Info: Bob -9971.

**Sunday, May 5**
- 9 AM Hunter Horse Show (EQ Center). Info: -2238.
- 1 PM-4 PM LOW Realtor’s Spring Open House. Info: Brenda -8117.
- 7 PM-9 PM Duplicate Bridge (WC). Info: Bob -8211.
- 8 PM-10 PM Choreographed Ballroom Class, Phase III/IV (LLCH). Free. Info: Ron/Melissa -2586.

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**Donors Make March Blood Drive a Great Success**

Lion Joe Davidson, LOW Lions Club

The results of our March 26 Blood Donor Drive were significantly higher than our last few drives. Our goal as set by the AMRC was 38 pints of productive blood, and we received 52 pints of productive blood.

Thanks to all who participated. There were 56 donors (27 men and 29 women)

There were 16 donors between 1 to 2 PM; 11 donors between 2 to 3 PM; 12 donors between 3 to 4 PM; 6 donors between 4 to 5 PM; 7 donors between 5 to 6 PM; and 4 donors between 6 to 7 PM.

As a further reminder of our March accomplishment, our drive of January 22 had 35 donors and 36 pints of productive blood. We need to keep up the good work of our March drive. There is a critical need for productive blood.

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Happy Spring from Lake Co-Op Preschool
by JacQUIE Van Horn, Vice PresIDENT, Lake Co-Op Preschool Board

It’s that time again! The Lake Co-Op Preschool has started their Open Enrollment! Are you looking for an affordable preschool program that will enrich your child’s life and provide socialization with children their own age? It’s right here in your own backyard! The Lake Co-Op Preschool has openings in the two-, three- and four-year-old programs. The four-year-old program has a three-day or five-day program.

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If you would like to learn more about the Lake Co-Op Preschool, please feel free to visit our website at www.lakecooppreschool.org or to call our office at 972-9682, Monday to Friday, 9 AM to 11 AM, to speak with our director. I look forward to meeting all our new parents and preschooler’s in the coming year!

BULLETIN: Things are heating up in Eden Falls, GA, and I do not mean the weather! Carlene and Porter are dating and the temperature of the relationship is tepid and rising. Bobby Dwayne and Sugar Lee are at each other’s throat with no relief in sight. On separate occasions, the twosomes have been counseled by the lovely celebrity couple of the week, Mr. & Mrs. Frank N. Stein, who could not care less about either couple. Mavis is on sabbatical while Nita is sleeping with the dog, strictly platonic. Crystal Hart is her ever-loving, free-spirited self who can find only good in everything. She is a fun-filled pair of shoes. She loves to sing, and though not too far off key, her tunes are never her own invention. Crystal definitely creates love and laughter wherever she happens to be; and although her songs are not always original, they are “HART”-felt and full of delight for every special occasion. Crystal goes out of her way to help those she cares about, and there is no doubt; at least in her mind; that she is doing the right thing. Forever happy and content with life – as she sees it – Crystal truly is a “woMAN FOR ALL SEASONS”

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Wine Talk
by Joe Szadvari, Sommelier

Before the summer season is upon us, here are some wines which I tasted recently. Some would be enjoyed more during the summer and some are better enjoyed any time. You might find something that you haven’t tried before that could widen your wine drinking experience.

Rosa Bianca, Pinot Grigio, Venice Region, Italy, Vintage 2011 – What a pleasant little summer-time wine. So versatile, yet fruity enough to satisfy any palate. Nice lemon and spice flavors, with a touch of almond, on top of alluring floral and citrus aromas. Even though this is what I call “entry level,” it is certainly well worth tasting. Try it with light appetizers, lighter salads, and subtler seafood dishes. Price: About $6.50 a bottle. Not a bank-breaker.

Beaucanon Estates, Cabernet Franc, Napa Valley, California, Vintage 2006 – This is not a wine for the beginner. If you are a beginner, you’d better be ready for quite a surprise! A very big “nose” of black fruit, oak, and leather aromas are followed by powerful flavors of black cherry, cedar, vanilla, chocolate, and a hint of earthiness. This wine needs at least an hour of aeration. Any time of the year is a good time for this bruiser. Any steak, lamb, heavy cheeses, stuffed bell peppers, or hearty soups or stews will pair very well with this beauty. Price: About $25 a bottle. Don’t let the price stop you – it’s worth every penny!

Domaine Fontany Rosé, Provence, France, Vintage 2011 – This winery has never failed to produce high quality dry “pink” wines, consistent year to year. True rosés are dry, containing pronounced fruitiness that go so well with many foods and a great alternative to white wine during the summer or with lighter foods during other seasons. Try it with Asian scallops, teriyaki chicken, seafood salads, or even paella (my favorite!). Price: About $13 a bottle.

Kitchen Sink Red Reserve, Red Zinfandel, Syrah, Merlot, and Petite Syrah, California, Non-Vintage – Very pleasant aromas of blueberry and a hint of mocha flow from this well-crafted wine. Loads of blackberry and cassis, with a hint of plum make this a real joy to drink. What a great wine to serve with grilled foods, especially spare ribs, and spicy sausage! Price: About $13 a bottle.

Dr. Heidemanns, Graacher Himmelreich, Kabinett, Riesling, Mosel Valley, Germany, Vintage 2009 – Want to try a slightly sweet white wine with food? This one is a real treat. It’s considered an off-dry wine, and pairs extremely well with many foods. Very fruity, with apple and almond aromas just the beginning. Flavors of peach, papaya, citrus, and melon are very apparent. Try it with roast pork, roast chicken, or baked fish dishes. Price: About $18 a bottle.

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Angler’s 2013 Season Opens with a Frosty Win for Bass Wholes Team!

by Joe Lentine, Reporter, LOW Angler

The LOW Anglers held their first tournament of the 2013 season on Saturday, March 23, with a field of fifteen teams. All the boaters had to deal with icy-cold conditions leading up to the start time, with very cool air and water temperatures in the low 30s. Under these conditions, the fish were not very active, and were hunkered down into their deep holding areas.

The Bass Wholes team of JD Krob and Matt Brady (pictured on right) had an up-and-down morning, getting some nice keepers in the first half hour, but then missed a few opportunities to add fish. Later on in the day, however, their pattern of targeting deep areas provided some steady action again for them. They landed some more good-sized fish, with their biggest one marking just over 4.5 lbs., which was caught in the last stop before heading to the weigh-in. That strong finish propelled them to the top of the leader board with a total of 16.48 lbs. The bait of the day for JD and Matt was a deep diving lure called the “Silver Buddy.”

There were some other impressive bags brought in by the Hay Seeds team, with 14.57 lbs. for second place and the Lucky Charms team with 13.22 lbs. There was also one jaw-dropping lunker who weighed in at 7.82 lbs, caught by Bryon Evens aided by a masterful netting job by his dad Bobby Evans, from the Five Alive team. Bryon caught his big one early in the day in a deep area with his dependable Pig-N-Jig lure. It was indeed, a long and cold outing, but most teams reported decent action, nonetheless.

The top five finishes for the March 23 event were as follows: 1st Place – Bass Wholes (JD Krob & Matt Brady): 5 fish total 16.48 lbs. 2nd Place - Hay Seeds (Dave Allen & Guy Breeden): 5 fish total 14.57 lbs. 3rd Place – Lucky Charms (Mike Fanning & Rich Stanton): 5 fish total 13.22 lbs. 4th Place – Five Alive (Bobby & Bryon Evens): 3 fish total 11.08 lbs. 5th Place – Bass Harrasers: 5 fish total 7.07 lbs.

All fish were released safely back in the lake after weigh-in. The next scheduled tournament is Saturday, April 20, from 6:30 AM to 12:30 PM. For more information please go to the website address: www.lowanglerwebs.co
At the last Supervisors’ meeting, the Supervisors approved a revised lease with the Lake of the Woods Association for the compactor site. The revised lease is for two years with provisions for automatic renewal unless either party gives notice that they do not want to renew. The revised lease keeps many of the provisions of the previous lease but adds new provisions that make it clear that Orange County is responsible for clean-up of any spills that would result in contamination of the environment or any other problems caused by the county. The provision calling for the county to plan for moving the compactor was removed. Removing this provision allows the county to avoid the significant costs of creating a new waste collection site and ensures that residents will have an easily accessible place to get rid of household trash.

The Virginia Department of Transportation recently proposed that Orange County receive a significant increase in funding for the county’s Secondary Road Six-Year Plan. Approximately $2.8 million additional funding will enable completion of the current six-year plan and $1.7 million for additional eligible projects. The funding will be provided in the latter years of the plan, and the majority will be dedicated to improving gravel roads. There have been specific projects suggested and the Supervisors will have to come to consensus on them. A public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 14 to present the revised Secondary Six Year Plan. The specific projects will be published and citizens will have the opportunity to comment or make recommendations.

The Supervisors agreed to allow the Sheriff’s office to seek a grant for three School Resource Officers (SROs) who would be assigned to county elementary schools. SROs are fully qualified Deputies who are already assigned at the high school and middle schools. These grants are being offered by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services and are, in part, a response to the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. Although the grant covers a large portion of the initial salary and benefit costs, it does not cover uniforms, weapons, or vehicles, and grant support gradually phases out. After four years, the county picks up the entire cost of the SROs. Although the Supervisors agreed to the application for the grant, the county is not obligated to accept the grant if received. The county will need to evaluate the benefits of these SROs against the eventual costs to the taxpayers before making a final decision on acceptance.

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.
Chancellorsville Battle Impacted Three Local Lives
by Craig Rains, Board Member, Civil War Study Group, Inc.

Two local authors will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Chancellorsville by sharing stories of three area residents and the impact the battle had on their lives at the Civil War Study Group meeting at 10:30 AM on Friday, April 26, at the Woods Center.

Dr. Pete Rainey will discuss two of his ancestors, Private John R. Spotswood, Jr. of the 9th Virginia Cavalry, and his father, J. R. Spotswood, who, during the War, lived at “Orange Grove,” the family home which was located at the present site of Spotswood Park on Lakeview Parkway. He will also discuss John Samuel Apperson, who was born near what today is Confederate Drive in LOW’s Section 6. Apperson was a hospital steward in the Stonewall Brigade on the night Jackson had his arm amputated near Wilderness Tavern.

Josef W. Rokus will present the story of David Kyle of Spotsylvania County, a private in the 9th Virginia Cavalry, who was asked by General “Stonewall” Jackson to serve as his guide on the night of May 3, 1863. A short time later, Kyle was riding with Jackson when the general was shot by his own men just a few yards from what is today the Chancellorsville Visitor Center. After the War, Kyle settled at Brandy Station and is buried in Fairview Cemetery in Culpeper.

The meeting is open to all residents of LOW. For more information, contact the Civil War Study Group, Inc., through President Pete Rainey at 972-9291 or at petel304@comcast.net.

In addition, the Civil War Study Group, Inc. is hosting a tournament at the LOW golf course May 24 to raise funds for its educational projects focusing on area history, with an emphasis on the Civil War. Funds from previous CWSG golf tournaments have underwritten a Civil War relics display cabinet at the LOW Clubhouse and three interpretive panels detailing events that occurred inside LOW during the Battle of the Wilderness. Those interested in participating in the golf tournament may contact Bill Wilson, tournament director, at 972-1824 or at wrosserw@comcast.net.

150th Anniversary at Chancellorsville by Joe Rokus, Board Member, Civil War Study Group, Inc.

The Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park will be holding a series of special events May 1-10 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Chancellorsville and needs volunteers to assist with them. As a result of the expected record number of visitors to the battlefield, the Civil War Study Group (CWSG) at Lake of the Woods has volunteered to provide help in event parking, directing visitors, and other duties.

CWSG is encouraging any Lake of the Woods residents, to pitch in by volunteering a few hours of their time. No knowledge of the history of the Civil War or the Battle of Chancellorsville is required to be part of these educational and historic once-in-a-lifetime events.

See event brochure at www.nps.gov/frsp/upload/Chancellorsville-150-Booklet.pdf. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Joe Rokus at 972-6386 or via email at rokus@comcast.net.

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