



# Lions Club of Lago Vista



District 2-S3

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## NEWSLETTER

JUNE, 2025

### A THOUGHT TO PONDER

“What we call the  
beginning is often the  
end. And to make an end  
is to make a beginning.  
The end is where we start  
from.” – T.S. Eliot



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June is a hot and heavy month for any Lions Club as it marks the final month of the fiscal year. And what a lot we have going on! The Raffle for the amazing Golf Cart is coming up on June 7. It will take place during the Cactus and Casks Texas Tasting Event and Art Sale. We are re-printing the officer slate for 2025-26 for the benefit of those who did not see it last month.

## 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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## MAY 20 MEETING



Our guest speakers were representatives of North Shore Veterans, Jeanette Drake and Leah Francisco. They lead this proactive group focused on bringing local veterans together for recognition, fellowship and support. True to their mission they brought all our Lions Veterans in attendance to the front for recognition. L-R Jeanette Drake, Lions Joe Wolverton, Frank Robbins, Jay Keany, Don Loeschner, Dale Mitchell, Ken Johnston and Leah Francisco.

Lion Sara Bush acknowledged and honored the senior LEOs. L-R, Olivia Smith, Ruby Rees, MacKenzie Joshua, and Emma Howard..



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## Last Chance!



### JUNE 7 IS THE BIG DAY!

If you haven't purchased your ticket to Cactus & Cask you are ALMOST out of time! But you are in luck 'cause that nifty little QR code will take you straight to the website where you can purchase your entries!

**And don't forget!** The drawing for the super duper golf cart will be at the Cactus & Cask event. You don't have to be present to win, but why not enjoy the drama? Be sure to get your raffle tickets at our next meeting, June 3.



Kudos to AJ Seger and her colleagues for excellent social media coverage of our event and the raffle.



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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!**

**Raffle tickets available  
at the LV and PV Golf  
Club Pro Shops or pay  
with the QR code and a  
member will provide  
the tickets with proof  
of purchase.**

**DON'T DELAY! Get  
your tickets TODAY!**



**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  
cessor.

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



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## How Do We Get So Much Done? Our Dedicated Volunteers!



On May 30, 19 Lions picked up a giant order from HEB, reboxed the food and delivered three weeks worth of breakfast and lunch items to 32 children from 9 families. The high school cafeteria was filled with activity and a debrief was held at the Lago Vista Brewery. There will be three more distributions through the summer. Lions serve!



### And the Community's Collaboration

Mike and Cheri on guard and the actual cart in the background. The day was a huge success with about 35 tickets sold in 3 hours!

Mike and his posse have been out selling every Saturday afternoon in the months of April AND May. A few times at Brookshire Bros. but usually at Lowe's. May was all at Lowe's.

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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 . Come raise a glass (or eight!) and help make a difference in our community.

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

Check out some of the art that will be for sale on the next pages

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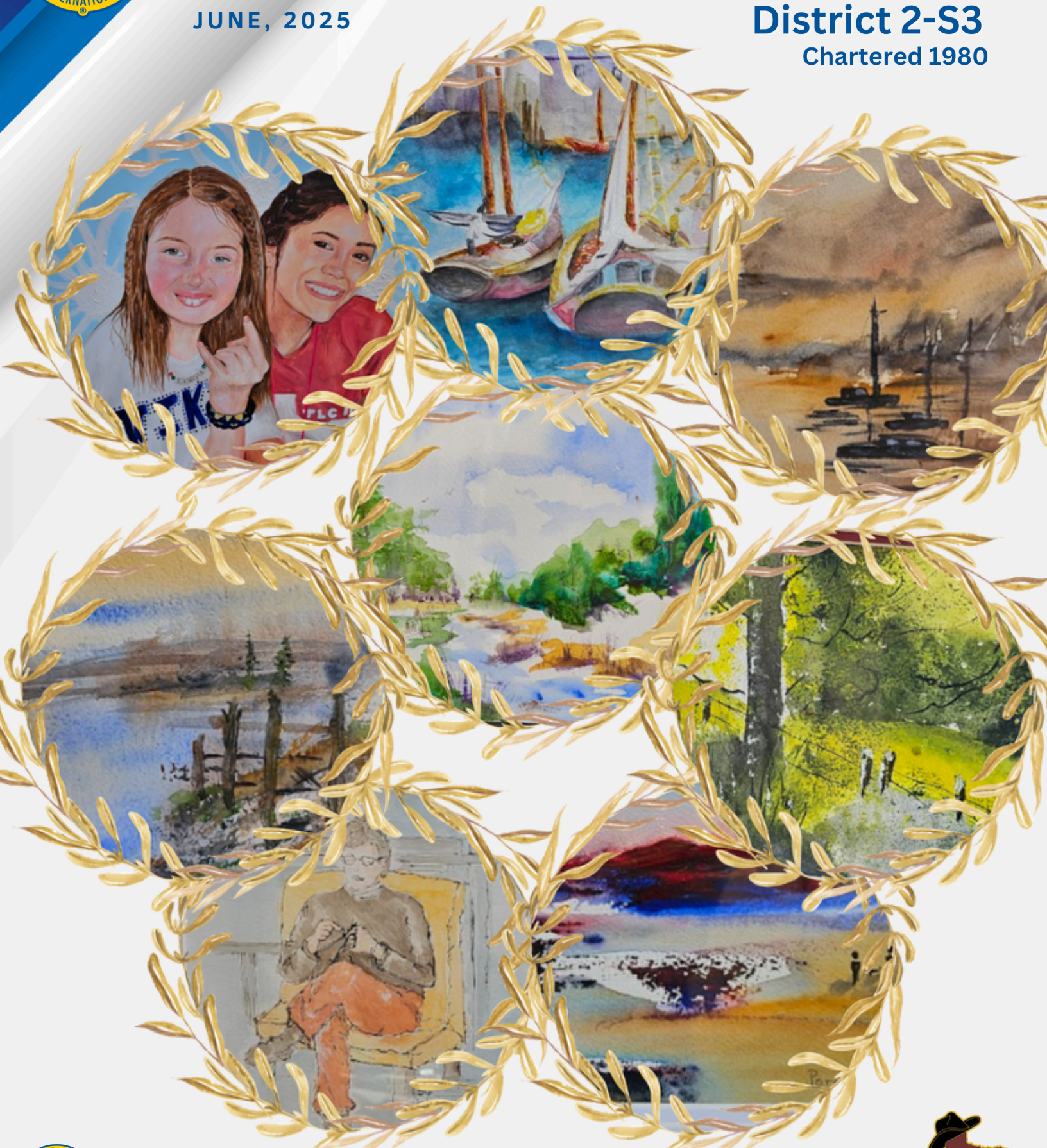


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## IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANTLESS PICNIC!

June 17!

### **You're invited (and your family and friends) to the Lions Club Summer Picnic!**

The Lions are firing up the grill for a summer gathering full of fun, food, and fellowship! Join us at the K-Oaks Clubhouse on Tuesday, June 17th during our regular meeting hours for a casual picnic-style evening guaranteed to be ant free AND airconditioned! Everyone is welcome! The Club will be serving up hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixins', and we ask each member to bring a side dish to share. Whether it's an appetizer, salad, veggies, casserole, or a sweet treat, every contribution makes our table more delicious and our gathering more fun!

To help us plan, please let us know what you'll be bringing and how many will be attending in your party. A signup sheet was available at a previous meeting, but if you missed it or didn't finalize your dish, no problem—just email Pat Evans at [pevans6569@gmail.com](mailto:pevans6569@gmail.com) with your RSVP and side dish choice.

**We're looking forward to a great evening together—see you at the antless picnic!**

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The date was 5/3/25.

The place was New Braunfels District Convention.

"District 2-S3 LEO of the YEAR: Olivia Smith accepts her distinguished recognition as LEO of the YEAR from Past International President Brian Sheehan and District 2-S3 Governor Jeff Kunkel based on outstanding dedication, winning the District Outstanding Youth Award, being Club President (2-years), Vice President, Treasurer (2-years), being #1 in hours, bringing in massive new members, and her overall 7 years of LEO service."



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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 Northlake 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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## BAMBOO GARDEN

Wok 'n' Grill

### LET'S CHOP TO IT!



Eat, Drink and Feed Many!!

The Bamboo Garden is collaborating with the Lions Club by donating 10% of all sales of food and drink on

**Wednesday, June 11**

Come enjoy a great meal and leave with a full belly and a full heart. Your participation helps to support the Lions Hunger Initiative; feeding children when school is out of session.



You can even order online!



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Norma Owen

June 3

Pat O'Dea-Rosen

June 23

Dale Mitchell

June 25

Helen Keller

June 27



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## *A Legacy of Light: Helen Keller and the Lions' Vision*



Helen Keller's name is synonymous with courage, perseverance, and the power of human connection. Born in 1880 in Tuscumbia, Alabama, Helen was struck blind and deaf by illness at just 19 months old. Yet through the tireless guidance of her teacher Anne Sullivan, she broke through the silence and darkness to become one of the most inspiring figures of the 20th century.

Helen learned to communicate, earned a college degree—becoming the first deaf-blind person to do so—and used her voice to champion causes close to her heart: education, disability rights, and above all, the gift of sight.

In 1925, Helen stood before the Lions Clubs International Convention and delivered a heartfelt challenge: *“Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?”*

Her words sparked a flame that still burns in Lions Clubs around the world today. Her legacy is more than history—it’s a living call to service. Every eyeglass collected, every vision screening held, and every life touched through Lions’ sight programs is a tribute to Helen’s dream: a world where no one is left in the dark.

Let us continue to answer her call—with vision, compassion, and the Lion-hearted spirit she believed in.



*Eye Glasses Collected by Lions Club of Lago Vista*

1,200  
THIS YEAR

67,000  
SINCE 2001

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LEND A HELPING ARM

## BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, June 21

8:30 am - 12:30 pm

LIONS CLUB OF LAGO VISTA  
20601 FM 1431 | CVS

Use the QR code



Locations are  
listed by date

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

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:ocantu@weareblood.org)



DRAWN TOGETHER  
SINCE 1951

## Get Ready to Roll Up Your Sleeve!

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## June Mark Your Calendars!

### Date

### Event

- June 2 Lions BOD Meeting 9-10 am Primrose Room
- June 3 Business Meeting 6pm-K-Oaks Clubhouse-New Member Inductions
- June 7 Cactus & Casks Texas Tasting Event 6pm-K-Oaks Clubhouse-
- June 7 Raffle Drawing-Golf Cart Raffle 8:30 pm-K-Oaks Clubhouse
- June 11 Spirit Day-Bamboo Garden
- June 14 Road Warriors 8:30-9:30 am-Corner of Dawn and Lohman Ford
- June 17 Lions Annual Picnic 6pm-K-Oaks Clubhouse
- June 20 Hunger Initiative Loading and Delivery-
- June 21 Blood Drive 8:30 am-12:30 pm- CVS Parking Lot
- June 21 State Certification Course for Vision Screening-8:45 am-12:15 pm  
LV Public Library
- June 27 Helen Keller's Birthday

**If you have a planned event please forward it to  
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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 and Don Johndrow

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