



# Lions Club of Lago Vista



District 2-S3

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## NEWSLETTER

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### A THOUGHT TO PONDER

“The purpose of life is not to be  
happy, but to matter- to be  
productive, to be useful, to have it  
make some difference that you have  
lived at all.” – Leo Rosten

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President Lion Bill Bush congratulates Lion Rebecca Stone as she receives the certificate marking her election as Lion of the Quarter. Other nominees were Pat O'Dea Rosen, Ted Rosen, Jeff Koble, Pat Evans and Don Loeschner.

Rebecca Stone continues to lead with passion and purpose. Recently accepted into the Lions Club–Lions University Bachelor's Program, she also plays a key role in the district's childhood cancer initiative. Her outreach to Texas Children's Hospital North Austin, fostering ties with Dr. Morad, paves the way for future partnerships.

Rebecca revitalized the "Hat of Kindness" program to honor acts of compassion among members and has championed district award nominations that spotlight outstanding Lions.

Her latest successful grant application, submitted to the Lago Vista Women's Club, supports the Children's Hunger Initiative. She also leads the coordination of the 45th Charter and Inaugural Awards Dinner, building stronger community connections.

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## The Lions of Lago Vista Are on Fire!

We've always had a lot going on—but this season, we're taking it to the next level! With multiple exciting projects underway, there are tons of ways to get involved, have fun, and support our mission. Here's your quick guide to the action:

### **Golf Cart Raffle – Win Big!**

No golf tournament? No problem! We're raffling off a top-of-the-line, street-ready golf cart—complete with USB ports, backup camera, convertible cargo seating, powerful lithium battery... and we're even covering the taxes! Huge thanks to Lion Jeff Koble and our generous collaborators.

★ Tickets are just \$20 or 3 for \$50 – limited quantity!

Winner drawn at our next major event...

### **Cactus & Cask – Texas Tasting Extravaganza!**

Get ready for an unforgettable night of premium Texas spirits, gourmet hors d'oeuvres from Sticky Fingers, a record-breaking charcuterie board, stunning art displays, and unbeatable North Shore vibes!

 **17** Mark your calendar—this is the social event of the season!

### **Spirit Day at The Lucky Rabbit – May 4**

Let's PACK the place with 100+ Lions supporters! The more we show up, the more owner Matt Morcher gives back—more attendees = higher donation % to the Lions!

💪 Show up, wear your pride, and let's make this our biggest turnout yet! Get involved. Spread the word. Support the pride! 🐾

## More details throughout this newsletter!

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## OFFICERS 2025-26

The future of the Lago Vista Lions Club shines brightly thanks to the thoughtful work of our Nominating Committee . Under the leadership of the Committee Chair Norma Owen, the team sought out a slate of officers whose dedication, service, and true spirit of Lionism will continue to drive our club's goals and mission going forward. We are proud to introduce the incoming officers who will lead us into another outstanding year of service and community impact.

As many of you know, the position of President is filled two years prior to taking office by being elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and moving up one rank for the following years until reaching the presidency.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>
President	Norma Owen
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Adam Benefield
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Anna Johndrow
Secretary	Brenda Elliott
Treasurer	Mike Zaydel
<b>Also Elected:</b>	
Lion Tamer	Patty McDanel
Tail Twister	Mike Elliott

For a complete list of all the appointed positions, chairs and deputies please [CLICK HERE](#)

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**\$20 per ticket  
3 for \$50!  
Drawing June 7!**

**Win Twice!  
The winner gets  
the golf car and we  
*pay the income  
tax!* Now that's a  
Win Win!**

YOU can sell tickets to friends, relatives, neighbors or at one of our remote locations, you can buy tickets, you can promote this important fundraiser by TALKING ABOUT IT! What you **SHOULDN'T DO** is **NOTHING!**



**CART CASTLE**

**Golf Cart from Cart Castle  
in Liberty Hill**

**Lago Vista  
Lions Club  
Golf Cart Raffle  
\$20 or  
3 for \$50**

## Features

- 9-inch touchscreen
- Speedometer Display
- Backup Camera
- Stereo System with Bluetooth
- Luxury Seats
- Decorative Wheel Trim
- Color-matched Dashboard
- Luxury Steering Wheel
- Extended Roof and flip flop rear seat
- Rearview Mirror
- Headlights
- Horn
- USB Connections
- 14" Aluminum Wheels
- Li-Ion Battery w 8-year Warranty

**\$9,000  
Value  
Tax  
Included!!!!**

**Come On Lago Vista!!  
Support Your Community Through  
The Lions Club; Have Some Fun  
And Maybe Win BIG!!!**



Use this QR for point-of-sale payment. Vendor will supply tickets with PayPal pro...

Lago Vista Lions Club  
P.O. Box 4603  
Lago Vista, TX 78645  
[lagolionsclub.org/raffle](http://lagolionsclub.org/raffle)



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TEQUILA, WHISKEY  
&  
A NIGHT TO ROAR



**Get Ready for a Texas Tasting Event...the Most Fun Night in Lago Vista!**

The Lago Vista Lions Club invites you to a night like no other — Cactus and Casks:  
A Texas Tasting Event!

**June 7th, 6:00–9:30 p.m. at the K-Oaks Clubhouse**

Get ready for an unforgettable evening filled with flavor, fun, and fundraising. Your ticket includes eight pours of some of Texas' finest — featuring selections from **1824 Tequila Casta Antigua, 1876 Bourbon-Dripping Springs Distillery, Don Rico Tequila, and Austin 101 Whiskey**, a charcuterie board that may well win a place in the Guinness Book of World Records, an exhibit of art from local and International artists and the camaraderie that only Lago Vistans know how to generate! That's what is in store with the amazing **Cactus and Casks** event. This is a one-of-a-kind event for our North Shore and will certainly become a fixture on our social landscape

Check out the next pages with some of the exclusive art on exhibit and on sale at this incredible event, benefiting the Lago Vista Lions' humanitarian projects, including the Children's Hunger Initiative. Plus, limited-edition candles from **Dax + Jade** will be available for purchase, with all proceeds supporting the same great cause — you can even pre-order yours now! And don't forget — the lucky winner of the Golf Cart Raffle will be announced during the event!

Tickets are limited, so don't wait! Grab yours by scanning the QR code or visiting us in person at Lago Fest. Come raise a glass (or eight!) and help make a difference in our community.

**The Most Fun You'll Have in Lago This Year!**

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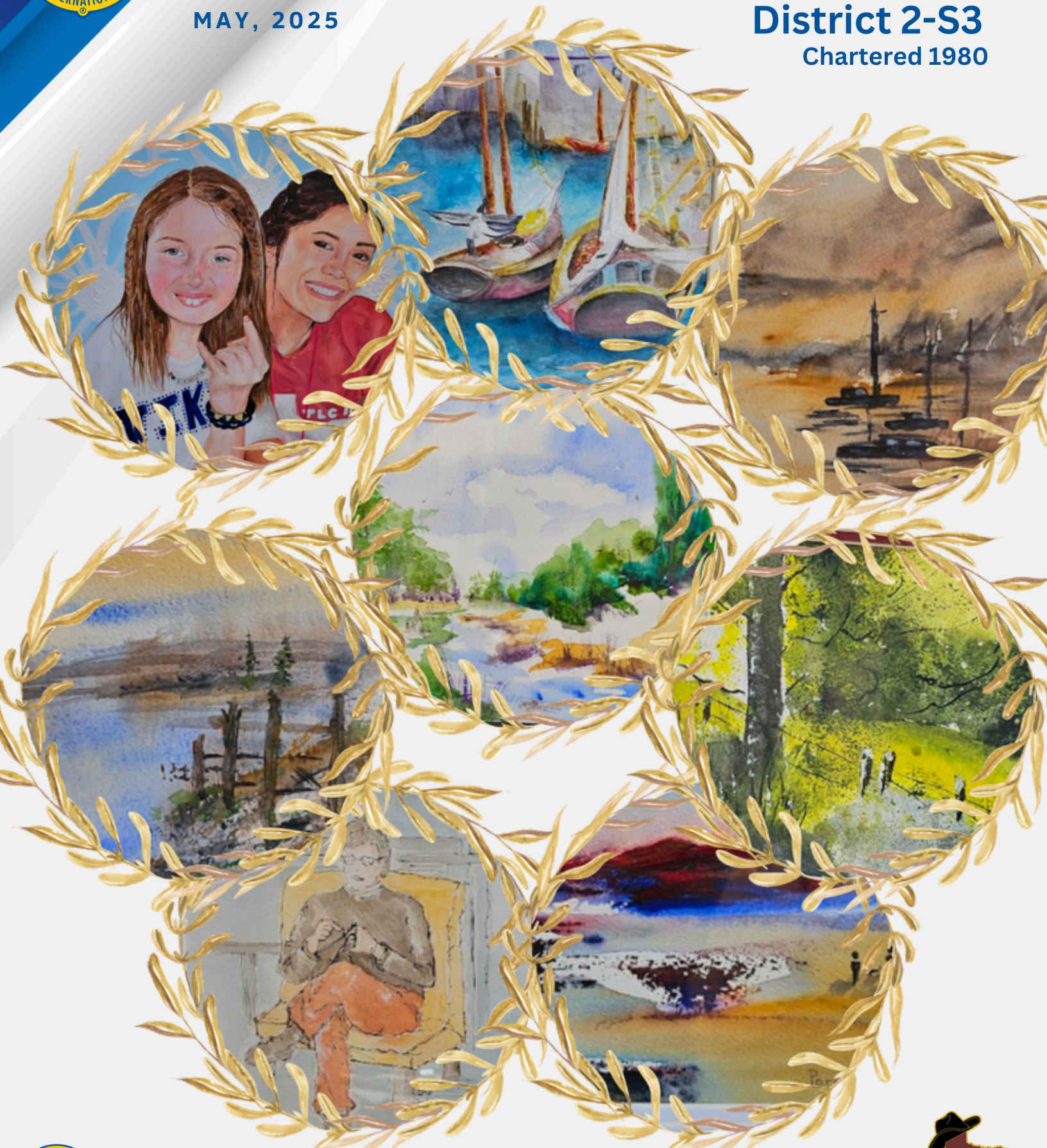


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## MAY 2-3 CONVENTION RESULTS



L-R Lions Rebecca Stone, Andrea Seger and Jo Ann Smith proudly display their awards, received at the May 2-3 Lions Convention in New Braunfels. Respectively, Certificate of Recognition, Silver Spur and, Harry Reasonover Award.



Our Club also received the distinction of the C.W.A "Mac" Cormack Award and our Leo President, Olivia Smith was recognized as District 2 S-3 "Leo of the Year", here pictured with grandparents, Jo Ann and Ron Smith.



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## The 4th Was With Us!



May 4<sup>th</sup> saw scores of patrons lining up to order the great food and beverages and to enjoy the picture perfect weather at the Lucky Rabbit. OH! And did I mention that a portion of the proceeds were donated to us? Lion Brenda Elliott had the brilliant idea of providing stickers for patrons there to support us to show management how LUCKY they are to partner with the Lions! And, of course, Lion Jerry was in full force with another edition of the famous Lions Silent Auction! What a great day!

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## AWARDS AND CHARTER DINNER



Join us for an evening of distinction and celebration as we honor those who make a lasting impact in our community. The Lago Vista Lions Club Awards & Charter Dinner will take place on **Friday, August 8, 2025**, at North Lake Church, bringing together service, recognition, and fellowship in an elegant setting. We are honored that our special guest will be PDG Jeff Kunkel. This special event will feature a beautifully catered dinner alongside prestigious award presentations, including:

**The Kindness Matters Service Award  
Presidential Volunteer Service Awards (PVSA)  
Recognition of our valued community partners and LEOs**

As we celebrate excellence in service and leadership, we invite you to be part of this memorable evening. Ticket pricing will be announced soon, with a 'Pay It Forward' option available to sponsor fellow attendees and ensure all who wish to attend can share in the experience.

Save the date and prepare for a night of inspiration, gratitude, and camaraderie as we honor those who make a difference. Formal invitation and ticket details to follow.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Eric Zeno	May 5
Billie Duncan	May 6
Connie Loeschner	May 7
Faith Leibel	May 9
David Stevens	May 11
Shad Pellizzari	May 15
Rachelle Soper	May 17
Judy Eagle	May 19
Jo Ann Smith	May 27
Dave McKittrick	May 31



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**The Lions Club of Lago Vista  
Bar-B-Que Team is Smoking for Charity!**

**Friday, May 23  
Memorial Day Week-End**

**PRE-ORDER DEADLINE !!!!!**

**FRIDAY, MAY. 16th**

**WHOLE BRISKET - \$130**

**(avg. 12 lb. pre-cooked)**

**HALF BRISKET - \$65**

**ST. LOUIS CUT PORK RIBS \$30**

**(full rack - approx. 12 ribs)**

**Contact Lion **Mike Zaydel**  
@ 512-560-8814 (cell)  
or Mzaydel99@gmail.com  
to provide name, contact info.  
& payment method  
(Credit Card or Check)**



**Pick up orders @  
4415 Rimrock Drive, Lago Vista  
Between 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.  
Friday, May 23rd**



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LEND A HELPING ARM

# BLOOD DRIVE

We have received news that the May blood drive has been suspended. But we also got the schedule for the rest of the year!

June 21

Aug 23

Oct 18

Dec 13

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## May Mark Your Calendars!

Date	Event
May 2-3	<i>Lions District Convention-New Braunfels</i>
May 2	<i>KidSight-LV Middle School</i>
May 4	<i>Spirit Day-Lucky Rabbit</i>
May 5	<i>Lions BOD Meeting 9-10 am Primrose Room</i>
May 5	<i>KidSight LV Middle School</i>
May 6	<i>Children's Hunger Initiative Meeting-5:00pm K-Oaks Clubhouse</i>
May 6	<i>Business Meeting 6pm-K-Oaks Clubhouse</i>
May 10	<i>Road Warriors 8:30-9:30 am-Corner of Dawn and Lohman Ford</i>
May 20	<i>Program Meeting 6pm-K-Oaks Clubhouse- Heroes Night Out-North Shore Veterans-Leah Francisco &amp; Jeanette Drake</i>
May 22-23	<i>BBQ Meat Prep and Smoking for Memorial Day!</i>

If you have a planned event next month, this fall, through next December, please forward it to [djohndrow@gmail.com](mailto:djohndrow@gmail.com) with Calendar Item in the subject line. We are working to avoid conflicts.

## Always check the website for updates.

This edition of our newsletter has been proofread by Bill Bush, Dale Mitchell and Don Johndrow

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