




Lions Club of Lago Vista
District 2-S3
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Newsletter

JULY, 2024

A Thought to Ponder

A graphic of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes, with a distressed, splattered texture. The flag is positioned on the left side of the page, with confetti-like particles scattered around it.

“Liberty can no more exist without virtue and independence than the body can live and move without a soul.”

- John Adams



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June is customarily a very active month for all Lions, but particularly for Lago Vista Lions. Not only do we have the close of the fiscal year activities, as do all of our colleagues, but we have multiple events specific to the season and those which we shoulder as part of our commitment with the community WE SERVE.

The month's activities started off with a visit from the District Governor, Stephen Fuchs who made the trip to honor the newest inductees, their sponsors and to officially welcome our incoming President Lion Bill Bush.

June 4 Meeting

Lion Susan Nilsson Weiskott spoke to us about collecting a different kind of plastic, one that is not usually recycled. Plastic shopping bags, produce bags, food storage and from other sources are collected by the High School and turned in to benches. The collection bins have been moved outside of the High Scholl main entrance for the summer or Susan has offered to receive your contributions at our meetings and schlepp it all to the right place! Thank you, Susan! For more information [CLICK HERE](#)



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AWARDS PICNIC! FOOD FOOD FOOD



BBQ Team was Pat Evans, Norma Owen, Eric Provost and Kevin Sullivan (not shown is Lion Shad Pelizzarri – Pitmaster)

A tip of the tongs to Dick Weatherly and his crew (Lions Jeff, Bill, Kevin, Eric and Mike E)

for preparing the grills and setting everything up for the BBQ Team.

And many thanks to all the generous Lions who added to the BBQ Team's fare with their contributions, both savory and sweet!

Patty McDanel Susan & Jerry N-W Jennie Honarvar Joanne & Ron Smith Pam Mills, Julie McCreary, Dick & Sue Weatherly, David & Gina Williams, Jeff Koble, Bill Bush, Dale Mitchell, Chelaine Marion, Cheri Marion, Pat Evans, Connie & Don Zschoche, Mike & Diane Zaydel, Judy Eagle, Mike DeSosa, Liz Perkins, Jeff Nokes, Pete & Becky Pfile, Jay Keany, Ken & Shelley Johnston, Connie & Don Loeschner, Jan & Frank Robbins, Joy Benedict, Rebecca Stone and, John and Linda Spierlein.



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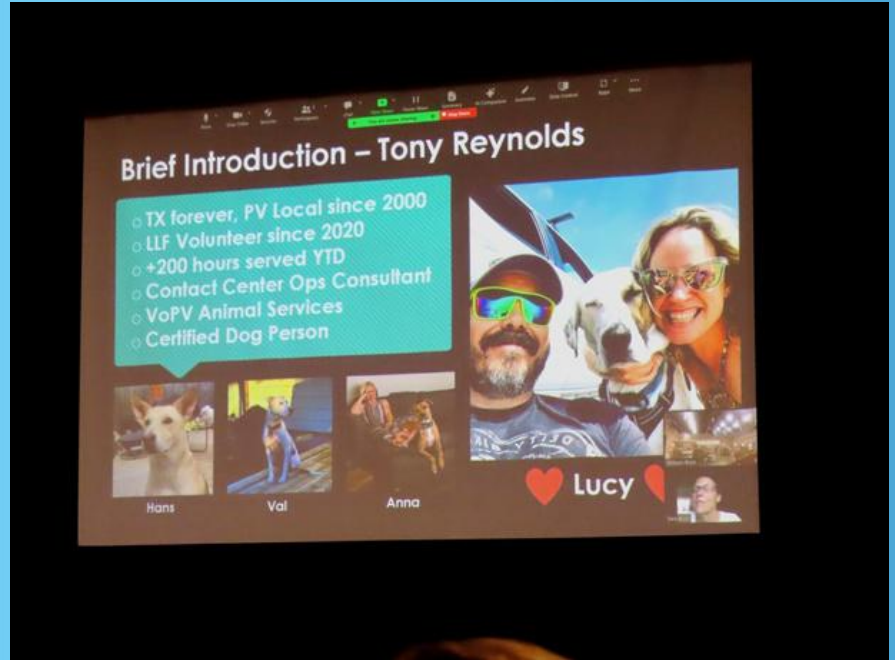
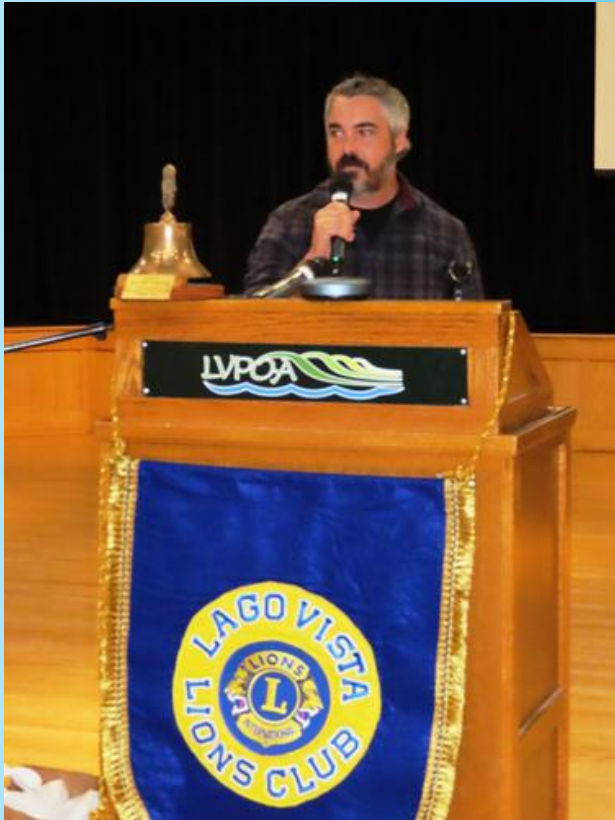


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Program from Lifelong Friends



Lifelong Friends Volunteer Tony Reynolds

Our club has been a long time supporter of Lifelong Friends and the work they perform on the North Shore in support of animals in need of forever homes. We were gratified by the presentation provided by Lifelong Friends Volunteer, Tony Reynolds.

Lifelong Friends Pet Adoption Center is a non-profit 501c(3) organization that meets its operating expenses through donations and adoption fees. We would be delighted if you could make a (tax deductible) donation to our organization so that we can continue to find loving homes for animals that desperately need them.

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How'd it Go?

Once again, under the auspices of the Lions Club, our bi-monthly blood drive was a success and our goal of a minimum of twenty donations was met. Twenty three pints of that life saving fluid  were donated thanks in large part to our always reliable team of Lion donors. Ten Lions, including Kevin Sullivan, Mike Beal, Patty Matabele, Ken Johnston, Frank Robbins, Ted and Pat Rosen, Mike de Sosa, and Don and Connie Loeschner answered the call to give blood. Jay Kearny was also able to donate a few days later. Your support folks is greatly appreciated; thank you! Our next drive is on August 8th. Please join our group of dedicated Lions!

Lion Don Loeschner

LEND A HELPING ARM

BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, June 8
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
Drive Coordinator: retpilot757@gmail.com
We Are Blood Contact: Omarr Cantu - ocantu@weareblood.org

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



DRAWN TOGETHER
SINCE 1951

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New Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow Awarded



This is the pin



Slide (#)

Lion Don Zschoche (left) presented Lion Mike Zaydel (right) a Melvin Jones Fellow Progressive Pin (more than one Melvin Jones Fellow).

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New Melvin Jones Fellow Awarded (05/07/2024)



Lion Mike Zaydel

Lion Mike joined Lions in June 2010 (14 years ago) and has served and is serving as Club Treasurer since 2012 (12 years).

He has worked many club projects over the years. Examples are: Fan Donation, KidSight Vision Screening Program (KSVS), Lago Vista Library Summer Reading Program, Road Clean-up, Christmas Party Planning Committee, and Christmas Tree Lighting and numerous others.

He has served on most fundraisers such as BBQ, Friends of the Library, Chili Feast, Golf Tournament, and Silent Auctions.

He has served as the District 2-S3 Audit Chair (2016-2017) and attended many Lions District 2-S3 Zone II-B & Cabinet Meetings.

At the community level, Lion Mike has worked as Member of the City of Lago Vista Library Advisory Board, Volunteer for Meals on Wheels, President of the 7 Porticos Home Owners Association and is a Knight of Columbus member.

Adjectives that best describe this Lion are: persistent, dependable, friendly, dedicated, trustworthy and pays attention to details.

Please welcome a new Progressive (or second) Melvin Jones Fellow, Lion Mike Zaydel.

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New Melvin Jones Fellow Awarded (06/18/2024)



Lion Dave Williams

Lion Dave joined Lions in September 2017 (6.5 years ago). Dave has served as the Food & Drink Chair for 2018-2019. He earned Lion of the Quarter for 06/30/2019, Lion of the Quarter for 3/31/2022 and Lion of the Year for 2021-2022.

He has served on several fundraisers, replacing Lion Gary Ladner as the Golf Tournament Chair in 2021-2022 with net results of \$33,000 and contributed 50% of the total hours for the tournament. In 2022-2023 the golf tournament had net results of \$34,050 was Also, worked the Pancake Breakfast and LVPOA Bazaars.

At the community level, Lion Dave has served as a City of Lago Vista Council Member (2018-2022) and as city liaison for Planning & Zoning Commission and on the Economic Development Committee. He has participated in the city's Fourth of July Parades.

He served the Lago Fest event for 5 years and in 2022 earned "Volunteer of the Year" from the International Festivals & Events Association. He was a coach for the Lago Vista Youth Basketball in 2022-2023 and served as LV Men's Golf Association President in 2015 and Treasurer in 2016. He also worked during the Fire Station Open House.

Adjectives that best describe this Lion are: ambitious, energetic, independent, organized, and optimistic.

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Lion Dick joined Lions in September, 2017 (7.5 years ago). He has served as Membership Chair since July 2018 (6 years) and ensures proper New Member form processing, orientations, inductions, and retention efforts. Our club has more members today than when this Lion joined.

Lion Dick Weatherly

Lion Dick Weatherly (left) accepted the Melvin Jones Fellow award from Lions Don Zschoche and Ken Johnston.

He has served on most fundraisers and started the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser in August 2018 (6 years), inviting our LEOs to serve and assist when they were available.

He is a member of the BBQ Team serving at the Friends of the Library, City Tree Lighting Event, Chili Feast, and the Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser by obtaining sponsors and donors. Lion Dick has served on most fundraiser events. Most recently he has been recognized for his leadership in the successful implementation and roll-out of the Message in a Bottle initiative started by Sue Weatherly.

At the community level, he served as a City of Lago Vista Council Member (2017-2021) and as city liaison for all city facilities and the Lago Vista Golf Course. He worked the Water Distribution Event (Feb 2021) following the one-week, state-wide ice storm. He participated in the city's Fourth of July Parades and was selected by Mayor Ed Tidwell as Mayor Pro-Tempore for 2019-2020.

Lion Dick attended many Lions District 2-S3 Zone II-B & Cabinet Meetings and was selected Lion of the Quarter twice on 9/30/2018 and on 6/30/2023 and was selected as the club's Lion of the Year for 2023.

Adjectives that best describe this Lion are: dedicated, trustworthy, approachable, welcoming, always friendly, and eager to help anywhere/anytime.

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New Jack Wiech Fellow Awarded



Lion Jo Anne Smith

Lion Jo Anne Smith (right) received the Jack Wiech Fellow Award from Lion Connie Zschoche

"In 1948, the Dream of Jack Wiech, who was a Lions District Governor, was to create a camp for children with disabilities. Jack Wiech was the first President of the Texas Lions Camp (TLC) and years later an award was created in his name.

The TLC Goal: to provide an atmosphere, wherein children who have physical disabilities will be allowed to achieve maximum personal growth and self-esteem.

The TLC Mission: to provide, at no charge, a camp for children from the State of Texas afflicted with physical disabilities, diabetes and cancer regardless of race, religion or national origin.

The "Dream" certainly became a reality as we all know. However, that dream could not continue without the dedicated Lions volunteering their time and effort to continue Jack Wiech's legacy.

Connie Zschoche was honored to present the prestigious Jack Wiech Award to Lion Jo Anne. She has always helped in so many ways at the camp, our club, and at the district level. She has been a Lion since 2010 and has received the Lion of the Year, Melvin Jones Fellow, Shepherd Fellow and, International President's Award. She has served as Zone Chair, LEO Advisor and has been President of our club. She is the true meaning of "WE SERVE".

Please congratulate Lion Jo Anne Smith as our Jack Wiech Award recipient for 2024."

LION JO ANNE SMITH'S TEXAS LIONS CAMP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- She joined the Lago Vista Lions Club in 2010 (14 years ago).
- From 2011-2019 (9 years) she has been part of 7 of the 9 TEXAS LIONS CAMP "Clean-Up Team" from Lago Vista Lions.
- From 2011-2019 (9 years) she has been part of 7 of the 9 TEXAS LIONS CAMP "Meet and Greet Team" from Lago Vista Lions. She also baked and distributed cookies 4 of the 7 times.
- On 04 Aug 2017 as the Lago Vista Lions President she presented our Lago Vista Lions checks at the TEXAS LIONS CAMP CLOSING CERMONY.
- On 02 Jun 2024 she worked with the "Meet and Greet Team" from Lago Vista Lions who unloaded the campers bags.

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Lion of the Quarter Sara Bush (06/18/2024)



Lion Sara Bush

Sara Bush's unwavering dedication to the Lions and the LEOs Clubs and her educational commitment has been inspirational over the past quarter.

Her active participation in the Board of Directors meetings has played a crucial role in shaping our strategic direction. Sara's dedication to the LEOs Club is particularly noteworthy.

Her administrative work on the Lion Portal, organizing Leo awards, and welcoming new members highlight her leadership and commitment to fostering a strong community. Her involvement in the Road Warriors further underscores her active engagement in our club's activities.

Sara's commitment to supporting educational opportunities shines brightly through her work with the scholarships committee.

Her hands-on support at the D & Mathon at Round Rock, a track meet for the visually impaired, and other activity advisement and guidance are a testament to her passion for service projects and dedication to the LCI Youth global cause. Her meticulous record-keeping for LEOs Club and contributions to the golf tournament demonstrate her organizational skills and diligence.

Sara's diverse contributions over the past quarter have enriched our organization and set a powerful example of service, leadership, and dedication to education, making her our exemplary Lion of the Quarter for Apr-May-Jun 2024.

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Passing of the Gavel



Incoming President Lion Bill Bush presented a Past President's Plaque to Outgoing President Lion Jeff Koble.



Incoming President Lion Bill Bush gave his acceptance speech with Outgoing President Lion Jeff Koble along side.

Outgoing President's Final Report



Outgoing President Lion Jeff Koble presented his Farewell Report to the club.

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LCI Membership Key Presentation



Lion Sue Weatherly earned an LCI Membership Pin for sponsoring two (2) new members from Lago Vista Lions President Jeff Koble.

Credit Where Credit is Due

Many thanks to Lion Ron Smith for providing text and photographs about our Awards Picnic. Hey Ron...YOU SERVE! Thank you!



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O & Mathon



In professions that support those with visual impairments, O&M stands for Orientation and Mobility. Orientation and Mobility is provided to students with visual impairments for the purpose of empowering them with the knowledge, skills, and experiences needed to safely and efficiently move through a travel environment relevant to being active youths in preparation for adulthood. Saturday April 27th the Cedar Valley Middle School, Round Rock was host to the semi-annual "O&Mathon" - a day of "big-muscle" sporting events for children with visual impairments and their families. The O&Mathon began in 2006 with the goal of providing students with an opportunity to develop their travel skills through participation in sports and recreational activities. Three of our Lago Vista LEOs, Olivia Smith, Kaius Northcut, and Hailey Shirley and their advisors, Sara Bush, Norma Owen, and Bill Bush were on-hand as volunteers to help coordinate events such as sprint races, softball throw, soccer kick, t-ball hit, hole in one golf, bowling, basketball, beep baseball, obstacle course, blind fencing demonstrations and more! A key benefit for the LV LEO and Lion volunteers was learning from experts in the field how to best interact with the blind; how to help them "explore" their surroundings and to offer support in guiding without being invasive or over-bearing. The event provided first-hand experience in the importance of the Lion's mission of being "knights of the blind".



LEOs Kaius, Olivia and Hailey with contestants on the track.



LEOs Kaius, Olivia and Hailey are ALL winners!



LEO Hailey helping a contestant with the bat (with the blind fencing in the background).



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Clockwise, left to right, Lion Norma Owen, LEO advisor and LEO Kaius, LEO Kaius leads blind contestant Jase down the running track, LEO advisor Lion Sara Bush assists contestant in putting, LEO President Olivia and LEO Hailey advise a contestant.



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Happy Birthday!

Sara Bush July 2

Cathy Petross July 3

Jennie Honarvar July 14

Sue Weatherly July 20

Stephen Liebel July 23

Leigh Dougherty July 24

Julie McCreary July 31



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Lago Vista Lions are helping support hunger & humanitarian needs in our local community. As part of our hunger initiative, we've provided food pantry supplies plus some personal hygiene items to Travis County Health & Human Services in Jonestown.

We have an ongoing dialog with our local Travis County office to determine what supplies are needed to help support the needs of the local homeless and those with financial needs.

attached picture shows Mike Zaydel delivering supplies to Travis County volunteer Tom Howard.

Fans Delivered to Travis County Health & Human Services

As part of our support to the local community, the Lago Vista Lions purchase and donate fans to Travis County Health & Human Services at their local office in Jonestown. Their Summer Elder Care Fan Drive distributes fans to residents-

- *55+
- *with financial issues
- * with disabilities
- *families with kids

We've purchased the fans from our local Sun Hardware for several years. We budget \$500 and Sun Hardware sells us the fans at their cost, plus they may throw in a fan or two as a donation. So we end up getting 20-25 fans.



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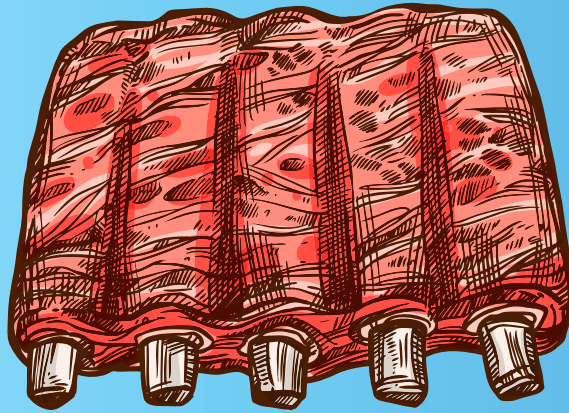
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DON JOHN BAR-B-QUE TEAM IS

SMOKIN' FOR CHARITY

FULL RACK

\$30



\$30

BABY BACK PORK RIBS

Pre-Order Deadline July 2

Pick-Up July 4

Contact Lion Mike Zaydel @ 512-560-8814
or mzaydel99@gmail.com

Provide name, contact info and payment

Order Pick-Up begins at 6pm, July 4 at 20000 Victoria Chase Road

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July

Mark Your Calendars!

If you have a planned event next month, this fall, through next July, please forward it my way to normaowen@gmail.com with Calendar Item in the subject line. October especially is a busy month and we are working to avoid conflicts.

- July 01 **First BOD Meeting** Approve Budget-Primrose Room 9-11am
- July 02 **Business Meeting**-K-Oaks Club House- 6-8 pm
- July 02 **Deadline for ordering Baby Back Ribs**
- July 04 **4th of July Parade**-St. Mary's Church-8:30-9:30 am
- July 04 **Pick up Baby Back Ribs**
- July 16 **Program Meeting**-Blubonnet & Primrose Room-6-8 pm
- July 31 **Kid Screening**-Lago Vista Library- 9am-12pm

Always check the website for updates.



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