



# Lions Club of Lago Vista

September 2023



# Newsletter

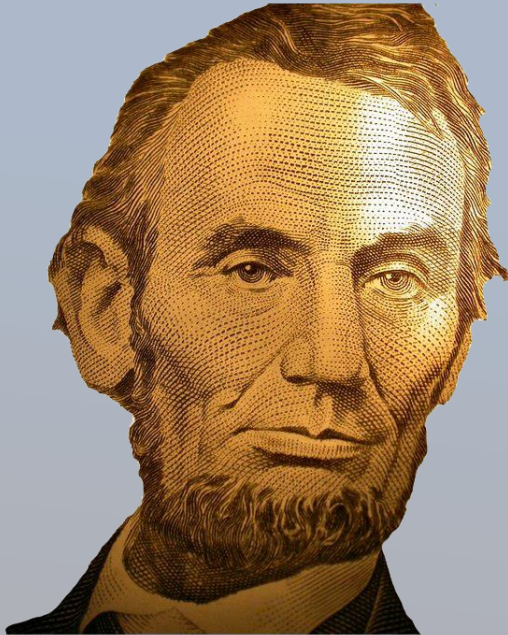
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# A Thought to Ponder



DON'T WORRY WHEN  
YOU ARE NOT  
RECOGNIZED BUT  
STRIVE TO BE  
WORTHY OF  
RECOGNITION.



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# August 1 Business Meeting

Due to remodeling work being done on the LVPOA restrooms at K-Oaks Clubhouse our ever-expanding club was challenged to meet in the Bluebonnet and Primrose Rooms of the LVPOA Activity Center. And, WE ROSE TO THE OCCASION! And a busy meeting it was!



We were so happy to see Don Zschoche and John Spoerlein back with us after a long absence! Lion Jerry Nilsson-Weiskott reported on the success of the Lazy Rabbit event and Lions Dick and Susan Weatherly announced an exciting new initiative. More on THAT later!



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President Lion Jeff presented Dick Weatherly with the Lion of the Year plaque which had been announced previously, and they both joined Mike Zaydel in presenting ESD1 Assistant Chief Dave Wallace and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Greg Johnston with two checks in support of their contributions to our safety and wellbeing.



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# August Business Meeting



It was a very busy business meeting indeed! We also heard from Lion Connie Zschoche who has served as our liaison for the Texas Lions Camp so diligently and lovingly. She is passing the baton on to Lion Dennis Kemp. Thank you Connie, for all your service and love!

Lion Anita Burke provided an update on the Loomers and their prolific production of knitted hats for pediatric cancer patients. She also shared a touching and significant letter from one of the grateful recipients.



Past President Lion Ted Rosen displays our Century Club key; an opportunity to personally participate in giving to Texas Lions Camp. TLC provides a no cost, quality summer camp experience for Texas children with physical disabilities, type-1 diabetes and cancer. An individual, couple, family or business can be a Century Club member by contributing at whatever level desired



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# Pediatric Cancer Committee

In keeping with the request from Lions International to find ways to serve this goal, the Lady Loomers formed to make knitted caps for kids going through cancer treatment. The initial goal of the Lady Loomers was to make enough caps for every kid attending Texas Lions Camp during cancer week (175 caps).

The committee began with six members; four being Lions and also two ladies from the community. We are now 11, eight being Lions and three neighbors. One of the last to join our group was a gentleman, thus, we are now The Loomers. With word of mouth and a little bit of luck, The Loomers met a group wanting to make caps. They are called the Yarn Chicks. After the merge, we are now at 23 members making caps. Lions Board of Directors approved giving caps to all who are going through treatment for cancer. All these folks have whole-heartedly chosen to make life a little bit better for others and we are blessed to have all of them.

We have delivered 175 caps to Texas Lions Camp in 2022, along with Dell Children's Hospital, Austin Hospice, Christopher House, all in the Austin area. Also, a box of caps was sent to Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center in Franklin, Tennessee.

As of this writing, The Loomers are Cheri Marion, Joy Benedict, Jenny Honovar, Elise Hoagland, Belinda Dyer, Leigh Dougherty and Neil Kapelka and wife Melinda. Also, we have Margoth Fuentes, Julia Anderson, Emma Polk, Mindy Hensen, Kelly Smith, Shelly Harwell, Emily Tuttle, Sherry Hein, Renee Winter, Christine Cox, Nancy Hilliard and Helen Barrett. Twenty-three strong say WE SERVE!

Lion Anita Burke  
Chair



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# August 16 Meeting

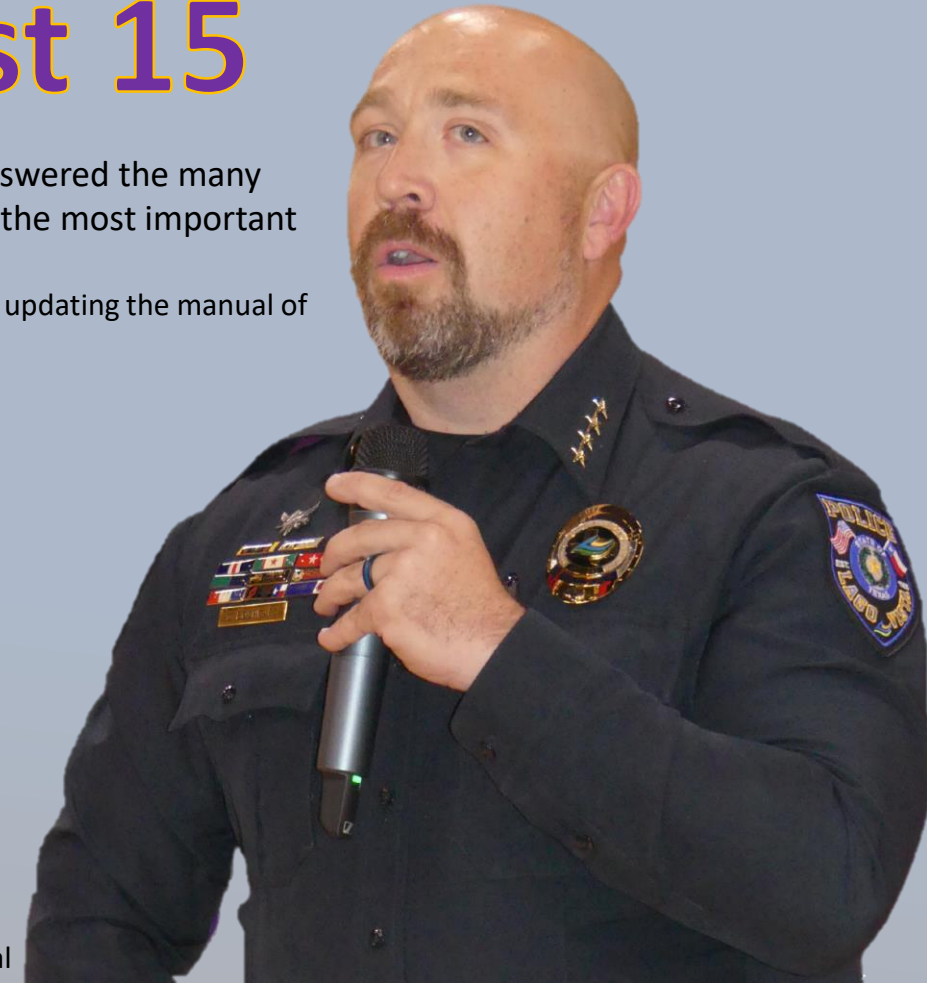


- Pat O’Dea Rosen and Susan Nilsson-Weiskott made an impassioned explanation of a new initiative to provide resources for a special fund when a need is identified that is affecting the academic or trade training progress of a student. Lions would support the funding, but use of the resources would be entirely managed by the school administration. The initiative is born of a recognition that there is an almost hidden need among many students in high school with academic needs-funds for test applications, school applications, materials and/or tools needed for technical programs.
- The Board of Directors will be studying the request for this initiative.

# Guest Speaker August 15

A packed K-Oaks Clubhouse listened intently to Lago Vista Police Chief Gary Boshears as he deftly answered the many questions that had been polled from among our members. Following is a brief summary of some of the most important information that was shared that evening.

- After taking office close to a year ago, Chief Boshears undertook the task of filling the vacant 12 positions and of updating the manual of policy. All but one position is now filled, new policy manual reflect best practices.
- Technology is being updated to allow inter-connectivity between Police and Fire Department as well as other improvements.
- The department has increased community involvement and traffic enforcement.
- All officers now have some training in dealing with mental health issues and the goal is to get all active officers certified in this area.
- Our crime rate is very low... recognized as the 16<sup>th</sup> safest city in Texas.
- Most calls for service are domestic violence related and theft from vehicles. Not break-ins, but theft from unlocked and un-secured vehicles.
- We do not suffer from drug dealing problems but from end user issues.
- Our homeless situation is comparable to similarly sized cities.
- School resource officer is under development.
- Solution for loose dogs is tickets, fines and court.
- Golf carts or other recreational vehicles are not to be driven on roads with a speed limit above 35, by minors or others without a valid driver's license. Vehicles must have a license plate, be outfitted with lights and certified as road worthy.
- Recent city-wide emergency alert notifications were an error-one (water) in judgement by the responsible official and the other (fire) a technology error.



Lago Vista Police Chief Gary Boshears



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# August Blood Drive



We had a unprecedented record turnout Saturday, August 19 for our blood drive; 29 signed up and 28 successfully donated blood! Having researched past drives it became apparent that no other four-hour drive has ever achieved this result. Many thanks to the nine Lions that donated blood and special thanks to Don Johndrow who made the effort to get the word out on various media sites. My posting of flyers and contacting potential donors also helped to some degree as did the efficiency of the blood mobile techs. Many thanks to the Lions who donated:

Kevin Sullivan, Pat Mcdaneld, Frank Robbins, Leigh Dougherty, Mike Beal, Ken Johnston, Jay Kearny, Connie Loeschner, and Don Loeschner.



Thanks y'all! 🤝  
Don and Connie

Questions? Call 760-504-6308 or email  
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# Message in a Bottle



Lions Dick and Sue Weatherly presented a blockbuster initiative at our August 1 Business meeting. Motivated by the sudden onslaught of health issues that many of our members had recently confronted, Sue engaged in a relentless effort to find a tool to help secure the safety of those for whom one has a relationship but not to the extent of knowing who to contact in an emergency.



Message in a bottle provides a potentially life saving tool that first responders will immediately access when confronted with an emergency health situation.

Simply put, Message in a Bottle is a sheet of paper with all the pertinent medical and contact information a first responder can use to administer life saving first aid and follow-up with loved ones. Prepared by Lions and distributed with instructions to place the medicine bottle in the freezer and then apply the provided magnet to the refrigerator door that clearly

instructs the First Responder that information is in the freezer. The initiative has received enthusiastic support from the LVPD, ESD1, Vistago Print, the City of Lago Vista and the Lago Vista Leos. It is imperative to distribute these life saving Messages in a Bottle as widely as possible. Contact Lion Dick Weatherly if you would like to help in the distribution.



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# Closing Ceremony Texas Lions Camp



Many thanks to Connie Zschoche for sending pictures of this memorable event.



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# Good News!

For the first time you can choose whether to pay for your reservation online or at the door! It's a simple process. If you choose to pay at the door, simply check the right box and all will proceed as before. If you choose to pay online, you will be taken to PayPal to process the payment. Many of you have already used PayPal before, so it will be relatively easy; if not, you will enter the credit card information as you do on any other purchase--for example, like Amazon. If you pay online you will receive a receipt by email. No need to have a PayPal account. Just visit our dinner reservation page on the website and follow the prompts!

The menu for Tuesday's meeting sounds great!

King Ranch Chicken  
Spanish Rice  
Green Beans w/Tomatoes  
Peach Cobbler  
Bottle of Water  
Still only \$12

**PayPal**



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# How'd It Go?



## It was A great FUNdraiser!

Lion Gerry Nilsson-Weiskott reported that the FUNdraiser celebrated in support of our club and the Friends of the Library was a resounding success. We owe a great debt of appreciation to Matt Morcher from the Lucky Rabbit and all the wonderful patrons who enjoyed the ambiance, the music, the fare and the robust Silent Auction



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# Brisket Raffle



Thanks to all who participated in the first ever raffle for a full brisket smoked to perfection by our own BBQ team.

The winner was Lion Dick Weatherly.

A video of the drawing was sent via email so if you would like to see how the drawing was executed, please check your email.

A total of \$500 was raised...thank you all!



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**Don't forget to pick-up your  
BBQ order!**

**19909 Victoria Chase, LV  
between 6 pm & 7 pm -Sept. 1**



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**HAPPY  
Birthday**  
September Lions!

Don Johndrow

September 18

Judy Hunt

September 20

Dick Weatherly

September 20

Dave Williams

September 25

Mike Beal

September 30



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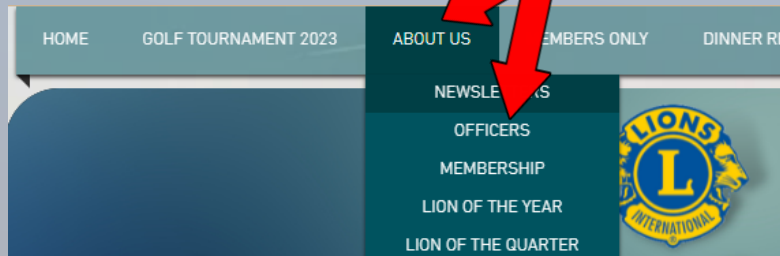
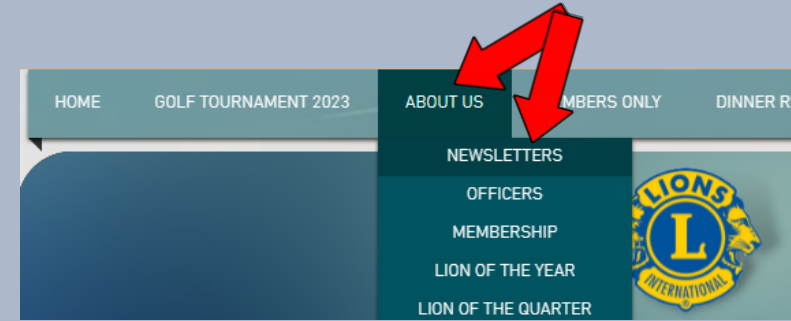


# What's New on Our Website?

Pictures of our International President and our distinguished current President are now on the home page.

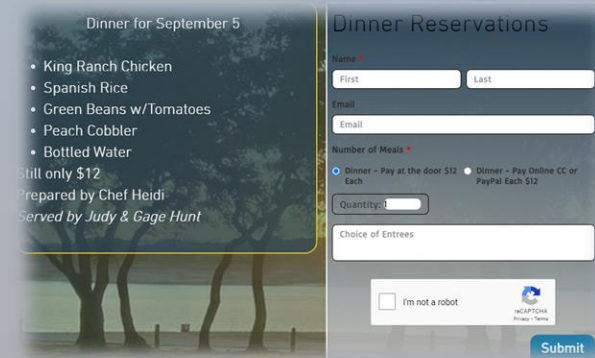


There is now a gallery of current and past newsletters for your reference.



AND a historic listing of all past presidents also under ABOUT US>OFFICERS has been added. (At the bottom of the page)

As of this month's first meeting, dinner reservations can be made AND PAID FOR online! Just navigate to the dinner reservations page and follow the prompts. PayPal will process your credit card as on any other site. No need to have a PayPal account!



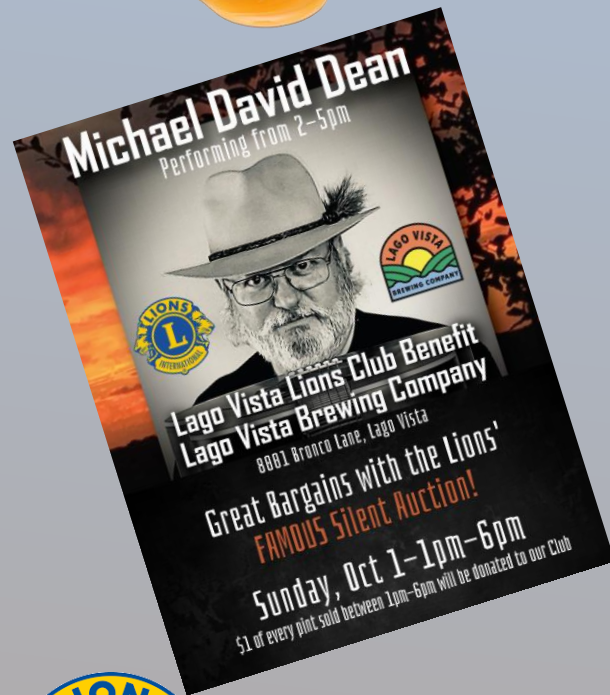
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# Upcoming Events



September 23- 7am to 11am at the Jonestown Fire Station-Delicious Pancake Breakfast!  
Donation only...whatever you want to pay is OK!



Oct.1 -1 pm to 6 pm at the Lago Vista Brewery. \$1 of every pint sold during those hours will be donated to our charitable causes. PLUS, fabulous bargains from our famous and outstanding silent auction. SPREAD THE WORD!



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**EXTRA!  
EXTRA!**

A suggestion from your editor:

“If you announce it at the meeting, send it to her.”

More of our members can't come to the meetings than those that do, so using the newsletter to disseminate your announcements is good for YOU! (And keep the “who” “what” “when” “where” and “how” in mind!)

**IF YOU SEND A PICTURE, PLEASE INCLUDE THE NAMES OF THOSE IN THE PICTURE!  
THANKS!**



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# CALENDAR

Please refer to the calendar on our website [HERE](#) for updates

When	What	Where
Aug. 28 <b>9 am-11 am (Note Change)</b>	 BOD Meeting	Bluebonnet Room
Sept. 5 6:30-8:00 pm	 Business Meeting	K-Oaks Clubhouse
Sept. 6 8:30 am-12 pm	 KidSight	Santa Rita Elementary School
Sept. 7 10:00 am	 KidSight	Grace Fellowship
Sept. 9 8:00 am-9 am	 Road Warriors	Corner of Dawn & Lohman Ford
Sept. 12 8:30 am-12 pm	 KidSight	Liberty Hill Elementary School
Sept. 19 8:30 am-12 pm	 KidSight	Bill Burden Elementary School
Sept. 19 6 pm-8:30 pm	 Program Meeting-Dis. Governor Lion Stephen Fuchs	K-Oaks Clubhouse
Sept. 21 8:30 am-12 pm	 KidSight	Rancho Sienna Elementary School
Sept. 23 7 am-11 am	 Pancake Breakfast	Jonestown Fire Station
Sept. 26 8:30 am-12 pm	 KidSight	Louine Novel Elementary School
Oct. 1 1 pm-6 pm	 Lago Vista Brewery Benefit and Silent Auction	Lago Vista Brewery



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