



Lions Club of Lago Vista



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Thoughts to Ponder

Imagine if we were all magical leprechauns, and every wish ever made on a four-leaf clover obliged us to help others obtain their wishes. Now imagine if people simply lived like this were true.



Richelle E. Goodrich



"Spring is the time of plans and projects."

Unknown

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This edition of the Lago Lions Club Newsletter is a combined issue dedicated to March and April. Be prepared for LOTS of content, pictures and data because

We Serve

which means we have been very busy serving the community!

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Four of our dedicated Lions—Bill, Sara, Jennie, and Rebecca—recently took part in our district’s childhood cancer initiative, delivering cozy hats lovingly crafted by Anitas Loomers and blankets to Dell Children’s Hospital. But the mission didn’t stop there! As Service Chair, Rebecca continued on to Texas Children’s Hospital (TCH) North Austin, a new but vital facility already making a big impact.

Though TCH North Austin is less than a year old, it’s serving pediatric cancer patients from all over Central Texas—San Antonio to Temple, Waco to Bryan-College Station. With 72% of their young warriors under the age of 10, the hospital is providing much-needed care closer to home, eliminating long trips to Houston. While we couldn’t interact directly with patients due to health precautions, we had a great conversation with Medical Director Dr. Morad, who was thrilled about the possibility of future partnerships with the Lions.

Most importantly, this effort was a reminder that no child fights alone. Our service let these brave kids and their families know that the Lions are here, we care, and we’re ready to support them on their journey.

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Leo News

Leo Olivia Smith has exemplified leadership, service, and dedication through her outstanding achievements within the Lions organization. Competing against top young leaders, she earned



second place in the prestigious Lions Outstanding Youth Contest at the district level, a remarkable accomplishment recognized at the most recent district meeting. This honor comes with a \$500 prize, celebrating her hard work and commitment to making a difference. Adding to her impressive achievements, Olivia has been named LEO of the Year at the district level—a testament to her dedication to service and leadership among her peers. Her name, along with four other outstanding young leaders, has

been submitted for consideration at the state level, with results to be announced at the Lions Convention in June. Congratulations to Leo Olivia Smith for her incredible accomplishments! Her commitment to excellence and service reflects the very best of the Leo Club program and the values of the Lions International family.



The Leo's visited the Capital with Councilman and Lion Shane Saum as their guide. They were able to talk to staff at Senator Campbell's office, as well as at Representative Troxclair's office.

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More Leo News!

Lago Vista LEOs Earn Prestigious Club Excellence Award



The Lago Vista LEOs Club has been recognized for its outstanding dedication to service, leadership, and community engagement with the Club Excellence Award—a prestigious honor that highlights the club's commitment to making a difference. This recognition underscores the LEOs' efforts in fostering youth leadership and service, key pillars of the Lions International mission.

The Club Excellence Award is given to clubs that demonstrate exceptional achievements in membership growth, impactful service projects, and leadership development. Earning this distinction is a testament to the Lago Vista LEOs' hard work and dedication to serving their community while inspiring the next generation of leaders.

In celebration of this achievement, Stephan Fuchs will present the club with the Lions Club Excellence Award at an upcoming Lions Club meeting. This recognition further highlights the strength of the partnership between the Lago Vista Lions and LEOs in fostering a culture of service and excellence.

Congratulations! to the Lago Vista LEOs for this well-earned honor! Their commitment to service and leadership continues to make a positive impact on the community, setting a shining example for future LEOs and Lions alike.

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The Traveling Hat is Back... ...as the Hat of Kindness

Get ready to celebrate the heart and soul of our club—kindness! On February 3, 2025, the board proudly approved the return of what we now call the Hat of Kindness—a special tribute to those who go above and beyond to uplift others.

Here's how it works: This distinguished hat will be placed on the table of a Lion who has demonstrated an exceptional act of kindness. And the best part? You get to be part of the magic! Any Lion can nominate a fellow member by sharing their act of kindness with the board via email.

As nominations roll in, we'll keep the excitement going by announcing the hat's travels from one deserving member to the next at our meetings, celebrating the generosity and goodwill that define our club.

Our first honoree? The incredible Lion Cheri Marion! Our Club recently recieved the Kindness Matters Award, one of only 30 awarded with 49,000 clubs competing! Our distinction? Anita's Loomers, headed by Lion Cheri!

Let's keep the kindness flowing—who will be next to wear the Hat of Kindness? Nominate a fellow Lion today!



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We have Expanded Grant Efforts to Support Community Initiatives



The Lago Vista Lions Club continues to build momentum in its pursuit of grants to support vital community programs. Thanks to the dedication and expertise of Lion Rebecca Stone, the club has successfully expanded its outreach, securing funding to make a meaningful impact.

Recently, the club was awarded a grant from the City of Lago Vista to support the Children's Hunger Initiative. While final details are still being confirmed, a formal announcement will be made soon, with coordination between Lions Susan Nilsson-Weiskott, Mike Zaydel, and Rebecca Stone to share the news with the community.

Our work doesn't stop there! Another grant application is currently in progress, this time directed toward the Lago Vista Women's Club, further strengthening support for the Children's Hunger Initiative.

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Stay Tuned!



Lion Rebecca has also submitted all the pertinent and required information for members to be recognized for the listed awards. Please visit [HERE](#) to see some of the past winners of these prestigious awards.

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AWARDS AND CHARTER DINNER



Join us for an evening of distinction and celebration as we honor those who make a lasting impact in our community. The Lago Vista Lions Club Awards & Charter Dinner will take place on **Friday, August 8, 2025**, at North Lake Church, bringing together service, recognition, and fellowship in an elegant setting. This special event will feature a beautifully catered dinner alongside prestigious award presentations, including:

The Kindness Matters Service Award
Presidential Volunteer Service Awards (PVSA)
Recognition of our valued community partners and LEOs

As we celebrate excellence in service and leadership, we invite you to be part of this memorable evening. Ticket pricing will be announced soon, with a 'Pay It Forward' option available to sponsor fellow attendees and ensure all who wish to attend can share in the experience.

Save the date and prepare for a night of inspiration, gratitude, and camaraderie as we honor those who make a difference. Formal invitation and ticket details to follow.

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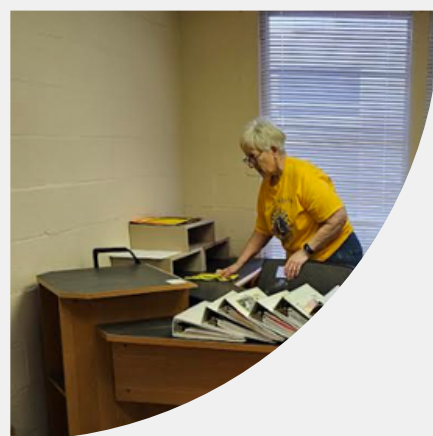


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March 1 We Gathered at the TLC for Some TLC



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\$20 per ticket

3 for \$50!

Drawing June 7!

Win Twice!

The winner gets
the golf car and we
pay the income tax! Now that's a
Win Win!

**Lago Vista
Lions Club
Golf Cart Raffle**
\$20 or
3 for \$50

Features

- 9-inch touchscreen
- Speedometer Display
- Backup Camera
- Stereo System with Bluetooth
- Luxury Seats
- Decorative Wheel Trim
- Color-matched Dashboard
- Luxury Steering Wheel
- Extended Roof and flip flop rear seat
- Rearview Mirror
- Headlights
- Horn
- USB Connections
- 14" Aluminum Wheels
- Li-Ion Battery w 8-year Warranty



**\$9,000
Value
Tax
Included!!!!**

**Come On Lago Vista!!
Support Your Community Through
The Lions Club; Have Some Fun
And Maybe Win BIG!!!**



Use this QR code
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Vendor supply to
with Payment
of purchase



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Save the Date!



Details are being lassoed and branded! A whiskey and tequila tasting evening that will make history! June 7 at K-Oaks!
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LEND A HELPING ARM

BLOOD DRIVE

One of the best presents I could receive on March 15th, the day before my birthday, was a record breaking twenty-nine fellow Texans showing up to donate blood. The blood mobile folks were kept very busy with ten of our fellow Lions adding to the successful goal. Thanks go out to Mike DeSosa, Patty McDanel, Mike Beal, Jay Keany, Ted and Pat Rosen, Ken Johnston, Connie Loeschner, and Brad Love. Brad is one of our newest Lions who immediately signed up when the list was sent out. I also managed to donate. The next date for donating that life saving fluid is **May 17th**. Please help by increasing the number of Lion donors from ten to an even dozen or even a baker's dozen! 🤠 Your help is greatly appreciated by all and especially by me.

Don Loeschner

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**The
Bunker
Bar & Grille**

Our next Spirit event will be at the Bunker Bar & Grille on April 8!

10% of proceeds of the day will be for our Children's Hunger Initiative! And no one goes

hungry at the Bunker! Take a peek at the FABULOUS menu options, plan to make it a date night, get a group of friends and neighbors, treat yourself to a great meal and help a great cause!

The Bunker Bar & Grille Menu

4616 Rimrock Drive-9am-9pm

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Children's Hunger Initiative

The team provided nine families and 22 children with staples that changed our hungry boy to a well fed boy this Spring Break! Now gearing up for the summer vacation! Want to be a part of this vital program? See Susan Nilsson-Weiskott.



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Connie Zschoche
Don Loeschner
Shane Saum
Bill Bush
Ellen Burns



March 13
March 16
March 22
March 22
March 24

Sherrie Coleman
Jan Robbins
Mike Zaydel
Lynda Aird
Doug Allen
Randolph Fields
Patty McDanel
Kevin Sullivan
Barry Duncan
Glynda Wolverton
Phyllis Jordan
Pete Pfile
Pamela Mills



April 4
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Lion Kevin Sullivan has a message for us...

On April 26th, the city will be putting on Lago Fest and showcasing our city once again. The event will be held at Bar K Park once again and should be fun for all.

It takes a team effort to put on such an event and city staff are looking for volunteers that can help with a variety of tasks. The official volunteer sign up is on Signup Genius and can be found [HERE](#). If you have availability and a desire to help your community put on this fun event, consider visiting the signup page and registering for a volunteer shift.

One of the benefits of volunteering is you get to park at Bar K Park itself. All others will be required to park elsewhere and take the bus down to the park. If you plan to attend, volunteering is an easy way to get a close up parking spot!

Any questions, let me know. Otherwise, thank you for considering this event in your volunteer schedule.

Your fellow Lion,
Kevin



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April Mark Your Calendars!

Date	Event
March 31	Lions BOD Meeting 9-10 am Primrose Room
April 1	Business Meeting 6pm-K-Oaks Clubhouse
April 8	Spirit Event @ the Bunker-4616 Rimrock Drive
April 12	Road Warriors 8:30-9:30 am-Corner of Dawn and Lohman Ford
April 15	Program Meeting 6pm-K-Oaks Clubhouse-Kaye Schmidt, MA, RN, NEA, BC, CHPON Pediatric Cancer Dell Children's Ascension
April 19	Leos to Ronald McDonald House
April 26	LagoFest-Bar-K Park
May 2-3	Lions District Convention-New Braunfels
May 4	Lucky Rabbit Spirit Event

If you have a planned event next month, this fall, through next December, please forward it to normaowen@gmail.com with Calendar Item in the subject line. We are working to avoid conflicts.

Always check the website for updates.

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