



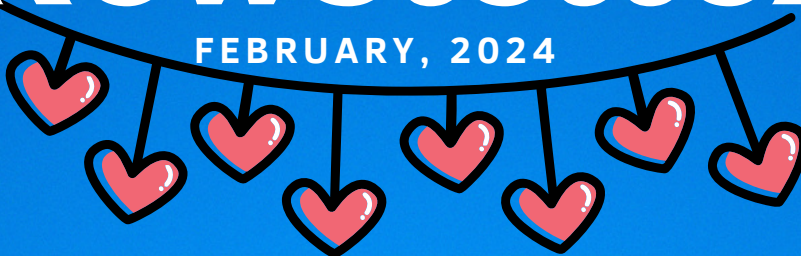
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# Newsletter

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*A Thought to Ponder*



**is not about making a  
donation but about  
making a difference**

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## January 16 Meeting

### A Tribute to Lion Gary Ladner

During our first meeting of the year and the only scheduled meeting in January due to holidays, we honored the late Gary Ladner, Mike Zaydel introduced Lion Gary's widow, Lynda and their daughter, Penny Gilliam. Also in attendance was Penny's husband, Donny Gilliam, not pictured



Lion Mike eulogized Lion Gary and we watched a moving slide presentation prepared by our Historian, Ron Smith, that highlighted the unswerving dedication and commitment Lion Gary showed throughout his 25 years with Lago Vista Lions. Gary was Lion of the Quarter AND Lion of the Year in 2011 and again in 2015 and Lion of the Year in 2016.

We were honored to have his widow, daughter and son-in-law attend. They were presented with a Lions Internation recognition of his 25 years of service and a commemorative pin. Thank you, Lion Gary for all you contributed to our goals.



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Lion Dale Mitchell, outgoing Awards Chair, did an outstanding job of summarizing the many activities that make our club and our members such a dynamic part of the community!

The members of the Lago Vista Lions Club continued their heavy involvement during the extended fall season with many service activities that showcased “WE SERVE” to the community.

The significant activities of the quarter, in addition to the road clean-up, eyeglass collections, and on-going administration of the club, include:

- Serving 800 hot dogs at the National Night Out event on 10/3/23 (10 members, 49 hours).
- The KidSight Team covered four (4) sessions at two elementary, 1 middle, and 1 high school(s) in the Liberty Hill School District during October. The six members of the team spent 110 hours performing this valuable community service.
- The annual Pancake Breakfast was prepared and served at the Jonestown Fire Station on 11/4/23 (22 members, 128 hours).
- LV Lions assisted the Women’s Club in serving lunch for the veterans and family members that attended the LV High School Veterans Day Ceremony on 11/10/23 (22 members, 31 hours).
- The demand from the greater Northshore communities for the “Message In A Bottle” product necessitated Lions members to assemble additional supplies during the quarter (26 members, 159 hours).
- The Silent Auction Team was present at the Pancake Breakfast with successful, fundraising results. And they have been busy procuring and collecting items for future events planned in the Spring (6 members, 90 hours).
- The City’s annual Christmas Tree Lighting event in the City Hall parking lot was held on 12/4/23. It took 31 members to prepare and distribute 1,800 hot dogs to the assembled citizens (160 hours invested).
- The club’s Christmas Party Committee provided a fabulous dinner and celebration for the attending members and their spouses on 12/5/23 (4 members, 40 hours).
- Lions Club members made up a combined total of 21 donors at the two Blood Drives on 10/21/23 & 12/16/23. Planning, advertising and supporting those two events involved 54 hours spent by Club members.



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It is time to elect the next Lion of the Quarter. We are pleased to announce that the nominees are:

- Don Johndrow,
- Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott
- Ken Johnston
- Don Loeschner
- Julie McCreary.

Voting on the LOQ will take place on the Lions Club website (FOLLOW THE LINK) [BALLOT](#) and will remain available through January 31st. So please take time to select your choice for LOQ from these deserving nominees. The selected LOQ will be announced at the February 6th Lions Club Meeting.

Dale Mitchell, Outgoing Awards Chair

**P.S.** If accessing the ballot without the included link, it is found under About Us on the home page. The Editor



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## 2nd. Vice President



One of the first orders of business was electing a 2nd Vice President to replace Lion Jay Keany. Lion Gage Hunt nominated Lion Norma Owen and Dale Mitchell seconded. A voice vote resulted in a unanimous vote in favor.

Many thanks to Lion Norma for her willingness to serve the Club. And we all wish Lion Jay Keany great success as he takes

on the responsibilities as a member of the Board of Directors of the Lago Vista Property Owners Association.



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Lions Sara and Bush and Norma Owen, Chair and Assistant Chair of the Lago Vista Leos were happy to receive, in the company of four of the young future Lions who make up the service community of Leos in our High School, a recognition for their outstanding contribution to the recent The Big Project event held by the Hope Center. The patch will be added to the Leo's banner.



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# Happy Birthday

<b>Frank Robbins</b>	<b>Feb. 01</b>
<b>Dennis Kemp</b>	<b>Feb. 02</b>
<b>Tracie Hlavinka</b>	<b>Feb. 07</b>
<b>Jeff Nokes</b>	<b>Feb. 14</b>
<b>John Spoerlein</b>	<b>Feb. 20</b>
<b>Duane Leuders</b>	<b>Feb. 27</b>



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O- blood is particularly needed now. Special rewards are being offered if you donate O- blood. Its about the only time being negative is a positive thing! Contact Don Loeschner for more details at: [retpilot757@gmail.com](mailto:retpilot757@gmail.com)

Scan the code to make an appoointment



Scan the QR code to make appointment.  
Questions about eligibility? [whocandonate@weareblood.org](mailto:whocandonate@weareblood.org)  
Drive Coordinator: [retpilot757@gmail.com](mailto:retpilot757@gmail.com)  
We Are Blood Contact: [ocantu@weareblood.org](mailto:ocantu@weareblood.org)

EAT A FULL MEAL BEFORE  
DONATING AND PLEASE  
REMEMBER TO BRING  
YOUR PHOTO I.D.



DRAWN TOGETHER  
SINCE 1951

LEND A HELPING ARM

# BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, February 17  
8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB  
20601 FM 1431 | CVS



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items in  
the  
Silent  
Auction!

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Our program was presented by Jaclyn Owusu, Public Awareness Coordinator for Talking Book Program. Ms. Owusu covered the myriad ways in which recorded books are made available to anyone with a condition that interferes with being able to read. This includes those with visual impairment, dyslexia, physical impediment to holding a book, etc.

She demonstrated equipment that is loaned to participants in the program and which allows them to access thousands of popular titles and magazines.

Contact information for more involvement is:  
**1-800-252-9605 Toll Free | 512-4635458 Austin Area**

**tbp.services@tsl.texas.gov | TexasTalkingBooks.org**



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## New Time Reporting System

Lion Rebecca Stone, the new Awards Chair has devised a computer program that will simplify reporting the hours that members volunteer for and dedicate to our different projects. We can look forward to the use of this new system as early as the Chili Feast as it will be used then for the first time and serve as a pilot test for it.

With that in mind, it would be a good idea for those who will be volunteering at the Chili Feast to plan on signing in with Rebecca a bit early. If all goes well with the pilot and the Board of Directors approves its full implementation, Lion Rebecca will finalize the app and provide training at an as yet undetermined date, to all who will be using it to sign in members at meetings, events and those who self report.



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## Thoughts and Prayers



Lion Chuck Smith is in New Hope Rehabilitation facility recovering from his heart surgery while grieving the loss of his wife.



Chelaine Marion is recovering well from her second surgery and expresses gratitude for all the support she has received from her husband, her mother and her colleagues. She appreciates the prayers directed at her full recovery. "Can't have too many of these.", she aptly expressed.



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## February

### Mark Your Calendars!

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Leo Council Meeting  
ZOOM-All Day

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Board Meeting, 9-11 am  
Primrose Room

6

Program Meeting 6-8:30 pm  
Secrets of Apollo 11

6

Golf Tournament Planning  
4:30 pm

10

Road Warriors 8:30-9:30 am  
Lohman Ford & Dawn Drive

10

Chili Feast 11:00-2:00 pm  
Lago Vista High School

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Blood Mobile 8:30-12:30  
CVS Parking Lot

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Business Meeting 6:00 pm  
K-Oaks Ballroom

Always check the website for updates.

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