

Lisle Woman's Club (LWC)
General Meeting minutes – pending approval
November 3, 2021

The meeting was held at Lisle Police Station Training Room at 6:56pm.
The theme of the meeting was Operation Support our Troops America
Karen Burris began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
There were 18 members in attendance and 2 guests.

Program: Speaker was Mike Guise from [Operation Support Our Troops America](#) (OSOTA).

OSOTA was founded in February 2003 by Deb Rickert in her garage in Naperville IL. They are a 5 star charity with Charity Navigator. They are one of the largest volunteer based military supported nonprofit organization in the country. They have over 500 volunteers give well over 10,000 hours each year in service (packing boxes, participating in parades, fundraising and special events)

The #1 program is the "Comfort and Care packages". The packages include food, snacks, candy, personal care articles, cards, letters and more. Also they offer veterans assistance that includes one-time donation for emergencies which was founded in the spirit of veterans helping veterans, along with Leap of Faith for Gold Star families to attend 3 day events with activities such as tandem skydiving, Equine or Dolphin therapy. The other wellness program is GI Yoga that helps veterans and their families cope with stress through classes that are held in person and via YouTube channel.

In 2020, the cost of shipping the Comfort and Care packages went up from \$27 to \$36 for a 25 lb. box (they have shipped over 2.1 million pounds to date). They use the US Govt. for shipping and each package has goodies for a squad (which is approximately 10 plus Soldiers). They also pack specific boxes for dogs and for women only. Currently OSOTA is doing packing and sorting of Holiday Stockings (to be added to the Comfort and Care packages) on Thursdays and Saturdays and they are looking for volunteers. In 2020, they created 5000 stockings.

Corporate donations are not as robust as they had been in the past so they need to purchase the items for the Comfort and Care packages. The previous 2021 fundraisers included a "Field of Honor" where they have setup flags in LaGrange and they sell the flags. They also have had Shop/Drop events at Jewel, Girl's Day out at the Vintage Charm Shop and various golf outings. The upcoming fundraising event is the Light Parade (on Nov. 26th) in Naperville.

Ways you can help: Donate as 90 cents of every dollar goes directly to the programs that support the military and veterans, volunteer at one of their events (see website), write letters and/or host a presentation/fund raising event.

They are always in need of volunteers to help with the Comfort and Care packages at the warehouse.

The Warehouse is located at 1989 University lane, Suite A behind the Lisle Police Station.

The Lisle Woman's club invited OSOTA to give a presentation and afterwards we did an activity to create origami cards for placement in the Comfort and Care packages

Ad-Hoc Committee

- Logo: The decision to re-form the logo committee was made this year in August wanting to further the progress that occurred with the previous committee. A logo had been recognized as something many club members said they would like to use to identify us in various ways: branding for the public's eye; shirts to identify members at our events; through various media such as the internet; to name a few. Everyone had been invited to join this committee, the members who came forth are Deirdre O'Malley, Joanne Ehrhardt, Liz Sullivan, Nancy Oij, Sandy Seastrom and Karen Burris. We were joined by Jacqueline King-Tran a friend of Deirdre's who is a student of graphic design. Over the past few months we met several times and came up with this logo to represent LWC. During this process we narrowed down your comments returned on this year's membership survey, adding to the information that had been gathered by the previous committee. Basing the logo on these 3 fundamental definitions of LWC and GFWC - Philanthropy, Community & Friendship. Tonight Jacqueline King-Tran presented the new logo to the club. A book is at the base because LWC is strongly connected to the Lisle Library which was founded by LWC. The leaves show diversity through the different colors and the trunk is shaped like women (women working together).



After much discussion, Karen Burris wanted the entire membership to be allowed to vote for the logo, even though per our by-laws, 25% of our membership constitutes a quorum to accept a transaction of business at meetings. There were 19 women attending tonight's meeting, but because of the importance of a change like the logo will make, she wanted to afford everyone their voice and an opportunity to share their feelings in making this decision. Karen will send out an email to the membership with tonight's PowerPoint presentation and ask for a private vote.

Approve Minutes – Recording Secretary – Eileen Briggs: Liz Sullivan indicated that she helped out with voter registration with Bea Fodor and Kathy Palia. Eileen Briggs asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes as amended. Liz Sullivan made a motion to accept the October 6, 2021 General meeting minutes as amended. Joanne Ehrhardt seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report: Karen Burris – Karen indicated no President report to keep the meeting short.

Vice President/Programs: Nancy Oij – Nancy sent out an email with information about the Christmas dinner at Yerbabuena on December 1st. Nancy will be collecting money until Nov. 24th. This year we will have a Christmas Stocking exchange so forget the Ugly Sweater, instead buy a pair of garishly colored/patterned socks and stuff them with an assortment of small treats. Tie them together with a bow and we will exchange them at the dinner. Please limit your gift to under \$10.

Treasurer: Pat Briggs – Pat sent out an email with recent Financials.

Corresponding Secretary: Liz Sullivan – Newsletter was sent out.

Committee Reports:

- Environment: Dot Battle: Dot and Lorraine will be attending an open house at SCARCE on November 17th. Everyone is welcome to come with them.
- Arts & Culture: Lorna Turner: The committee met and the theme will be “an influential person who has had a positive or negative impact on your life”. We are looking for them to create a story that reflects a Lisle person that has had some influence on their life. Lorna Turner will be working with St Joan of Arc and Kennedy Jr. High. The Art project with the Lisle Library is also in the beginning stages. Lorna has a sign up for those who want to attend the play at COD – You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown on Dec. 11th. COD and Lisle Senior High school also have plays that Lorna will look into.
- Education & Libraries: OPEN: Barb Green confirmed the book club will meet on November 17th on zoom and the first book is Rules of Civility.
- Health & Wellness: Mary Costello: Mary asked us to read her tips in the recent newsletter.
- Civic Engagement & Outreach: (Home Life) Mary Kilroy, Nancy Burke: As Mary stated last month that the Veterans Administration is not doing Operation Standdown (Scarf drive) this year but Hines VA hospital will take donations. Since there is still an interest, we will place boxes at the Library, Park District and Lisle Savings Bank. The Lisle Food Bank is not looking for food, they would rather you donate money to the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The Local food bank will still take gifts/toys for children. We will once again participate with the children's gift donation program. Let Mary K. or Karen know no later than Thursday 11/11 if you want to sponsor a child. More details will be coming.

- Standing Committees:
 - Public relations – Joanne Ehrhardt: Joanne asked everyone to “check-in” on Facebook when we leave the meeting tonight.
 - Fundraising & Development – Joanne Ehrhardt: Merry on Main is happening on Dec. 4th. Marie Hasse volunteered to be the organizer. Joanne reminded everyone of the Fundraiser on Nov. 11th at Angeli’s starting at 4pm.
 - Garden Gait is June 12 2022. We have 3 homeowners who have signed up to showcase their gardens and 3 potential homeowners. The Kick off meeting will be upcoming in December/January.
 - Philanthropy: We received a thank you from the Lisle Community garden for our recent donation. One of the 2021 scholarship winners is now attending COD so a check will be sent out to her college to help with tuition.
 - Federal Representation: Lorna Turner - The 6th district has asked to join the 5th district because they only have 4 clubs. The clubs will be asked to vote to allow the merger or consolidation which could possibly happen in January. Lorna was not sure if the vote would be individually or by club. There is no downside, they just do not get enough support from other clubs.
 - Membership: Kathy Palia – Kathy said 39 members have paid. The directory will be updated and available to membership. We welcomed new members Brenda Hatch and her guest Sandy Harshman.

Old Business: none

New Business: Lisle Park District's Show Choir Performance of All Together Now! with 15 popular numbers will perform on November 13 at 7pm. Please stop in and say hello Carol Olsen at her home, she would appreciate the visit.

Next General member meeting is the 2nd Wednesday on January 12th at 7PM @ Police Station.

Executive Board and Board meetings are coming up.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Liz Sullivan and seconded by Jeannie Rist at 8:52pm

Submitted by Eileen Briggs

Recording Secretary