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## Lake Youth Foundation E-Newsletter

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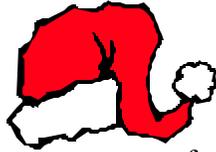
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## Santa Visited Lake of the Woods



It was a night of wonder and awe for some Lake of the Woods children. Santa paid a special visit to our Community Center on Saturday, December 15. Last year we noticed that some of the children seemed a little tired from waiting to see him, so we decided to make reservations this year. We were pleased that everyone was so cooperative and friendly about making reservations. There were a few “walk-ins” but we were able to work them in. Next year we hope that everyone will get the word that it is by reservation only. Santa saw about 85 children and they were all happy to pose for parents and grandparents with cameras.

While waiting for their appointment, the children were treated to a puppet show by “Kids On The Block” and a chance to play with the puppets as well. The puppet show was repeated later in the evening. On stage our own LYF Junior Magicians excitedly showed off their magic tricks for the crowd. They had been trained earlier in one of our Y.E.S. classes. And the Lake of the Woods Players filled in between acts with Christmas carols.

The Lake of the Woods Lioness baked dozens of cookies for the event. Children enjoyed picking out their favorite cookies and munching them down. We were also happy that MacDonald’s agreed to donate orange drink for the event.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out and really made this event a success!

## Join Us For Our 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Bring your Easter basket and join LYF for our second annual Easter Egg Hunt at Sweetbriar Park on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00–3:00pm. The Easter Bunny will be joining us as well this year, so don’t forget to bring your camera. Snacks and juice will be available during the event. The egg hunts will be divided into the following age groups and times:



2 and under 1:00pm  
3 – 5 yr. olds 1:15pm  
6 – 8 yr. olds 1:30pm

Registrations begin March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Diane at 972-8634 by March 17<sup>th</sup> to register your child. You may also register by emailing her at [hileman1@comcast.net](mailto:hileman1@comcast.net) and list the names and ages of your children.



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## LOW Players and LYF Say "School's Out, Drama's In!"

The Lake Youth Foundation is partnering with the LOW Players to provide a full day (9:00am-3:30pm) drama experience on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, which is an Orange County Public School teacher workday. Children ages 8-17 will get a taste of everything from acting, costumes and makeup to full stage production. This drama experience will be held at the Community Center and is based on the wildly successful summer drama camps. If you want to see our mini drama production, please stop by the Community Center at 2:45pm and check us out! Channel 18 will also be there to tape events throughout the day.

## LYF Will Help With Children's Butterfly Garden



LOW Garden Club and LYF will cooperate to establish a Children's Butterfly Garden in the area between the Community Center and the George Lewis Pavilion at Lake of the Woods. The Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs (VFGC) offered grants to state garden clubs last Spring for gardening projects with children. Connie Buttimer, LYF & LOW Garden Club Member submitted a request for funds to establish a garden. Rod Ahlfield, LOWA Grounds Maintenance Foreman, had previously discussed possibilities for such a garden. The VFGC awarded \$1000 for the project. Bill Wilson, LOWA Board and Garden Club Member has joined in to help plan the garden and donated several butterfly bushes to the project.

This garden will have gravel pathways and several plots of butterfly friendly plants, such as butterfly bushes, asters, echinacea, mallows, parsley and nasturtiums. Some plants not particularly loved by butterflies will add color and beauty. Three or four trees will be planted to provide some shade.

First we will install an irrigation system and add nutrients to the soil. Then several butterfly bushes will be planted before Spring.

The LOW Pre-School will plant seeds indoors and grow them to be added to the garden in the Spring. The children there are already excited about new paths which will make it easier to access the playground.

This is a multi-year project and LYF will be recruiting, educating and supervising children to help with planting in the Spring. We will invite local Scout groups and other children to participate in LYF sponsored activities. Watch for more details on this aspect as plans develop.

LOWA will also be addressing drainage along the side of the building with plans for a mineral pool for butterflies and a bridge to cross the small stream that flows in that area. Eventually path edging, memorial benches and educational signage is planned for the garden as funds become available.

Other community groups and organizations are encouraged to participate in this project. If you need more information, would like to help or provide funds for this project call Connie Buttimer at 972-0083 or email at [concom256@comcast.net](mailto:concom256@comcast.net).



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**Silver** ..... \$100.00  
**Gold**..... \$350.00  
**Platinum** ..... \$1000.00



### LYF Sponsored "A Spooky Walk"

The Lake Youth Foundation added another event with the birth of "A Spooky Walk". Over 600 children passed through the lower level of the Clubhouse to see a scarecrow, gorilla, wizard, axman, mummy and lighted pumpkins. A popular attraction was "boxes of mummy parts". Children were also treated to vignettes of storybook characters such as Red Riding Hood meeting the Big Bad Wolf and the Witch from Hansel and Gretel. The event would not have been complete without a visit to a witch's fire and a walk through a spooky graveyard.

With the large turnout it is clear that this is an event worth organizing. If we decide to sponsor "A Spooky Walk" next year, we hope to involve some other organizations. They could set up tents outdoors and the children could walk through the different areas. If your group or organization is willing to help with this event, please let one of the LYF directors know about your interest.

We want to recognize the participation and/or donation of Halloween articles by George & Betty Beck, Neil & Connie Buttimer, Joann Buttimer, Frank Buttimer, Pierce Crowell, Bob & Mimi Doan, Cathy France, Elle Hays, Terry & Diane Hileman, Dave & Donna Jackson, Hank Lewis, Lois Powell, Judy Sheridan, and Susan Oldach. We would also like to thank the LOW Players, Marion Pronk, Bernie Arnold, Anne Medley, and Bob McFarland for their participation. We had fun entertaining everyone! Connie Buttimer



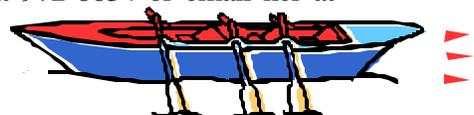
### LYF Will Participate in 2008 Battle of the Bands



The Lake Youth Foundation is partnering with the LOW Youth Activities Committee (YAC) to plan a Battle of the Bands for Saturday, March 29th, at the Community Center. The last Battle was a great success, and this year should be even better! The proceeds will be used to purchase electronic games for the teen center. For more information or if you know of a band that would like to participate, contact Karen O'Donnell at 972-0572 or by email at [Odonnellake@comcast.net](mailto:Odonnellake@comcast.net). Also, if you would like to receive the Youth Activities quarterly e-newsletter, send an email to [youthinfo@comcast.net](mailto:youthinfo@comcast.net).

### Make Plans For The Cardboard Boat Regatta

It is not too early to start planning for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta, which will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2008 at Sailboat Beach. You can look at pictures and learn about past regattas as well as construction tips on our webpage, [www.lakeyouth.org](http://www.lakeyouth.org). More information will be available in the spring. We need help with planning and we always needs lots of help the day of the event. If you would like to volunteer for any part of this fun family event, please contact Diane Hileman at 972-8634 or email her at [hileman1@comcast.net](mailto:hileman1@comcast.net).





### Message From The President

Happy New Year to all members and friends! The LYF Board of Directors was very busy this past fall adding a new family event – The Spooky Walk. We hope all of you were able to enjoy this spooky experience that took place in the lower level of the clubhouse. It was a great hit and plans are underway to make it bigger and better this year!

We are starting this year off with an all day drama experience to be held on January 28<sup>th</sup>, at the community center. The children will be able to learn about makeup, costumes, acting, and stage production. The day will end with a mini drama production at 2:45pm. Don't worry if you miss the show, it will air on Channel 18 during the month of February.

We will once again be awarding one \$1,000 and one \$500 scholarship to graduating high school seniors that reside in Lake of the Woods and have volunteered their time and talents to better their community. The scholarship applications are available on our website [www.lakeyouth.org](http://www.lakeyouth.org) or from the Orange County High School Guidance Department.

Did you know that a \$1,000 donation by an individual or business would create a scholarship in their name? This is a great way to honor a family member or loved one. At the same time you can help a student pay for higher education tuition, fees, and books. Please contact Diane Hileman at 972-8634 for more information on how to donate to our scholarship program and various other sponsorship levels. All donations to our foundation are tax-deductible and will enable us to continue offering enrichment programs, fun family events, and higher education scholarships to our youth.

The Foundation is always looking for volunteers and/or ideas on events that would interest our younger families. If you would like to volunteer your time or talents, contact us at [info@lakeyouth.org](mailto:info@lakeyouth.org). Diane Hileman

### New Director Added To LYF Board

At our last LYF Board meeting, we were pleased to add Bob McFarland to our board. Some may remember his animated performance as the mute King in the LOW Players last production of "Once Upon A Mattress." Bob has been involved with the players for the past two years. He & his wife owned their own printing business for 20 years. For 10 years he worked with the March of Dimes where he assisted in the development of a number of fund raising programs such as walkathon, haunted house and direct mail campaigns. With all that experience we look forward to his involvement in LYF.

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