



Lions Club of Lago Vista



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A THOUGHT TO PONDER

On April Fools Day, believe
nothing, trust no one, just
like any other day." –
Unknown



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Don't Just Roar... Lead the Pride

The strength of the Lago Vista Lions Club has never rested on a few shoulders—it thrives because so many of you step forward with heart, talent, and a willingness to lead. As the Nominating Committee works to fill the roles that keep our Club vibrant and effective, this is your invitation to take that next step. Leadership in our Club doesn't require perfection—it simply asks for passion, commitment, and the desire to make a difference.

With more than 100 members, we are rich in experience, creativity, and compassion. Whether your strengths lie in organization, communication, mentoring, or simply showing up with a can-do spirit, there is a place for you to lead. From driving out hunger and supporting children's vision, to advancing health, education, and care for our neighbors, every initiative we champion is powered by Lions just like you.

Stepping into a leadership role is more than service—it's an opportunity to shape the future of our Club, deepen friendships, and experience the profound satisfaction of giving back in meaningful ways. Your community needs you, your fellow Lions will support you, and the rewards are immeasurable.

Please review the positions that are listed on the following pages and show pride for our Pride by roaring into service!



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Current Slate of Nominees

- President..... Anna Johndrow
- 1st Vice President.....Kevin Sullivan
- 2nd Vice President.....Kevin Smith
- Secretary..... Brenda Elliott
- Treasurer.....Mike Zaydel
- Membership Chair.....Don Johndrow
- Marketing-Social Media..... Bill Bush
- LCIF Coordinator..... Norma Owen
- LEO Chair..... Sara Bush
- Program Coordinator.....Arminae McDonald
- Director 1 (Odd Years)..... Mike Beal
- Director 2 (Even Years)..... Dave McKittrick
- Service and Awards Chair **VACANT**

Current Slate of Appointees

Parliamentarian	Mike Beal	Meeting Check-In	Judy Eagle
Historian	Ron Smith	50/50 Raffle	Elizabeth Perkins
Silent Auction	VACANT	Lions Clothing	VACANT
Scholarships	Pat O’Dea-Rosen	Special Events	The Golden Girls**
Golf Tournament	Bill Bush	Meals	VACANT
Anita’s Loomers	Cheri Marion	Kidsight/Vision	Don Johndrow
Texas Lions Camp	Dennis Kemp	Eyeglass Collection	Mike deSosa
BBQ Team*	VACANT	Newsletter	VACANT
Road Warriors	Frank Robbins	Website	Bill Bush
Bar Warriors	Patty Bosco & ?	Message in a Bottle	Rachelle Soper
Grill Team/Food Events	Jeff Koble	Peace Poster	Peace Team***
Fans/Neighbors	Mike Zaydel & Bob McCarty	Blood Drive	Don & Connie Loeschner

*NEED A LEADER-Jeff Koble, Dave McKittrick, Eric Provost, Kevin Sullivan

**Billie Duncan, Andrea Seager, Rochelle Soper, Pam Mills, Brenda Elliott

***Ted Rosen, Maire Diemer, Chelaine Marion

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Lion Tamer
Tail Twister
Liason LV Volunteers
4th of July Parade
LagoFest
Healthcare Programs

Patty Bosco
Mike Elliott
Bill Bush
VACANT
Jeff Koble
Rochelle Soper
and David Stevens

Now let's talk about those vacancies...

Service and Awards: Many components of our daily management of Lions affairs do not evolve very much. The consistency of our tasks is part of the success of transition from one year to another. And yet, the old concept of “that’s not the way we do it” has rarely been a recipe for success. We have been very fortunate to have had the collaboration of a professional in the field of project management who has streamlined our reporting system. While we have always urged our volunteers to report the hours they dedicate to serving our community and our club, this element has recently been given special focus in Lions International. Rebecca Stone has prepared a description of how she has melded Service Reporting and Awards Selection which is included on the following page. The ideal candidate for this position will be comfortable with computers but does not need to be a tech expert. Please read the document Rebecca has prepared and consider whether YOU are the perfect person for this position. Take very special note of the last piece of information on the page:

**“Support and resources are in place for a strong transition”
You will not be alone!**



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LIONS CLUB OF LAGO VISTA

Service & Awards Chair

The person whomakesureLionsserviceisseen,counted,andcelebrated.

Hours & Impact

Thestorybehind everyLionwhogavetheir timeto thiscommunity

7* Moments a Year

Fourquarterly club awards,one Lion of the Year, and three competitive district nominations. Every one of them starts with **you**.

District-Wide

LagoVistaLions recognized beyond ourown backyard

Every club has roles that keep the lights on. This one keeps the heart beating. The Service and Awards Chair is *the* person who makes sure no contribution goes unseen and no Lion goes uncelebrated. Some roles support the work. This one honors it.

Service and awards are not two functions that happen to share a title. **They are one. The person who tracks the data holds the context that makes every award nomination credible.** Separating them creates more work, more room for error, and less integrity in every recognition this club delivers.

SERVICE: YOU ARE THE RECORD

Every award and every number we report to Lions International starts here. You make sure the record is accurate and complete. Hours tell you who showed up, but impact tells you what their service actually accomplished. The Lion who changes lives in fewer hours deserves the same consideration as the Lion who logs the most time. This role captures both.

- ▶ **Memberhourtracking.** Collect and verify service hours submitted by Lions across all activities.
- ▶ **Data accuracy.** You confirm what happened before it becomes the official club record.
- ▶ **Impact measurement.** Translate service hours into the real economic value our community receives.
- ▶ **LCI reporting.** Submit confirmed activities to Lions Clubs International on the club's behalf.
- ▶ **Club Excellence tracking.** Monitor award criteria and keep leadership informed throughout the year.
- ▶ **Event support.** Ensure data is captured at large events so no service goes unrecorded.
- ▶ **Roster integrity.** Keep member names and records consistent so everyone gets proper credit.

AWARDS: YOU TELL THE STORY

This is where the data becomes something a person carries with them. You are the one who champions each Lion's story.

- ▶ **Lion of the Quarter.** Each quarter: review nominees, run the member ballot, and present the award. Four times a year, you make someone's day.
- ▶ **District award nominations.** Write and submit the Gold Spur, Silver Spur, and Harry Reasonover packages to District 2-S3. Well-written nominations win.
- ▶ **Certificates and materials.** Design and produce the recognition pieces that make every award feel official. Templates and tools are already in place.
- ▶ **Award archives.** Maintain the nomination history so every future chair builds on a stronger foundation than the one before.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

Comfort with details and deadlines. Clear, thoughtful writing. A genuine interest in making sure people get the recognition they deserve. **You do not need to be a tech expert.** You need to be organized and care about the people you serve.

Time commitment: Varies month to month, with a heavier lift during district award season (February through April). A full transition with the outgoing chair is available and encouraged.

WHAT YOU WILL GET

The satisfaction of knowing your work is the reason people feel seen. A front-row seat to everything this club does. Real skills in data stewardship, persuasive writing, and organizational leadership that transfer anywhere you go.

* Additional recognition opportunities may be available, including the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA), a congressional honor for which the club holds certifying organization status.

** The club has previously received the Kindness Matters Service Award (KMSA), given to approximately 30 clubs worldwide annually. Next eligibility: July 1, 2026. Club nomination due to the district by **September 1, 2026**.

Interested? Reach out to Lion Billie Duncan or Lion Anna Johndrow.

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...Vacancies continued...

Silent Auction: This is the most important fund raiser we have, after the golf tournament. It has been coordinated and managed for many years by Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott and is generally an integral part of OTHER activities like our Spirit Days, the Chili Feast, Pancake Breakfast and golf tournament. While Jerry has been the “godfather” of this effort it is important to note that he has had the enthusiastic support of many helpers who are still in the “stable” so to speak. Taking charge of the Silent Auction is also a wonderful opportunity for someone to infuse the events with their own style and substance. Jerry has done an outstanding job, and as with all great things, sometimes a fresh outlook can make things even better. Nothing is written in stone.

BBQ Team We have a team, what we don't have is the coordinator, the lead person who shepherds the equipment and the scheduling for the team. Traditionally, led by John Spoerlein and Don Zschoche, the venerable SmokeMasters for whom the smoker is named DonJohn, have both reluctantly informed us that younger bodies will be more comfortable safeguarding the delicious, tender, tasty BBQ we Lions are famous for. It's an all night affair when we turn out the smoker and prepare the sought after meats for Thanksgiving, 4th of July, Labor Day and Memorial Day. Lead the team of Jeff Koble, Dave McKittrick, Eric Provost and Kevin Sullivan, plus a steady stream of helpers who love to share the fellowship and the friendship of Smokin' for Charity! Our gratitude to John and Don is best shown by continuing their legacy with enthusiasm and respect for a job well done!



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.. Vacancies...CONTINUED

Meal Coordinator This Lion coordinates the hosting calendar for the year ensuring each meeting is covered by a host. Normally each host covers the two meetings per month. The hosts make the arrangements for ordering and picking up the meals. The coordinator creates a campaign in Zeffy for each meal and then makes sure that notice of the menu is shared with the website and notifications for reservations. The coordinator notifies the host of the number of reservations for each meal. The coordinator also monitors and orders meal supplies, assists with meal set up and that there is help for cleaning up after the meal. He or she stores the supplies after each meal.

4th of July Parade-The first event of the new fiscal year is our traditional participation in this parade...our smoker is pulled down Dawn Drive, patriotically decorated and bedecked with Lions tossing candy to the gathered crowd. Coordination between a driver for the truck towing the smoker, the smoker, purchase of candy, decorations and the means and people to do the decorating is what is required.

Newsletter The current newsletter editor will be the President of the club 2026-27 and feels that someone else should prepare and distribute the newsletter via email. She takes pictures at the meetings, asks others to send her information about upcoming events and includes a monthly calendar in the newsletter. It is currently produced on Canva but it can be done in any manner of ways as long as it can be distributed via website/email.



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Lions District 2-S3 Convention 2026 “Seeing Into the Future”

Round Rock, Texas
May 1-2, 2026

Join Lions from across District 2-S3 for a weekend of service, fellowship, leadership, and celebration of our year of impact.

Convention Highlights- Friday Evening – May 1

District Cabinet Meeting

Special Presentation: “State of the Leo Union”

Speaker: Lion Nancy Smith, State Leo Chair

Saturday – May 2

Presentation: Books Are the Beginning

Lion Mike Thrasher – DRAP Chair

Service Project: Bring books to support library building efforts in Africa

Convention Luncheon

Guest Speaker: PID Judge John W. Youney

District & LCI Awards

District Elections

Reception for DGE Diane Schaule (2026-2027)

Why Attend?

- Celebrate the district’s accomplishments
- Connect with Lions from across Central Texas
- Support service projects and leadership development
- Help shape the future of District 2-S3

Registration & Convention Details

All convention details, schedules, and materials are available at:

www.lionsdistrict2s3.org

Online Registration:

www.lionsdistrict2s3registration.org

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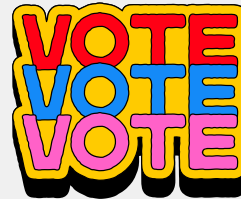


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The Ballot for voting for Lion of the Quarter is now available on our website at this [LINK](#)

And the Candidates Are...

In alphabetical order

- 1. Bill Bush** Bill moved seamlessly between delivering food to families in need, designing raffle artwork, reviewing tournament brochures, and meeting with sponsors to nail down signage. He brings the same enthusiasm to every role he fills. His Chili Feast reflection says it all: "Silent Auction rocks!!" That energy shows up in everything he does.
- 2. Sara Bush** Sara poured her energy into the LEOs, coordinating the cereal drive that yielded 145 boxes for hungry families, running the bake sale alongside three young Lions-in-training, and filing a formal recognition application to Lions International on their behalf. She doesn't just support youth programs; she champions the people in them.
- 3. Don Loeschner** Don showed up where it counted at the blood drive supplying ten Texas counties, on the roadside with Road Warriors, and at the Chili Feast, where demand outpaced supply for the first time ever. Quiet, consistent, and indispensable, Don's service this quarter is the kind that doesn't seek recognition but absolutely deserves it.
- 4. Norma Owen** From certifying on the SPOT Vision screening device to rebuilding trust with flood-impacted families at Sandy Creek, Norma's quarter touched lives at every level. She authored agendas, coordinated alliances, launched the Nomination Committee, and still found time to welcome the LVPD to the Chili Feast. Norma is the club's connective tissue, and this quarter, she held every club need together.
- 5. Ted Rosen** Ted personally walked through doors to secure Diamond, Bronze, and community-level sponsorships for the Driving Out Hunger Golf Tournament, then turned around and packed food boxes for families the same week. From KidSight screenings at North Shore Christian School to road cleanup, Ted is everywhere the mission needs him.

information on each candidate written by Rebecca Stone, Service and Awards Chair

Deadline for casting your vote is NOON April 21



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Bring a Book. Build a Library. Change a Life.



The District Convention is engaging in a meaningful mission that reaches all the way to Busia, Uganda! We are encouraged to help by collecting children's books to help create two new libraries serving young readers at the Global Leadership School—an initiative led by Lion Mike Thrasher and **Books Are the Beginning**. Your donation can spark imagination, support education, and open doors for children across the globe.

The District is collecting books for Pre-K through 5th Grade:

- Picture Books
- Early Reader Chapter Books
- Non-Fiction (Grades 1-5)
- Chapter Books (Grades 4-5)

Lion Mike Thrasher is the featured morning presenter at the convention and will share more about this inspiring project and its connection to our sister Lions in Busia.

Pack a book (or two!) and bring them to the Program meeting on April 21 or if you plan on attending the convention, bring them with you.

Small acts. Big impact.

Questions? Contact Lion Mike Thrasher at mike@booksarethebeginning.org or 512-757-1120.



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Get Your Raffle Tickets!



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Tournament Raffle

Bergara B14 Ridge-6.5 Creedmoor - \$1,500



You Win, You Pick



Traeger Smoker Grill - \$750



PGA Collectable Silver Coins - \$1,250

<p>Private Wine Class for 20</p>  <p>Donated By Total Wine & More</p>	<p>Diamond Necklace By Ranch Road Jewelers</p>  <p>Value > \$1,000</p>	<p>Original Artwork</p>  <p>By Wyland Value > \$1,100</p>
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See Mike Zaydel

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April 18

CVS Pharmacy
8:30am-12:PM



MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

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SPIRIT DAY

April 14-Your Order
Serves the Lions' Hunger Initiative 10%
of your total ticket ALL DAY LONG!



The
Bunker
Bar & Grill

4616 Rimrock Drive, Lago Vista, TX 78645

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Come and meet the puppies that help the visually impaired!

Join us at our April 21 meeting and learn how
they are trained and fall in love!



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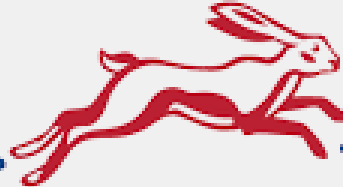
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LUCKY

Rabbit

MAY 3!

**20% OF YOUR TICKET
WILL BE DONATED TO
THE LIONS!**

**Silent
Auction!**



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April Birthdays

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
Mark Ekrut	April 3
Sherrie Coleman	April 4
Jan Robbins	April 4
Mike Zaydel	April 4
Marie Diemer	April 4
Lynda Aird	April 9
Randolph Fields	April 9
Patty Bosco	April 10
David Daigle	April 10
Kevin Sullivan	April 15
Barry Duncan	April 17
Doug Allen	April 19
Arminae McDonald	April 20
Glynda Wolverton	April 20
Phyllis Jordan	April 23
Pete Pfile	April 23
Pamela Mills	April 29



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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.



Jess Hall-Jess Hall Jr. serves as a City Council Member (Place 1) for the City of Lago Vista, Texas. His involvement reflects a broader dedication to civic engagement and improving quality of life for residents across the North Shore. Through both his council service and volunteer work, Hall exemplifies a hands-on approach to leadership rooted in community values and service.



Nathan Johndrow – Son of Past President Donald Johndrow, is a graduate Forester (hey, Randy Fields) and teaches Engineering at Danielson Middle School in Leander. He is heavily involved in STE(A)M Education, Computers and Robotics. An educator for 21 years, he has a lot of experience in teams and activities (even as a football coach). He is interested in the BBQ Team, Marketing, Meals, Parties and Events, and Visual Services.



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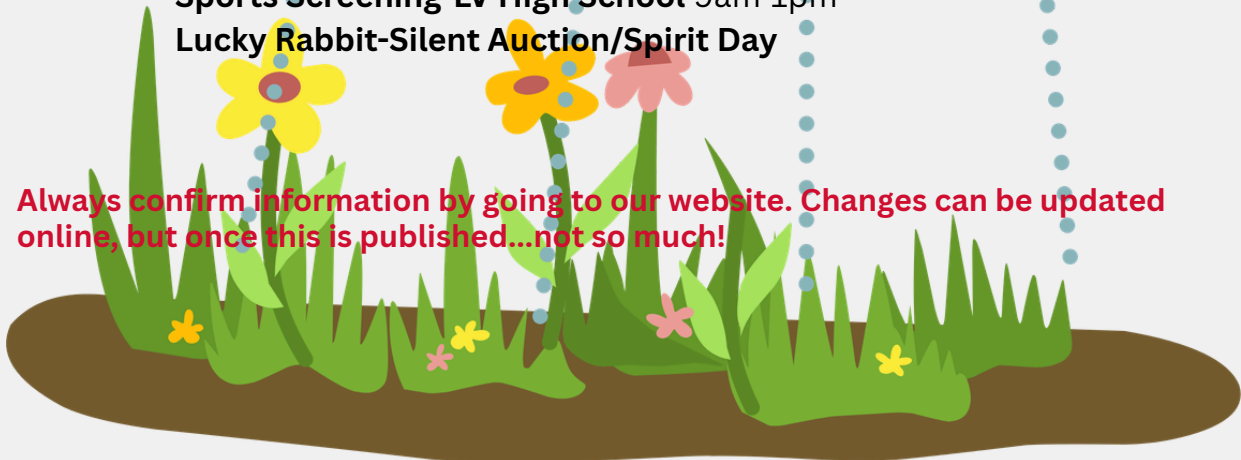


Date

Event

April 7	BOD Meeting – K-Oaks / Sunflower Room – 4 pm
April 7	Business Meeting – K-Oaks-6 pm
April 11	Golf Tournament
April 14	Spirit Day-The Bunker
April 18	Road Warriors -Corner of Dawn and Lohman Ford, 8:30 am
April 21	Lions Program Meeting –Guide Dogs for the Blind- 6 pm-K-Oaks
May 1-2	District 2-S3 Convention
May 2	Sports Screening-LV High School 9am-1pm
May 3	Lucky Rabbit-Silent Auction/Spirit Day

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

If you have a planned event please forward it to LionAnnaTX@gmail.com with Calendar Item in the subject line. We are working to avoid conflicts.

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