

**PERSPECTIVES – DECEMBER 2020**  
**Carolyn Durphy - President**

Here we are the last month of the year!! And what a year it has been for the us and the nation. The latest talk is that there will be a vaccine in the near future. Even though we have not been able to have our usual meetings and celebrations for our AARP chapter we have been able to have a few functions. We did have a couple of food drives for the Wilderness Food Pantry. And also, a couple of restaurant dinners that netted us a fair amount for the treasury. We hope to have some more “eat outs” in the coming year. We were also able to have a “drive by” birthday celebration for Madeline Salustri for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

As your President, I want to wish you all the happiest of holiday seasons. It has been a hard year beginning in March. We have had to wear masks and stay 6’ apart, no more than 10 people to a gathering. Many of us had to forego a funeral service in the church or funeral home and a gathering afterward. It made having “closure” very hard. With the help of our faith and good friends here in Lake of the Woods, we have made it through. We are so blessed to live in such a wonderful community.

**AARP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

A meeting was held on Monday, November 23, 2020 at the Community Center. The main topic was how to distribute our monies to our charities. It was voted to give to the following organizations:

LOW Fire & Rescue	\$1,500
Culpeper Safe House	\$1,000
Orange County Free Clinic	\$1,000
Living Waters Free Clinic	\$1,000
Wilderness Food Pantry	<u>\$ 500</u>
Total	\$5,000

Because of the pandemic, we did not have our usual funds to distribute to the usual 17 charities and voted to give to the ones above. Letters, with checks, will be sent to them. We are also going to send letters to all the other charities explaining why we were unable to give donations this year.

These are the organizations we were unable to support this year: Orange Senior Center, Orange County TRIAD, Orange County Head Start, Citizens Police Academy, Orange County K-9, Orange County Animal Shelter, Lake Youth Foundation, the Paul Stephen's Home, and OCHS Fine Arts Boosters. If you would like to donate to any of these individually, your support would be most appreciated.

## **OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR 2021**

President – Carolyn Durphy	<u>Board of Directors</u>	
Vice President – Paul Conrad	Karen Kovarik	Al Rico
Secretary – Beth Drabant	Judy Schrage	Pam Archer
Treasurer – Joe McEuen	Greg Stoner	Past President (will stay vacant)

Please welcome Pam and Beth to their new positions. Thank you both for stepping up and filling these slots. Carolyn personally thanks you all for helping make my job run smoothly.

The next Board meeting will be in January.

### **GET WELL & SYMPATHY – Vi Liberti**

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Dick Berra.

Please send any get well wishes or sympathy to Vi at [parliment115@verizon.net](mailto:parliment115@verizon.net) or 972-1272

### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS – Pam Archer**

Garry Archer, Judith Ayers, Karen Cakouros, Donna Crawley, Melinda Crocker, Timothy Edwards, Robert Haring, Jackie Hill, Mark Leach, Hank Lewis, Michael Montie, Ed Rowan, Gail Sauro, Diane Sibley, Joseph Wascalus, Elaine Witcher

### **“NO CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR?” - Peter Williams, LOW Lions**

Many families in our community are facing a joy-less Christmas this year because of the impact of the Covid19 pandemic, which has brought illness and job losses to many. The Lake of the Woods Lions Club is hoping to restore some joy for the victims of the virus with the funds raised by donations to the **Tree of Love**, which was dedicated and lit on Saturday December 5. All of the money raised will be shared among families the Lions identify as facing financial challenges. If you haven't made a donation yet, there is still time for you to do so.

The main Tree is festooned with white and red lights, white in memory of folks who have passed away, red in honor of those who have performed services to you or the community; the smaller Tree is lit with purple lights to honor our Veterans. Monies are still being accepted. Please send your check for \$5 per light to LOW Lions Club Foundation, P.O. Box 605, Locust Grove, VA 22508 – larger donations will be greatly appreciated.

#### **A CLOSING THOUGHT –**

I want to wish all the members of Chapter 5239 a great holiday season and wishes for a brighter New Year.



## **LOWLINC Three-month Winter Membership Special**

Stay safe and independent at home with these LOWLINC services:

- \* **Transportation**
- \* **Grocery shopping & delivery**
- \* **Mail pickup & delivery**

- \* **Trash service**
- \* **Friendly visits & check-in calls**
- \* **Light home maintenance**
- \* **Dog walking**
- \* **Tech support**
- \* **Walking buddies**

**Open to older adults at Lake of the Woods. Membership runs three months from date of joining, must join by January 31, 2021.**

**Fees: \$125 individual; \$150 household. You have the option to convert to annual membership at the end of Winter Membership.**

**For an application or info call 540-908-4665 or visit [lowlinc.org](http://lowlinc.org).**

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