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### **Notes from the Prez**

November already? Recent research has proven that we are NOT crazy... time really does move faster as we mature! I'm not sure this is reassuring news or not, but it is slightly comforting to learn that science has recognized this phenomenon!

November brings us to the exciting prospect of our upcoming Gala in very real terms! Tickets to the extravaganza will go on sale at the November luncheon, and you may all notice a serious uptick in the scurrying about procuring items for the silent and live auctions, the games and the Wine Pull! Gala Chair, Ruth Lloyd, and her committee have selected an exciting theme for this year *A Night at* the Copacabana one of the most famous places in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil... known for both the beautiful Copacabana Beach with tanga wearing bronzed ladies and the many excellent and luxurious hotels with fantastic nightclubs. In our case, no tangas, please!

Our decorating chair, Patty Nixa, is securing marvelous items to fulfill her vision of a tropical

paradise. Ruth Lloyd has hired a fantastic 6member band, The Prodigy Music Group, we already have some amazing, first-time-ever minivacations lined up for our live auction, Rose Melican is collecting superb bottles of wine for the Wine Pull, and then there are THE GAMES! So much fun! Be sure to get your tickets early as you won't want to miss this gala! By the way, the mini-game we enjoyed last month collecting donations for the Pick a Star game was hugely successful! Thanks to all of you who got into the spirit, we raised over \$500! Don't forget that at the November luncheon, we will be collecting Gift Cards with a value of \$20 or more. So, if you have a gift card you just never get around to using, or you wish to acquire one to donate, don't forget to bring it to the luncheon!

Our program for November, in honor of our Nation's veterans, is in the capable hands of Emily Dieckmann, a very dynamic and awesome community member who will talk to us about her career in the military and the opportunities and chal-

lenges that military life presents for women. Emily piloted military aircraft, including helicopters, in the Middle East. Her presentation will be spellbinding and give us a whole new perspective and respect for those who serve our nation.

Please take a moment to refer to the clipboards on each of the tables. They offer details on upcoming projects and events and new ones in the making. Of particular interest is the possibility of a new SIG dedicated to working with adult women interested in completing higher education or training in a trade. The new SIG would be called Second Chance and will collaborate with the Scholarship Committee to help identify candidates for Adult Education Grants. If you would be interested in participating in this effort, check it out on the clipboards and put your name down!

I saw a meme the other day that I just have to share...I am a fat person who identifies as skinny... I'm trans-slender!

And on that note, see you at the November luncheon!

Anna



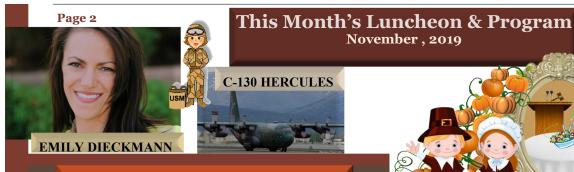


- Attend December Field Trips with Out & About ~and~ Kick the Bucket Groups!
- Box Top App to support our LVISD
- Call for Photos
- Free November Luncheon Winner



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#### Women in the Military

We honor all who have served in defense of our country and way of life. Emily Dieckmann will share some of her experience as a woman in the military and include other roles women have played throughout history in the US Armed Forces.

Emily Dieckmann is a real estate agent on the north shore of Lake Travis. She and her family love calling Point Venture home because it offers a lake lifestyle at a great value. The family takes full advantage of Lake Travis by swimming, fishing, boating, and visiting the many parks. She stays well connected and busy in the local area. Her children are active in school sports and Boy Scouts. They regularly attend church and enjoy volunteering their time for various community projects. Her passion for real estate is clearly demonstrated through her many achievements and awards. In addition to her real estate career, she is the president of the North Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to her real estate career, she served 22 years in the US Armed Forces. She learned first hand the value of hard work serving first as an Army Combat Medic and then as an Aeromedical Evacuation Technician with the Air Force. She was eventually commissioned as an officer and a pilot. She racked up over 300 combat hours in Iraq and Afghanistan flying the C-130 transport aircraft. The C-130 features a loading ramp and door in the tail that can accommodate palletized loads, vehicles, and troops. This aircraft can airdrop up to 42,000-pound loads or land on short, unimproved air-

strips in forward combat zones.



Mixed Greens with Apples, Blue Cheese, & Toasted Almonds Served with Cranberry Honey Mustard & Champagne Vinaigrette

Turkey Pot Pie with Biscuit Topping Roasted Turkey Chunks with Carrots, Peas, & Gravy Topped with Buttermilk Biscuits

**Mashed Sweet Potatoes** 

Until the early 90s, women were allowed to serve only in non-combat supporting roles. The role of women in the military has changed over the years, and they now serve alongside their male counterparts in all areas of military life.



#### **Holiday Wishes Dinner**

#### **Spinach & Cranberry Salad**

Fresh spinach w/ dried cranberries, toasted nuts & croutons, w/ homemade bacon & balsamic dressing

#### **Herb Roasted Pork Loin**

Herb roasted pork w/wine gravy & apple cranberry relish

**Sweet Potatoes Roasted Brussle Sprouts** 

Bread & Butter Chef Selection Holiday Desserts Next Month's Luncheon & Program

December 10, 2019

Our December program, entitled, "Protecting Yourself Against Financial Fraud," will be presented by Stacy Bouwman, AAMS. Stacy is a financial advisor who will address:

- How scammers get your information
- Keeping your personal information safe





We are a couple of months away from our 2020 Annual Gala, "A Night at the Copacabana," when once again, we will raise funds for college scholarships and Our Gala will be here soon! community grants. Our success in this

endeavor depends on the generosity of our members and those in the North Shore/Austin area. Ruth Lloyd, Gala Chair, and Sandra Foske, Silent Auction Chair, as well as the members of our Gala and Auction committees have been

busy seeking items for our auctions, but we need your help! We are asking you to reach out to your family, friends, neighbors, vendors, and sponsors for auction items. We greatly appreciate your donations, from gift cards to vacation getaways. Donations, along with the completed donation form, can be dropped off at the Chamber of Commerce office,



brought to the luncheon, or you can contact Ruth or Sandra, and we will arrange to pick them up.

Rose Melican is collecting bottles of wine (minimum \$20 value) for the Wine Pull and would appreciate having as many bottles as possible by the December luncheon. And to make it easier for you, you can simply give

your money for wine to Rose, and the committee members will do the shopping for you! Patty Nixa and the decorating team are working away; thank you to the many volunteers who have offered to work on this team.





### WANTED

### **Items Needed to Get Your Party On**

The 2020 Gala Decorating Committee needs the following donations or loans:

- \*Live Palmetto or sego palm fronds that we can cut a few days before the Gala
  - \*Artificial palm fronds
  - \*Artificial fruit, tropical flowers

- \*Straw hats
- \*Maracas
- \*Oblong plastic table cloths in various bright colors.
  - \*Balloons of various sizes and colors
- \*Ukulele
- \*Bongo drum
- \*Rough sawn wood boxes (crates)
- \*Artificial toucan bird
- \*Barrels



If you would like to help with decorations for the Gala, please call or email Patty Nixa, patricianixa@gmail.com. 512-971-2942

Congratulations to Robyn Burkhart, winner of the free November luncheon!

## **Gala Wine Pull**

Our GALA is fast approaching, and we are already in the planning stages of this highly anticipated event. For the Wine Pull, we need donations for a bottle of wine from you. It can be Red, White, or Champagne, with a cost of \$20.00 or more.

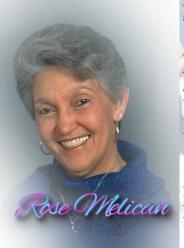
A receipt is NOT necessary.

Please remember to bring your bottle to either the November or the December LVWC meeting. We will have a table set up to collect your wine dona-

If you wish to make a \$20.00 cash donation in lieu of buying a bottle of wine, we would be delighted to shop for you.

Last year, we had a donation of 61 bottles, including cash. I would love to see us meet our goal of 62 bottles this year. ALL of these proceeds go toward our scholarship program. No expenses come out of this. So please help us reach our goal !!!!! SEE 'YA AT THE GALA!

Rose Melican (Chair), Judy Guthrie, and Nancy Meierhoff.





## LVWC November 2019 Events & Special Interests Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 * Learning Bridge 10:00 - 12:00 *Party Bridge 1:00 - 4:00	2
Daylight Savings Time FI- NALLY ENDS!!!	4 *Cooking Pot 10:30-3:00	5	6 *Mah Jongg 4:00-4:00	7	8 *Learning Bridge 10:00 - 12:00	9
10	11 *Bunco 1:45 -4:00 Veterans Day	12 *Musical Notes 11:30 (b/f luncheon) *LVWC Luncheon 11:00 - 1:30 (approx.)	13 *Hand & Foot 1:00-4:00	14	15 *Learning Bridge 10:00 - 12:00  *Party Bridge 1:00 - 4:00  *Artistic Divas 1:00 -	16
17	18 *Chefs Hat 11:00 - 3:00  *Wine Tasting Around/World 4:00-6:00	19 *Birding Group 9:00 - 10:00 *TED Talks 12:00 - 2:00 *Literary Group 12:30 - 3:00	20 *Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00	21	22 *Learning Bridge 10:00-12:00	23
24	*Deadline* for LVWC December Newsletter Submissions	26 *Firearms 9:00 -10:30 *K-Oaks Christmas Elves 9:00 - 2:00 *Lunch & A Movie	27 *Hand & Foot 1:00 - 4:00	28 Thanksgiving	29	30 N



### THANKSGIVING RIDDLES

\*Which side of a turkey has more feathers?

\*How did the chicken, pheasant, turkey, duck, and goose get in trouble?

> Answers: "The outside. "Because of their fowl language.



Nov 18 — Chef's Hat 11:00 - 3:00 Info at Luncheon sign-up table

Wine Tasting Around/World 4:00- 6:00 Sign-up required

Nov 1 — Learning Bridge 10:00 - 12:00 Bluebonnet Room

> Party Bridge 1:00 - 4:00 Bluebonnet Room

Nov 4 — Cooking Pot

10:30 - 3:00 Info at luncheon sign-up table

Nov 6 — Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00

1:00 - 4:00 Primrose Room Lisa Walker's Granddaughter Nov 8 — Learning Bridge

10:00 - 12:00 Bluebonnet Room

Nov 11 - Bunco

1:45 - 4:00 Bluebonnet Room

K-Oaks Nov 13 – Hand & Foot 1:00–4:00

Sunflower Room K-Oaks

Nov 15 — Learning Bridge 10:00 - 12:00

Bluebonnet Room

**Party Bridge** 1:00 - 4:00 Bluebonnet Room

Artistic Divas 1:00 - 4:00 Lago Vista Public Library (Christmas Cards) Nov 19 — Birding Group 9:00 - 10:00 Info at Luncheon sign-up table

> **TED Talks** 12:00 - 2:00 Lago Vista Public Library

**Literary Group** 12:30 - 3:00 Bluebonnet Room

Nov 20 — Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 Primrose Room

Nov 22 — Learning Bridge 10:00 - 12:00 Bluebonnet Room

Nov 26 — Firearms 9:00 - 10:30 Bluebonnet Room

> **K-Oaks Christmas Elves** 9:00 - 2:00 K-Oaks Club House

Lunch & A Movie Info at Luncheon Sign-Up Table

Nov 27 — Hand & Foot 1:00 - 4:00 Sunflower Room K-Oaks Clubhouse



Here we are and somehow it is November already.

The Lago Vista Women's Club Special Interest Groups are in fine form and ready for serving, supporting, learning, and having some fun times. Here is the scoop on the goings on of the many groups that make us tick



#### **Artistic Divas**

It's time for the Artistic Diva's annual Homemade Christmas Cards Workshop with Bev Lee

**Date:** Friday, November 15, 2019 **Place:** Lago Vista Library's meeting

room

Time: 1:00-4:00 pm

**Cost:** \$30 *Due at luncheon sign up table* **Bring with you:** Any crafting tools you may have like a bone folder, scissors, etc. **Questions:** Call or text Bev Lee at (512)

585-3587

Cost covers 20 high-quality cards & envelopes.









#### **Care Group**

We are a group of Compassionate, Attentive, Reassuring and Encouraging ladies ready to hear from you! CARE members are here to provide cheer and encouragement to all club members.

Please let us know if you or a member you know is ill, in the hospital, facing an upcoming surgery, or going through a difficult time. We will make phone calls, home visits if desired, provide a grocery service, and library book check out service for members that are ill or homebound.

#### If you need a ride to the monthly luncheons let us know. We are here for you!

Email us at: lvwccaregroup@gmail.com Christy Ordener 432-349-5492 Trish Aikman 512-786-9615

#### The Chef's Hat



**Date:** November 18, 2019

Time: 11:00-2:00

Place: 21306 High Drive, Lago Vista (Becky Pfile's house—The Chef)
Theme: "Holiday Hors Douevors"
Cost: \$20 due when you reserve your spot. Sign-up begins at the sign-up table just before the luncheon so arrive early to ensure your spot.

Class size is limited to 12—so IF you are unable to attend, kindly give 72-hour notice so that someone from the waiting list can be included.

**Questions:** Please call our coordinators:

Lynn Tannehill 254-541-5832 Kathy Lincoln 512-656-6896. Chef Becky Pfile 832-797-4560.



#### The Cooking Pot

The next Cooking Pot class: No-

vember 4, 2019

Hostess: Robin Little

Planners: Paula Riddle, Gladys Ables,

and Laura Engles.

**Theme:** Participants have chosen our menu from a country overseas for

our taste buds to

explore.

This group is limited to 16 participants and fills quickly. A waiting list is kept in case someone has to drop out. For this SIG, sign ups and payment are required 2 months in advance.

If anyone desires any of the recipes, contact one of the planners.







#### **Ted Talks**

**Date:** November 19, 2019 **Time:** 12:00—2:00

Place: Lago Vista Public Library Topic: "The Political Power of Being a Good Neighbor" by Michael Tubbs.

### **More November SIG Information**



#### **Birding Group**

LVPOA is creating a new bird blind at one

of the POA parks along the lake. Let's watch hat species are coming to the new feeders at Green Shores Park! The address is

Date: November 19 Time: 9:00 - 10:00.

Place: 5000 Green Shores Circle (along the lake by the LV golf

course clubhouse.)

This outing will be mostly stationary by the feeders, so even those with limited mobility are welcome. And of course, beginning birders.

The entire Cala Committee is busy working

#### WANTED

Your favorite Holiday/December

photos to share in our **December Newsletter!** 

Send to:

LagoVistaWCNewsletter@gmail.com



#### LVWC Events & SIG

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1	2 * Cooking Pot 10:30 - 3:00	3	4 *Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00	5	6 *Learning Bridge 10:00 - 12:00 *Party Bridge 1:00 - 4:00 *Artistic Divas 12:30 to 3:30 *Out & About's Salado Christmas Stroll meet at 9:45 CVS parking lot	7
8	<b>9 *Bunco</b> 1:45 to 4:00	10 *Musical Notes 11:30 *LVWC Luncheon	11 Kick the Bucke Cruising on the Riverwalk (Mo		13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	<b>23</b> Hanukkah Begins	24	<b>25</b> Christmas	<b>26</b> Kwanzaa	27	28
29	30	31				



**Dec 2** - Cooking Pot 10:30 - 3:00 Info at Sign up table

Dec 4 — Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 Primrose Room

Dec 5 — Kick the Bucket Tea at Sheri Robert's House Info at sign-up table

Dec 6 — Learning Bridge

10:00 to 12:00 Bluebonnet Room

Party Bridge 1:00 to 4:00 Bluebonnet Room

**Artistic Divas** 12:30 to 3:30 LVWC Library (Vintage Jewelry)

**Out and About** meet at 9:45 CVS Salado Christmas Stroll

Dec 9 - Bunco 1:45 to 4:00 Bluebonnet Room Dec 10 — Musical Notes 11:30 Johnson Room

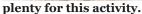
> LVWC Luncheon K-Oaks Clubhouse



**December Special Interest Group Preview** 

### **Artistic Divas Rock Around the Vintage Jewelry Christmas Tree**

In December, we will make vintage jewelry Christmas trees! You need to start collect ing vintage jewelry now so that you have



Bring your mother's and grandmother's old jewelry and any other vintage jewelry you can find. We will meet on December 6th from 12:30-3:30 at the library.









Side Note: We have had to

change the PLACE where we are meeting in January

due to the library book sale. The January meeting

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### Out-and-About Group to Experience the Sights & Sounds of Salado's Traditional Christmas Stroll



**Bring family and** friends to make lasting memories at Salado's Largest event of the year! Come and enjoy many festivities such as Carriage Rides, Live Nativity, A Christmas Carol at the Local Amphitheater,

Visit Santa and write letters to him, Carolers, Food Vendors and more. Many of the Shops all along Main St. will be open for late night shopping up to 10pm on Friday.



(Feel free to bring a friend but be sure to sign them up)

When: Friday, December 6, 2019 Time: 11:00 am to 10:00 pm. Carpooling from CVS Parking lot at 10:00

am SHARP! Please arrive there at 9:45. Parking in Salado is free.

**Dining:** The Old Stagecoach Inn (Historical Site)



RESTAURANT Hours Open every day: 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Breakfast: 8-11 a.m.  $Happy\ Hour\ Monday\text{-}Friday\text{: } 3\text{-}6\ p.m.$ Saturday and Sunday brunch: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

> 416 S. Main Street Salado, Texas 76571 (254) 947-5111

### Kick the Bucket Group to Kick it Up at the San **Antonio Riverwalk with Caroling & Cruising**

Christmas is here, and it's time for caroling. We have our very own San Antonio Riverboat reserved for 16 special Lago Vista Women's Club members and guests. Afterward, let's share a tasty meal at Landry's Seafood, spend the night Stay: 3:00 PM area LaQuinta Inn Market Square at LaQuinta Market Square, next morning free breakfast at the hotel, and after some morning sightseeing, eat lunch at 1:00 pm at Margarita Restaurant Market Square before returning home.



If you want to get the special Laquinta Inn rate of \$82.17, please give your check for that amount to Lee or Ann BY December 1. The rooms we've reserved

for Wednesday night, each have two double beds. So you can share with a spouse or guest if you like.

**DETAILS for the Lago Vista Women's Club Riverwalk Boat Caroling Activity** 

When: Wednesday, December 11, 2019—Thursday, December 12, 2019

Meet for Caroling: 5:30 PM Embassy Suites on the Riverwalk

**Caroling:** 6:00-7:30 PM

Wednesday Dinner: 7:30 at Landry's Seafood Riverwalk

Overnight: LaQuinta Inn Market Square

Breakfast: LaQuinta Inn

Lobby Free

Lunch: 1:00 at Margarita Res-

taurant Market Square

For more Info call Lee O'Hare at: 907-378-2987

Coordinator is Ann Murrow and Assistant is Lee O'Hare













FYI—wine is available before and during lunch for a nominal donation. Proceeds go directly into our charitable account for scholarships and grants. (Special thanks to all those who have donated wine for this cause!)



Be sure to welcome our grant recipients who will be represented at our November 10th Luncheon





Keep Lago Vista Beautiful is a volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing and preserving the natural Hill Country charm of Lago Vista through progressive community projects.







Box Tops is changing to fit today's families. They have an app! The new and improved mobile app uses state of the art technology to scan your grocery receipt and automatically finds the qualifying products and credits the school you have chosen.

The app is free. No more clipping. Unless you want to. Try it. You may like it.



MORE THANKSGIVING RIDDLES \*What do grateful, thankful, wonderful, and joyful have in

> \*If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers

> > bring?

common?

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\* They are all stuffed.

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Time to put away the fun Halloween decorations and turn our attention to more meaningful celebrations. November is the perfect month for reflection on what is important in our lives, and all that the good Lord has blessed us with. A friend who battled depression once shared with me a strategy given to her to help her gain a clearer perspective of her life. It was to start each day being thankful for one thing. Sounds simple enough, right? But wait, there was a catch. She had to pick something new every single day.

This was an exercise that I decided to challenge myself with. Like my friend, It wasn't long before I had exhausted my obvious blessings, a wonderful husband, promised children when the doctors said no, awesome and insightful parents who encouraged creativity and learning, brothers and sisters to love like crazy, dear friends that feel more like family, a loving God, a free country, etc. Perhaps your obvious blessings are slightly different than mine, and that's only right. (Life would indeed be boring if everyone were exactly the same.) It wasn't long before I was thankful for the beautiful sunset the night before or the bird song when I took teenagers to seminary before the crack of dawn. More recently, I've been thankful for super cute grand-children who treat me like a rock star! Can you imagine me with groupies?

This year I am thankful to have survived yet another Texas scorching summer; or in other words, I am thankful for whoever invented 18 SEER air conditioning units! I am grateful for indoor plumbing and central heating. I am thankful for cars, airplanes, and other modes of transportation that make things like horses and bicycles, and boats recreational activities. I am thankful for my kitchen with a stove that doesn't require me to build a fire, a refrigerator that doesn't need a massive block of ice, and a countertop that makes me grin like crazy because it sparkles when I wipe it down. I am grateful for my memory foam mattress that I am sure is much more comfortable than a straw pallet. Also, I don't get the appeal of feather pillows. I tried one once, and it was the opposite of fluffy. Wait, I am digressing... While I'm speaking of comfort, I am thankful for spandex and lycra every time I bend over to retrieve something. In short—and as I am short, so I DO know short—I am thankful I wasn't born a hundred years ago! I confess to being a totally modern Millie! I am grateful for modern conveniences!

I invite you to try this exercise for yourself. My friend explained that while it isn't intended to be a cure for depression, it is a great way to fight feeling blue and make you realize how truly blessed your life is. So, if you accept the challenge, then game on!

### November Birthdays

Thankful to Celebrate!!!

	Nov.		Nov.		Nov.
Iris Bessett	3	Janet Cason	13	<b>Dorothy Dickinson</b>	20
Gale McMahon	5	Nancy Hamilton	13	<b>Dottie Evans</b>	20
Jean Hemer	8	Nancy Meierhoff	14	Jean Seibert	20
Paula Fisher	9	Kris Druffel	15	Ann Russell	24
Joanne Dewhurst	10	Dee Phipps	18	Linda Bushell	25
Sharon Macut	10	Connie Williams	19	Debbie Long	30



# Trunk or Treat



One of the objectives the Executive Committee has embraced this year is for our club to participate more in general community activities, exposing the newer members of our growing population to the work and mission of our club. To this end Carol Watson, City Liaison; Nancy Hamilton, IT Coordinator and Anna Johndrow, President had a blast entertaining the abundant supply of children and parents at the recent **Trunk or Treat** activity coordinated by the Lago Vista Police Department and the City of Lago Vista. The event was a huge success with a helicopter on site, ambulance, firetruck, games and an open house at the library. There was food and candy galore. We are sure that none of the parents had ANY trouble getting their kiddos to sleep Halloween night!

Carol and Anna's shtick was to share witching duties; the first as a witch in training and the latter with a full blown cackle. Nancy's was to have children and adults guess what her costume was. Those are socks stuck to her outfit. Do you get it? Drum roll, please! She was a "Static Klingon"! Stay tuned for the next public performance of the LVWC. If you would like to participate, shoot an email to lvwcpresident@gmail.com.



At the City Council meeting on Oct.3 a Community Challenge was made by KLVB and council to encourage individuals, families and groups to pick up trash, photograph and share on social media. This was an idea/challenge by a Lago Vista 2nd grader, Ryder Gruel. The mayor presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ryder.

City Council meeting Oct 17. Councilman Weatherly announced that Fire Chief Norman had applied for and received a \$40,000 grant to purchase and provide smoke detectors and Carbon monoxide monitors for any Lago Vista citizen who needs them. With the Lions Club assistance, these will be available, absolutely free, at Ace Hardware on Nov. 16th, 10 am-2 pm. If installation help is needed let them know.

A zone change was approved for a Community Center to be built for a new development (soon to be Our City Liaison, Carol Watson covers what is going on with the City and keeps us up to date on events and projects.

known as Water Lights). This is an HOA development in conjunction with the Monticello development. Water Lights is projected to be a large undertaking, including a hotel, individual homes, then condos and eventually retirement facilities.

The sculpture, Glee, a work by Lago Vista's own Cindy DeBold, has arrived at City Hall. It will be added to the area between City Hall and the library. City Manager Josh Ray announced that the LVHS welding class project is a permanent outdoor stage also to be placed there.

Remember that November 5th is the day to vote. Locally, the mayor is being challenged as well as Place 5 council seat. There is no early voting in Lago. The closest place is the church on 1431 just this side of Cedar Park. VOTE!