



Lago Vista Women's Club

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December, 2017

Words from our President

Trisha Upchurch

November is often known as "Gratitude Month." While we can be thankful for people, places, and things any time during the year, each November I find myself reflecting on blessings that are especially dear to me. I am a lucky girl! I live in a place I love in the greatest state in the greatest country in the world. I have a wonderful family and can spend time babysitting my five grandchildren as often as I want.

My personal thanksgiving list could go on and on, and I'm sure yours could, too. The special acknowledgement I would really like to share with you is the gratitude I have for the Lago Vista Women's Club. The November luncheon was a good example of how many ladies work behind the scenes to ensure that our luncheons go smoothly. Months before the first luncheon, **Fran Rimmer** lined up program guests, such as our November speaker **Mike Barnes**, writer for the *Austin American Statesman*. Wasn't he great!? Weeks ago, **Mindy Hensen** worked with our caterer to ensure that a superb meal was prepared for us. I loved the chicken with pumpkin cream sauce. Before each luncheon, several ladies serve as personal callers. These members are **Carolyn Johnson, Arlene Fisher, Janet Cason, Christy Ordener, Jan Thompson, and Tammy Shock**. Additionally, members serve as cashiers and hostesses. **Karen Parker** circulates the room taking photos at each luncheon.

Much goes into preparing for our luncheons, and thankfully so many ladies pitch in. For the last luncheon, **Dee Phipps, Kay Schneider, Patti Johnson, and Fran Rimmer** helped fold napkins. Furthermore, **Bev Lee, Judy Guthrie, Donna Nash, Dee Phipps, and Mindy Hensen** set the tables and prepared K-Oaks for the luncheon. I especially appreciate how so many ladies stay behind each luncheon to help clean up. After all, as I used to say to my children, "the kitchen doesn't clean itself."

Other members have worked tirelessly on club projects. For example, **Vicki Perrin, Elyse Ernst**, and their team have already dedicated hours of preparation for the January gala. **Donna Nash** and about a million ladies (okay I'm exaggerating – but only a little) have spent hours making decorations for the gala. **Melony Kempf** and **Sandra Schaffner** sold gala tickets and managed to make it look easy.

How about our first ever Facebook page!? Thank you, **Kay Schneider** and **Anna Johndrow**, for setting this up. Additionally, **Sheila Nichols** and **Robin Little** coordinate the special interest groups. And what a wonderful group of coordinators for our special interest groups -- **Freth Carroll, Klee Lee, Ann Murrow, Tamara Flournoy, Ellie Schreiner, Elyse Ernst, Sheri Roberts, Donna White, Susan Knox, Linda Ryan, Linda McCullough, Mary Ann Childs, Vicki Perrin, Pat Storrer, Debbie Long, Jane Russell, Rose Melican, Merilea Pannell, Bev Lee, Anna Johndrow, Karen Parker, Christy Ordener, Mindy Hensen, and Donna Nash**.

I am truly grateful for the involvement of so many members; now I am overwhelming myself because I realize in this short space, I can't possibly thank everyone in the LVWC who has helped in some way or another. In fact, I've barely begun, and I apologize that I've left out so many names. Perhaps you would like me to recognize someone for her contributions to the women's club; if so, please send me the name for future recognition. Gratitude month has reminded me why I like Lago Vista Women's Club so much; LVWC offers something for everyone, and all members can be involved as little or as much as she wants. I'm looking forward to the December luncheon and hope to see you there!



Trisha Upchurch
President -2018



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Trisha



That the first Star Wars movie was released in 1977 and our Club had not yet been founded? But it was JUST about to become the MOST important club in Lago Vista history!



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This Month's Luncheon Information

How did December get here so fast? If you are all like me it seems impossible. I'm really hoping you are ready to share a relaxing and fun time. I have tried to make this a time for joy and sharing and, guess what, even Santa will join us. Here is what you can look forward to beside wearing Christmas colors and catching up with old friends.



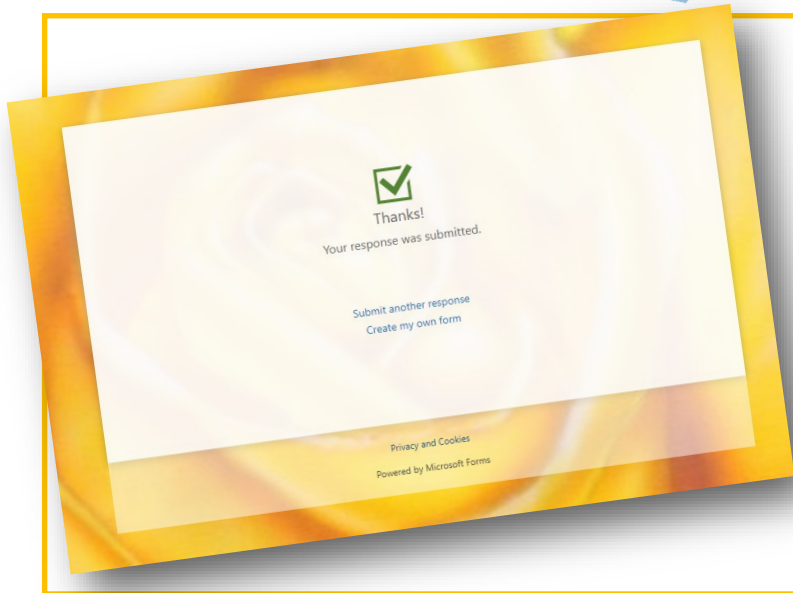
I have invited the 4th/5th grade chorus to sing for us. Due to timelines they will only have time for three songs - then back to school. Santa may miss them when they leave but he will still have all of you, so don't miss him. After that we will be entertained by wonderful piano music by Karen Adams, guitar music by Doug Andrewchewski and Tom Ancira, solo by Lisa Jackson who will also lead a "Sing-a-Long" of carols for all of us. There may be other surprises too, so be sure to join us for a great time at this happy time of year.

God Bless you all,

Fran Rimmer,

1st Vice President

Be sure to get your tickets for the December Monthly Surprise! Only \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and the proceeds support our Philanthropic Committee.



You may make or change your reservation for our December Luncheon by [CLICKING HERE](#). You will be redirected to our website automatic reservation page. You will be asked to provide your name and your email address. As you answer the questions and fill in the information, new options will appear. "Will you be attending?" "Do you have special dietary restraints?", "Will you be bringing a guest?" Once you answer those you will just need to click on the "Submit form" button. **YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL** but you will see a "Thanks! Your response was submitted" message. You are done! If you need to change your reservation later, just go back to our website and repeat the process selecting "I want to change my reservation."



DECEMBER MENU- HOLIDAY WISHES

Spinach and Cranberry Salad-Fresh Spinach with Dried Cranberries, Toasted Nuts and Croutons with Homemade Bacon and Balsamic Dressings

Herb Roasted Pork Loin Herb Roasted Pork with Wine Gravy and Apple Cranberry Relish with Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Bread and Butter

Chef Selection Holiday Desserts





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Our History

We're turning 40!

THE REST OF THE STORY-LAGO VISTA WOMENS CLUB
History of Gala from 1999
Submitted by Annette Stokes

The very first Women's Club Gala Gordon and I attended was in March of 1999, having joined the club in September of 1998. We enjoyed a meal catered by *Thirsty Turtle*, I believe, served on long tables at **Bar K Clubhouse**. There were no reserved seats, just long tables. It was here that we met David and June Freeman. June and I have been gala attendees (and women's club workers) together ever since!

Bar K at that time had a small stage in its main room, and the performers were Women's Club members who presented a mixture of song and dance, comedy skits, in costume. The Director was Vince and two performers I recall were Madeline McFarlin and Bette Burton.

There was a silent auction – small as I recall – and I won a Bud Boleman painting!

We lost the *Thirsty Turtle* as they went out of business, and we decided to create an elegant dinner ourselves. I don't recall the names of the recipes, but I do know we were to prepare for 20 people each; casseroles and desserts. And though we all had the same recipes to follow, the results were all different! Our husbands were the waiters and servers that year. We had purchased our own place settings thru donations, but guess who had to wash dishes when it was over?!

We worked all day to prepare, we served, entertained, cleared tables, and washed dishes, and took out the garbage! Out of our finery into tennis shoes. *A grand change was hiring a real caterer!*

In 2001 the Spring Gala was held in March at K Oaks, the new clubhouse! There was no theme other than "Spring Gala" until 2009, when Jean Andrews was 3rd Vice President and she changed the name to Winter Festival because we changed the date to January 30. The Executive Committee decided it seemed wise to move the date to January because we had become competitors for money raising with the Seton Gala. Themes varied from *Wild Kingdom* in January 2010, to

Voyage of Titanic, to *Wizard of Oz*, *Those were the Days*, and *A Night with Studebakers*. Each year was an exciting change! Donna Nash came aboard to help steer the decorating themes. Fantastic!

Until January 2009 and the Gala date change, no luncheon meeting was held in March, but plans for the Gala were paramount. However, we had to meet in January to promote ticket sales so close to Christmas. It turned out to be a good decision as January was a dull time of year, and people were glad to support us.

And the biggest change: the lure of the information about raising money for charities came in July 2010.

Then Liz Hagler, 3rd Vice President, and I, President, discovered Gayle Stallings, a professional fund raiser. She met with Liz and me for a whole day at **K Oaks**, observing our situation, absorbing our goals and the means of our fund-raising story. She gave this day *gratis*! Raising money is her expertise and she tried to explain to us the ins and outs of successful ventures. She could promise 50% more dollars! She sold us on Paddles Up! But of all changes, **it was a scary time!**
Would this go over with Lago Vista?

I called an emergency Executive Committee meeting in July. Gayle convinced the group that we could do it better! In September 2010, Sheryl Speckman, Teresa Simon, and some others attended a Gayle Stallings workshop to learn the how to's. It was well worth the monies spent to send them, to learn new methods, new ideas.

We became a 501c3 organization in 2005. **I suspect we are among the top in philanthropic giving of all the North Shore clubs.**

Annette Stokes,

Past President

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What's Going On This Month



The Challenge is

receive any loose change (or collected will go toward buying



ON!

Each SIG coordinator has a bucket which is available to foldin' money—we ain't picky!) after each activity. All the money prizes for the PICK A STAR event during the Gala. And the SIG that collects the MOST money will 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- See page 5 for details.

Bunco- **BUNCO CHANGES**-ON your mark, get set, mark your calendars! The LVWC Bunco Group is excited to announce that in January, we will double the FUN by adding a second afternoon of play. This means that we will play on Monday, January 8 AND on Monday, January 22. We always begin playing at 2 p.m.; so come a little early to grab some refreshments and greet friends. Every LVWC member is welcome. We meet at the POA Bluebonnet Room and bring \$2. Questions? Call Debbie Long 512-914-6773

C.A.R.E. Group

Compassionate, Attentive, Reassuring and Encouraging ladies are ready to hear from you! 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. **Also if you need a ride to the monthly luncheons let us know.** If you haven't given us your birth month and date, please do. We want to acknowledge you on your special day! **See page 5 for details**

COOKING POT December will be once again at Robin Little's house. Susan Knox, Nora Skaff and Betsy Brown are in charge of the international cuisine for the month and have some yummy recipes to be prepared and enjoyed. The menu is a secret. Shhhh. Once again, we have a waiting list for December. WE NEED ANOTHER GROUP –PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Hi! Tech!-Computer classes Holiday break until Jan. 17 when we'll start up again with Excel. **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 . Tea at the Driskill. See details on page7.

Literary Club– No meeting in December.

Lunch and a Movie-Dec. 26 will be the next Lunch & Movie details will be emailed over the Christmas weekend. Be sure to check your email. Sign up at Monthly Luncheons, get on email list for monthly notifications. 4th Tuesday of every month unless holidays interfere.

Mah Jongg—There will be no Mah Jongg on Dec. 27.

Otherwise, every Wed. afternoon, 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-Coordinator merilea@aol.com 817-458-2312
Rose Melican-Assistant

Out & About– Armadillo Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 21.-See full details on page 10 and website.

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 S.-503-201-2708,
Elyse E. 832-603-2051, Sheri R. 281-782-7817 See Details on page 6.



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Bits and Pieces

News and Views



Artistic Divas met on December 1 at the Lago Vista library for another Mosaic Bling jewelry class. Later that afternoon, the Divas along with the CARE Special Interest Group made birthday cards for the LVWC members.

Please join the Artistic Divas for Crafts on January 5, 2018 at the LV Library at 2-4pm. We need your help with special table decorations.

If you enjoyed the Bling jewelry class, **Mindy Hensen** will be teaching an Introduction to Mosaics class early next year. Stop by the SIG table at the luncheon for more details and future events.

C.A.R.E. Group News



We have an awesome group of Compassionate, Attentive, Reassuring and Encouraging 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 Hensen 512.267.3962



Still Collecting Tubes! Especially the gift wrap paper size!

Save those empty tubes from paper towels and **gift wrap paper** for Donna Nash and her decorating geniuses (The Gala Gals). Also needed, crochet thread, any color. **NO MORE TOILET PAPER TUBES**

NEEDED, THANKS! You can reach Donna at 512-267-5947

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Say Happy Birthday to those of us celebrating birthdays in December.

Debbie	Spilman	12/2-
Catherine	Williams	12/3-
Patricia	Evans	12/4-
Mindy	Hensen	12/7-
Brenda	Martin	12/11-
Mary	Selby	12/12-
Jan	Eeds	12/13-
Bonnie	Rupprecht	12/17-
Kathy	Cotton	12/18-
JoAnn	Daugherty	12/21-
Paula	Riddle	12/22-
Linda	McCullough	12/24-
Lana	Cox	12/25-
Carole	Mitchell	12/26-
Carol	Watson	12/26-
Linda	Bottoms	12/30-
Lisa J	Spreen	12/30-

December Fun Brain Teaser

What is full of holes but can still hold water?

Answer on page 9.



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Wine Tasting Around the World



Cheers to the holidays from the **Lago Vista Women's Club Wine Tasting Around the World** group! December is our first anniversary as an official Special Interest Group! We have made new friendships, learned quite a lot about different varietals, discovered many excellent

wines, and found some delicious global recipes! Most importantly, we have also been able to significantly contribute to our Club Philanthropic Fund, which is why we are here together!

Our club has now branched out into two wine tasting groups, due to popularity, so exciting! **Laurie Engels** and **Sandra Faske** help to coordinate one of our groups, and **Sheri Roberts, Elyse Ernst, and Ellie Schreiner** organize the other group. Each Wine Tasting Around the World group meets on the third Monday of the month at 4pm. Each group does meet separately, however we taste wines from the same country. Sign ups and payment for each group are at the monthly luncheon and fill up quickly! You are welcome to come taste with us anytime!

This year, we have tasted wines from all over Europe! We visited the flavors of Spain in September at **Mrs. Sandra Faske's** wonderful home, and fed the sweet deer just outside her backyard. France in October was lovely at **Mrs. Sheri Roberts'** home, we loved her view as well as the rich foods and wine! **Mrs. Robin Little** hosted us in November and we enjoyed a huge spread of spirits and hors d'oeuvres, along with petting her sweet dogs in her beautiful home. We all love getting to see our unique homes, as well as merrily eat and drink!

In December, we will have **A Very Sparkly Holiday Wine Tasting!** Our groups will be meeting on December 18th at **Mrs. Robyn Burkhart's** home, and **Sandra Faske's** home to celebrate this merry and bright time of year! We will taste all bubbly wine varieties; sparkling, champagne, prosecco, and cava! Please see us at the luncheon to join in on the sparkly fun!

January will bring a delightful wine tasting for each

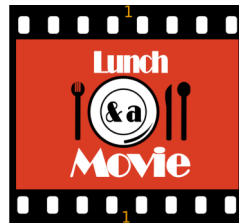
group, as well as our Gala, what a fun month!

February has something BIG in store for the Wine Tasting Around the World groups... we will combine groups for a Texas-size wine tasting of Oregon and Washington wines. Ellie Schreiner started our little club, and is a Pacific Northwest native, she will bring an extra element of local knowledge to our tasting that month! Be sure to see us at the January luncheon as space is limited for this BIG event!

As part of supporting our community, Mrs. Susan Hashem and her store Lakeside Spirits (next to Lowe's and Whole Pet Market), stocks some of the most popular wines from our tasting clubs. She's also a great resource in knowing about different varietals and regions, she's sure to have a great recommendation for the perfect bottle of wine for your festivities.

Warm wishes to all the Lago ladies for a fantastic holiday season!

Lunch and a Movie & Out & About



19 ladies joined together for lunch at Dos Salsas in Cedar Park. I heard a lot of "I don't know you, my name is _____" as we got to know one another and make new friends. We had the most amazing waiter. He was really on top of things. All of us were in & out in about an hour and in plenty of time to get to our movie in the 1890 Ranch Shopping Center. Tickets & seating selections were done online during lunch if not before. The movie "Wonder" was enjoyed by all. A real hit! So, hopefully we'll see new friends & old on Dec 26th when we go out for Lunch & a Movie again.



The next outing for Out & About Special Interest Group will be December 21, 2017. We will once again go to the Armadillo Christmas Bazaar in Austin.

See the full details of meeting times, etc. by clicking [HERE](#) (YOU WILL BE

REDIRECTED TO OUR WEBSITE-SCROLL DOWN TILL YOU FIND THE OUT & ABOUT LOGO)



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Afternoon Tea at the Driskill Hotel

December 15th, 2017

Tea -3pm-5pm

Music Ensemble Follows the Christmas Tea 5pm-7pm

Austin's "Most Attended" Event!

*Invitees: Ladies and their Gentlemen—Dressy Affair!\$55*per person*



*The 1886 Café & Bakery at the Driskill Hotel is proud to continue the tradition of Afternoon and High Teas at the Driskill! Teas are served in the historic and elegant lobby area of the one-hundred and thirty-year old hotel. All teas are served with Texas elegance and include

sparkling wine, exquisite fine teas, fresh-made pastries, tea sandwiches, and desserts, with special treats along the way. "We are proud to serve you and hope to continue this long-lived tradition with you and yours, noted Mary Cook, Driskill Food and Beverage Manager.

Executive Chef Troy Knapp and Executive Pastry Chef Tony Sansalone are dedicated to supporting local and sustainable farmers and markets, and will only serve the finest and freshest produce, fish and meats available.

*A check of \$27.50 reserves your place at this elegant affair and must be paid at the December 12th luncheon. Reservations are charged to the coordinator's credit card. Tax on the \$55 charge for the event is 8.25% (\$4 .54),

along with the stated tip of 24% (\$13.20) to be paid at the hotel. A cancellation *must* be made by email to AnnMurrow@aol.com by Tuesday, December 12th. (If cancelation is made after the 12th, the \$27.50 deposit will be forfeited.) Be prompt at this event! Late arrivals are not guaranteed a place at the table! Food concerns and allergies are taken into consideration if noted on your check.



The total cost of this memorable evening is \$72.74. At the tea, your original down payment check will be returned to you.) Enjoy four hours with Austin's high society

Do sign up at the December luncheon! We have a rip-roaring time at the Driskill! Questions? Please call 512-970-4400 (*correct number!*) or send an email to AnnMurrow@aol.com Solo ladies are encouraged to attend! YOU!

Gala Decorating Committee & Christmas Elves

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- ?





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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.

Lago Sewing Connection



This group is part of a national organization, The **American Sewing Guild**, similar to the Lions Club and the Garden Club. Robyn Burkhart and Jan Comeaux, both avid sewers, have been members of ASG in

other cities and wanted to start a group for local sewers. The group started a year ago and word spread quickly! We meet 2 times a month--the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at the Johnson room at the K-Oaks building. Our group consists of 12-15 members at most meetings. Each 1st Thursday, a program is presented by a member, or we take a field trip or do community service sewing. The 3rd Thursday is reserved for completing projects. One special project done this summer was the Grand Marshal sash worn by Ann Murrow in the 4th of July Parade; sewn and embroidered by Jan Comeaux.

Our sewing skills range from sewing teachers to those who are learning to sew. All interested in sewing are welcome. We use regular sewing machines, embroidery machines and sergers. Our projects range from community sewing for schools, casserole carriers, aprons made from a man's shirt, table runners, and quilting. We are not sewing clothes at this time. Sometimes we eat lunch before the meeting at various local restaurants. At this time we are working with the Bunco group for a community service project. The Lago Sewing Connection will also be making a wall hanging for the LVWC Gala in January. Many members of the ASG are also members of LVWC. For more information or to join, please contact **Jan** at **512-963-8371** or **Robyn** at **281-703-9343**.

Lake Travis Music Theatre



Established in 2007, Lake Travis Music Theatre, Inc. has been called a jewel of Austin's Northshore and Hill Country arts community. Open auditions attract actors, singers and dancers of all ages from the Greater Austin area and beyond. Building on the excellent reputation of this summer's stock company, Lake Travis Music Theatre, Inc.'s 2017 stellar production of the iconic favorite, "Peter Pan" played to capacity crowds and has been nominated for regional awards in several categories by Broadway World Austin! Voting by the public is still open.

LTMT's young actors' school, "Rising Stars", is preparing to present "Beauty and the Beast, Jr." in February of 2018. Students from Kindergarten through High School attend the Thursday classes learning acting skills and rehearsing for various productions.

More information is always available on LTMT's website tmt.org. Donations are always needed and very much appreciated due to the high cost of presenting a major Broadway musical. LTMT wants to thank the Lago Vista Women's Club for their generosity and support...financial and otherwise!!

Lago Vista 4th of July Council



How long have you been living here in Lago Vista? It really doesn't matter if you are a long time resident or just moved here, one of the most memorable things about life here is the remarkable celebration of the birth of our nation that takes place every year as a truly community spirited effort. It started with a small group of families passing the hat at a backyard barbeque to (Continued)



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(Continued from previous page) go out to 1431 and buy some fireworks way back in the late 60's and gradually grew to be both a reflection of patriotic fervor as well as our community's "can do" attitude. Eventually, a 501 (c) 3, non profit organization was born to handle the myriad and sometimes complex issues of all that goes into creating one of the most admired events in our town. Ann Murrow, founder of our club and proud supporter of the 4th of July presided over the Council since it's inception and gathered many talented and dedicated people around her to help with contracting the fireworks, executing a 5K Firecracker race, a wonderful parade down Dawn Avenue, vendors, talent shows, athletic competitions, live music and scrumptious food until the end of 2016. Ann has retired

from the Council and it is now actively searching for a new President to take on the rewarding task of producing an event that reflects love of country and Lago Vista's own style of Lake Living Lago Style. If you are interested in helping to keep this tradition alive and to be instrumental in choosing the components for the 4th in 2018 please contact Anna Johndrow, the current and out-going president of the council. ajohndrow@gmail.com.



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



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

LagoVistaWCnewsletter@gmail.com

Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May
12/22*	01/29	02/26	03/26	04/23**
01/02*	02/08	03/08	04/05	05/03**



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

Send me an email:

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Answer to the Brain Teaser on page 5

A sponge! And no... Bob doesn't wear square pants!



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Come Fly with Me



The LVWC **"Come Fly with Me"** Gala is just a few weeks away! January 27 promises to be an exciting evening. Our auctioneers from last year, Mike and Sherri Hanley are returning, and our band, **Big Night Quintet** will entertain us with some of our favorite tunes. As you know, our Gala is the major fundraiser through

which we award many scholarships and community grants. Our efforts are ongoing in acquiring items for our live and silent auctions, and your contributions are the most important part of our success.

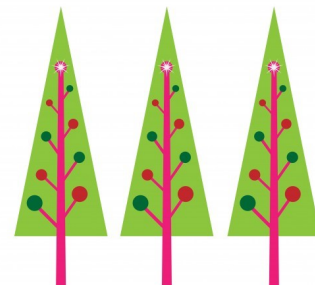
We have some excellent live auction items, including a stay at a beautiful home and casita in Santa Fe, a week's stay at a condo in Maine, a private plane ride and lunch for two, and dinner and wine for 6 at an elegant restaurant in Austin. Check our Gala Facebook Page for pictures and details about these exciting opportunities.

We would love to have a few more quality items for our live auction, so if you or someone you know has something to contribute that can help us in these efforts it would be greatly appreciated! Items for our silent auction are being collected, and we know some of you are busy working on things to enhance this part of our Gala. Remember, you can bring your item to our next luncheon, drop it off at the Chamber of Commerce office, or if you need someone to pick up your item contact Vicki (214-766- 7441) or Elyse (832-603- 2051) and we will be happy to make those arrangements.

Wine for our Wine Pull is being collected as well, and you

can bring your bottle or monetary donation (\$20 minimum value) to the luncheon where a table will be set up for these donations. You may have heard reference to the new "Pick A Star" offering for this year's Gala. For a \$20 donation, you will draw a numbered star from a basket, and receive the gift behind that star; the gift will be worth at least \$20 but could be more! For those of you who participate in one or more of our many Special Interest Groups, you may have donated your loose change to a bucket at your SIG event; all of those donations will go toward purchasing items such as gift cards for our Pick a Star drawings.

Tickets for the Gala were sold out as of the November luncheon. If you want to attend the Gala but did not get a ticket, please remember to contact Melony K (melonykempflvwc@gmail.com) as soon as possible and ask her to place your name on the waiting list. Last year we were able to accommodate most people on the waiting through tickets that were returned. I want to thank each of you for your contributions to our auctions, Wine Pull and Pick a Star. Your generosity continues to enable LVWC to proudly achieve our philanthropic goals!





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A Whoville Christmas comes to K-Oaks!



HAVING AN EVENT?

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.



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.



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 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.

