



# Lions Club of Lago Vista

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# NEWSLETTER

November, 2023



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# A Thanksgiving Thought to Ponder



When eating fruit,  
remember the one  
who planted the tree.



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# Meetings

## October 3-National Night Out



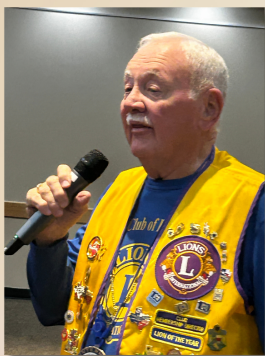
Our team of “hot doggers” prepared and served 500 hot dogs to the gathered crowd, all enjoying the sights and acknowledgements of our first responders!

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# Meetings- October 17



So much going on! Susan Nilsson-Weiskott held the an orientation session for our newest members, our program was in the capable hands of Lion Shane Saum who updated us on pending Texas legislation, Secretary Brenda Elliott announced recognitions for Lions who have sponsored members who have remained active for more than a year. Lions Jeff Koble, Bill Bush and Ted Rosen were present for the acknowledgement. Lion Pat O'Dea Rosen brought us up to date on the efforts to create a special fund for students in High School who may need assistance covering the cost of lunches, college or trade school applications, among other pressing financial needs. Lion Dick Weatherly brought us all up to date on the crucial and successful project of Message in a Bottle. This project was born from the concern Lion Sue Weatherly experienced when we had a spate of serious health conditions affecting many of our members. The difficulty in contacting family members to let them know of the issues our members were having prompted Sue to research solutions and energized Dick to pitch in and spearhead finding sponsors, donors and volunteers to make the Message in a Bottle the huge success that it has become. Kudos to both Lions Sue and Dick!



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Lion Pat Evans is heading up our Holiday party scheduled for December 5 and reservations and payment can now be done ONLINE. Please check the website for updates. There will be NO PAYMENTS ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR...but members can pre-pay at our next meeting, either in cash, check or credit card. Since our November 21 meeting has been cancelled in deference to Thanksgiving, please consider using the website to speed things up and give us all another reason to be thankful.



Excitement ensued when the 50/50 Door Prize was won by Lion Anna Johndrow. She had quite a lot of difficulty containing her enthusiasm and excitement. The jackpot starts to rebuild starting with our next meeting. Lion Anna was roaring with joy at winning over \$1,000 (She donated part of her winnings back to the club).

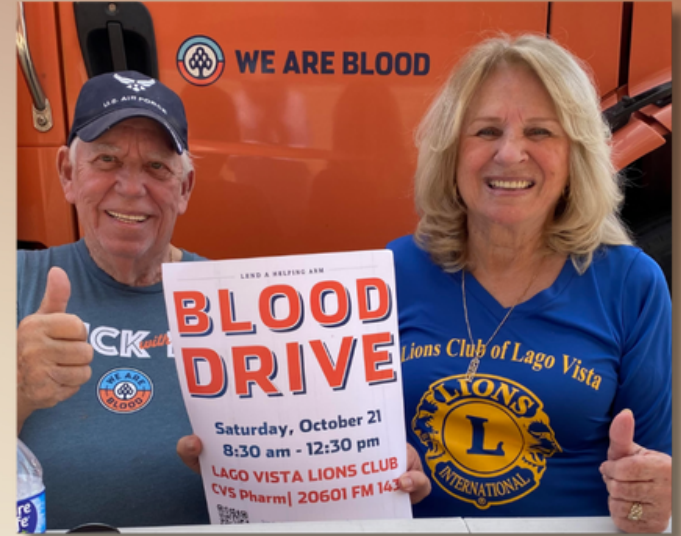


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# Blood Drive

Thumbs up for yet another successful blood drive! Once again we lead the county with our high turnout, thanks to the following 11 Lions: Kevin Sullivan, Pat and Ted Rosen, Mike Beal, Ken Johnston, Mike De Sosa, Leigh Dougherty, Jay Keany, Patty McDanel, and Don and Connie Loeschner, none of whom had trypanophobia (fear of needles 🤩!). Our next drive will be on December 16th; please join our Lion team of life savers by signing up to donate blood to those in need.



Here is our blood drive recap:  
Donors Registered: 28  
First Time Donors: 4  
Donors Deferred: 4  
Total Collected: 24  
*Lives Impacted: 72*



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## STAMP OUT TYPE 2 UNDER YOUR SHOE

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Strides for Diabetes Awareness is a Lions sponsored community event that promotes recognizing and recording physical activity with the goal of increasing healthy levels. Let's get moving, Lago Lions and get the whole community up and at 'em, defeating Type 2 diabetes with our activity!

Visit our website [HERE](#) to download a convenient conversion chart to keep track of your daily activities converted to miles. Included are mileage numbers for some local places – Lowe's, Brookshire Brothers, Bar K Park, etc. If you don't have a Fitbit or other method of recording, ask Lion Susan Nilsson-Weiskott and she will happily measure activities that are not already included (including your home – housework takes more steps than you might think!). And remember those distances walking on the golf course! Invite others to participate, including family, visitors, fellow dog walkers, neighbors, whomever. Just ask them to record or offer to keep track as they report. When you are out and about, you might wear your Lions shirt – an opportunity to encourage others to participate and/or invite potential new members. Every mile, half, or quarter mile counts – they all add up to more than we might expect. And if you feel so inclined you might do a little more than you planned. After all, November and December are typically gorgeous months here and we can get away from our treadmills and stationary bikes to be outside. Then too, those holiday meals taste and digest better after a bit of movement. You do you, however that fits best.



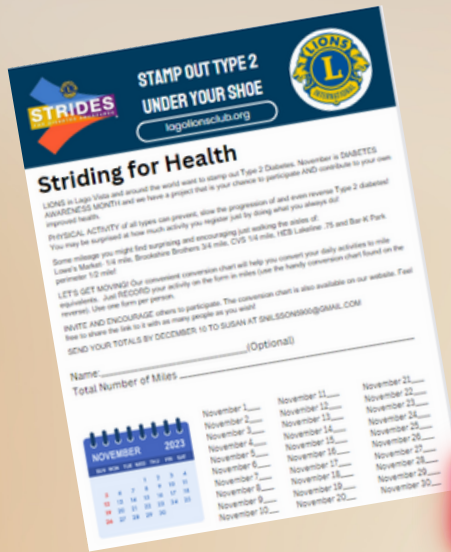
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Please send Lion Susan the total number of miles biking, running and walking (includes dance and games) for yourself and others you have encouraged to join in. Use one form per person. Please send your results by December 10 to: [snilsson5900@gmail.com](mailto:snilsson5900@gmail.com). Let's put Lago Vista Lions on the Diabetes Awareness map!

Find the form on our website home page or by clicking [HERE](#)



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# November Birthdays



Kevin Sullivan	November 1
Paul Prince	November 2
Dick Weatherly	November 2
Mike Elliot	November 5
Ted Rosen	November 7
Danny Dreibrod	November 8
Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott	November 20
Ronald Smith	November 24
Kathy O'Connor	November 26
Cheri Marion	November 27
Harvey Gann	November 28



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Lago Vista Lions

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

November 4-7:30-10:00 am  
Jonestown Fire Station



★ *Donation Only!* ★

Pancakes, bacon, beverage and SILENT AUCTION  
**We Serve**

# Bring your friends, your neighbors, your hunger and your goodwill!



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# Message in a Bottle

The dynamic duo of Sue and Dick Weatherly have been burning it up with the new Message in a Bottle initiative. Motivated by the spate of poor health issues our club members confronted over the summer, Sue Weatherly took to the Internet to search for a viable solution that would provide first responders or concerned neighbors with a means of communicating with family members in the event of an emergency. She found it and in spades! And none other than a Lions



project in England! After adapting the project to the US market, Dick used his perseverance to come up with a multitude of community partners to provide the bottles (CVS and Brookshire Brother's Pharmacy), the labels & magnets (Vistago Print), printing of information sheets (City of Lago Vista) and the collaboration of the Police Department and ESD1.

The project now encompasses much more than the original motivation and will provide first responders with important medical information that has the potential to save lives.



The Message in a Bottle consists of one sheet of paper per home occupant which provides all the pertinent personal and medical information, plus contacts for family members or loved ones, whether pets are in the home and a photograph. It includes a red, medical alert magnet which informs the first responders that the lifesaving information is in the freezer! No need to go searching high and low...

it's all neatly stored in a medicine container! The containers are being distributed through several means but the information sheets are available on our website and through contacting Dick Weatherly.



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# Vision Services



So far this fiscal year, 23 Lago Vista Lions have heeded Helen Keller's challenge to be "Knights of the Blind." We serve vision in three different ways, KidSight screening for school kids, Eyeglass Recycling to repurpose eyeglasses to help the needy and as donors to help needy kids whose parents can't afford a necessary exam and eyeglasses, the latter with our partners at Northshore Eye Care.

19 Lions who are certified users of our SPOT device participated in 13 events where we screened 2,500 kids and found 288 who needed to be referred to an eye doctor—a bit more than 10% of all the kids whose lives will be improved with better vision.

Now, 4 Lions are helping to collect eyeglasses for recycling to our center in Midland, where the glasses are cleaned, the prescriptions are read, and they are classified and ultimately are donated to groups who go on medical missions. We have collected 1,050 eyeglasses so far this year, and over 160,000 since we began keeping records. Every pair potentially improves the life of one person. We have also received recommendations for several kids in Lago Vista ISD who need help, but their parents cannot afford it, so we have referred them to our partners at North Shore Eyecare who have examined them and made them glasses paid for by the Lions.

Many thanks to the dedicated Lions who selflessly and continuously volunteer as Knights of the Blind...helping to protect and restore vision here and globally!



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# Veterans Day Event

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Are You a Veteran and Would Like to Attend?  
Sign Up Here VETERANS DAY Assembly 2023

[Sign Up Here](#)

November 10, 2023

VETERANS  
DAY

10:00am

LVHS Competition  
Gym

To sign up for this event use  
[THIS LINK](#) instead of the one in  
the graphic.



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# The Big Event

We certainly live up to our motto: WE SERVE! At the recent BIG EVENT project created by the Hope Center and Northlake Church, 10 Lions and 8 Leos pitched in to paint 7 LVPOA sheds. And from the photographic evidence, it looks like they all had a good time too! Many thanks to Lions Kevin Sullivan, Gina Williams, Cathy Petross, David Williams, Shane Saum, Bill Bush, Sara Bush, Jeff Koble, Ted and Pat Rosen and Leos, Declan, Emily, Hyrum, Omar, Fatih, Makensie, Ruby and Kaius!



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





# Calendar of Events

Always check the website for updates on events and locations.

## When

Nov. 3-5pm  
Nov. 4-7-11 am  
Nov. 6-9-11 am  
Nov. 7-6- 8:30 pm  
Nov. 11-8:30-9:30 am  
Nov. 21-6:30-8:30 pm

## What

 Golf Tournament Meeting  
 Pancake Breakfast, Silent Auction and Bake Sale   
 Board of Directors meeting  
 Business Meeting   
 Road Warriors  
Program meeting cancelled due to Thanksgiving

## Where

Primrose Room  
Jonestown Fire Station  
Bluebonnet Room  
Bluebonnet and Primrose Room  
Corner of Dawn and Lohman Ford  
K-Oaks Clubhouse



# Give Thanks



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