



# Lago Vista Women's Club

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October, 2017

## Words from our President

Trisha Upchurch

With over 200 ladies in attendance, our September luncheon was a smashing success! The new year is off and running! If you were not at the luncheon, here's what you missed: The 2017-18 officers were introduced, along with announcements about the special interest groups. **Christy Ordener** and members of the CARE group entertained us with an original song, which enticed many to join this group. The mission of the CARE group is to provide cheer and encouragement to club members.

Next, **Ann Murrow** informed us about the proposed Christmas Tour of Homes scheduled for December 2. **Susan Knox, Joyce Coleman,** and **Laurie Engels** graciously volunteered their homes, and along with a few other loaned homes, this promises to be a "Must See" affair. Watch for more information about this exciting event which is sure to raise funds for our philanthropic endeavors.

The highlight of our luncheon was an entertaining and informative presentation by **Chikage Windler**, KEYE TV chief meteorologist. She encouraged us to plan ahead for weather emergencies; she also revealed a few secrets about weather reports. To top it off, Chikage showed video footage of our luncheon on the 6:00 and 10:00 CBS news. What nice publicity for us!

The luncheon ended with the drawing for monthly surprises. A basket of Salad Fixin's was donated by **Dee Phipps**. Additionally, **Gladys Ables** and **Paula Riddle** filled two baskets with all kinds of things donated by "Local Ladies in Business." Special thanks to all who were involved in donating this month's give-aways.

Our delicious "Last Days of Summer" luncheon was catered by Alfred's Catering. The food and service were superb. I'm looking forward to all the theme-related meals they have planned as they serve us as our new caterer.

So much of what you see taking place at a luncheon actually happens behind the scenes. Throughout the year, I hope to give a "shout out of thanks" to the members who genially donate their time and resources to help our club function. This month, I would like to thank the members who wash the tablecloths after each luncheon. Under the leadership of **Phyllis Jordan**, the team members who helped with the September luncheon were **Kay Schneider, Judy Guthrie, Fostelene Halcom, Connie Smith,** and **Dee Phipps**. Thank you, Ladies!

I'm looking forward to the October 10<sup>th</sup> luncheon. Be sure to make your reservation. In the meantime, "Spread Your Wings and Fly!"

*Trisha*

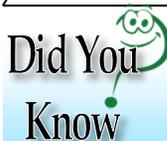


Trisha Upchurch  
President 2017-2018



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In 1978 the first ever Cellular Mobile Phone is introduced in Illinois and **Space Invaders** appears in arcades launching a craze for Computer Video Games. Sweden is the first country in the world to recognize the effect of aerosol sprays on the Ozone Layer and bans the sale. The movies **Grease, Saturday Night Fever** and **Close Encounters of the Third Kind** were all showing in Movie Theatres around the world. And the Lago Vista Women's Club was founded!



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## OCTOBER

### What's Going On This Month

You may make or change your reservation for our October Luncheon by [CLICKING HERE](#).

#### OUR DISAPPERING BEES. WHAT WILL WE DO WITHOUT THEM? Guest Speaker, "Wizzie" Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service



Our October meeting has all the markings of a very interesting day. Our speaker is Elizabeth "Wizzie" Brown, an Extension Program Specialist for Texas A & M. She goes by Wizzie. Her subject will be Bees. We've all heard about the problems that are happening all over the country when there is a lack of bees to pollinate our crops. What would we do without our fruits and vegetables or the beautiful flowers of nature? Without bees they would disappear with a few exceptions (black ants pollinated my grandmother's Peonies). She is an engaging person and an excellent speaker suggested to me by our own Ann Murrow. Perhaps we can help spread the word to our children and grandchildren and let's learn what else we can do to help. See you at the meeting.

Blessings,

*Fran Rimmer,*

1st Vice President.



Be sure to get your tickets for the October Monthly Surprise! Only \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and the proceeds support our Philanthropic Committee. The October monthly surprises are being provided by Linda McCullough (a Flat Creek certificate), Jo Jaschke, Judy Cross & Marlene Ferguson.

#### Alfred's catering October Monster Bash!



- Secret Garden Salad-Mixed Greens with Seasonal Vegetables and Two Homemade Dressings
- Texas Chainsaw Massacre Meatloaf-Homemade Beef Meatloaf with our Killer Tomato Gravy
- Goblin Green Beans-Green Beans Tossed in Herbs and Olive Oil
- Monster Mashed Potatoes-Mashed Potatoes with a hint of Garlic and Herbs
- Bread and Butter
- Jack O' Lantern Pumpkin Bars-Pumpkin Bars with Cream Cheese Frosting



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## The Beginning

It was February, 1978 and 67 women gathered for a Pot-Luck lunch at the original Bar K Ranch house which has since been replaced. There is no mention of the weather, or the menu ... we are left to imagine a particularly cold Texas February; the chilly air warmed by the enthusiastic energy of pro-active women determined to get something meaningful done.

The founder of the Lago Vista Women's Club, Ann Murrow recently explained, "In 1978 there were about 200 full time residents in Lago Vista and only two active organizations—the Bridge Club and the Women's Golf Association. I had an active competition going on with myself as to whether I was worse at Bridge or at Golf! I needed something to do!"

The Women's Golf Association held regular meetings with their members and once a month they extended an invitation to non-golfers to attend one of their business meetings. This planted the seed for what has developed into our amazingly active and dedicated Women's Club. "Today's Mission Statement is the original, worked on, revised and reviewed with determination and dedication by

Ruby Nunn. I later learned that her father owned the shoe store where my parents used to purchase my shoes as a child! It is a small world!", Ann went on to explain.

From it's inception, the Lago Vista Women's Club has been dedicated to two main things—serving the community and building the community. The first year there were four fund raising activities and the tradition of funding scholarships for young ladies graduating from Lago Vista High School was born. This tradition will see it's 40th iteration in January of 2018 as we produce, once again the formidable Gala which raises funds for our Philanthropic Committee.

Through the years we have collectively raised over \$400,000 which is donated to the young graduates in the form of scholarships or to local organizations and charities. 100% of the funds we collect benefit our local communities and we are proud, as well we should be, to lift our heads and say we are members of The Lago Vista Women's Club, "Spread Your Wings and Fly"

More next month...



Alice came across a lion and a unicorn in a forest of forgetfulness. The lion lies every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and the other days he speaks the truth. The unicorn lies on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and the other days of the week he speaks the truth.

Lion: Yesterday I was lying.

Unicorn: So was I.

Which day of the week did they say that?

Answer on page 8.



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**The Challenge is ON!** Each SIG coordinator has a bucket which is available to receive any loose change (or foldin' money—we ain't picky!) after each activity. All the money collected will go toward buying prizes for the PICK A STAR event during the Gala. And the SIG that collects the MOST money will be recognized and applauded and have a star named after the group; one of the stars that Gala participants will be able to win. So, when you go to your event this month, be sure to bring along all those pesky quarters you've been holding on to and those pennies really add up!



**Artistic Divas-Oct. 6** at 2pm-4pm at the Lago Vista Public Library meeting room to make fall decorations for our luncheon tables. **Oct. 27** at 10am-2pm we'll meet for Christmas Decorations. See Website for additional dates.

**Bunco-** 2nd. Mondays of every month. 2pm \$2, Bluebonnet Room-Activity Center

**Gala Decorating Committee-Tuesday Workdays:** @ Donna Nash house **10/17, 10/24, 10/31 9:30-11:30 am**

**Hi! Tech!-Computer classes** Every Tuesday except luncheon Tuesday, 9am at the Lago Vista Library Meeting Room. Alternates between Word, Excel and Publisher. See Website for details.

**Learning Bridge-**Every Friday, 10:00 am to noon. Bluebonnet Room, Activity Center: American Drive at Boggy Ford.

**Let's Kick the Bucket Oct. 14-**10am-Art Exhibit-Domain-Sign up at October Luncheon. See page 6.

**Literary Club-Oct. 17;** 12:30 in the Bluebonnet Room on Boggy Ford. Joyce Coleman will present "HAMMARSKJOLD: A LIFE" by Roger Lipsey and "MARKINGS" by Dag Hammarskjold. Dag was a brilliant, learned and capable leader in the 20th century. In spite of his leadership skills and his importance to the world during the early part of the 20th century, he left behind a manuscript in Swedish of his life long search for meaning of life.

This manuscript was named "Vagmarken" or "Markings". You will enjoy learning about this remarkable man and how he searched for the meaning of life.

**Lunch and a Movie-**Sign up at October Luncheon, get on email list for monthly notifications.

**Mah Jongg—**Played every Wed. afternoon from 1pm-4pm in the Johnson Room at the K-Oaks Clubhouse. Bring drinks and snacks, if desired. This interesting, exciting and FUN ancient Chinese tile game with 4 (or 3) ladies per table uses the National Mah Jongg League rules and uses both skill and luck. Whether you are an experienced player or new to the game, please come join us (free lesson!)  
Merilea Pannell-Cordinator [merilea@aol.com](mailto:merilea@aol.com) 817-458-2312  
Rose Melican-Assistant

**Out & About**—Oct.. 20-Wimberly. Download details on website or **Freth Carroll 512-784-6043 Klee Lee 512-294-9042 frethtx@gmail.com**

**Party Bridge** -\$2 per session on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays of each month! 1:00 pm. Bluebonnet Room, Activity Center  
**Pat S. 512-267-3508 Susan K. 512-267-0210**

**Wine Tasting Around the World** -Ellie Schriener-503-201-2708, Elyse Ernst 832-603-2051, Sheri Roberts 281-782-7817

For detailed and up to date information on each SIG active within our club see Special Interest Groups on our website, [lvwomensclub.com](http://lvwomensclub.com). For a listing of SIGS and contact information, refer to your Directory.



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## Bits and Pieces

### News and Views



#### Tube or not tube?

Save those empty tubes from paper towels, **TOILET PAPER (THIS IS NEW)** and gift wrap paper for Donna Nash. We all know what wonderfully magical

things she is capable of creating from mundane things like paper tubes! Wait till you see what she has in store for the Gala this year! She'll gladly take as many as you have, as often as you have them, whenever you have them (even bring them to the luncheons!) You can reach **Donna at 512-267-5947**



In October, the Artistic Divas will meet on **Friday, October 6** from 2pm – 4pm at The Lago Vista Public Library for a work session. We will be making Fall decorations for the monthly luncheons. Join us on **Friday, November 3** for Christmas decorations. Come Create and Socialize with other Artistic Divas and Crafters! Last chance to sign up for the Christmas card class. We will create 20 beautiful handmade watercolor Christmas cards with gold-lined envelopes. No experience required. Sign up and pay for your supplies by the October 10 Luncheon. This was a fun class year, and everyone enjoyed sending their special cards to their loved ones.

The Mosaic Bling jewelry class on **November 17** has sold out so if you missed signing up last month, we are adding another session on **Friday, December 1**. Check the SIG table at the luncheon for details and our website, [lvwomensclub.com](http://lvwomensclub.com) for up to date information.



#### C.A.R.E. Group News

We have an awesome group of **C**ompassionate, **A**ttentive, **R**eassuring and **E**ncouraging ladies ready to hear from you! Please remember the only way we know that there is a need for our service is if you tell us! Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you or some member you know is ill, in the hospital, facing an upcoming surgery, or going through a difficult time. We are here for you! Also, if you haven't given us your birth month and date, please do. We want to acknowledge you on your special day! Thank you,

**Christy Ordener 432.349.5492 Mindy Henson 512.267.3962**



Clockwise: Chikage Windler with Fran Rimmer, C.A.R.E. Group skit, C.A.R.E Group planning, Donna Nash explaining the Gala Decorations, Membership arriving and signing up for SIGs, Donna Nash, butterfly in hand!

**Want to see more photos from last month's luncheon? Click [HERE](#) or visit our website [HERE](#)**



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News and Views (continued)

### Christmas Elves



**Tuesday Nov. 21** @ Donna's house 9:30-11:30

**Tuesday Nov. 28** @ K-Oaks Club house 9 am- ?

### Gala

#### Decorating Committee

**Tuesday Jan 16, Jan 23** @ Donna's house to finalize Gala Décor-9:30-11:30



**Friday Jan 26 @ K-Oaks Club house**  
Show time for Gala setup Décor 9:00- ?

### Kick the Bucket



**Kick the Bucket**

It's a fine art festival just minutes away from home. And, you are invited! Some 75 -80 local, national and international artists who have created unique works of fine art and contemporary crafts in 14 media categories are participating in this fest.

Chat with the artists as you admire their talent. Musicians will be enhancing your experience as you gravitate from one artist to another. Kick the Bucket is venturing out the afternoon of **Saturday, October 14, 2017** for culture and musical sounds, along with a bite to eat. Luncheon destination is *The Steeping Room*, located right in the midst of the event!

Sign-up at the table in front of the stage at the October luncheon. A \$5 luncheon deposit is required per person. Cancellation date is Thursday noon, October 12th. Please call 512-970-4400 to cancel. Meet for the car-pool ritual at 12:00 pm on the hill on Dawn Drive, between Thunderbird and the ATA building. In case of rain, we will meet on Sunday, the 15th at 1:00 pm, an hour later than the plan for Saturday, at the same place.

**Yes! Men are invited to participate!**



### Box Tops for Education

Lago Vista Elementary School has participated in the BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

program since 2002, earning over \$10,000. (Fund use is restricted.) Visit [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) for a list of participating products and valuable coupons. Bring your BT4E to the Women's Club Luncheons and place them in the collections basket in the bar area.

### Having an event at K-Oaks?

If you are planning an event at K-Oaks and would like to rent either the table settings or our table cloths, contact 512-623-0022.



### Year Books

If you don't have your yearbook yet, check at the Yearbook table at the luncheon. Or if you are a *new* member and did not get one when you paid your dues, please check with Elyse Ernst at the Membership table.



### UPDATE ON THE CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES

Ho, ho, ho is going to turn into Oh Boy! Oh Boy! Oh Boy! when we can finally release the good news about re-scheduling this wonderful event. We will not be having a CHRISTMAS tour of homes but what a surprise we have in store for all of us! Stay tuned, we think you'll like it!



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## Who We Support

### Our Community Grant Recipients

Every year a group of members gathers to study the grant requests we receive from organizations that are active in our community. Their duty is to determine the eligibility of each of the requests and to determine how to allocate the available funds. This section of our newsletter is meant to provide a brief description of those YOU are helping to support. All the funds we collect throughout the year, particularly through our Gala, are destined for Scholarships and Grants; usually in a 60%-40% split. We will present the charities in alphabetical order throughout the year.



Friends of Balcones encourage the preservation of the Refuge's critical habitat through educational tours, exhibits, and

activities which provide an opportunity to experience the animals, plants and habitats of the Texas Hill Country. They serve in a cooperative relationship with The Refuge providing funds, volunteer labor, and in-kind Resources. The Refuge is a bird sanctuary and the public has the opportunity to be involved in their conservation effort. They state that they envision:

- ... a world in which people, plants and animals live in harmony.
- ... a world in which the practice of green living comes naturally.
- ... a world in which ecosystems around the world are protected for future

generations.

The Women's Club donation was used to reprint their ***Kid's Guide to Hill Country Critters***; an 8 page informational booklet with central Texas animals and birds, and how to identify them.



#### Friends of Nameless School

In the 1860s, settlers began homesteading the western north shore of the Colorado River. By 1870, they had established a school on the banks of Cross Creek (now Big Sandy) which they called Fairview. This one-room School was active from 1870-1945. The present building was constructed in 1909. It is located about 1.5 mile off FM 1431 on Nameless Rd.

In 1880, Fairview became the community of Nameless.



After the U.S. Postal System had rejected six submitted names for the community, the residents responded, "Let the community be nameless and be damned!" The implied name was accepted.

With the permission of the Travis County Commissioners Court, the members of the Lake Travis Extension Education Association, now known as the *Friends of Nameless School*, have held weekly quilting sessions and monthly meetings in the school for the last 50 years. In 2000, it became apparent that the school needed a major restoration. After years of fundraising and grant seeking, the group raised the funds necessary and restoration of the school was accomplished in time for its centennial celebration in 2009.

The *Friends of Nameless School* encourages local groups to use the facility. School groups and scouts appreciate participating in a one-room school house experience. All the original desks are still in use. The *FONS* raises money for the school's upkeep through quilt raffles and the sale of their crafts. In addition, they hold a barbecue at the school every other year in the springtime for the community.

The Lago Vista Women's Club Grant to Nameless School in 2017 is greatly appreciated and has been used to build a much-needed concrete ramp from the driveway to the newly purchased storage building. Nameless School, a gem of area history, shows the importance placed on religion, education, friends, family, and hard work by our area's early settlers. It continues to be a gathering place for present residents and for those who will come to this area in the future.

For those interested in knowing more about Nameless School and Cemetery, please contact Genny Kercheville at [Gkercheville41@gmail.com](mailto:Gkercheville41@gmail.com).



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**Hill Country Busy Bees**-Is a brand new 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization founded by OUR founder, Ann Murrow dedicated to propagating Mason Bees; important pollinators that neither sting nor create hives or honey. They are solitary bees and lay their eggs in "nests" that consist of long, hollow tubes. **The Hill Country Busy Bees** help furnish appropriate nurseries or bee houses that can be placed in one's garden or backyard to provide these important insects with a place to "raise their young'un's", provide important educational printed materials on



the importance of bees to our communities and furnish speakers and presentations to local organizations willing to participate in helping to increase the population of Mason Bees. At the luncheon the Hill Country Bees will have a limited supply of custom made Mason Bee Nurseries available for purchase and orders will be taken for additional nurseries. Each nursery is being handmade by a local woodworker and can be ordered in pine or cedar. Please look for the special display table at our October and November luncheons.



### MEETINGS

**LVWC is a 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit Organization**  
All meetings are open to everyone.

- **LVWC Executive Committee Brunch**  
First Tuesday of the month  
K-Oaks Club House-9:30 am  
Sunflower Room
- **LVWC Luncheons**  
2nd Tuesday of the month  
K-Oaks Clubhouse-11:00 am

### Answer to the Brain Teaser on page 3

As there is no day that both would be lying at least one of them must be speaking the truth. They BOTH speak the truth only on Sunday. However, then the lion would have lied in his statement so it couldn't have happened on Sunday, so we know that ONE of them lied. If the Unicorn spoke the truth it would have to be Sunday, but we know that isn't possible. So it had to be that the statements were made on Thursday, each referencing Wednesday.

These are the deadlines for each edition of our newsletter. Please feel free to send me any suggestions or comments.

### DO YOU LIKE TO WRITE? WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP CREATE CONTENT FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?

Send me an email: [LagoVistaWCnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:LagoVistaWCnewsletter@gmail.com)

Month	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May
Submission Deadline	08/28	09/25	10/30	11/27	12/22*	01/29	02/26	03/26	04/23**
PDF Newsletter Published	09/07	10/05	11/09	12/07	01/02*	02/08	03/08	04/05	05/03**



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## Come Fly with Me



**T**he most exciting event of the year! The Lago Vista Women's Club Gala, will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018. At this premier evening, we will soar to reach our goal of raising thousands of dollars for high school scholarships and philanthropic grants for many organizations in our community. With the help of our members, our Gala promises to be a night to remember.

There are many ways you can contribute to our success, regardless of whether you are able to attend the Gala. The live and silent auctions depend upon your generosity in volunteering your time to collect items, or to personally donate items such as gift baskets, artwork, jewelry, vacation packages or golf outings, and gift certificates. Auction items should be new, or if previously owned, heirloom quality. If you would like to help by donating an item, look for a Donation Form, which must be submitted with your item, on your table at the October luncheon. This form is also available on the LVWC website. Again this year, the Chamber of Commerce office (20624 FM1431, #8) has offered to serve as the drop off location for your items. If you would like to serve on the Auction Committee or have questions regarding the auction, please contact Elyse Ernst, Auction chair, at 832-603- 2051, or Sheryl Speckmann, Silent Auction, 512-267- 0076; or simply drop off your donations at the Chamber of Commerce.

Another way of contributing is to help with our Wine Pull by donating a bottle of wine, valued at a minimum of \$20, or giving a cash donation of \$20 or more to the committee to purchase wine on your behalf. Rose Melican once again leads this committee, and will be collecting donations to the Wine Pull at upcoming luncheons.

We will begin the sale of tickets to the Gala at our November luncheon. To purchase tickets, you must complete the Ticket Information Form (one form must be completed for each couple/single guest). This form will also be available on the October/ November luncheon tables, as well as on our website. If you are unable to attend the November luncheon, you may send your form with a friend who is attending, along with your payment, to purchase on your behalf at the luncheon.

January will be here before we know it, so please consider what you can do to help make our Gala a big success! The involvement of our members is so very important and is truly appreciated!

**If you need more information regarding the Gala, contact Vicki Perrin, Gala Chair,**

**214-766-7441, [vperrin@verizon.net](mailto:vperrin@verizon.net), or**

**Elyse Ernst, Auction Chair, at 832-603- 2051,**

**[ekernst@swbell.net](mailto:ekernst@swbell.net).**





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Ladies –

It's that time again. Time to make your reservation for our Luncheon on October 10<sup>th</sup>. I can't wait until you see what Alfred has cooked up for us this month!

Just a reminder that your reservations are due **NO LATER THAN 10PM ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**. This note is especially important because this month we are using our new online reservation system. **The new system WILL NOT ALLOW reservations to be made after 10:00PM on Tuesday OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**. I am also excited to tell you, that after you make (or decline) the invitation to our luncheon, should anything change with your plans, all you have to do is re-visit the link below to [CHANGE your reservation](#). The days of calling (unless you have an assigned caller) or email are gone. All you need is the link to our online system.

## TO MAKE OR CHANGE A RESERVATION [CLICK HERE](#)

On a sad note, I'm sorry to say that this is last time I will serving the Lago Vista Women's Club as VP-Social. I have decided, with painstaking deliberation, to move to Hawaii. Although my husband and I will be keeping our home here in Lago, I will, for the next year, be gone much of the time establishing our new home there. My goal when I began this role was to leave the club in a better position than when I started. Based on the fantastic feedback I received from our September Luncheon, and with Alfred's help, I hope I have in some small way full-filled that goal.



Your new VP-Social, I'm excited to announce is Mindy Hensen! Mindy and I are working closely to ensure a smooth transition as we move through our October reservations and into the October Luncheon. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Mindy (or me...not gone yet!) if you need anything.



Ladies, it has truly been my pleasure to serve such a wonderfully beautiful group of strong and intelligent women. Keep up the great work and call me if you are ever in Hawaii!

Aloha  
Lisa Blenden

### GOT WINE?

At each monthly luncheon, a small group of volunteers brings wine and serves it to luncheon attendees. Donations are taken for the wine and are generously given to the club for philanthropic endeavors. To continue this practice, volunteers are needed to help serve the wine at each luncheon. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact Janet Cason, 832-265-1470 or [janet.carley@yahoo.com](mailto:janet.carley@yahoo.com).

October is  
Breast  
Cancer  
Awareness  
Month

**Wear Pink  
if You Wish!**