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A Thought to Ponder



"The secret of getting ahead, is getting started."

Mark Twain

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Message from your incoming President:

Most of you know me as the lady flitting about taking pictures for this newsletter or as past President Don Johndrow's wife. I thought it might be prudent to introduce myself formally and to share my vision of our club and the 12 months that I have been gifted with to stand before you as your Club President.

My husband Don and I have lived in Lago Vista for 20 years, even though to us it still feels like we are newcomers. Between us, Don and I have five children, two live here in Lago Vista and six grandchildren, three of them live here. Our first seven years here we had a business in Cedar Park so we ate and slept here, but didn't really have an opportunity to get very involved. The exception, for me, was helping with the 4th of July parade and events which helped introduce me to many of the volunteer minded citizens of our town. Both Don and I had been Rotarians prior to moving here and I attempted to continue as a Rotarian until Don became President of the Lago Vista Lions Club and I realized that, wonderful as Rotary is, on the North Shore it had not been able to develop critical mass and could not make an impact in community service. Our Lions Club does THAT and so much more. I immediately volunteered to become the editor of the newsletter, as communications, in one form or another, has been my career.

To be brutally honest, I do not step into the position of President because I have been a stellar Lion or because I am the member with the most hours of service or the longest serving board member. None of that is true. Basically, I am President because I was willing to serve in whatever capacity the Club needed me to serve. I bring with my willingness, credentials that are meaningful and hopefully positive contributions to serving the objectives and challenges of our club. I have served on many boards and have been president of quite a few. I hope that my previous experience will help to make this coming year a positive and productive year for all of us.

My hope and objective for the following year is to build on the sense of community we share as Lions and to be able to nurture the willingness to serve the community at large. We are blessed with having many proactive, imaginative, creative and hardworking members and my goal will be to insure you all know how appreciated you are, how important you are to the success of our club as a driving force in the community and welcome more and more of you to embrace the ultimate satisfaction of serving the people and projects of the North Shore. We are fortunate to have an exceptionally involved and experienced Board of Directors which will contribute enormously to the continuation of our success following the amazing achievements under Lion Norma Owen and all our previous presidents.

Thank you for your trust in me and the opportunity to serve you and the North Shore.

Anna

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Picnic!

Our picnic is ALWAYS a good time, and this year was no different! We got to eatin' right out of the gate 'cause there was soooo much to celebrate with our awards and recognitions! Enjoy the pictures and relive the moments.

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Sally Rochte and family honoring Lion Scott Cameron


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Replica of the brick installed at Texas Lions Camp honoring of Lion Scott Cameron


Past Melvin Jones Awardees



Don Zschoche announcing Lion Bill Bush as this year's Melvin Jones Awardee



2nd Vice District Governor Corey Bailey pins Lion Bill Bush



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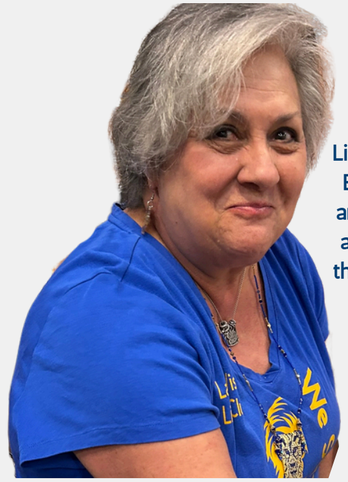
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Lion of the Quarter



Lion Brenda Elliot was announced as Lion of the Quarter





Lion Bill Bush was recognized as Lion of Year



President Lion Norma presented a special award to ...



... Lion Rebecca Stone, Service and Awards Chair



Lion Rebecca presented her sponsor, Lion Susan Nilsson-Weiskott with the Gold Spur Award



Lion Dennis Kemp won the Jack Wiech award for his dedication to the Texas Lions Camp.

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Lion Sheri Marion was recognized with the Kindness Matters Award for her leadership of Anita's Loomers



Lion Barry Duncan received the Hat of Kindness...will he wear it at all our meetings?



Lion Kevin Sullivan received his 1st VP badge.



Lion Kevin Smith received his 2nd VP badge.



Incoming President Lion Anna Johndrow received her gavel from outgoing President Lion Norma Owen



New Lions Tanya and Russell Reese were initiated and their sponsor, Bill Bush was also pinned!

Welcome aboard!

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Perfect Attendance!



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One of the greatest accolades of the evening was the presentation by 2nd Vice District Governor Corey Bailey of the recognition by Lions International of our Club AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL for our leadership and proactive response to the tragic 4th of July floods of 2025!

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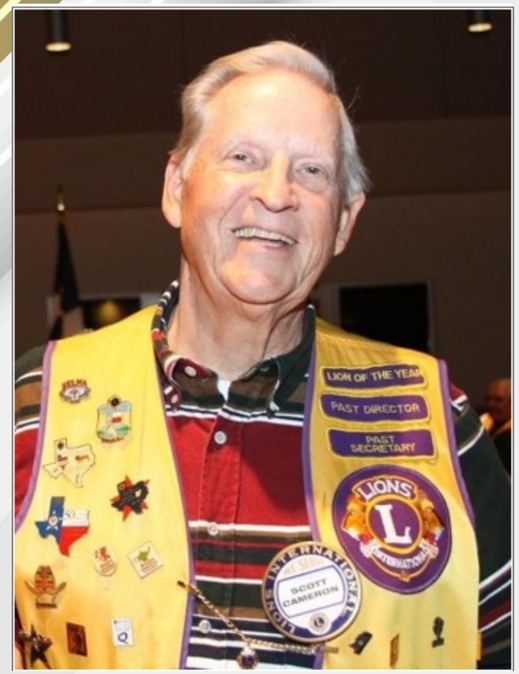
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Tribute to Lion Scott Cameron



The Lago Vista Lions Club invited the family of Lion Hugh Scott "Scott" Cameron Jr., who passed away peacefully on March 6, 2026, at the age of 89 to join us at our awards ceremony as we offered a celebration of his devotion to Lionism. Our club recently sponsored a brick in his honor to be installed at the Texas Lions Camp and we presented a replica to his daughter, Sally Rochte and her husband. Outgoing President Norma Owen also present a District Memorial Certificate in honor of Lion Scott Cameron to them.

An accomplished civil and structural engineer whose career spanned more than five decades, Scott brought the same dedication and professionalism to community service that distinguished his professional life. After settling in Lago Vista with his beloved wife Kitty in the 1990s, he became deeply involved in civic and volunteer organizations throughout the community.

Among his many contributions, Scott served on the City of Lago Vista Building and Standards Commission, the Lago Vista Men's Club Mentoring for Boys program, Friends of the Library, and Lakeside Christian Fellowship. His greatest organizational loyalty, however, belonged to the Lago Vista Lions Club. Over the years, Scott served our club in a variety of leadership roles, including Secretary and Director. In recognition of his outstanding service, he was named Lion of the Year in 2003 and received the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship Award in 2019, the highest honor bestowed by Lions Clubs International.

Scott will be remembered for his sharp wit, generous spirit, steadfast commitment to service, and the friendships he cultivated throughout our club and community. His legacy lives on in the many lives he touched and the example he set for all who wear the Lions emblem.

We invite members and friends to visit the club website to view a special photo presentation celebrating Scott's years of fellowship, service, and friendship with the Lago Vista Lions Club.

DOWNLOAD PHOTO PRESENTATION HERE

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Summary of Awards and Recognitions

Bill Bush-Lion of the Year, Melvin Jones Fellow, Special Lions International Recognition. has received top honors for 2025–2026; such honors are reserved for a member whose service and leadership have made a lasting impact on our club and community. Following his term as President, Bill continued to serve tirelessly, providing guidance, mentoring members, supporting major initiatives, and leading our successful Driving Out Hunger Golf Tournament. His efforts have helped strengthen programs that serve children, families, and individuals throughout the region. Recognized this year with an International President's Award, Bill exemplifies servant leadership in action. Whether at a fundraiser, service project, blood drive, or community event, Bill is always willing to step up and help. His dedication, generosity, and example continue to inspire us all.

Brenda Elliott-Lion of the Quarter. Every successful Lions Club depends on dedicated members who quietly keep the wheels turning behind the scenes, and Lion Brenda Elliott is one of those invaluable individuals. Brenda has consistently taken responsibility for the countless administrative details that ensure our projects, programs, and service initiatives run smoothly and efficiently. Whether navigating paperwork, tracking important information, or managing the often-complex processes that accompany a growing and active club, she approaches every task with professionalism, precision, and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

Rebecca Stone-Special recognition. For a relatively new member, Lion Rebecca Stone has made an extraordinary impact on the Lago Vista Lions Club. Stepping into key leadership roles, she has consistently demonstrated dedication, vision, and a willingness to serve wherever needed. Rebecca has strengthened the club's service reporting, communications, and grant efforts, helping secure significant funding that has benefited children, families, and disaster recovery initiatives throughout our community. She also played a vital role in coordinating volunteer response efforts following the July 4th floods. As Rebecca transitions into District leadership, her influence will extend far beyond Lago Vista. Fortunately, she will continue to serve as an advisor to our club. Her contributions have left a lasting legacy that will benefit our Lions family for years to come.

Dennis Kemp-Jack Wiech Award. For many years, Texas Lions Camp has benefited from the passion and dedication of Lions who champion its mission. This year, Lion Dennis Kemp was honored with the prestigious Jack Wiech Award for his outstanding advocacy on behalf of the Camp and the children it serves. Over the past year, Dennis visited every club in the district, sharing the Camp's story and inspiring support through his enthusiasm and commitment. Even amid the challenges and distractions created by Hill Country flooding, he remained focused on ensuring the needs of children were not forgotten. His tireless efforts have strengthened awareness and support for one of Texas Lions' most impactful programs. Congratulations, Lion Dennis!

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July Birthdays

Sara Bush	July 2
Risa Hand	July 9
Jennie Honarvar	July 14
Julie McCreary	July31



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Don't Miss the Parade!

Come cheer us on as we parade down Dawn Drive, July 4 at 10 am. Lions and Leos will be handing out candy and showing our Patriotic Pride!

THEN, at 5pm come and enjoy a Lion's Grilled HOT DOG, chips and a drink down at K-Oaks and stay for the fireworks!

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June 27: Celebrating Helen Keller

On June 27, Lions around the world celebrate the birthday of Helen Keller, whose challenge at the 1925 Lions International Convention inspired our enduring mission as the "Knights of the Blind."

What began as a call to service has grown into one of the most rewarding parts of Lionism. Through vision screenings, eyeglass recycling, eye health education, and support for those facing vision loss, we help open doors to independence, opportunity, and hope.

As we honor Helen Keller's legacy, we celebrate not only what she accomplished, but also the countless lives improved through the joyful work Lions continue to do every day. Here's to seeing possibilities, serving with purpose, and making a difference—one vision at a time.

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Dues are Due!



No...that's not a dance!

And we can't dance around the fact that if you are on our roster on June 30 WE are expected to pay your dues to the district and to Lions International.

So, our policy is to remove members who have not paid by June 27 from the roster to avoid a financial loss to the club. While it's easy to reinstate members, it is an uncomfortable two step to remove and then reinstate members so...PLEASE pay your dues by 5:00 pm June 27.

And our venerable Treasurer, Mike Zaydel, makes it as easy to pay as he can. HERE ARE THE OPTIONS:

1. **Go to the Lions Club of Lago Vista website or click HERE. On the upper left, click on membership renewal and follow the instructions.**
2. **Call Mike Zaydel at 512-560-8814 with payment information before 5:00pm, June 27th**
3. **Check payments - Mail to Mike Zaydel @ 20106 Victoria Chase Rd. Lago Vista, TX 78645 so it arrives by June 27th.**
4. **Email Mike @ "mzaydel99@gmail.com" no later than 5:00pm June 27th indicating "the check is in the mail" . He'll keep your membership active with the expectation of receiving the payment within a week. Click HERE to open your email server.**

In the unfortunate eventuality that you have opted to leave the club please call or email Mike Zaydel indicating no payment will be forthcoming.

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

July 7-Business Meeting
July 17-Hunger Initiative-Pack and Deliver food to families
July 18-Road Warriors meet at Dawn and Lohman 8:30 am
July 21-Program Meeting-Something special
September 20-SILENT AUCTION-LAGO VISTA BREWING COMPANY

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