## Opportunity Comes Knocking at LOW



By Jon Anderson

It is often heard that "Opportunity only knocks once" and, of course we've all experienced missed opportunities in our lifetime.

But, what about creating one's own opportunity?

Well, in this season of good wishes and giving, a newly designated LOW group has been created, in the form of a public charity named "Friends of Lake of the Woods" or "FLOW." Born, in part, from missed opportunities in the past whereby estates interested in making a tax-deductible donation to LOW, were unable to do so, this non-profit corporation was established for the express purpose of being able to take advantage of any new opportunities benefitting the LOW community.

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# NOW YOU CAN MAKE A DONATION AND RECEIVE A CHARITABLE GIFT DEDUCTION

Officially designated as a 501(c)(3) corporation by the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on November 10, 2015; FLOW's specific purpose will be to undertake and raise funds for worthwhile amenity projects as well as benefit the LOW community as necessity may present.

All contributors to FLOW will, therefore, receive a tax - deductible receipt for their contributions.

#### WHO IS ON THE FLOW BOARD?

Friends of LOW is directed by a Board consisting of LOW members: Jon Anderson, Sam Hall, Nancy King, Warren Sarasin, Tom Sheridan, Jim Walsh, and Jennifer Zukowski, with Jim Walsh serving as FLOW's first president, and LOW resident and Attorney Walter Diercks acting as legal counsel.

### HOW WILL PROJECTS BE SELECTED?

The FLOW board has been discussing numerous "opportunities" to benefit all LOW residents. Once a priority project has been chosen by the FLOW Board, it will be coordinated with the General Manager and the LOW Board of Directors prior to soliciting project funding from the LOW members. Potential amenity projects will be

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announced in future articles, and all project opportunities will be determined by the amount of tax-deductible contributions which can be raised.

## YOU CAN HELP FRIENDS OF LOW GET STARTED THIS YEAR

Further information on how to make donations and receive tax-deductible receipts will be published soon and on the FLOW website at FriendsofLOW.org but in the interim any 2016 contribution may be made to "Friends of Lake of the Woods" and mailed to the FLOW Board Secretary, Jennifer Zukowski at PO Box 282, Locust Grove, VA, 22508.