



**Lions Club of Lago Vista**

District 2-S3

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# Newsletter

JANUARY, 2024

*A Brand New Year!*

**May 2024 bring us all health,  
wisdom, and the mighty will  
to ROAR!**

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## *New Year Thoughts to Ponder*

*A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.*



*May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions.*

*~Joey Adams*

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## Holiday Party 2023



Julie McCarty, Pat Evans, Linda Winston and Jeff Nokes

*Many thanks for the hard work by our Holiday Party Committee, pictured above for a great gathering that effervesced with joy, good food and the true spirit of Lionism and the Season.*

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**Lion of the Quarter**



Shad Pellizzari with President Lion Jeff Koble, receiving his award

Shad Pellizzari, our most recent Lion of the Quarter (July-September 2023), was nominated by virtue of the hours of dedicated service to our club and elected by member votes. Shad is the Chairman of the BBQ Team, he led The Provisioning & Sale of BBQ For Labor Day, and he provided a BBQ Dinner To the Deaf-Blind-Multi-Handicapped Association of Texas (DBMAT) with the Austin Founders Club.

# Congratulations Shad!



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And in reference to the previous page...at the December 19 meeting, Shad Pellizzari announced that going forward, the Smoker and the BBQ team will be known as the DonJohn BBQ Team in honor of our long time BBQ team of Don Zschoche and John Spoyerlein



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## December 19 Meeting



Although the December 19 meeting was designated as a program meeting, there were many, many business announcements to cover.

- Lion Dave Williams announced the theme of the coming year's Golf Tournament. *Golfing for Good*-highlighting how the funds raised from the tournament are entirely dedicated to the good works the Lago Lions do for the community. In addition, this year's tournament will honor recently deceased Gary Ladner who produced the our tournament for many years.



- Lion Dick Weatherly updated us on the progress with the Message in a Bottle project. See article and pictures on page 10.
- He also updated us on the Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction which was held on November 4. Dick pointed out that in the future, we will avoid having events on the same date as a milestone UT Football game! The Silent Auction was more successful than the consumption of pancakes. But, as is typical for our club, 22 Lions were there to help serve.
- We also learned that at the Lago Vista Tree Lighting Ceremony we prepared and served 1,800 grilled hot dogs with the participation of 31 Lions.



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## Good Going, Lions

by Susan Nilsson-Weiskott

In November, Diabetes Awareness month, you hit the road, court, bike, dance floor and other locations to stride for health!

Every step, every mile reduces the occurrence of and progression of not only Type 2 diabetes, but also heart disease, arthritis and dementia. To date, twenty Lions and twelve non-Lions reported their efforts for **a grand total of 3365 miles!** The range is from 25 to 483 miles logged. Additional entries are gleefully accepted through December 28. Many remarked that keeping track was helpful and were surprised as well as pleased by the result. Several also felt encouraged by their efforts, planning to continue and to even add steps. Keep up the good work, Lions!! And thanks for encouraging others to participate. Our goal is to stamp out Type 2 in our community. Our results will be sent to the district and then to the state – stay tuned for the news from the state conference in January.



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As part of our philanthropy we once again donated to Lago Vista Blue Santa. This year our donation was \$1,000. Lago Vista Blue Santa was launched in 1989 to ensure children in need received at least three presents for Christmas. For over 33 years, Lago Vista Blue Santa has helped provide Christmas cheer to thousands of children, seniors, and families in need during the holidays. Then, as now, the organization is operated by a nine member board in association with the Lago Vista Police Department.



Left to right Lion Mike Zaydel, Captain Paul Chrane, Diane Hagan (Lago Vista Blue Santa founder), Chief Gary Boshears, Lieutenant Thomas Franco

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There are THREE firsts (for the current editor) in this list-the first three birthdays are in alphabetical and date consecutive order (by last name), there are three Lions with the same birthday in the same month and ALL of the birthdays are alphabetically and chronologically in order. Meaningless tidbit of trivia, but curious, don't you think?

January 1- Ann Fry  
January 2- Gage Hunt  
January 3- Jay Keany  
January 3- Chelaine Marion  
January 3- Bob McCarty

January 20- Eric Provost  
January 30- Paul Roberts



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The very successful Message in a Bottle Project keeps growing!

All Police cars and emergency vehicles now carry Message in a Bottle supplies. Consideration is also being given to asking citizens to keep a Message in a Bottle in their vehicles at the request of many first responders.



2,500 bottles have been prepared at NO COST to our club thanks to the amazing generosity of local businesses. For instance, Vistago Printing has printed the labels and the magnets as a community contribution. We are also grateful to CVS, Brookshire Brothers, the City of Lago Vista and the helping hands of over 26 Lions who have contributed to making this a groundbreaking project!

As an expression of our gratitude we recently surprised the management and staff of Vistago Printing with a "Pop Up" lunch. They were very appreciative!

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# *Keep Track!*



**Keep track of the time you devote to Lions events and projects and be sure to report your hours to**

**Lion Jim Fry.**

**[jaf222@gmail.com](mailto:jaf222@gmail.com)**

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### Mark Your Calendars!

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Board Meeting, 9-11 am  
Primrose Room

13

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

16

Program Meeting 6-8:30 pm  
Talking Book Program

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District 2-3 Mid Winter Conf.  
All Day-Hutto Texas

Always check the website for updates.

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