



Lago Vista Women's Club

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February, 2018

Words from our President

Trisha Upchurch

Happy birthday, Lago Vista Women's Club! We are 40 years strong! Thank you, **Ann Murrow**,* for your vision and perseverance as founder of our club. I know you are pleased with the results! Just imagine the cake and celebration we will have on the 50th anniversary! Special kudos to **Donna Nash** for "baking" a fabulous 4-tiered cake!

And on the subject of celebrations – what a gala we had on Saturday, January 27. Ways and Means Vice-President **Vicki Perrin** and her talented gala committee put on an awesome fund-raising party. What is most impressive is the dedication, "can-do" spirit, and passion of so many members who pitched in to make this a spectacular gala. Vicki first began working on the gala last summer. She formed a team of energetic folks, who recruited additional talented LVWC members to assist in the many responsibilities for throwing such an awesome gala. I can't begin to tell you how impressed I am with the enthusiasm and willingness to help from so many LVWC members. I can't wait to pass out the funds we raised this May when we hold our BIG GIVEAWAY to so many deserving high school seniors and community organizations.

Other exciting events are planned for this spring as well. Looking ahead, the annual scholarship luncheon for high school girls will be held February 7. This is always a fun time to have meaningful conversations with junior and senior students as they plan their future. The scholarship committee then makes decisions for awarding monies to deserving high school girls. Two other committees also meet during the spring – the philanthropic committee and nominating committee. Both groups have important choices to make. These three committees further demonstrate how well LVWC members work together to serve our club and our community.

If you didn't attend the January luncheon, you missed a delightful and inspirational speaker. Monthly surprises were donated by **Fran Rimmer, Peggy Gibson, Sheila Nichols, and Judy Devore**. Thank you, Ladies, for your generous donations. I hope to see you at the February 13 luncheon. Remember to "Spread Your Wings and Fly!"

Trisha



Trisha Upchurch
President -2018



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*See letter from Ann Murrow on page 4

2018 Gala Edition



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This Month's Luncheon Information



We are pleased to have Liza Talbot as our February speaker. Liza is the Digital Archivist at the LBJ Presidential Library. She originally worked in Boston as a Historical Tour Guide but don't hold that against her. She has a Master's degree in Archives and Digital Libraries from UT and has promised to dig deep into the Library to offer us information we never knew. She will be doing a power point presentation and bringing a display of pre-Presidential items from the library with her as well. This promises to be an exceptional program for us all

to enjoy.



Fran Rimmer.

About Missed Luncheon Reservations

What happens if you are unable to attend a luncheon after making a luncheon reservation? According to the club's bylaws, if you have not canceled your luncheon reservation in a timely manner (5:00 PM on Wednesday prior to the Tuesday luncheon), you are expected to send a check for the proper amount to the Treasurer, P.O. Box 4501, within ten days. Reservations for other club events will not be accepted until such moneys are paid. Please keep in mind that meals must be paid to our caterer even if the member misses the luncheon. Proper payment for missed luncheons is most appreciated.

Thank you, Ladies, for making your luncheon reservations by the deadline. Following the luncheon deadline allows us to order enough delicious food for each person who makes a reservation. When members show up without a reservation, it can be difficult to serve everyone. Your 2nd vice-president strives to see that all attendees have plenty of food on their plates; please avoid attending a luncheon without a reservation.



MEETINGS

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

- **LVWC Executive Committee Meeting**
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



FEBRUARY MENU – THAT'S AMORE

Rustic Salad Spring Greens, Spinach and Kale with Seasonal Vegetables, Toasted Pumpkin and Sunflower Seeds and Your Choice of Two Dressings
 Chicken Cacciatore Chicken Breasts simmered in Tomatoes, Wine, Herbs, Peppers and Mushrooms Wild Rice Pilaf , Grilled Seasonal Vegetables Tossed in Olive Oil and Herbs
 Bread and Butter— Chef's Choice Dessert





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Forty Years and Still Counting!

If you attended the January luncheon, you were a part of the 40th birthday celebration of the Lago Vista Women's Club. Our founder Ann Murrow sent this note of thanks, which is reprinted here with Ann's permission. Thank you, Ann, for 40 wonderful years. We love you!

How does one say *Thank You* to an outstanding group of women?

Which woman? Which group? Which year?

Forty years! Each Executive Committee, formerly known as the Board of Directors, has added enormously to the club, increasing its value to the members and community throughout the years.

The club held the first Candidates' Night and served as the community Welcome Wagon. It provided needed hose for the fledging fire department and, paid off the mortgage for the first fire station! Yes, the Lago Vista Library's meeting room was the first fire station site for the local volunteer fire department.

We journeyed to Mexico (34 or 37 persons), to Morocco, Spain and Portugal (17) and the New Orleans's World Fair.

In one way I was not a bit surprised with the 40th birthday celebration last month (after all, it IS the Lago Vista Women's Club!)

I...was...stunned!

A 5' four-tier white birthday cake, composed of 800 tubes (you know the kind...), with yellow roses in the frosting on each of the layers, and, a foot-high yellow "40" candle centerpiece!

Amazed, was I!

The cake was sliced, and I was served the first, delicious piece of birthday cake!

Pleased, I was!

Leaders of the club, dressed in jackets or blouses of bright yellow with black slacks or skirts were gathered around the cake...and beaming! As they should!

Humbled...

Yes, I was truly humbled by the love and affection flowing in the ballroom at our January luncheon.

I may have been the founder of the Lago Vista Women's Club, but it is every club member who makes it the *Special Club It Truly Is!*

The club has continually highlighted the individual member. The 1978 Mission Statement is as active in 2018 as it was in the beginning!

The member who involves herself in the inner-workings and activities of the club continues to have the best of times!

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart! See you all at the 50th celebration!!

Bestest always,

Ann Murrow

Lago Vista Women's Club Founder



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Butterfly and Hummingbird

Tour of Homes-April 7, 2018-Ann Murrow Chair



Your tickets for the 2018 *Tour of Homes* are ready for you to purchase at the February luncheon! Dubbed the “*Butterfly and Hummingbird*” tour, it is to be held on Saturday, April 7th. For a mere \$20 you will be touring eight homes, participating in a Roving Afternoon Tea and raising funds for the club’s philanthropic scholarships and community grants. All in one entertaining afternoon!

Yes, Harvey may have made waves into our LVWC tour plans... but, no fear...Mattress Mac lives up to his word and his home is on our 2018 tour! Joining Mattress Mac (Jim and Linda Mc Ingvale) are these club members who will be serving you Afternoon Tea in their home: Jill Taylor (new member last fall and first to raise her hand to open her home!), Laurie Engels, Martha Mc Ray, Joyce Coleman, Sheri Roberts, Trisha Upchurch and Lana Cox.

A Roving Afternoon Tea, composed of two types of delicacy providers, will highlight the tour. Club members will make items featuring their own favorite recipes, while other bakers will make recipes served at the world-famous *Empress Hotel* in Victoria, British Columbia.

The *Empress Hotel* is known to be the epitome of English Afternoon Tea presentations. Fortunately, Muriel Moffett wrote a book of her lifetime of celebration experiences at the hotel’s Afternoon Teas. The entire book, including recipes is copyrighted. No fear! LVWC goes the right, responsible way! (If you personally have a copy of this lovely book, please make note of your book ownership on the sign-up sheet as each copy of a recipe given to our membership costs a copyright fee.)

Tickets are \$20 each, with a rebate of \$5 to each member

providing food for the Afternoon Tea. The rebate will be funded when the delicacy is delivered to a designated home-on-tour between 11:45 and 12:00 am Saturday, the 7th of April. Goodie providers will then have a group picture taken along with their hostess. Pictures will be available to all through Facebook. And, they are the first guests of the afternoon at that home! (The ticket for the first club tour in 1979 was \$10. Each member was given a handful of tickets. Tickets were not returnable...only money!)

Club members, using an *Empress Hotel* tea recipe will receive a copy of the recipe and have their name on the *Empress Hotel* Menu list of donors along with the name of the delicacy they personally made. Names of those bakers providing their own designated recipe will also be listed. The sign-up sheet designates the delicacy the baker commits to providing, along with the amount to be baked. Each donor, whether using their own recipe or that from the *Empress Hotel* is asked to make (48 -50) cookies, 72 sandwiches (1/3 of a regular sandwich is considered one sandwich for the tea), 2-3 dozen dainty desserts or scones. These amounts are found in the recipes from the *Empress Hotel*.

Add your name to the sign-up sheet to be found on your table at the February luncheon. A specified amount of each item is required so that we can delight each of our expected guests! This month LVWC members will receive a verification email thanking them for their commitment. Each sign-up list at the February luncheon will have a varied list of goodies to be baked by members. What fun!

Those who are involved the most in any activity, always have the most fun! Always my motto!

Questions? Please call Ann Murrow, Tour Chair at 512-970-4400 or email her at AnnMurrow@aol.com

Buy your tickets before the luncheon! Check with your neighbors, friends and relatives beforehand and buy tickets for them too! Many tickets are already spoken for! Oh, have you heard about the entertainment at each of the homes?



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Who We Support

Our Community Grant Recipients

Every year, a group of our 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. The editor apologizes that information from the LVIS District Band Program and the LV Players was requested late and could not make this edition. They will be included in a later issue.



Lago Vista Blue Santa

Back before many of us moved to Lago Vista (1989) a group, along with support from the local Police Department, wanted to do something to help those in our community who were less fortunate. They adopted the name Lago Vista Blue Santa and the program has continued for over 37 years. Like many non-profit organizations, Lago Vista Blue Santa is only able to do its job because of the many generous people in our community and very notably The Lago Vista Women's Club.

The Lago Vista Blue Santa Board consist of eight dedicated people. Tasks the board is challenged with:

- ◆ **Matching donated toys to a child.** Otherwise gifts are purchased. Each child receives three gifts.
- ◆ **Matching gifts to some of the older children.** It is easy to think of what to buy for a young girl or boy, but what about a teenager? With limited funds and many of them asking for clothes or sporting items, we usually give gift cards to Kohl's or Academy.
- ◆ **Wrapping the gifts.** Each year over a 5-7 day time period over 700 gifts will have to be wrapped. A task that normally cannot start until two weeks before they are to be picked up.
- ◆ **Ordering food** and arranging delivery to the staging area.
- ◆ **Set up location.** The past three years, with the help of some great individuals, we have had the great fortune to have access to a hangar at the airport.
- ◆ **Timing.** Each year it feels like the number of days between Thanksgiving and Christmas gets shorter! We start collecting toys the Monday after Thanksgiving. Before then we may not have a place to store them.
- ◆ **Delivery Day,** 4-5 days before Christmas
- ◆ **Tracking expenditures** and paying the bills. A challenge that has always been met by the great people in our community.

We are grateful for the continued support of the Lago Vista Women's Club which has supported us financially, with volunteers and with smiles and good cheer when we have

been engulfed by wrapping paper and Scotch tape! Thank YOU!

Lago Vista ISD Education Foundation

As you are probably aware, like many of the professions, teachers work under a lot of pressure. And with the lack of action from the Texas state legislature, it appears that their professional pressure will not get any easier. In order to cope with the burden of physical or mental distress, the Lago Vista school district has attempted to help its staff in all ways possible. One of those methods was to seek counseling assistance for them.

Due to a generous grant from the Lago Vista ISD Education Foundation, partially funded with a grant from the Lago Vista Women's Club philanthropic efforts, Lago Vista ISD is now proud to offer all employees a comprehensive Employee Assistance Program through Alliance Work Partners®. This completely confidential program provides employees with access to a 24 hour counseling line, face-to-face counseling up to three (3) sessions per incident, a safe ride reimbursement benefit which provides reimbursement for cab fare for eligible employees and dependents that opt to use a cab service instead of driving while impaired, legal and financial planning services provided by a lawyer or financial professional specialist (one per issue per year), and unlimited telephone and online health coaching to help its participants improve and maintain good health and well-being. Clinical services cover employees, their household members and dependents and retirees. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Children under the age of 18 must have a written signed release by their guardian who has custody to attend counseling on their own.

The district has a current utilization rate of 12% for those services, which is quadruple the amount that was anticipated.

The staff of the school district readily appreciates this professional counseling service, and they readily thank the local Education Foundation and the Women's Club for their gracious support.



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What's Going On This Month

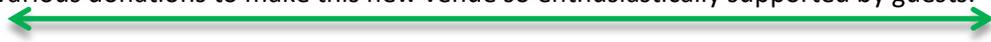


SIG Challenge...

The SIG Challenge was a great way to have a friendly competition to help contribute to the Lago Women's Club philanthropies. A big shout out to all who literally emptied out their purses to fill the buckets. This was a win, win proposition. Your purses were easier to carry, being so much lighter and that enabled us to raise over \$627.00.

And the big winner was (drum roll, please!...) **Wine Tasting Around the World!** Followed closely by Bunco and The Cooking Pot! Way to go.... THANKS!!!!

So how'd it go? Gone, Gone, All Gone. **Pick A Star** premiered at the 2018 Gala to a tremendous success. In less than an hour, all 48 stars had been picked and prizes were distributed to the lucky winners. Thanks to all those who worked hard visiting vendors to procure various donations to make this new venue so enthusiastically supported by guests.



Artistic Divas- February 2 from 2pm - 4pm at the Lago Vista Library for the Artistic Divas Valentine Day decoration workshop or bring your own craft project. Craft Day is the first Friday of each month. Certified Zentangle Teacher coming to the Lago Vista Library on **Friday February 23** at 10am to 12:30. Ginny Krauskopf will be sharing the art, mind and heart of Zentangle. More details on page 8.

Bunco- -BUNCO CHANGES-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! 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! More details on page 7.

The Cooking Pot—Will be meeting on Monday February 5 at Betsy Brown's home. Please check with the coordinators for further details.

Hi! Tech!-Computer classes –February 6 will be Excel, breaking with the previous schedule. February 20 and 27 will be dedicated to *Publisher*. Classes will be at the LV Public Library from 10 am to 11:30. Send Email [HERE](#) to reserve a library laptop or bring your own!

Kick the Bucket-If you signed up for the Esther's Follies outing or have decided you would like to go to the Feb. 16 evening event, please see page 8.

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

Literary Club— **Feb. 20** 12:30 in the Bluebonnet Room, Activity Center –American Drive and Boggy Ford. Sybil Arnold Reviewer.

Mah Jongg— **Every Wed.** 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 and About— Next trip is to the Round Rock Honey House on February 21. See page 7 and website for full details.

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



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News and Views



Artistic Divas

Artistic Divas-What if you could find relaxation of mind and body, creativity, mindfulness, focus and fun, all in a 3.5" square? You can, with Zentangle; an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. We have a Certified Zentangle Teacher coming to the Lago Vista Library on Friday February 23 at 10am to 12:30. Ginny Krauskopf will be sharing the art, mind and heart of Zentangle. Sign up at the February luncheon or [email Bev.Lee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Bev.Lee@sbcglobal.net). Cost is \$35 includes all materials. Class is limited to 20. Learn more about Zentangle at www.zentangle.com.

Watch for upcoming dates for the Spring Fused Glass class in March and Painting on Canvas in April.

C.A.R.E. GROUP

We are Compassionate, Attentive, Reassuring and Encouraging ladies ready to serve 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. If someone needs a ride to the monthly luncheons let us know. **New Service Offered:** If a member is home bound and needs assistance getting their groceries let us know because we would like to help.



We are here for you!

Christy Ordener 432.349.5492

Mindy Hensen 512.636.0423

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

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| Pamela | Berger | 2/1- |
| Ramona | Dempster | 2/1- |
| Pamela | Berger | 2/1- |
| Linda | Ryan | 2/2- |
| Connie | Adkins | 2/3- |
| Sue | Thompson | 2/4- |
| Sharon | Killough | 2/5- |
| Kristie | Weissmuller | 2/5- |
| Gail | Renfro | 2/8- |
| Jan | Steele | 2/8- |
| Kay | Schneider | 2/10- |
| Nonnie | Alger | 2/11- |
| Dorothy | Baronas | 2/11- |
| Peggy | Gibson | 2/14- |
| Judy | Lanza | 2/14- |
| Karen | Adams | 2/17- |
| Marty | Callahan | 2/19- |
| Julia | Waldrop | 2/19- |
| Mary Ann | Childs | 2/22- |
| Donna | De Francesco | 2/24- |
| Katie | Evans | 2/24- |
| June | Freeman | 2/24- |

February Fun Brain Teaser

Two girls were born to the same mother, on the same day, at the same time, in the same month and year and yet they're not twins. How can this be?

Answer on page 8.



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Bits and Pieces

News and Views (continued)



The Cooking Pot In January the Cooking Pot met to learn about, cook and indulge in food from Thailand. The February 5 meeting will be at Betsy Brown's home. Be sure to sign up for the March fun session at the February Luncheon. Check with coordinators for more details. 512-695-8300



Honey, 1308 Chisholm Tr #106, Round Rock, TX, 78681, 512-828-5416 ***This tour is indoors and does not involve live bees. *** *We will meet and carpool from the lower parking lot at CVS at 10:30A in order to have lunch first. Lunch*

reservations are at : Pacific Star Oyster Bar, 251 W. Palm Valley Dr, Round Rock, TX 512-255-3535 If we are lucky, the weather is nice and time permits, we may try to check out another location of interest that is nearby. Or you can check them out on your own on another day. 1. Round Rock Gardens/Nursery, 901 Sam Bass Rd., Round Rock (They carry landscaping supplies as well as plants) 2. For all you cemetery buffs, this may be of interest. Old Round Rock/Historic Slave Cemetery on Sam Bass Rd. 3. I know people that order their Christmas pies here every year Papi's Pies-Place an order to pick up (it's just around the corner) 10 Chisholm Trail Suite B Round Rock, Texas 78681 (512) 828-9047



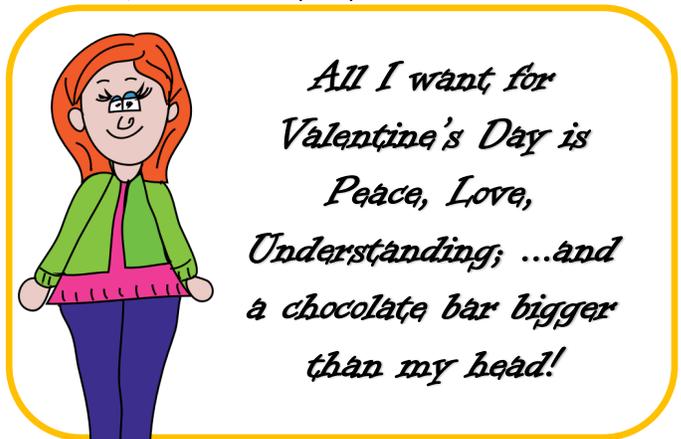
Kick the Bucket

Kick the Bucket-Twenty-some fun-loving Lago Vistans are scheduled to be enthralled by the comedy of politics in our lives today. (We just do not get enough of the fun on TV and newsprint...or something like that.) One tiny problem, everybody wants to go, but no one has offered to drive! Ann Murrow is departing Lago Vista before noon to prepare for a Wine Pre-Show party in her room at The Driskill Hotel for all attendees. But, alas! No drivers, no party! No go! So, if your last-minute interest pops up for the Friday, February 16th fun event call if you wish you had made a reservation. For those who have registered to attend, it is imperative that Ann hears from you ASAP! Four-five drivers are needed. Come on gals! Please text 512-970-4400 or email her at AnnMurrow@aol.com. (Phone number in the yearbook is incorrect.)

Out & About—Wednesday, February 21, our group will travel to Round Rock to the Round Rock Honey House for a 1-1/2 hour tour. The tour highlights the history of Round Rock Honey in addition to discussing unique hives and harvesting



methods. You'll see the tanking process along with the new bottling and labeling line. Learn about honey bees, beekeeping and their contribution to our lives. Each tour concludes with a honey tasting, and the opportunity to pick-up local honey, lip balm, beeswax candles and much more. The cost per person is \$12 for the tour. Our tour is scheduled for 12:30P. Round Rock



Answer to the Brain Teaser on page 7

They are two babies from a set of TRIPLETS!



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Nominating Committee

LOOKING FOR LEADERS



Dee Phipps

2018 Nominating Committee Chair

Remember the old Johnny Lee song "Looking for Love in all the Wrong Places?" Well, as a take-off on that song, your Women's Club nominating committee is Looking for Leaders in all the Right Places. Each year a nominating committee is selected to make recommendations for members to serve on the Club's executive board. This

year's nominating committee includes Chair Dee Phipps and members Freth Carroll, Janet Cason, Ann Murrow, and Linda Ryan.

Club by-laws (Article IV, Section 6) state that officers shall be elected for one year and may succeed themselves for one year only. Positions open for the 2018-2019 year are 1st Vice President-Programs, 4th Vice President-Publicity, and Historian. Job descriptions for these positions are available from the Club president or secretary. If you would like to serve or know someone who does, forward those names to any member of the nominating committee. This is not the time to surprise your best friend. Candidates should always be aware that they are being recommended for any position. Suggestion cards will be available on the clipboards at the February luncheon.

At the April luncheon, nominees are presented to and voted on by the Club's membership. New officers are sworn in at the May luncheon meeting.

The Lago Vista Women's Club has been very fortunate in past years to have dedicated and skilled women step forward to serve on the Executive Board and Executive Committee (check page 3 in your directory for a list of these positions) and this year's nominating committee wants to continue this fine tradition. Just remember, we are looking for LEADERS and you may be the one we need.

The positions which are currently open listed below with the official description of the respective duties:

1st Vice President Programs-The 1st Vice President shall be the Chairperson of the Program Committee. She shall have freedom of selection in the fields of art, music, literature, and other suitable sources while ensuring that all programs are of a non-commercial nature and non political.

4th Vice President Publicity-The 4th Vice President Publicity shall be responsible for publicity and articles for general membership, monthly meetings, Facebook updates and any other publicity requests of the Executive Committee.

Historian-The Historian shall keep all newspaper clippings, printed programs, and other notices pertaining to Club activities. She shall also prepare a narrative [and pictorial when feasible] account of the Club's activities during her term of office. This account becomes a permanent part of the Club's official history.

Lago Vista Women's Club LOOKING FOR LEADERS

I recommend the following member(s) for the open Board positions listed.

OR

I am interested in serving on the Executive Board and have written my name by the position.

1st Vice President - Programs

4th Vice President - Publicity

Historian

A nomination slip will be on the tables at the luncheon or download a fillable form from our website (in ABOUT US) or by [CLICKING HERE](#).



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Come Fly with Me



What a glorious evening for the Lago Vista Women's Club! The "Come Fly With Me" gala was a night filled with excitement as the attendees socialized, dined and danced. K Oaks was a sky full of beautiful hot air balloons, birds and bees, fairy gardens, and outer space! *Alfred's Catering* provided the guests with a delicious meal of a fall salad, roasted beef medallions, roasted garlic

mashed potatoes and winter vegetables, topped off with chocolate cake that got rave reviews. *The Big Night Quintet* played a wide assortment of jazz and blues, leading with "Come Fly With Me" to begin the entertainment. Our auctioneers, **Mike** and **Sherri Hanley**, provided buzz of excitement with the live auction items and paddles up bidding. *The Wine Pull* and *Pick A Star* were a huge success.

The achievements of this magnificent event would not have been possible without a team of ladies who worked tirelessly and never wavered in their commitment to the gala. **Elyse Ernst**, Auction Chair as well as Gala Co-Chair, provided tremendous support; Elyse spent countless hours and traveled literally hundreds of miles to procure donations from businesses locally and all around the Austin area and beyond, as well as insuring the quality of our live auction items. **Sheryl Speckmann** led the silent auction team of **Gina Williams** and **Diane Voth**, whose time and creativity in putting together dozens of offerings made for a lovely presentation. Gina's home was "remodeled" into a storage space for several months! **Donna Nash** led the Decorating Committee, with all the Gala Gals spending long hours over many months creating the decorations that filled K Oaks. What those ladies can do is amazing! **Mindy Hensen** pulled double duty on the Gala Committee, working with Alfred to arrange a beautiful meal, as well as coordinating the cashier processes, with help from **Judy Devore** who assumed responsibility of the cashier database, helping our cash out process go smoothly. I cannot adequately describe the creativity of **Anna Johndrow**, who filled so many critical parts of the gala process, from designing the tickets and program, creating the slide show presentation for our auction items, and a myriad of other details. Anna worked along with **Kay Schneider** to develop our very own gala *Facebook* page! Their constant monitoring and updating of the page provided viewers details of the gala as well as the items presented for auction.

Many others worked diligently on the committee: *Wine Pull*, **Rose Melican** and **Judy Guthrie**; *Pick A Star*, **Elyse**, **Kari Monahan**

and **Marilyn Hamblin**; *Ticket Sales*, **Melony Kempf** and **Sandra Schaffner**; *Publicity*, **Kay Schneider**, *Wine Bar*, **Annette Stokes**; *Entertainment* and *Hostesses*, **Jan Thompson-Harnett**; *Photography*, **Patti Johnson**; *Travel Bag Drawing*, **Nancy Meierhoff**; and **Elaine Hughes**, who helped in receiving

items at the *Chamber of Commerce*. As club President, **Trisha Upchurch** provided leadership and constant support of the Gala, always on call and generously giving of her time. I thank each one of you for contributing your time, your ideas and your incredible attention to every detail of the gala. You are a remarkable group of women and I'm honored to have worked alongside you.

There are so many others who volunteered all along the way to help make the gala successful, from many of you who assisted the committee chairs in whatever they asked you to do, to those of you who volunteered your time on gala evening to help with an auction table or other activity, to those who worked as a cashier, hostess, bartender, or jumped in as needed to help with last minute details. The army of ladies who came to K Oaks on Friday before gala day to help transform the room into a sky of beauty and to make sure everything looked perfect made the day so much fun. So to each and every one of you, thank you for your support, your time and your dedication to the success of the gala.

The evening was a whirlwind of fun and socializing, but the generous participation in the live and silent auctions, paddles up, the wine pull, pick a star and the travel bag drawing stole the show! The final amount raised is still being calculated, but we know that our goal of granting scholarships to local high school young women and awarding grants to local philanthropic organizations will once again be soundly achieved. Thank you to those who bid on auction items and participated in the other offerings, and to all of you who donated time, money and items for the gala.

I marvel at what we as a club are able to accomplish. Each of you should take great pride in your efforts, not just for the gala but throughout the year, toward the achievement of our goal of helping others in our community.

Vicki Perrin





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February,

Photo Gallery



The SIG Challenge was a great success, it raised the funds in support of PICK A STAR which brought in over \$627!



Dancing, great bartenders, Wine Pull, and excellent decorations all made for the perfect evening.



One of the Silent Auction Tables— great finds abounded.





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Ladies,



All good plans...you know how the saying goes! Back in December, we had to go to a new system for making luncheon reservations. If you had already reserved your spot for future luncheons, I no longer have that information, so you will need to reserve again. Currently, members are only able to reserve for one luncheon at a time. I apologize for the inconvenience. Emails have been sent to remind you to RSVP for the February luncheon. The email notification has a big green button toward the bottom of the page:

(It looks like this, except the see how it takes you to the

RESERVE NOW

letters are white) Click on THIS one and you'll reservation page.

To reserve your place you need to click on that button. It will take you to the form where you make your selections. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO REPLY TO THAT EMAIL REMINDER & YOU DO NOT MAKE A RESERVATION BY REPLYING TO THE EMAIL.** Getting your email messages is wonderful, but I want to make sure you don't miss an opportunity to marvel at the automatic reservation system. It will immediately send you an email in return, confirming your reservation and displaying all the information you entered in the system. It is really pretty cool! That green button up there will take you to the reservation system too. Give it a try. And remember, if you made a reservation in advance for February, March, April and/or May it is lost in cyber space and needs to be redone using this newer system. There is also a page on our website lvwomensclub.com for reserving for the luncheon. The button on the website is **RED**.

Thanks,

Mindy Hensen

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

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.

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.

