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## *A Thought To Ponder*



**I CAN'T CHANGE THE  
DIRECTION OF THE  
WIND, BUT I CAN  
ADJUST MY SAILS TO  
ALWAYS REACH MY  
DESTINATION.**

**Jimmy Dean**



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## It's Time!



Our nominating committee, led by the incoming President, Anna Johndrow and the dynamic Billie Duncan are working hard at finding the right people to fill the many chairs we pull up to the table to keep our club running smoothly and productively. Please consider the many positions that make our club hum and let Billie know if YOU are interested in assuming a leadership role. Likewise, if there is someone you feel is IDEAL for a position, let Billie or Anna know! But, PLEASE let's be sure to funnel all the possible candidates through Anna/Billie. They and the club administration would greatly appreciate this consideration.

Billie's email is [billieduncan59@icloud.com](mailto:billieduncan59@icloud.com)

Anna's is [LionAnnaTX@gmail.com](mailto:LionAnnaTX@gmail.com)



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# Take it to the Bunk!



Back in March of 2023 a large group of our Club's hearty members with huge HEARTS got together to build 175 bunk beds for the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville.

Well, they need us again! There are many changes confronting the camp and one way that all Lions are being asked to collaborate is by sponsoring a bunk bed for \$125.00. Combined with already planned improvements to the camp infrastructure, the recently enacted **Camp Safety Act of 2025** has created what we are calling the "Storm After the Storm". This new act establishes stringent qualifications for compliance for ALL camps serving children in the State of Texas, and even though our camp is entirely out of harms way,

it applies to TLC as well. Please consider sponsoring a bunk for \$125. LCI has extended a matching grant so for every donation of \$125 TLC will receive \$250. Use the QR code to easily sponsor as many bunks as your heart and your purse will allow! The deadline for meeting the new requirements is March 31 so time is of the essence! Do it TODAY! Your act of kindness and generosity can change the world for a child who, through no fault of their own, has not been able to enjoy the challenges and rewards of going to camp.



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The Lions Club of Lago Vista is once again teeing up its largest annual fundraiser at the beautiful Lago Vista Golf Course – and this year’s theme says it all: Driving Out Hunger. We will swing into action on April 11 at the Lago Vista Golf Course with registration at 8 am and a shotgun start at 10 am.

As usual, this beloved tournament combines friendly competition, breathtaking Hill Country views, and the mouthwatering flavor of the Lions’ famous Bar-B-Q – all while raising awareness of the problem of food insecurity in our own backyard.

“This tournament is about neighbors helping neighbors,” says Bill Bush, tournament chairperson. “Every drive down the fairway helps support the important work of the Lions Club in our community, including fighting hunger and other important initiatives...Plus, we make sure it’s an unforgettable day filled with fun, food and fantastic prizes.”

And what prizes they are! This year’s raffle is very special indeed! With SIX PRIZES, each winner gets to pick their choice of prize from those remaining when their number is picked! Winners do not have to be present to win, but they must be available by phone to choose their preferred prize.

Prizes are:

- A Bergara B14 Ridge 6.5 Creedmoor Hunting Rifle valued at \$1,500,
- Collectible PGA Silver Coins worth \$1,250,
- A Traeger Smoker Grill valued at \$750,
- A \$1,000 diamond necklace from Ranch Road Jewelers,
- A fabulous Wine Class for 20 from Total Wine & More,
- An original art masterpiece from renowned marine life artist Wyland valued at \$1,200.

Raffle tickets are just \$10 each or three for \$20 – and you do not have to be a golfer to win.

Come swing for a cause – your sponsorship of \$100 or any amount will help drive out hunger and support the Lions Club of Lago Vista and their many contributions to our community. Sponsorship information and team sign-ups are on the website. [LagoLionsClub.org](http://LagoLionsClub.org)



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The latest blood drive was very successful due, in part, to eleven Lions who showed up for the event. Overall, twenty six openings were filled and twenty-six pints of blood were collected! Lions that showed up for the event were Jay Keany, Kevin Sullivan, Chad Cantwell, Mike Beal, Frank Robbins, Ken Johnston, Ted and Pat Rosen, Randy Fields, Don Loeschner, and Connie Loeschner, pictured below!



FYI, 2025 saw sixteen Lions selflessly donating blood that totaled fifty-one pints for the year! That amount benefited almost one hundred and fifty recipients in need of blood. Many thanks to those Lions; y'all helped to save a fellow Texan in need! The central blood bank organization has nothing but praise for the Lions here in Lago Vista as we consistently fulfill the quota every time we step into the blood mobile. My sincere thanks as well for your participation, it makes my job that much easier!

Don



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## Volunteers Needed: Texas Lions Camp Work Day – March 28

This is a final call for volunteers to participate in the Texas Lions Camp Work Day 2026 on Saturday, March 28 in Kerrville. This special day brings Lions, friends, and family together to help prepare the camp for its summer sessions serving children with disabilities.

Camp work days are hands-on opportunities to make a meaningful difference. Volunteers may assist with *cleaning, painting, repairs, landscaping, and other projects* that help ensure the camp is ready to welcome its campers. For many Lions, visiting the Texas Lions Camp is an inspiring experience—once you see the place and the mission firsthand, it quickly becomes a favorite service project.

The camp is located at 4100 San Antonio Highway in Kerrville, about a two-hour drive from Lago Vista. Volunteers can arrive between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. to enjoy a complimentary breakfast in the cafeteria before work begins at 8:00 a.m. Most work assignments wrap up well before 3:00 p.m., and lunch is also provided if the group is still working at midday.

All major materials and equipment are supplied, though volunteers are encouraged to bring work gloves, protective gear, and appropriate clothing for outdoor tasks. Once the specific project is announced in mid-March, any additional helpful tools will be shared.

If you would like to participate in this rewarding day of service, please contact Chelaine Marion to add your name to the volunteer list. You can email Chelaine or call/text her at 915-471-5298 **Volunteers can meet at CVS at 5:15 AM and carpool or caravan from there. Please advise if you need someone to pick you up.**

**Join fellow Lions for a productive and feel-good day helping prepare a place that brings joy and independence to so many children each summer.**



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*Another Much  
Deserved  
Recognition*

## We are honored and humbled by the North Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce's recognition of our Club as the Non-Profit of the Year!

On February 26 the North Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce celebrated their annual Community Choice Awards ceremony in a new and impactful manner. Instead of the February luncheon, the recognitions were announced and awarded at a fabulous evening event at K-Oaks Clubhouse featuring dueling pianos, a catered dinner and loads of back-slapping camaraderie! We are grateful to the Chamber for having recognized our Club and members for our community contributions and for their hard work at bringing us all together!



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DISASTER  
RELIEF



ENVIRONMENT



HUMANITARIAN  
EFFORTS



HUNGER



VISION



YOUTH

## The Eight Pillars of Lionism

### The Heart of Who We Are

Lionism stands on eight enduring pillars—each one a reflection of our shared promise to serve with compassion, purpose, and pride. For new Lions, these pillars offer a clear path into meaningful service. For established Lions, they celebrate the values you’ve lived out time and again.

- *Childhood Cancer embodies our commitment to hope, research, and support when it matters most.*
- *Diabetes focuses our efforts on education, prevention, and improving quality of life.*
- *Disaster Relief showcases Lions at their finest—responding swiftly, selflessly, and together in times of crisis.*
- *Environment reflects our stewardship of the places we love and the future we share.*
- *Humanitarian Efforts answers needs wherever compassion is required.*
- *Hunger calls us to ensure that no one among us is forgotten or left behind.*
- *Vision reminds us that clear sight opens doors to opportunity—for children, families, and entire communities.*
- *Youth inspires us to invest in tomorrow’s leaders through guidance, encouragement, and example.*

These pillars are more than areas of service; they are a living expression of “We Serve.” Whether you are just beginning your Lion journey or have spent years answering the call, each pillar stands because of you—and together, they form the strong foundation of our club’s lasting impact.



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# Calendar Girls

## A True Story by Tim Firth

Based on the Miramax motion picture by Juliette Towhidi and Tim Firth



Penny Brown

Callie Befeld

Brenda Elliott

Kathryn Tidwell

Rosanne Beckcom

Anna Johndrow

Directed by **Elizabeth Lucking**

# Special Discount for Lions!

Get a 10% to 20% discount on tickets for Thursday evening or Sunday matinee performances.\*

10-20 tickets \$18.00 each  
\$13.50 Seniors

21+ tickets \$-\$16.00 each  
Seniors-\$12.00 each

We've already qualified for the 10% discount...just need 9 more for the 20% discount!

\*PLEASE NOTE: This special price is available ONLY for:  
Opening night-7:30 pm, Thursday, March 26 and  
Closing performance, 2:00 pm Sunday, March 29

Order group tickets by emailing [LionAnnaTX@gmail.com](mailto:LionAnnaTX@gmail.com)  
Indicate if Senior...over 65 applies.

## March 26 or March 29 – K-Oaks Clubhouse



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# March Birthdays

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
Joe Wolverton	March 8
Kevin Smith	March 12
Connie Zschoche	March 13
Karen Van Ness	March 15
Don Loeschner	March 16
Pamela Douglas	March 16
Shane Saum	March 22
Bill Bush	March 22



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## Good news—dinner reservations is easier than ever!

We've moved to a new, streamlined system that lets you reserve and pay for dinner in one simple step, all in one place. No more juggling reservations, PayPal links, checks, or cash at the door.

For members, it's fast, secure, and hassle-free. For our volunteers—especially those coordinating meals—it dramatically reduces manual tracking, reconciliation, and night-of logistics. Fewer headaches all around. Win-win.

*March 3, 2026*  
in  
*K-Oaks Clubhouse*

- Spaghetti w/ Meatballs
- Caesar Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Snickerdoodle Blondies
- Bottled Water

Hosted by Pat O'Dea Rosen & Ted Rosen  
Prepared by Chef Becky  
Only \$15

*(Remember, if you order to pay at the door and are not able to attend, the meal still needs to be paid)*



To place your order, simply click [HERE](#)

The new system has already been added to our website and the process is essentially the same as it has always been, just easier and more direct. Go to our HOME PAGE, click on the tab “Dinner Reservations” and you will be treated to a photo of the dinner offering and a link to reserve your dinner. You will be able to pay for the dinner right there, no PayPal account needed, no need to go somewhere else to complete the process!

This payment platform doesn't charge the club ANY transaction fee (a big deal for the club!) , but it does offer YOU the option to donate any amount to cover the fees we are not paying. It is entirely up to you and you can choose 0% and pay nothing at all.

Our ultimate goal is to simplify the process for our sometimes beleaguered support volunteers and THEY, more than anyone, appreciate your willingness to embrace new and exciting tools.



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## Hidden Treasures

At the end of every meeting, we affirm that what we have in common is that "We Serve!". All through the year we prove that is not simply a rote saying, because we actually fulfill that promise day in and day out, and how often we find the depth and treasure hidden in the fellow Lion we are working with.

This section is based on the information circulated by Lion Don Johndrow. We will highlight a couple of new members in each edition of the newsletter...and we predict that new members will keep being added so this is a feature that will have no end in sight!



Mark Ekrut – Another personification of a Swiss Army Knife! Mark is a certified Mediator, and, as a small business owner, is up on all the aspects: personnel, taxes, inventory control, accounting, sales, etc. He is very mechanically inclined; some call him “Mack Gyver”! And, he is a BBQ cook. He has expressed an interest in the BBQ team, the Car Wash promotion, Fans & Needs, LEO Mentoring and Road Warriors!



Marilyn Farrell – Yay for us! We finally pulled Marilyn away from her commitment to the Rotary Club. She is married to the unstoppable Lion Kevin Smith! She has served on the Board of Directors for an HOA, her church and the Rotary Club. She has helped organize Fundraisers and major events and has volunteered with several charities. She is also an Accounting and Tax professional for small businesses and individuals. She expressed interest in the Hunger Initiative and Silent Auction (I wonder if being neighbors with Jerry and Susan NW has rubbed off?)



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## *Why Club Excellence Matters: More Than an Award— It's Our Legacy in Action*

Every Lions Club shares a common mission: to serve our communities with purpose, compassion, and integrity. The **Club Excellence Award** is more than a line item on a checklist—it's a meaningful recognition of a club that is doing exactly that, consistently and thoughtfully. At its core, the Club Excellence Award acknowledges the dedication, effectiveness, and legacy of service within individual clubs. It is also the foundation for higher-level excellence awards presented to Zone Chairpersons, Region Chairpersons, and District Governors—making our club's efforts ripple far beyond our own meetings and projects.

### ***So, what does pursuing Club Excellence really represent?***

- **Strong Membership = A Healthy Future**-Growing our club by inducting at least two new members (or +20%, whichever is greater), or sponsoring a new Lions club, ensures fresh ideas, shared workloads, and long-term sustainability. Membership growth isn't about numbers—it's about continuity and energy.
- **Visible, Reported Service**-Service is who we are. By reporting a minimum of four service activities—especially those tied to the three International Weeks of Service—we make our impact visible not just locally, but globally. Reporting tells our story and ensures our work counts where it matters most.
- **Prepared and Engaged Leadership**-Excellence requires leadership development. Timely reporting of officers, participation in the Lions Learning Center, and completion of Club Officer Training ensure that our leaders are informed, prepared, and supported. These requirements help prevent burnout, encourage shared leadership, and keep our club vibrant.
- **Giving Back Through LCIF**-Contributing to LCIF at a level tied to our membership reflects our commitment to Lions' global mission. These donations extend our service worldwide—supporting disaster relief, vision programs, youth initiatives, and more.

***Why It's Worth the Effort***-Pursuing the Club Excellence Award aligns us with best practices, strengthens our operations, and affirms that we are living up to the Lions motto: We Serve. It celebrates not just what we do, but how well we do it—together. In short, Club Excellence isn't about chasing a plaque. It's about honoring our past, strengthening our present, and securing our future as Lions.



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## Date

## Event

March 3	<b>BOD Meeting</b> – K-Oaks / Sunflower Room – 4 pm
March 3	<b>Business Meeting</b> – K-Oaks-6 pm
March 13	Hunger Initiative Delivery-
March 14	<b>Road Warriors</b> -Corner of Dawn and Lohman Ford, 8:30 am
March 17	<b>Lions Program Meeting</b> – 6 pm-K-Oaks
March 28	<b>Kidsight State Certification</b> - 8:30-Noon- LV Public Library
March 28	<b>Texas Lion Camp Work Day</b> -Kerrville

**Always confirm information by going to our website. Changes can be updated online, but once this is published...not so much!**

**This edition of our newsletter has been proofread by Lions Norma Owen, Don Johndrow, and Dale Mitchell**

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