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Scholarship Committee Will Distribute Applications



This May, the Lake Youth Foundation (LYF) will award two \$1000 scholarships: the *Lake Youth Foundation Scholarship* and the *Inspiration Station Scholarship*, to graduating high school seniors attending an accredited four-year college, community college or trade school in the fall of 2007.

The purpose of our scholarships is to help students residing in Lake of the Woods, who have volunteered their time and talents to better their community, pay for higher education tuition, fees and books.

To be considered for these scholarship opportunities, candidates must fill out an application and be: a) a graduating high school senior from a public, private or home school with a GPA of 2.5 or higher; b) accepted at an accredited four-year college, community college or trade school; AND c) a dependent of Lake of the Woods member or registered tenant whose primary residence is Lake of the Woods.

Selection criteria for the scholarships will emphasize: a) community involvement; b) recommendations; and c) scholastic achievement.

Applications will be available after February 15, 2007 on the Lake Youth Foundation website www.lakeyouth.org and from Orange County High School's guidance department. Scholarship finalists will be required to complete an interview with the LYF Scholarship Committee.

The applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2007. If you have questions, please phone Melanie Dynes at 972-0709 or email at melanie.dynes@comcast.net. Completed applications should be mailed to: LYF Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 964, Locust Grove, VA 22508

Santa Came to Lake of the Woods



On the evening of Saturday, December 9, Santa visited with over 100 children from Lake of the Woods at the Community Center. Santa and his helpers visited with each child quietly in one of the meeting rooms which was decorated like a cozy room in a home. Parents had plenty of time to take pictures and watch as the children visited. Each child received a bell to remember to keep the Christmas spirit alive. After visiting with Santa, one grandparent said, "It was worth every second that we had to wait so that we could have such a wonderful visit with Santa."

Meanwhile the LOW Players sang carols with children and ran an interactive play twice with the youngsters waiting in the Multipurpose room. While there, the children and their parents were treated to juice and cookies, which were baked by the LOW Lioness. Lots of crayons and coloring book pages kept many children occupied while they waited.



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We would especially like to thank Hank Lewis, Lee Ann Hamilton, Pierce Crowell, and Joann Buttimer for volunteering to help out with the festivities. And we owe a huge thank you to Stew Replogle who managed to get a lot of the action on video which was run on Channel 17 for a week. And thank you to Dan McFarland who gave us good coverage in the *Orange County Review*.

One of the highlights of the evening came when youngsters from the November magic class demonstrated the skills they had learned from their YES class. We obviously have some budding magicians in our community. It was truly a wondrous night!



YES! Programs Continue Until May

In cooperation with 4-H, LYF continues to offer educational classes for LOW youth in the Community Center. All classes are on **Tuesday afternoons from 4:00–5:30pm** for various grade levels 2–4 and 5–8. A fee of \$5 will be collected for materials and snacks and is due on the first day of class. Registration forms are available at the Community Center, Holcomb Building and on line at our website, www.lakeyouth.org. Our schedule follows:

Lights, Camera, Action! **February 6-27** **Grades 4 – 8**

Join us for our February YES! program, "Lights, Camera, Action!" Youth in grades 4 - 8 are invited to join us on the ultimate media project – to create a television show, from start to finish. Participants will get a chance to try their hand at planning, directing, filming, editing and marketing a show for channel 17. We'll be going full media, with digital photography, digital filming, computerized editing, and audio technology. We'll even throw in a little bit of old fashioned creative writing. Classes will be held on Feb 6, 13, 20 and 27. For more information, call Lee Crowell, 972-5885. **Sign up NOW!**

Absolutely Astounded by Art **March 6 – 27** **Grades 2 – 8**

Description: Children will have the opportunity to explore different genres of art by creating astounding works of their own with the help of local artists. For more information on this class, call Lee Crowell at 972-5885.

Our Wild and Wonderful Lake **April 3 – 24** **Grades 2 – 8**

Description: Our own Lake Manager will teach children about the water-fowl, fish, and critters that inhabit our lake. They will also perform a few hands-on scientific water experiments to better understand water ecology and conservation. For more information, call Diane Hileman at 972-8634.

Opportunities That Surround Us **May 1 – 22** **Grades 2– 8**

Description: Each week a different LOW amenity will be featured – field trips may be taken.

Alumni Pool Party **May 29** **Grades 2 – 8**

LYF will sponsor a Pool Party at Sweetbriar Pool for any student, accompanied by an adult, who has taken a YES! course.



Membership Categories

Individual/Family

Bronze \$15.00

Silver \$25.00

Gold..... \$50.00

Platinum..... \$100.00

Benefits

- *Quarterly e-Newsletters
- *Independence Day Parade Participation
- *Special Event Invitations
- *Platinum Member: \$50.00 of membership goes to LYF's Scholarship Fund

Corporate/Organization

Bronze \$150.00

Silver \$250.00

Gold..... \$500.00

Platinum..... \$1000.00

Benefits

- *Quarterly e-Newsletters
- *Name & logo on:
 - Website with hyperlink
 - Registration forms
 - Event Posters
 - Regatta T-shirts
- *Acknowledgement in e-Newsletter
- *Scholarship Fund Contribution:
 - Silver** \$100.00
 - Gold**..... \$350.00
 - Platinum**..... \$1000.00

LOW Players and LYF Celebrate 400th Anniversary

This year, come celebrate America's 400th anniversary with us. The LOW Players will honor this commemorative occasion throughout the year by creating cultural and educational presentations of the nation's progress since 1607. One of these presentations consists of several children's skits as part of the Lights, Camera, Action class sponsored by The Lake Youth Foundation.

This is an interactive endeavor by two LOW organizations (LOW Players, and LYF) using the talents and skills of our local youth. Some youth will be involved in dramatic role-playing; others will be involved in the technical aspect of filming. Most important, through the magic of technology, you can view this learning experience on Channel 17 brought to you exclusively by the young people of our lake community. Please check *The Lake Currents* for the date and time of this viewing.

Help Us With The Cardboard Boat Regatta

Can you believe it is time to start planning for our 3^d Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta! We are shooting for the end of July again this year but are waiting for approval by the LOWA Lake Users Committee and General Manager before we can announce the exact date.

In the meantime, we are looking for eager volunteers to help with this BIG event. We need help with award and trophy selections, tee shirt sales, marketing (flyers and posters), judges, and event setup & cleanup. If you are interested in helping out in any of these areas, or have suggestions on ways to improve this event, please contact Diane at hileman1@comcast.net. We will have a meeting sometime in March to get our preliminary plans underway. And yes, we will have a new rule this year – in order to place for a trophy, you must be in your boat when it crosses the finish line!

Did You See The Tree?



Before Christmas, Betty and Chuck Schulle donated a nine foot, lighted Christmas tree to Lake Youth Foundation. Jenn Sweigart and LYF pondered where to place it in the Community Center. The multipurpose room is used for basketball, volleyball, pickle ball, dodge ball and other sports—so not there. Then we saw a great corner in the game room where the tree fit perfectly. After we put it together, there were no ornaments. So the next Tuesday, we visited the “Over 55 Fun Group” to ask if they would like to decorate the tree. Their response the next Tuesday was overwhelming! They brought in many ornaments and had a grand time decorating the tree. It was truly beautiful! Now the tree is put away and the ornaments are stored for next year—yet our memories linger. We like to think that the tree symbolized the spirit of cooperation between age groups and organizations that LYF is trying to engender in LOW. And all who participated certainly had the true meaning of Christmas in their hearts.



Important Numbers

Emergency/Fire/Police
911

VA State Police
1-800-572-2260

Orange County Sheriff
540-672-1200

OC Animal Control
540-672-9725

Poison Control
1-804-451-1428

Substance Abuse
1-800-835-6130

Coping Hotline
540-371-1212

LOWA Security
540-972-2020

LOWA Gatehouse
540-972-2210

LOWA Office
540-972-2237

Activity & Wellness
540-972-9680

LOWA Clubhouse
540-972-2222

Clubhouse Pool
540-972-2232

Sweetbriar Pool
540-972-2231

REC–Electricity
540-898-8500

RSA–Water & Sewer
540-972-2133 or 2234

Adelphia Cable Failure
1-888-683-1000

Verizon–Phone Outage
1-800-483-1000



A Message From The President

I would like to start off by wishing all friends and members of the Lake Youth Foundation a Happy New Year. As I sit here writing my first article, I am reflecting on the past year's programs and events. We have so many dedicated volunteers to thank for helping us with our Used Bike Sale, our ever-popular Cardboard Boat Regatta and last but not least our Visit with Santa, a much-anticipated event for our youngest members. We are already gearing up for this year's events and are always looking for willing, dedicated volunteers to join us in providing these fun family events to our community. If you are interested in volunteering, send us an email at info@lakeyouth.org.

A big Thank You goes out to our business community for their generous donations during our annual 2006 - 2007 membership drive. Without their support, our community events, scholarship program, and Youth Educational Series would not be possible. We extend our memberships to all families who would like to see our various programs and events continue. For more information on our memberships, please see our Membership section located in this newsletter.

This past October, we started the Youth Educational Series (YES!) programs, which are held after-school on Tuesdays from 4:00 – 5:30 pm at the Community Center. I'm sure you have seen articles in the Lake Currents on our past classes – Magic, Crafts, and Health & Nutrition. See our article in this newsletter for more information.

The classes will end with a pool party on Tuesday, May 29th for all youth that have participated in any of our classes throughout the year! We hope to get more children interested in our programs so please spread the word. If you have any suggestions on better days to meet, class content ideas, or are willing to help teach a class, please contact us at info@lakeyouth.org.

I believe this about sums up the great year all of the Board of Directors and members had here at the Lake Youth Foundation. I look forward to meeting many new friends this year and hope that they will spread the word to our community about the great events, programs, and services we are providing to the youth here at the Lake. —Diane Hileman

Promote Membership In LYF

Your membership contribution to LYF helps support our educational, scholarship and community service programs. Please take the time to tell neighbors, friends or business owners about our organization and urge them to check out our website at www.lakeyouth.org to learn more. Be sure to explain that we have filed as a separate 501(c)(3) non-profit Foundation but are closely aligned with the LOWA Youth Activities Committee and the LOWA Activity and Wellness Director.

Potential members can join by calling Melinda Stephenson at 972-0757. Thank you for your dedication to help with LYF's mission to create lasting, positive changes in the lives of our youth here at Lake of the Woods.



Youth Organizations and Services

4-H Clubs

Kaci Coppedge, 672-1361

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

Joe Yeager, 972-3479

Boys and Girls Club of Orange

www.bgcluborange.com

Girl Scouts

Whitney Wade,
540-661-4254
Carol Moyer, 972-3240

Higher Power Performance Team

LOW Church 972-9060

Junior Sailing Program

Bob Doan, 972-8969

LOW Youth Activities

Jenn Sweigart, 972-2232

LOW Players

Marion Pronk, 972-0808

Lake Co-op Preschool

972-9683

Locust Grove Elementary School

661-4420

Locust Grove Middle School

661-4444

Orange County High School

972-3133

Orange County Office on Youth

672-5484

Soccer, Orange Recreation Association

972-3740

Swim Team Barracudas,

www.lowswimteam.org

Water Ski Club

Dave Kronenwetter, 972-1084
usawaterski.org



Would You Like To Tend Our Flock?

We are looking for volunteers to care for our "Flock". Friends or neighbors could order a flock of pink flamingos to be placed on someone's yard for a fee. They would "flock" for a day and be removed by the "flock tender" the next day. This project requires a dedicated volunteer to care for the birds and their flocking. If you are fun loving and would like to help us raise funds, call 972-0083 to volunteer.

Corporate Members Keep LYF Well Funded

LYF ended its fiscal year well financed because of the generous donations of our Corporate Members. They contributed three times as much, as compared to the previous year.

Even though donations from individuals and families fell far short of expectations, LYF has adequate funds to provide scholarships and programs for the upcoming year.

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540-379-9999
inspirationstationva.com

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540-972-7600

LOW Lioness Club
P.O. Box 822
Nan Reid, President
540-972-0135

Dominion Auto Repair
4084 Germanna Hwy.
dominionautorepair.com
540-972-1352

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P.O. Box 605
Don Rogers, President
540-972-3453

Domino's Pizza
36103 Goodwin Drive
540-972-3811

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35070-B
Germanna Heights Drive
540-399-9841

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3281 Germanna Hwy.
540-972-3740

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540-972-0808

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540-972-1633

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