



# The Lions Club of Lago Vista

## A Photo Review

Our Second-Ever  Lion Centenarian

Lion Harvey Gann

1920 - 2024



- Harvey Gann
- Army Air Corps, Joined 1941
- Served in WWII
- 15th Air Force 47th Wing, 449th Bomb Group
- B-24 Top Gunner / Engineer
- On 01/30/1944 this air crew was shot down over Italy; Harvey was the sole survivor.

## Harvey Gann Military Service



The Stalag Luft IV, May 1944 photo.



The Stalag Luft IV memorial  
in Gross Tychow, Poland.

Photo via Wikimedia

- Germans captured Harvey as POW and moved him to Stalag Luft IV at Gross Tychow, in north east Poland.
  - Escaped 4 times
  - Recaptured three times
  - May 1945 – Escape successful
- Staff Sergeant (E-6)

## Harvey Gann Military Service





- Harvey Gann
- Joined the Austin Police Department
- Served in Austin PD for 38 years
- Retired from the Vice Squad as a Major

## Harvey Gann Civilian Occupation



# LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB



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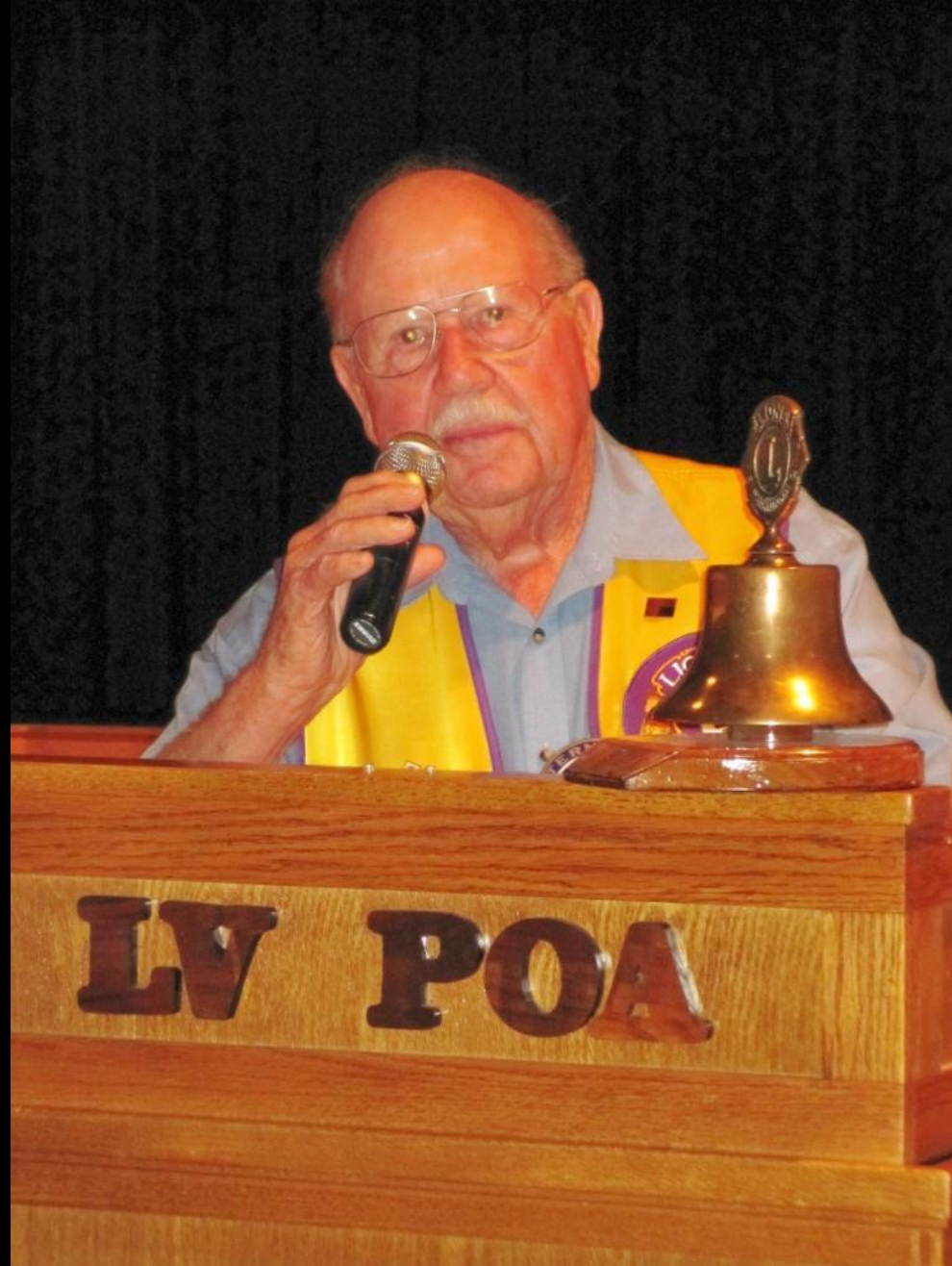
LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB

## CLUB WELCOMES TEN NEW MEMBERS THIS QUARTER

LION HARVEY GANN and wife, Evelyn, have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. He has lived in Lago Vista for 20 years. He moved here from Austin where he was a Police Major (now titled Deputy Chief). He is a Past President of Texas Narcotic Officer's Association, Past State Treasure of Texas Narcotic's Officers Association, and Past President of Capitol Area Police Association. Harvey is new to Lionism.

You can read about his war experiences in the book he wrote, Escape Must, available at the Lago Vista Library

**Harvey Gann Joined Lago Vista Lions 02/03/1998**



**Lions Program Meeting 09/21/2010**

# ***ESCAPE I MUST!***

**World War II Prisoner of War  
in Germany**



**Harvey E. Gann**

**Escape I Must!: World War II  
Prisoner of War in Germany**

**Author: H. E. Gann**

**ISBN-13: 978-0964312616**

**ISBN-10: 0964312611**

**August 1, 1995**

**Lion Harvey Gann Book Signing 09/21/2010**





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**Lions Club Party at LVPOA Pavilion 10/13/2012 with wife Evelyn**





**Program Meeting Speaker 01/08/2019 with wife Evelyn**



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**Program Meeting Speaker Harvey Gann 01/08/2019**



Gann, Harvey Oral History on 02/18/2019  
with the 718th Squadron during WWII

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Vk0N99pTFM>

19:33 minutes

Harvey Gann Oral History on 02/18/2019  
with the 449th Bomb Group during WWII

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0j6tswMBak>

14:41 minutes

**Harvey Gann Oral History on 02/18/2019**



FOX7 Austin's Mike Warren Interviewed Harvey Gann on 02/21/2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLlbjZukb-g>

2:48 minutes

**FOX7 Austin's Mike Warren Interviewed Harvey Gann 02/21/2019**





Photos by Rebecca Scoggin McEntee. Mon, Dec 14, 2020

# Caravan of members saluting his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday 11/28/2020

Harvey discussing recovery of his ship by DPAA on 06/19/2021

[Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLlbjZukb-g>

14:51 minutes

**Harvey Gann Harvey discussing recovery of his plane 06/19/2021**



(L-R): former Naval Aviator and former Austin Mayor  
Lee Leffingwell, Harvey Gann and Dennis Farris

**Group Photo 04/17/2023**





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