

LOWC News

News and Events for Lake Oswego Women's Club
October 2011



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LOWC Members,
First and foremost, I want to welcome all of our new provisional members! Thanks to the hard work of our Membership Committee (Macey Lempert, Kathleen Ellman and Ingrid Smith) we have 25 new members! We are so excited to have you on board, and hope that the LOWC brings you happiness, good times, and lots of great memories!

We had our annual Fashion Show on September 22nd and as usual it was



Lovely Raffle Prizes at the Fashion Show

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a fabulous event. The Fashion Show committee (Galina Kaesche, Scottie Johnson, Michelle Gaffga, and Sandy Varzarschi) worked their magic and created a luncheon that none of us will forget. Thank you so much for your efforts!

If you are going to make one General Meeting all year, I would advocate clearing your schedule for the evening of October 20th! The meeting will be held at the Children's Center where we are a "Foundations of Hope" sponsor. This will be the best opportunity of the year to see (literally!) what our dollars have built. Please see Lisa Rainer's article later in this newsletter (p.2) for all of the details.

Another reason to come to the October 20th General Meeting is that we will be handing out our hot-



Julie Aronson & Kimberly Brandt-Fashion Show

off-the-presses 2011-2012 directory! Thanks to the amazing work of one of our brand new provisionals Johanna McCormick, with help from Lori Malone, Kim Nelson, and Robin Tremayne, the directory is fabulous! It will be an invaluable resource for the coming year, as it includes all members' information, the events calendar, and committee assignments. Be sure to get your copy!

I'm looking forward to a fabulous year and hope to see you soon!

*Sharon Mirarchi
LOWC President*

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General Meeting - October 20 - Children's Center

A reminder from the Meeting Committee to join us for the October 20th general meeting at **The Children's Center in Oregon City** (1713 Penn Lane). Last year we committed to a 5 year partnership (and a \$25,000 donation) to The Children's Center. Please take this opportunity to come and visit the facility that Lake Oswego Women's Club has helped "put on the map". There is a rock with our name engraved on it, and a room in the building named after us. Come and see for yourself how LOWC funds are being used! The program director for the Children's Center will talk briefly about the amazing work The Children's Center does and you'll also have an opportunity to tour the facility.

Please also consider bringing with you any of the following items for donation to The Children's Center. We'd love to surprise them with a big supply!

- New books for children up to the age of 18
- Lightscribe DVD-R discs by Verbatim (these are used to record the child interview onto and include in our report to law enforcement and DHS)
- Toiletry kits/items for boys and girls, including comb, brush, hair ties/barrettes, toothbrush and paste, floss, soap, shampoo and conditioner
- New/unused stuffed animals
- New/unused blankets/quilts (lap size) for boys and girls up to the age of 18
- Individual pack of goldfish crackers
- Gift cards to Fred Meyers, preferred amount of \$25 or less

Lisa Rainer

Meetings Chair



2011-2012 LOWC Directory

This year's Member Directory will be distributed at the October 20th General Meeting, first-come/first-serve. I would like to thank all LOWC members for their timely response to countless emails regarding updates and deadlines. And as the provisional Directory shepherd, with all my rookie questions, I would especially like to communicate my huge debt of gratitude to the following members for their heavy-duty assisting/guiding these past two weeks: Macey Lempert, Lori Malone, Sharon Mirarchi, Kim Nelson, and Robin Tremayne. For those of you who cannot attend the General Meeting, you may collect your copy, as available, from Johanna McCormick--you can find me in the Directory!

Johanna McCormick

Directory Chair



Amanda Anderson, Macey Lempert, & Kim Nelson helping out at Abby's Closet

Philanthropy

Abby's Closet is a non-profit whose mission is to inspire confidence and self-respect in high school women by providing free formal gowns for prom and other memorable events. Last year Lake Oswego Women's Club donated gowns as well as participated in a work party and the big prom gown give-away last spring.

LOWC is continuing our partnership with Abby's Closet by participating in a **work party on Friday, 10/21 from 10am - 1pm**. We will have a small group of volunteers sort & box up



Stephanie Kidd at Abby's Closet

dresses for the YWCA winter formal. I still have one or two slots open, so contact Lori Faris at faris.lori@gmail.com by 10/19 if you are interested in helping.

One more tidbit on "AC"

Abby's Closet's Beauty & the Beast fall fundraiser is October 28th and LOWC has purchased one table. The table is full but you can still sign up individually online at www.abbyscloset.org.

Our general meeting this month (10/20) is at the **Children's Center**, currently our top funded charity. Be sure to come to the meeting so you can see the new facility, see our club name on a room and hear guest speaker Shauna Lugar tell us a little about the services provided at the Children's Center. Bring a new kid's book or something off their wish list if you can. (See Meeting Committee update on page 2 for a full wish list for the Children's Center.)

Other committee news: our committee met on 10/4 and discussed the grant process, narrowing our focus, non-profit research and committee assignments.

Lisa Mackin is our HHT liaison. She will work with the Holiday Home Tour team to make sure we have a charity represented in each home.

Becky Campbell, Andrea Burrough, Kris Coder and Natalie Friis are on a sub-committee that will be in charge of scheduling speakers, donations drives and work parties in the coming months. Watch for future updates on these!

Lori Faris

Philanthropy Chair





Lovely models showing off fabulous fashion at the 2011 Fall Fashion Show

Fall Fashion Show

The 2011 Fall Fashion Show was a great success! The fashion show committee worked feverishly to accomplish the task of presenting a beautiful show. All of the members in attendance showed great enthusiasm by way of their contribution to the raffle ticket sales and the table centerpiece auction bid. The fashion show committee will also be organizing for 2012. Thank you Galina Kaesche, Michelle Gaffe, Scottie Johnson, and Sandy Varzarschi for all the time and effort put in to present a lovely program. A special "thank you" to Kathleen Ellman for serving as our Mistress of Ceremonies.



Member Dues

For the first time, LOWC set up an invoicing system to collect our annual membership dues. I am happy to announce we have nearly 100% participation from all of our members!!!

The LOWC Board voted on October 6th to change our club's fiscal year from October 1-September 30th to July 1st-June 30th. Beginning next July, 2012 we will bill for dues for the 2012- 2013 year, and annually in July thereafter. Dues deadline for 2012-2013 membership will be the Fashion Show next September.

Robin Tremayne
Treasurer



Congrats!

Wonderful news to share! Amanda Anderson recently announced her engagement to Bryan Quinn. The lovely couple are planning to wed in August 2012. Congratulations!





*Natalie Friis, Amanda Irving,
& Michelle Beilstein looking
lovely at the Fall Fashion Show*

Get Social!

October is a busy time for our social calendar. By the time you read this newsletter we will have had Happy Hour at Manzana's but are looking ahead to a Coffee Morning on October 26th, 9am at Chuck's Coffee on B Avenue. These get-togethers are really fun and a nice way to get to know other women in a very casual setting. Stay for a drink or two at Happy Hour and then have your husband, significant other, or friends come join you for dinner. We still have some space available for the **Poker Party** on October 22nd at my home. Ladies, this will



be a great night to learn how to play poker or hone your skills. The best part is your husband/significant other can be your coach and personal bartender. Please contact me directly and I will add you to the list. The cost is \$20 per person and that covers light hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer etc. Again, a wonderful opportunity to get together in a smaller setting and have our husbands/significant others get to know each other too.

Lisa Rainer and I are meeting with Kristy over at **Step it Up** this week for a tasting to solidify our menu for our Holiday party on Saturday, December 17th. If you haven't already please mark the date on your calendar, pick out your dress, put on your dancing shoes and get ready for a night of fun!

I hope to see many of you during Happy Hour, Coffee Morning and at the Poker Party. Until then, have a wonderful October.

*Jeri Parrott
Social Events Chair*

Events

General Meeting
Children's Center
Oct 20, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Poker Night Social Event
Jeri Parrott's Home
Oct 22, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Coffee Social Event
Chuck's Coffee
Oct 26, 2011 at 9:00 AM

Board Meeting
Sharon Callen's Home
Nov 03, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Happy Hour Social Event
Five Spice
Nov 09, 2011 at 4:00 PM

General Meeting - Potluck
Jeanne Kistner's Home
Nov 17, 2011 at 9:30 AM

Coffee Social Event
Peet's Coffee
Nov 30, 2011 at 9:00 AM

Book Club

Thursday, November 10th
Robin Tremayne's (3035 Sabo Lane, West Linn)
A Confederacy of Dunces by John Kennedy Toole

Visit
www.LOWomensClub.org
for details.

Lisa Rainer & Jeri Parrott





Brienne Runyon-Shelton & Tracey Freeman



*Heidi Schultz & Sharon Callen
showing their support at the
Hope and Healing Breakfast*

2011 Provisionals

We are so excited about this year's Provisional class. We have a total of 25 new Provisionals. They are a great group of talented and sharp women who will be a wonderful asset to LOWC. All have signed up to work on our various committees. A big thanks to Johanna McCormick who has stepped right in as our Directory Chair. Way to go Johanna. Also congrats to Cassandra Bauccio who just had a baby this last week.

Our New Member Orientation was held at Tracy Greenburg's beautiful home on October 1. It was so nice to get a chance to meet so many of the Provisionals at this meeting. Sharon Mirarchi spent time explaining the "ins and outs" of the club. Macey Lempert and Ingrid Brown did a nice job of putting the whole event together.

Just a reminder to remember to sign-up for your volunteer shift for the Holiday Home Tour. Go to Clubrunner to sign-up. Our second General Meeting of the year is October 20th at the Children's Center in Oregon City. This is our major charity and visiting the facility is a great way to see where our fundraising dollars go. Hope to see you all there.

*Lauren Retzlaff & Susan Ziegler
Provisional Mentors*

Children's Center

The Children's Center kicked off the fall season with their Breaking the Cycle Hope and Healing Breakfast held September 29th at the Abernethy Center. The LOWC had close to two full tables at this event. The Abernethy Center was completely packed with supporters for this event. We enjoyed seeing our own long-time supporter of the Children's Center, Lauren Retzlaff, visiting after being gone most of the summer with her daughter Haley during her surgery and recovery. The Children's Center will be our host for the October 20th General Meeting. A lot of our members have not had the chance to tour this wonderful facility and get a more detailed idea of all they do for the children that are brought into their care. I hope all of you can attend this meeting and get a chance to get acquainted with the staff and facility.

The Children's Center has a list of several items they could really use. We would like to have a donation drive for them at the October 20th meeting. It would be great if we could all help fill their wish list. We will collect the donated items at the General Meeting and hand them over to the staff at the meeting. **Please see page 2 of this newsletter for the Children's Center wish list.**

*Susan Ziegler
Children's Center Liaison*

Holiday Home Tour

The **17th Annual Holiday Home Tour**, one of our biggest fund raisers of the year, is fast approaching and we need you to volunteer for the day of the event which will be held on Thursday December 8th from 11-7! We have 5 amazing homes this year, all in Lake Oswego, and need the entire club to sign up now for one of the 3-hour shifts. Volunteers are needed to be in a home and welcome our wonderful tour patrons and guide them through the home.

Please go to ClubRunner (www.lowomensclub.org) and follow the directions that Lori Malone sent out a couple of weeks ago and **sign up for either the 10:30-1:30, 1:30-4:30 or 4:30-7:30 shift** so we do not have to contact you directly to do so.

We also require all club members to purchase four tickets for \$100 to support the event and get your friends and family to attend. Please bring your checkbook to



the next club meeting on October 20th so we can mark you off as *Paid in Full* and your tickets will be available for pick up at **The Grand Papery** at the end of the month! Thanks in advance for all of your help and support with this fabulous holiday event!

Rhonda Webber
HHT Chair

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Announcements

Cookbook

The cookbook plans are still cooking!

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Maceybwg@gmail.com

Thanks,

Macey Lempert

Membership Chair



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Don't forget to sign up for your
Holiday Home Tour shift! Visit
www.lowomensclub.org for details!

Please "Like" us on Facebook!

Thank you

A special *Thank You* to
Provisonal member **Tracey
Freeman** for providing the
lovely fashion show photos
used in October's newsletter!

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an ad.

October Birthdays

Kari Borgen	6
Joan Hutchinson	9
Galina Kaesche	12
Emily Higham	14
Stephanie Kidd	16
Holli Hopkins	21
Sharon Mirarchi	25
Sabrina Christensen	28

Condolences

We offer our deepest condolences to Judith (JuJu)
Gentry for the recent loss of her mother.

A Message from Lauren

I will continue asking for prayers for Haley. Please
pray for healing of hand, head, and heart, and the
faith to keep working hard toward her goal of resum-
ing life with "short" fingers. Love to all,
Lauren xoxox

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