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Serving our Club and Our Community with Pride



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A THOUGHT TO PONDER

**It is officially September,
which means my blood type is
now 70% Pumpkin Spice.**



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Message from the President:

Have you ever heard someone refer to the “back end” of the Internet? It’s usually said rather casually, as though we all understand that somewhere behind the screen there is mysterious code, invisible connections and assorted technical wizardry that somehow allows us to send a photograph halfway around the world in seconds. Most of us don’t really need to understand how it works. We’re simply delighted that it does!

Well, our Lions Club is a little like a great big, very human version of the Internet. We have a remarkably active back end, too! There are a scazillion moving parts behind every meeting and every activity we enjoy. Somehow, as if by magic, the room has flags in the right places, a sign-in table appears, plaques and badges are ready, drinks and snacks are available, an interesting program is lined up, sign-up sheets materialize and—perhaps most important to hungry Lions—a meal arrives.

Of course, none of it is really magic.

Take something as simple as signing up for dinner. That one little click or checkmark sets our very own Lions “code” in motion. Payment needs to reach the Treasurer. The meal sponsor needs an accurate count. The food provider needs the order. Someone makes sure we have plates, utensils, serving spoons and spatulas. Someone else organizes the helping hands that get the food onto those plates and into our hungry tummies. And, inconveniently, the dishes and tables stubbornly refuse to clean themselves afterward.

Meanwhile, someone is coordinating with the POA Ranger, someone is checking the sound and projection equipment, someone is connecting the slide presentation, someone is greeting our speaker—and the list goes on and on.

And here is the important part: YOU do this.

Not necessarily every job, and certainly not all at once. It is the collective YOU—the members who step forward with an idea, carry a box, greet a guest, serve a plate, make a phone call, deliver food, join a committee, volunteer for a project or simply ask, “What can I do to help?” That is how our Lions work.

Our strength doesn’t come from a handful of people doing everything. It comes from many people doing *something*. There is a place for every talent, every energy level, every schedule and every Lion who wants to be part of making our community better.

So, the next time everything at a meeting seems to happen effortlessly, remember our very busy “back end”—and perhaps consider becoming one of those moving parts. You may discover that getting involved is not only worthwhile, but also a wonderful way to know your fellow Lions better, share a few laughs and experience firsthand what makes our Pride roar.

To every Lion who helps make it happen: thank you. And to every Lion wondering where you might fit in: there is always room in the code for you!

1st Tuesday-Program Meeting--3rd Tuesday-Business Meeting

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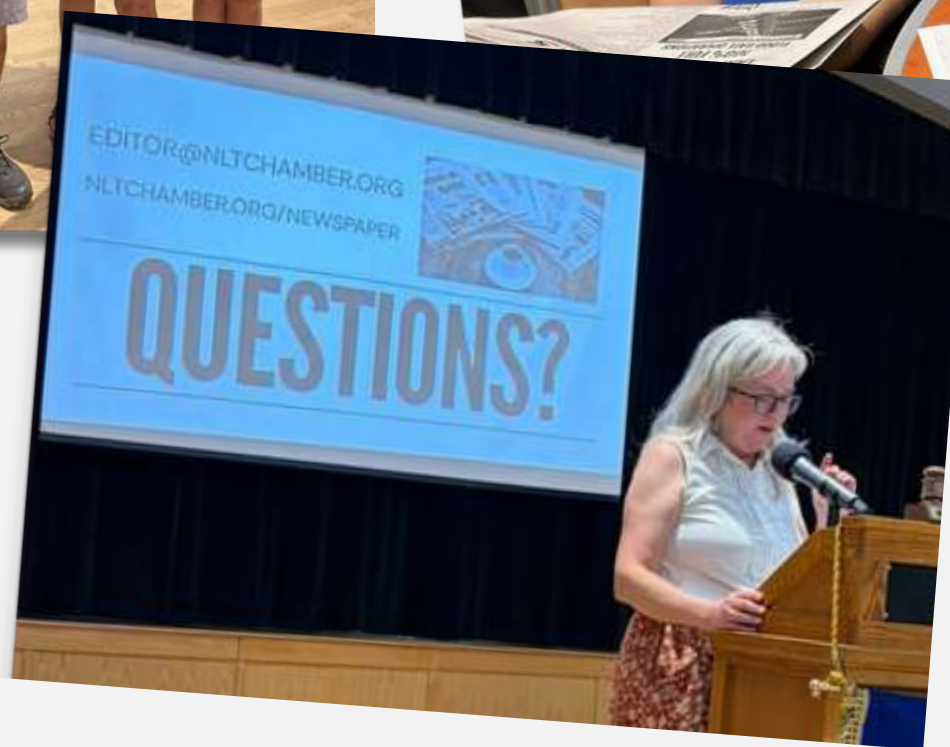
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August 4 Meeting

The August 4 meeting of the Lago Vista Lions Club featured a remarkable trio representing the North Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce: Executive Director Allison Sargent, Member Services representative Heather Snyder, and Gayleen Rabakuk, editor of our brand-new community newspaper, The North Shore Navigator. For most of the past 15 years, the North Shore has been without a regularly published newspaper dedicated to our communities. The longtime North Lake Travis Log ceased publication in September 2011. Although The Northshore Star briefly returned local news to print in 2014—and the online North Shore Beacon has continued to provide community coverage—residents have sorely missed having a printed newspaper delivered throughout the area. That makes the Chamber-produced North Shore Navigator an especially welcome and valuable source of information. From community events and local news to business features and promotions, The Navigator is helping residents stay informed and connected.

A major part of the presentation recognized the many Lions who help distribute each monthly edition. A brigade of willing volunteers picks up assigned bundles and delivers them throughout the North Shore—and as far away as Marble Falls—greatly expanding the newspaper's reach and readership. The Chamber expressed its sincere appreciation for this valuable assistance. Allison also shared exciting news: the newspaper has changed printers and will soon be published in color! To find a location where you can pick up a copy, visit the Chamber's website for a complete list of distribution points throughout the North Shore. Subscriptions are also available for a small fee.



Upper left-Heather Snyder and Allison Sargent, Middle-Mike de Sosa



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MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

August 4th's meeting highlight of our club's distinct projects was provided by Rachelle Soper, chair of Healthcare Programs, of which Message in a Bottle is a primary project.

As Rachelle explained, the project began following a rash of health issues within our own club...several long standing members had some critical medical events and our well-meaning fellow club members and friends found themselves in the position of having to assist them to receive the medical attention they needed AND inform family members. But, they discovered they didn't have reliable information to share with first responders and no idea of how to contact family members. Lion Sue Weatherly researched other clubs and found a program in the United Kingdom that at this point has distributed more than 6 million containers and forms. She brought the idea to her husband, Dick Weatherly who brought it to our Board and coordinated a myriad of community collaborators to get bottles, forms printed, labels made, magnets and spread the word.

How it Works-A prescription sized bottle is provided each member of a family along with a detailed form to record prescription medications, pre-existing conditions, primary care physicians or specialists, contact information for family members, insurance information...in short, everything a first responder needs to know in order to help an individual who may not be able to speak for themselves. Along with all of this helpful information a magnet is provided to attach to the outside of one's refrigerator and the bottle is then deposited IN THE FREEZER! Local first responders know to look for the sign on the door of the fridge and can quickly find the information they need to provide the best possible first aid.

Rachelle also touched on the sister program called the Yellow Dot...same principal but the container is stored in the car glove box and a yellow dot is affixed to the windshield. In the event of an accident, first responders know where to look to find all the important information that could save lives!



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Dr. Charles Cox, and Charlene Cox; Karen and Larry Gonzales; Tammy and Chief Ron Joy were inducted in an engaging ceremony including all Board Members in attendance at our August 18 Meeting

Our most recent induction ceremony departed from the norm in two important and significant ways...all inductees were couples and the ceremony was designed to include the participation of our Board members. The pinning of new members was a little different as well, as the happy couples pinned each other! President Anna Johndrow encouraged all members, but specially the sponsors of these three couples, to make the new member feel welcome and to promote their involvement in projects and orientation. Membership Chair, Lion Don Johndrow has started a mentoring program which provides the new member and the sponsor an added resource for incorporation to our pride. Welcome!.



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Lago Vista Lions donate to Lifelong Friends Pet Adoptions

Lago Vista Lions Sara Bush and Mike Zaydel with Leos Kandice Richardson and Leighton Melendez stopped by Lifelong Friends. They delivered donations from the Lago Vista Lions and Leos Clubs, as well as several personal donations. While they were there, Sara Grady, a volunteer at Lifelong Friends, took the group through the facilities to learn more about Lifelong Friends.

Lifelong Friends Pet Adoptions is our local no kill pet shelter located in Lago Vista that takes in stray and abandoned dogs and cats. It's totally operated by many full time and part time volunteers who feed the animals, administer medications, clean their crates, take them for walks, fund raising, and help with off-site pet adoptions. Lifelong Friends, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization has no funding support from government sources. Operating expenses and veterinarian costs are funded totally through donations and adoption fees.

If you're interested in volunteering, donating, or adopting an animal, go to their website, www.lagovistapaws.org for more information.



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COME SING WITH US!



Arrangements are being made to gather at our retail locations and sing during the Holiday Season. Just for fun! No rehearsals! Just the joy of lifting your voice up and sharing with your community. If you would like to join in the fun, please use the link below.

SIGN UP BY CLICKING HERE. Details will be shared as they become available.



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Update on Sandy Creek



We are happy to report that the District's decision to request our help in moving the acquisition of supplies for the repairs to Sandy Creek homes has been successful. The first delivery of supplies will take place on September 3. Many thanks to Lion Mike Zaydel, Jess Hall, Norma Owen, Bill Bush, Rebecca Stone and all of us who have pitched in on this important initiative.



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A Lion at Heart: Dolly Parton



Dolly Parton spent a lifetime proving that a big heart can make a big difference. Long admired for her extraordinary talent, but for a lifetime devoted to helping others—and her commitment to service she has earned a special place in the Lions family.

The Tennessee Sevier County Lions Club named Dolly an Honorary Member in recognition of her extensive charitable work. She was also honored as a Melvin Jones Fellow, one of the highest forms of recognition associated with the Lions Clubs International Foundation, acknowledging her exceptional commitment to humanitarian service.

Perhaps nowhere is her spirit of service more evident than in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which has placed millions of books into the hands of young children and encouraged a love of reading from the earliest years.

Her generosity, compassion and belief in giving people a better opportunity in life reflect the very principles Lions strive to live by every day.

Dolly Parton may belong to the world—but Lions can proudly claim her as one of our own.



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BLOOD DRIVE AUGUST 15

We had a record thirty-nine signed up for the recent drive on August 15th resulting in a record total of thirty-five successful blood donations.

Among those who signed up were fourteen Lions, also a record turnout for our club! Lions that answered the call to donate were Kevin Sullivan, Jay Keany, Jeff Warning, Patty Bosco, Mike Beal, Sara Bush, Bill Bush, Pat and Ted Rosen, Ron Joy, Shirley Swahn, Chad Cantwell, and Connie and Don Loeschner.

***The total amount collected at this drive impacted one hundred and five grateful Texans! Wow!
The next blood drive will be on October 17th***

Don Loeschner



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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS-!!

Johnnie Walters
Andrea Seger
Mike De Sosa
Don Johndrow
Judy Hunt
David Williams
Elizabeth Perkins
Mark Douglas
Mike Beal



September 3
September 5
September 17
September 18
September 20
September 25
September 28
September 30
September 30



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SPIRIT DAY

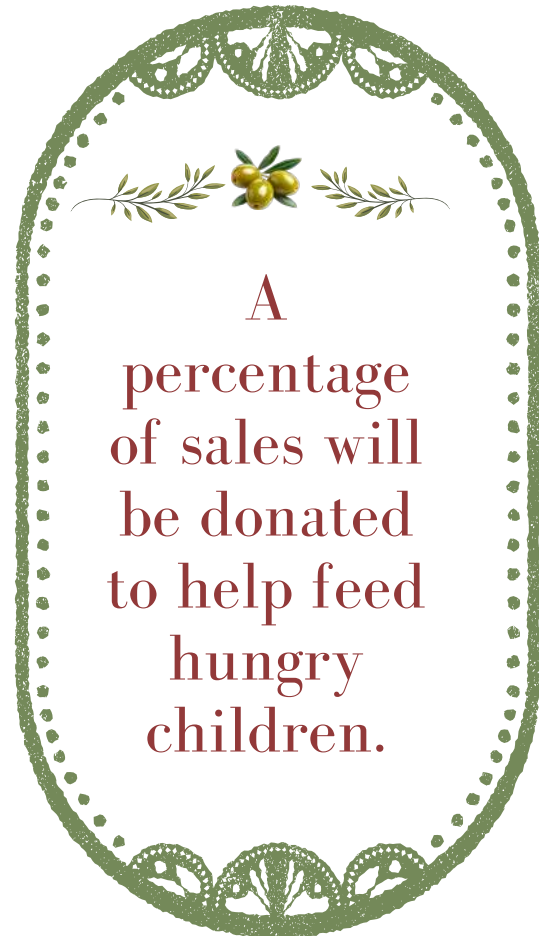


at Cedar Tree Mediterranean Grill and Café

Join your fellow Lions
for a delicious and
healthy meal in support
of the Hunger Initiative

Tuesday, Sept. 9
11:30 am to 3pm
5 pm to 8 pm
7708 Lohman Ford
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DINE LOCAL. GIVE BACK



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percentage
of sales will
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Shhh!

SILENT AUCTION!

Lago Vista Brewing Company September 20 *Featuring the Smoking Armadillos*

It may be a Silent Auction, but there is plenty to make noise about!

Over 160 items, trips or services and YOU name the price!



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Calendar of Events



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Click the calendar



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