



Lions Club of Lago Vista



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Newsletter

District 2-S3



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August Thoughts to Ponder

“The best thing about a heat wave is the constant illusion that you’re getting exercise.”

“I’m in a relationship with my air conditioner.”

“I’m glad it’s finally hot enough to complain about the heat.”



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July 18 Meeting

What a busy evening! Since the Independence Day festivities made it impractical to have a separate Business Meeting, we started off our fiscal year with ONE combined business and program meeting with a special BBQ treat of smoked brisket and sausage prepared by our new BBQ heroes, Shad Pellizzari and Kevin Sullivan. They prepared the brisket and the sausages in the electric smokers and we all enjoyed a perfectly tender, smokey, delicious meal!



President Lion Jeff Koble had a full agenda with promos for the Lucky Rabbit Fun FUNd raiser, the Labor Day Brisket Raffle, a salute to the past Melvin Jones Fellows and the announcement of the newest, plus the presentation and approval of this fiscal year's budget by Lion Mike Zaydel. See following pages for more details.



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Joining us at our combined Business/Program meeting was Greg Johnston, Deputy EMC from ESD 1 who provided us with a detailed and enthusiastic description of the Community Emergency Response Team or CERTS program that is being implemented on the North Shore. Mr. Johnston covered how CERTS is designed to teach residents about how to be ready and how to respond to disasters. CERT trains volunteers so that in the event of a disaster individuals are prepared to assist where and when needed...starting with neighbors but including more extensive team efforts. Volunteers get hands on experience in class, there are no exams and no one is expected to do anything they are not comfortable with. He expressed interest in welcoming Lions to the training courses which include 10 units, 8 of which are localized versions of FEMA modules. He provided many printed handouts and invited our members to become a part of this important effort, reiterating that the CERT goal is to do the GREATEST GOOD FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER. If you are interested, please contact Adam Lewis at traviscountyesd1cert@gmail.com and include **your**

email as well as your telephone number.

After answering many questions from the attentive audience, we presented Mr. Johnston with a gift...a pair of very special socks. Happily, he stopped by the Chamber of Commerce office to demonstrate his pleasure with our gift!

He closed his presentation with a very important quote that is relevant to all of us who serve:

“Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they’re priceless.”



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Melvin Jones Fellows



A highlight of our July 18th meeting was the announcement of the two new Lago Vista Lions to receive their Melvin Jones Fellowships. Lion Dale Mitchell used a backdrop of previous recipients to summarize the achievements of both Joe Wolverton and Kevin Sullivan. A distinguishing characteristic of our club is that MJF's are acquired by the Club as a means of recognizing the achievements and contributions of outstanding members.

Joe Wolverton became a Lion in 1994 in Gatesville, serving on the Board of Directors and accepting other leadership responsibilities. In 2015 Lion Joe was sponsored by PDG Paul Steinfort to become a member of the Georgetown Lions and one year later we were fortunate to welcome him to the Lago Vista Lions. After sponsoring his wife Glenda to also become a member, he chaired the Club Bar Service for SIX YEARS! In 2017 he added the responsibility of chairing the Youth Peace Poster contest, which he continues to do. But that's not all!

He has worked in various capacities for the annual golf tournament along with providing an item for the silent auction each year and being a Diamond sponsor in 2022. In 2017 he served at the Veterans Park Re-dedication Ceremony, in 2019 he trained on the SPOT vision screening device; served on the welcome committee at the Texas Lions Camp; served as judge for the Youth Speech Contest and again in 2020. Lion Joe Wolverton was nominated for Lion of the Quarter in 2016, 2017, and 2019.

Adjectives that best describe Lion Joe are: dedicated, trustworthy, quiet, approachable, always friendly and eager to help.



Kevin Sullivan joined Lions in June 2018 (5 years ago). He immediately began to serve his first year of membership: Pancake Breakfast, Labor Day BBQ Team, Friends Of The Library BBQ Team, the Diabetes Walk, City Christmas Tree Lighting, the Chili Feast, getting sponsors for the Golf Tournament, Texas Lions Camp Workday, and monthly Road Clean-ups. With that involvement, he was our nominee for the District Silver Spur Award for the 2018-2019 term. He has continued to willingly serve in these activities in each additional year since joining. He was elected as the Club

Marketing Chairperson for the 2019-2020 Board of Directors and served for three years continuing the use of Facebook and other social media platforms. He was also responsible for the Club's web-site and distribution of the monthly newsletter for 2019-2022. He provided live feeds of club meetings during the pandemic and coordinated Club dinners for 1Q 19-20 and was selected by membership vote as the LOQ for that quarter. The unique "ice storm" of Feb '21 brought challenges to the community and Lion Kevin served two days distributing water to citizens at City Hall followed by setting up a GoFundMe page to collect funds for needy residents. He was again selected as the LOQ for the 3Q 20-21 quarter and as the LOY for 2020-2021. He has served Lago Vista as City Councilman for 2016-2017 & 2019-2023 and was Mayor Pro-Temp 2021-2022. Responsible for Council liaison to Library Advisory Board and Economic Development Committee with increasing involvement with growth of the City. He is recognized as a willing and cheerful worker and continues to be a major contributor to the success of our Lago Vista Lions Club.

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Don't BE chicken, GET Chicken!

(New perk for donating blood. Get a voucher valid for 5 free wings at Pluckers!)

BE ONE OF THE AUGUST 19 HEROES AND GIVE TILL IT HELPS!

Follow [THIS LINK](#) to go directly to the Lago Vista appointment schedule.

Pick a time that works for you. If any desired openings are full, we can usually get you into the blood mobile as a walk-in. Feel free to contact me with any questions you might have. Thanks!

My follow up email (the pleading one 🙏) will be sent a week prior to the 17th. I'll explain the 'quick link' page, foods you might want to eat to boost your iron level and the reminder to bring a photo ID with you.

You can also scan the QR code to go to the We Are Blood website. Once there, tap 3 bars in top right corner of the page that comes up, next page tap "blood donations" and then on following page tap "make an appointment." Next, schedule an appointment then scroll down and you'll see our date for the 18th. Feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

Questions? Call 760-504-6308 or email
retpilot757@gmail.com

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LEND A HELPING ARM

BLOOD DRIVE

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Lago Vista
Lions Club**



The voucher will be given at blood drive

**Bloodmobile stationed in the CVS Pharmacy parking lot at
20601 FM 1431 | Lago Vista**



Scan the QR code to make an appointment
For information about Eligibility: whocandonate@weareblood.org
Drive Contact: Don Loeschner at retpilot757@gmail.com &
Connie Loeschner at retav8r2000@yahoo.com
We Are Blood Contact: Gabriela Castro at gcastro@weareblood.org
or 512-206-1304

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



**DRAWN TOGETHER
SINCE 1951**





Happy Birthday August Lions!

Susan Nilsson-Weiskott	August 3
Joy Benedict	August 4
Enrique López	August 4
Jeff Stewart	August 4
Jeff Koble	August 5
Joe Burke	August 8
Keith Hoaglund	August 13
Brenda Elliot	August 15
Amy Hamilton	August 15
Anna Johndrow	August 17
Chad Cantwell	August 19
Neal Kapelka	August 28
Thomas McSwain	August 28



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WHAT DO YOU GET
WHEN YOU CROSS A
LION WITH A RABBIT?



(Too Obvious?)

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Don't Miss It! July 29!

A great FUNdraiser!

And a GREAT WAY to have fun AND do good! The Lago Lions Club is celebrating a **FUN**draiser in partnership with the Friends of the LV Library at the Lucky Rabbit. Proceeds support our library and the many charitable projects of the Lions. MUSIC, great food, silent auction and a door prize EXCLUSIVELY available to ticket holders, plus that overpowering, magnificent, glowing sensation of knowing you did good! Use the QR code to pre-purchase your tickets. Tickets are \$75 p/p and include one entrée, two drinks, music all day long the door prize valued at over \$700! Use the QR code or see Mike Zaydel for your purchase TODAY and SEE YOU THERE on July 29 from 1pm till 8pm!

HELP PUT THE FUN BACK IN FUNDRAISING!

JULY 29TH | 1-8PM | LUCKY RABBIT
18626 FM 1431, JONESTOWN, TX



SCAN QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS AHEAD OF EVENT

\$75/PERSON INCLUDES 1 ENTREE & 2 DRINKS

Donating to the Lago Vista FOL and the Lago Vista Lions Club help us make Lago Vista a better place to live and work.



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WIN

A Whole Smoked Brisket! (It's a SIZZLIN' deal!)

And not ANY brisket...but a brisket from our own BBQ team!
Only \$10 a chance and only 100 tickets to be offered. A one in a
hundred chance to win a GREAT brisket. Can't beat those odds!
Winner will pick-up on Labor Day Week-End!

This opportunity is EXCLUSIVELY for Lions. Not for the general
public. See Anna Johndrow for your tickets today!



Drawing will be as soon as all 100 tickets are gone. With only
100 tickets they will go FAST. Reserve yours by emailing
LionAnnaTX@gmail.com stating how many tickets you want.
Must be paid in full at the Lion's meeting that immediately
follows the request for tickets or hold is rescinded.

Labor Day is just around the corner and our famous Smoker will
be churning out some great meats! This is your chance to win a
WHOLE SMOKED BRISKET for a mere \$10 donation.

There are only 100 chances being distributed and the drawing
will be as soon as all 100 tickets are gone so you'll know way
before Labor Day orders need to go in.

Email Lion Anna Johndrow (lionannatx@gmail.com) to reserve
as many tickets as you'd like. Pay for them at the following Lions
meeting.



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**Worth
Waiting
For!**

Stay tuned for more details.



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What's New on Our Website?



Volunteer Form: Our club has many opportunities to volunteer...everything from helping out with registration at meetings to community projects. This new page collects information from those who would like to be considered from time to time. It's not a long-term commitment, but a helpful way to save time locating possible helpers when the need arises. [CLICK HERE](#) to fill out the form.



Friends and family may want to donate to our projects and causes (oh, and YOU too!) so we have added a donation page to the website. Thanks to Bill Bush for coordinating with PayPal. You do not need to have a PayPal account to use the link and donate. [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the donation page.



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Flash Back!



Pancake Breakfast (2018)

On 08/25/2018 ten Leos served breakfast and bussed tables at the Travis County Emergency Services District #1 (TCESD#1) at Jonestown fire station from 8am-11am. Lion Dick Weatherly chaired the event with eight Leos shown.

LEO Monsie Martinez Awarded Int'l LEO of the Year (2020)

In August 2020 Lago Vista LEO President was awarded the International LEO of the Year 2019-2020 from Lions Club International. Forty of these awards were given world-wide. LEO Advisor Lion Linda Jameson awarded LEO Monsie Martinez locally.



Thanks to Historian Ron Smith for providing a look back at our history!



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**EXTRA!
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A suggestion from your editor:

“If you announce it at the meeting, send it to her.”

More of our members can't come to the meetings than those that do, so using the newsletter to disseminate your announcements is good for YOU! (And keep the “who” “what” “when” “where” and “how” in mind!)

**IF YOU SEND A PICTURE, PLEASE INCLUDE THE NAMES OF THOSE IN THE PICTURE!
THANKS!**










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CALENDAR

Please refer to the calendar on our website [HERE](#) for updates

When	What	Where
Aug. 1 6:30-8:00pm	Business Meeting 	Bluebonnet Room
Aug. 2 11 am-12 pm	Summer Reading Program 	LV Public Library
Aug. 4 8:00 am-5 pm	State Leo Meeting 	Kerrville
Aug. 5 8:00 am-5 pm	State Leo Meeting 	Kerville
Aug. 5 11:30-3:00 pm	RRISD Kidsight 	Stoney Point Highschool
Aug. 7 9 am-11 am (Note Change)	BOD Meeting 	Bluebonnet Room
Aug. 12 11 am-12 pm	Road Warriors 	Dawn and Lohman Ford
Aug. 15 8:30 am -11:30 am	Program Meeting 	Art Institute of Austin in Bastrop
Aug. 19 8:30 am-12:30 pm	Blood Mobile 	CVS Parking Lot
Aug. 28 9 am-11 am (Note Change)	BOD Meeting 	Bluebonnet Room



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