



# Lions Club of Lago Vista

District 2-S3  
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# Newsletter

MARCH, 2024

A Thought to Ponder

IF YOU  
DON'T SOW  
IN THE  
SPRINGTIME  
YOU WILL  
NOT REAP  
IN THE  
AUTUMN

An Irish Proverb



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## February Meetings



Our Lion Tamer, Julie McCreary gets us started each meeting with a giant and passionate ROAR! THANK YOU, JULIE!



Following the roar we always honor our nation with the pledge of allegiance.

### February 6 Meeting

We switched our business meeting with our program meeting and enjoyed an animated and intriguing description of "The Secrets of Apollo 11" from Austin Founders Lion, Sam Ruiz. Sam worked for North American Aviation and Grumman Aircraft, which designed the Apollo 11 command and lunar landing modules – Lunar Excursion Module, or LEM – respectively. He worked in quality control on both crafts. His pride of the job done by all the engineers, technicians and varied staff was palpable through his excited description of the tasks and perils of space travel and landing on the moon.



He presented our Club with an official Apollo 11 patch that Susan Nilsson-Weiskott received with a broad smile.



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## February 6 Meeting- cont



1st VP Bill Bush presided over our meeting and introduced Lion Dale Mitchell who announced the Lion of the Quarter.

**Nominees were Lions:**  
**Don Johndrow**  
**Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott**  
**Ken Johnston**  
**Don Loeschner**  
**Julie McCreary**

And the winner is...



Don Johndrow, who serves as the Chairman of the KidSight Screening Team, helps assemble supplies for the "Message In Bottle" initiative, collects eyeglasses to be recycled and, Don is the tech-savvy guru behind maintaining our club's website, ensuring it's up to date and user-friendly for everyone. He also takes charge of marketing and publicity for all our major events on social media, spreading the word and drumming up excitement in the community. He participated serving hot dogs at the city's Christmas Tree Lighting event and despite his busy schedule, Don



has attended all three board meetings, as well as every club meeting and our festive Christmas party. His dedication and involvement are truly commendable, and we're lucky to have him as an integral part of our club family!

Congratulations are in order to all the nominees for their outstanding contributions and specially to Don!

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## February 20 Meeting



Robyn Pond and Penny Byrnes joined us to share information about the Lago Vista Volunteers, a group of dedicated individuals making a big difference in the lives of our neighbors. Committed to serving the community, the LVV has been providing essential medical equipment



entirely free of charge to residents of the North Shore. President Lion Jeff Koble and Treasurer, Lion Mike Zaydel, took the opportunity to deliver a generous check to them, in recognition of the organization's

valuable service. From canes to hospital beds, and everything in between, the Lago Vista Volunteers ensure that no one in the North Shore has to go without necessary medical equipment. Their mission is simple yet profound: to improve the quality of life for all residents by offering a helping hand when it's needed most.

The impact of the Lago Vista Volunteers extends far beyond the provision of equipment; it fosters a sense of unity and support. Whether it's a senior in need of a walker or a family caring for a loved one at home, the Lago Vista Volunteers stand ready to lend assistance with compassion and generosity. Through their selfless service, the Lago Vista Volunteers demonstrate that together, we can create a brighter, healthier future for all. If you know of someone in need of medical equipment, please refer them to their Facebook page or to their phone #(512) 267-1567



Lion Dick Weatherly presented President Jeff Koble with the Club Excellence award earned under Lion Gage Hunt's year as President. The award was presented at the Winter Conference.



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# CHILI FEAST



What an amazing turnout we had at the Lago Vista Lions' Chili Feast, bake sale, and silent auction! It was a fantastic day filled with delicious food, sweet treats provided and supervised by the Leos, under the leadership of Sarah Bush, and successful silent auction.

The chili, chili-dogs, and Frito pies were a great success and we are grateful to our Chili team led by Shad Pellizzari for their hard work.



Thanks to the incredible efforts of our Lions and the support of the community, we managed to raise over \$6,000—a remarkable achievement! A huge shoutout goes to Lion Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott for organizing the silent auction, which contributed significantly to our fundraising success. Your hard work and dedication truly paid off, Jerry!



We're thrilled with the outcome and grateful to everyone who participated, donated, and helped make this event such a resounding success. Here's to many more successful fundraisers in the future!



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**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**Carl Spoto**

**March 07**

**Joe Wolverton**

**March 08**

**Connie Zschoche**

**March 13**

**Don Loeschner**

**March 16**

**Bill Bush**

**March 22**

**Shane Saum**

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The final blood donation tally from this past Saturday is in. The final count of successful donations was twenty-three and once again we met our goal of twenty donors. For me however, my goal continues to be having all twenty-six appointments filled...

Kudos and many thanks to the following Lions that came out in the cold to give the gift of life:

- Ted Rosen
  - Kevin Sullivan
  - Ken Johnston
  - John Coleman
  - Frank Robbins
  - Leigh Dougherty
  - Jay Keany
  - Patty McDanel
- Yours truly

LEND A HELPING ARM

# BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, February 17  
8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB  
20601 FM 1431 | CVS

Scan the QR code to make appointment.  
Questions about eligibility? [whocandonate@weareblood.org](mailto:whocandonate@weareblood.org)  
Drive Coordinator: [retpilot757@gmail.com](mailto:retpilot757@gmail.com)  
We Are Blood Contact: [Omarr Cantu - ocantu@weareblood.org](mailto:Omarr Cantu - ocantu@weareblood.org)

EAT A FULL MEAL BEFORE DONATING AND PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PHOTO I.D.

DRAWN TOGETHER SINCE 1951

FYI, your donation of whole blood impacts three recipients in need! Also, the ten counties in our area have a need for two-hundred donations each day in order to keep up with the demand, a little known fact!

Again, many thanks to all Lion donors for continuing to serve in the best way possible!

Don Loeschner



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## Silent Auction Wish List

**Ready to make a difference? Help make our Silent Auctions EVEN MORE successful by volunteering for one of these tasks! Reach out to Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott [gnilsson5900@gmail.com](mailto:gnilsson5900@gmail.com)**

### **Online Completion of Applications:**

Help complete online applications just 3 or 4 times a year!

### **Pick Up of Donations:**

This can be fun! The donation is already arranged, all we need is transport but you get a meaningful change of pace!

### **Personal Solicitations:**

Be the catalyst for change! Reach out to your network and spread the word about our cause. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of others.

### **Set-Up and Take Down of Silent Auction:**

Volunteers needed! Help us set up and take down our silent auction event.

### **Square Operators and QR Code Managers:**

Join our team as a Square operator or QR code manager and facilitate seamless transactions at the Silent Auction!

### **Handing Out of Certificates and Gift Baskets:**

Spread joy and recognition! Volunteer to hand out certificates and gift baskets when someone wins a bid! Your warm smile can make all the difference.

### **Researcher:**

Unlock knowledge! We need someone who likes to surf the web and catch the wave of new businesses around us that are impacting our community. Also, there are grants and other fund raising opportunities that can be brought to our attention.

### **Marketing:**

Ignite passion, amplify impact! Join our marketing team ( Don and Anna Johndrow) and help us share our message with the world. Your creativity and strategic thinking can inspire others to support our cause. Join us in spreading the word. Reach out to Don and Anna:  
[djohndrow@gmail.com](mailto:djohndrow@gmail.com)



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## Great Collaboration



On March 9 the Lago Vista Lions Club will join forces with the Point Venture Lions Club to construct a wheelchair accessible ramp for a home in Lago Vista.

The owner of the home has purchased all the materials and has secured the design from a company specializing in wheelchair ramps. Lago Lions volunteers and those from Point Venture Lions will be provide the manpower. Our volunteers are Lions:

Jeff Koble  
Kevin Sullivan  
Shad Pellizzari  
John Cole

This is the highest form of Serving! Joining forces to build a better quality of life for someone in need.

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Reach out to Dick Weatherly if you can help with food service. This is at Greenshore Park. We need to be there by 10 am to help.



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March

**Mark Your Calendars!**

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Texas Lions Camp  
Kerrville

2-3

Texas Lions Leadership  
Temple, TX

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Board Meeting, 9-11 am  
Primrose Room

5

Business Meeting 6-8:30 pm  
K-Oaks

5

Golf Tournament Planning  
K-Oaks 5:30 pm

9

Road Warriors 8:30-9:30 am  
Lohman Ford & Dawn Drive

9

Pet Parade 12:00  
Greenshore Park

15

LV Golf Tournament Planning  
3-5pm Primrose Room

19

Business Meeting 6:00 pm  
K-Oaks Ballroom

Always check the website for updates.



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