

How I Can Serve: Here are Avenues of Service open to all Lions. We Serve!

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Club leaders become leaders by doing things and offering ideas—they don't fall off trees. If you would like to have a hand in guiding our club and supporting its service, this is for you!

BBQ Team (Shad Pellizzari – shad.pellizzari@yahoo.com , John Spoerlein – texchilipeppers@sbcglobal.net)

We own a monster BBQ trailer and an array of electric smokers, and our team makes the best brisket, ribs, pork loins and turkey breasts ever experienced! Pit Master John and Smoke Master Don Zschoche have been at it for years and know all the secrets. Shad Pellizzari brings his wealth of experience to the team.

Blood Mobile (Don Loeschner – retpilot757@gmail.com)

We work to support We Are Blood. Every other month we set up with the professionals of We Are Blood in the CVS parking lot. We monitor and schedule donors and love it when we have more donors than spaces!

Car Wash Promotion (Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott – gnilsson5900@gmail.com)

This is Texas! What that means is there are a lot of cars running around with weeks' worth of dirt on top. Time to give them a bath. We partner with Mr. Carwash and offer coupons to do just that, and the good part is that we keep 50% to do good!

Fans and Other Needs of our Neighbors (Bob McCarty – recon173@swbell.net , Mike Zaydel – mzaydel99@gmail.com)

Sometimes our neighbors hit a rough patch and need help. Every year we include money in the budget to help out. We go and buy a bunch of fans and deliver them to the Travis County HHS in Jonestown so they can help cool off some brows when it's hotter than a two-dollar pistol in the Hill Country. And we don't stop the giving there.

Food Related fundraisers (Dick Weatherly – epidural@twc.com , Shad Pellizzari – shad.pellizzari@yahoo.com , John Spoerlein - texchilipeppers@sbcglobal.net)

Depending on the time of year and the occasion, we jump in and offer Chili Feasts, Pancake Breakfasts, Hot Dogs for the Christmas kickoff, and other community events. It's a lot of fun and an opportunity to rub elbows with our neighbors.

Golf Tournament (David Williams – davwil@me.com)

This is our major fundraiser! There are oh so many arrangements with so many entities to make a golf tournament work—and all the loose ends, don't forget the loose ends! We need organizers and motivators who can listen and carry out carefully planned instructions. We hit a hole in one, but not by accident!

Healthcare Programs (Susan Nilsson Weiskott – snilsson5900@gmail.com , Patti McDanel – pamcdanel@yahoo.com)

Lions International is very involved in healthcare and promotes programs in eye care, diabetes, pediatric cancer as well as other needs. And, where there's a need, there's a Lion. It's a great opportunity for Lions who care.

Hunger (Susan Nilsson Weiskott – snilsson5900@gmail.com , Elise Hoagland – elisehoagland@gmail.com)

Let's face it. Neil and Elise need help. Hunger is one of the Lions' major concerns, and they are forging our policies with this Avenue of Service. "Hunger is not a problem. It is an obscenity. How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." — Anne Frank

Lago Vista Volunteers (Sue Weatherly – sue47@twc.com)

What happens when a resident of Lago Vista needs to borrow a walker, a wheelchair, or even a hospital bed? You call the Lago Vista Volunteers! They have all sorts of helpful equipment that they will lend you for free. Lions support this effort with our service as well as with our money.

LEO Mentoring (Sara Bush – sara@sobush.com , Norma Owen – normaowen@gmail.com)

The kids ARE our future, and we sponsor the LEO club for high school students who share our belief in our motto, “We Serve”. They work with us and we with them to make this a better place to live for all generations.

Marketing/Social Media/Newsletter (Don & Anna Johndrow – ajohndrow@gmail.com / djohndrow@gmail.com)

We love our community and we give a lot of ourselves to make it the right place for friends and family. We work very hard to spread good will, and we want to make sure that everyone knows who we are and what we do. We are Lions, help us ROAR!

Meals, Parties & Special Events (Pat Evans - pevans6569@gmail.com , Jeff Nokes – jnokes72@yahoo.com)

We share a catered meal at every meeting, and that calls for Lions to order, pick up and serve. We also plan Christmas parties, picnics and other to-dos, and we know that we have folks who are really good at that, so raise your hand!

Meeting Support (Julie McCreary – jmccreary@yahoo.com , Connie Loeschner – cgloeschner@yahoo.com)

Meetings don't just happen. There are things to be brought in before the meeting and put away after the meetings and drinks to be poured (and poured again). We also need to make sure that the sound and videos systems work. Help!

Membership & Training (Dick Weatherly – epidural@twc.com , Susan Nilsson-Weiscott – snilsson5900@gmail.com)

We always need new members to re-vitalize our club, and we need to provide orientation and training in the ways and beliefs of Lions. We want to do the best by our fellow citizens, but first we must do the best for our fellow Lions.

Message in a Bottle (Dick Weatherly – epidural@twc.com , Sue Weatherly – sue47@twc.com)

Help and hope in a bottle offered to everyone for free. We prepare a large pill bottle and personal sheets for each person to fill out his/her medical information; once done they go into the bottle, which goes into the freezer, and a magnetic notice goes on the refrigerator letting first responders know to look for the bottle. Those bottles provide them with the information needed to save lives.

Programs (Susan Nilsson-Weiskott – snilsson5900@gmail.com , Patti McDanel – pamcdanel@yahoo.com)

Every month we have two meetings, a business meeting, and a program meeting. We Lions have come to look forward to having great programs, and we are always looking for ideas and contacts to bring new understanding and points of view. Interested? Susan would love to share ideas, and, who knows? You may be the head programmer in the future!

Road Cleanup (We call them Road Warriors – Frank Robbins – frobbs100@gmail.com)

We care about our environment, and we prove it monthly. Our Club has adopted a wide section of Lohman Ford, and our Road Warriors go out monthly on a Saturday morning to pick up others' indiscretions. Don't Mess With Lago Vista!

Scholarship Committee (Pat O'Dea Rosen – patodea153@aol.com)

Our Lago Vista Vikings are a terrific group of kids. We celebrate their excellence annually by awarding significant scholarships to those who plan to go on to college as well as those who work to prepare themselves for a trade. We favor our LEOs, but consider all outstanding applicants. While membership on the committee is limited, there are tons of things that need done: it's a demanding job, but oh, so rewarding!

Silent Auction (Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott – gnilsson5900@gmail.com)

People love to hunt for treasure, and we give them that chance at several of our activities, and boy do they respond! The Silent Auction has become one of our premier fund raisers! Jerry and his trusted cohorts are constantly working to give sponsors a chance to participate, to pick up the acquired treasures, and to give folks the opportunity to exchange their bucks for that special item, trip or service. Get ahold of Jerry and see how you can serve!

Treasury (Mike Zaydel - mzaydel99@gmail.com)

Some people say they heard him squeak when he walked by, but our Magic Mike is a big hearted guy who oversees our Treasure\$\$\$. But you will see Mike involved in practically everything, so he needs like-minded, fiscally responsible, caring folks to share with him.

Texas Lions Camp (Dennis Kemp – chelaine1972@yahoo.com ,Connie Zschoche – czs2play13@gmail.com)

What a happy accident that the initial letters spell TLC, because that is the truth of the matter. It's all about our love for kids, especially those who are challenged. Our camp has a heart as big as Texas and offers fun and companionship rarely if ever experienced by challenged kids, and we do it for free. "He ain't heavy, he's my brother..."

Visual Services (Eyeglass collection, KidSight, etc. – Don Johndrow - djohndrow@gmail.com)

A brilliant, courageous woman, Helen Keller, generations back, issued a challenge to the Lions; she challenged us to "Be the Knights of the Blind". Eyesight immediately became an enduring focus of our work. We offer free visual screening to kids in schools around us, and we pay for exams and glasses for those unable to afford them. We collect donated eyeglasses in many places around Lago Vista and Cedar Park that we send to be recycled for charities who do outreach among needy populations. If Helen knew, we would make her smile.

Youth Contests (Pat O'Dea Rosen – patodea153@aol.com)

It's not easy to judge the efforts of the children we care so much about, but annually several contests, such as a Peace Poster contest, are held in local schools. Committed Lions serve as judges, and in spite of considering everyone a winner, choose to reward the efforts most made with grace and creativity.