



As we have all noticed, Thanksgiving was pretty late in the month with the official start of the Holiday season nipping at its heels. No sooner will we have figured out the multiple iterations of leftover turkey recipes than we will be serving hot chocolate at the traditional tree lighting ceremony in the parking lot in front of City Hall on December 2. If you are reading this BEFORE then, please plan on coming to the tree lighting and witnessing your Women's Club in action. Ann Murrow, our founder and the previous long-time coordinator of the tree lighting ceremony, has organized a bevy of eager members to once again offer the soothing, creamy beverage to the excited participants. If there is a nip in the air, we will be even more appreciated!

The process of serving hot chocolate is a perfect example of just what makes our community and our club so

very special. It requires the collaboration of the Elementary school kitchen, Hugh Beadles and his warehouse of useful items (we get the 5 gallon thermos containers from him), the purchase of MU-CHO hot chocolate mix, marshmallows, the procurement of tables, a canopy, lights, a sign to identify us, smiling faces and a willingness to contribute to the joy of our neighbors. Together, we shine brighter! Thanks to everyone who makes it possible!

I want to extend a special shout-out to Emily Dieckmann, November's special guest speaker. Her presentation was both inspiring and informative. Thank you, Emily, for your service to our country and for finding the time to share with us. I am quite sure that December's speaker, Stacy Bouwman, will be greatly

appreciated as well since Stacy's presentation centers on how to avoid scammers and ID theft. Be sure to take notes!

This month's luncheon should be one of warm cozy feelings...we can't help it! Our Christmas Elves, under the guidance and creative powerhouse of Donna Nash, have decorated the Clubhouse so that EVERYONE can enjoy the spirit of the season! Act on it! Prepare your favorite cookie recipe, sing those holiday songs, light a fire, enjoy the bright lights and remember that tradition leads us to thoughts of peace, to a recognition of the good that humankind has as its goal and to the faith we harbor that love and peace will conquer all.

¡Feliz Navidad y próspero año nuevo! Joyeux Noel! Buon Natale! חנוכה שמחה.

Anna



Special points of interest:

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Tami Flournoy's
Grankchildren

Dee Phipps'
Grandson

Tami Flournoy's
Grandkids

Alter ego?





This Month's Luncheon & Program December 10, 2019

Protecting Yourself Against Financial Fraud

Can you recognize a scam? What are some of the "Red Flags" of a scam? Could you be the victim of a Grandparent scam, a long-distance relationship scam, lottery or sweepstake scam, computer scam, or credit card scam? What about check fraud or identity theft?

Stacy Bouwman is an Accredited Asset Management Specialist (AAMS) with Edward Jones Investing Services in northwest Austin. She is originally from Birmingham, Alabama. She moved to Austin in 1985 and attended



STACY M BOUWMAN, AAMS

Texas State University. Her personal interests include spending time with her family and beloved pets, volunteering, reading, movies, and entertainment

She joined Edward Jones after a successful ca-



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 Brussel Sprouts

reer in nonprofit management. She can still remember the feelings of defeat and hopelessness that emanated from those clients as she worked with them to build a plan to restore their confidence and recognize what they had achieved. She feels the importance of making her clients feel like they can breathe and know they have control over their financial future is her calling. Joining Edward Jones was like joining the family business following in her father's footsteps. She has received multiple awards of recognition for her work with the firm.

Her presentation will be focused on learning how to protect yourself against Financial Fraud and how and where to report an incident.



Next Month's Luncheon & Program January 14, 2020

Our Town

Presented by mayor, Ed Tidwell. We will be in-the-know on what is happening here in Lago Vista, and where we are heading.



Resolution Luncheon

Chef's Salad Bar

Mixed greens & spinach with grilled chicken, bacon, hard-boiled eggs, cheese, seasonal vegetables, and croutons. Served with two salad dressings.

Tomato Bisque

Selection of Breads & Crackers



Heating up the Cold of Winter at the LVWC 2020 Gala Fundraiser Event



Patricia Nixa
Gala Decorating Chair

Call for Decorating Items!

Decorating for Gala 2020 is going well. We can still use **straw hats, palm fronds, and silk palm trees** to borrow. Call Patty Nixa if you would like to help with decorations.

Thank You, Patricia Nixa

A Night at the Copacabana is less than two months away, and the excitement is building! We have some exciting live auction items including a hotel stay in New Orleans, beautiful jewelry, a pontoon boat cruise across the lake, a bed & breakfast stay in Fredericksburg, and even more to come, details of which are being finalized. Our silent auction is being filled with unique items thanks to the generosity of our members and area businesses. The popular Wine Pull and Pick

A Star will be back this year, and we will have several games for your entertainment, including a 50/50 drawing, the popular Heads & Tails, and a lottery ticket drawing.

If you have pledged a donation item, please either drop it off along with your completed Donation Form at the Chamber of Commerce located at 20624 FM 1431 #8 (next door to Sonic). If it is easier for you, you may contact either Ruth Lloyd at 661-645-8439 or Sandra Faske at 512-589-4342 to schedule a pickup. You may also e-mail coupons or certificates for services to ruth.lloyd@yahoo.com.

Please bring wine bottles for the Wine Pull to the December luncheon where Rose Melican will be collecting them, she will also gladly accept cash to purchase wines. We also can still use gift cards, which will be collected by Kari Monahan.

We have lots of fun light-up wine glasses with a black stem available for purchase at \$5.00 per glass. They make cute Christmas gifts! We will be selling those at the bar and the monthly surprise desk during our luncheons and at the Gala.

There are still tickets left for the Gala, so if you would like to purchase tickets, please contact Melony Kempf at 512-466-3773 or melonykempflvwc@gmail.com.

Important: If you bought tickets but have found you cannot attend, please do not give your tickets away. Instead, contact Melony so she can help with the exchange.

Thanks to everyone who is helping to make our Gala a success through your work and donations. Each one of you is greatly appreciated.... Thanks so much!

Ruth Lloyd



Ruth Lloyd
Gala Chair

Grand-
son of
Dee
Phipps



Sandra Foske
Gala Silent Auction Chair



Rose Melican
Gala Wine Coordinator





LVWC Events & SIG

December 2019 Calendar



Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 9:45 CVS parking lot	
8	9 *Bunco 1:45 to 4:00	10 *Musical Notes 11:30 *LVWC Luncheon	11 *Hand & Foot 1:00-4:00 *Kick the Bucket's Caroling & Cruising on the San Antonio Riverwalk	12	13 *Learning Bridge 10:00 - 12:00	14
15	16 *Chef's Hat 11:00 - 2:00 *Wine Tasting Around/World 4:00-6:00	17	18 *Mah Jongg 1:00 -4:00	19	20 *Learning Bridge 10:00 -12:00 *Party Bridge 1:00 - 4:00	21
22	23 Hanukkah Be- gins	24 *Lunch & A Movie	25 Christmas 	26 Kwanzaa	27 *Learning Bridge 10:00 - 12:00	28
29	30 	31				

Dec 2 — Cooking Pot
10:30 to 3:00
Info at Sign up table

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

Dec 6 — Out and About
meet at 9:45 CVS
Salado Christmas Stroll

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)

Dec 9 — Bunco 1:45 to 4:00
Bluebonnet Room

Dec 10 — Musical Notes 11:30
Johnson Room
LVWC Luncheon
K-Oaks Clubhouse

Dec 11 — Hand & Foot
1:00 to 4:00
K-Oaks' Sunflower Room

Dec 11-12 — Kick the Bucket
Caroling & Cruising on the
San Antonio Riverwalk

Dec 13 — Learning Bridge
10:00 to 12:00
Bluebonnet Room

Dec 16 — Chef's Hat
11:00 to 2:00
Info at sign-up table

(Dec 16) Wine Tasting Around/World
4:00-6:00
Sign-up required

Dec 18 — Mah Jongg
1:00 to 4:00
Primrose Room

Dec 20 — Learning Bridge
10:00 to 12:00
Bluebonnet Room
Party Bridge
1:00 to 4:00
Bluebonnet Room

Dec 24 — Lunch & A Movie
Info at Sign-Up Table

Dec 27 — Learning Bridge
10:00 to 12:00
Bluebonnet Room





Artistic Divas

Our December activity is on **Dec. 6th from 12:30-3:30 at the LV Library.** We will be covering Styrofoam cones with vintage jewelry, craft gems, buttons, etc. to make beautiful tabletop Christmas trees. The cost is \$8 to cover the cost of the cones. Please bring your own jewelry, buttons, etc. to decorate your cone. If you do not have anything like that, go by Good Will and/or Savers to see what you can find. Please bring a glue gun and glue if you have those. Also, please bring an extension cord and power strips if you have them. Led by Susan Hashem and Mindy Hensen.



Care Group

We are a group of **C**ompassionate, **A**ttentive, **R**eassuring and **E**ncouraging 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



Many of our Special Interest Groups are taking the month of December off, others are going full steam! Some are meeting but details were not provided, so you may need to get the skinny directly from them. Contact information for each SIG is available on our website.

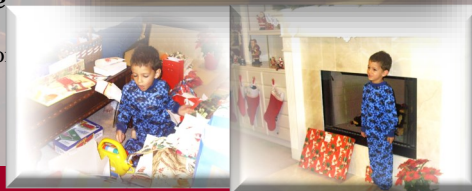


Kick the

Bucket

On Wednesday, December 11, the Kick the Bucket group will take off to see the famous holiday lights while caroling and cruising on the Riverwalk in San Antonio. The following day, they will lunch at the historic market square.

For more info call event coordinator, Lee O'Hare at (907) 378-2987



The Chef's Hat

The Chef's Hat will meet on December 16th, from 11:00 until approximately 2:00.

Questions: Please call our coordinators:

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

Out & About

Out & About will be day tripping to Salado. 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)

Date: Friday, December 6, 2019

Carpools: 9:45 Meet at CVS to carpool **We will leave CVS at 10:00am.**

Or drive on your own and meet up in Salado. Event is from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm

Parking is free.

Dining: The Old Stagecoach Inn
416 S. Main Street
Salado, Texas 76571





LVWC SIG & Special Events January 2020 Preview Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 *Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00	2	3 *Christmas Elves 9:00 - 12:00 *Learning Bridge 10:00 to 12:00 *Party Bridge 1:00 to 4:00	4
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- Jan 1 — Mah Jongg**
1:00 to 4:00
Primrose Room
- Jan 3 — Christmas Elves**
9:00 to 12:00
Un-decorating at K-Oaks
- Learning Bridge**
10:00 to 12:00
Bluebonnet Room
- Party Bridge**
1:00 to 4:00
Bluebonnet Room
- Jan 6 — Cooking Pot**
10:30 to 2:00
Info at sign-up table
- Jan 8 — Hand & Foot**
1:00 to 4:00
Sunflower Room K-Oaks
- Jan 10 — Learning Bridge**
10:00 to 2:00
Bluebonnet Room
- Artistic Divas**
12:30 to 3:30
K-Oaks Sunflower Room
Perpetual Calendar
- Jan 13 — Bunco** 1:45 to 4:00
Bluebonnet Room
- Jan 14 — Musical Notes**
11:30
Johnson Room
- LVWC Luncheon**
K-Oaks
- Jan 28 — Firearms Group**
9:00
Blue Bonnet Room

SIG Groups Look Ahead to the New Year's Activities!



Artistic Divas

The January Divas activity: Perpetual Calendars

Date: Jan 10

Time: 12:30-3:30

Place: K-Oaks's Sunflower Room—*This is a change from their regular meeting place at the LV library, due to a Library Book Sale.*

Cost: \$20 per person

Class Size Limit: 15 (8 signed up already)

We will be creating beautiful and sturdy Perpetual Calendars made of wood.

Sign up at the December luncheon or contact Mindy Hensen. Led by Lisa Ritter



Firearms Group

Next meeting: January 28th

Time: 9:00 am

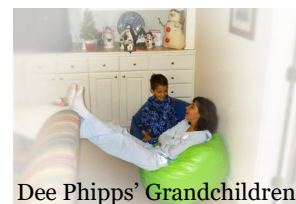
Place: Bluebonnet Room of the LVPOA Activity Center

- This will become their regular club meeting time. (*The 4th Tuesday*)
- Members will go to shoot as a group in January, date TBA (Nancy Hamilton will send an email to our group).
- The next basic safety pistol course will be scheduled for after the holidays.
- At the January meeting we will be discussing Concealed Carry Licenses.




KIDS SAY THE FUNNIEST THINGS

My 6-year old granddaughter asked me to teach her to sing the carol, "Angels We Have Heard on High." While teaching her the words to the first verse, she stopped me and asked, "Grandma, are the angels singing IN the plane or ABOVE it?"



Dee Phipps' Grandchildren



Our Own Christmas Elves have been Busy in their Workshop!

And also out spreading Christmas Joy that Sparkles with Magic!

Be sure to check out the newest decorations at K-Oaks this Christmas season! In October, the Artistic Divas created popsicle stick Christmas ornaments. These fun ornaments are featured on their very own tree! They are so cute!

Head Elf and Santa's Right Hand, Donna Nash



**And Even More From Our
Artistic Divas!**

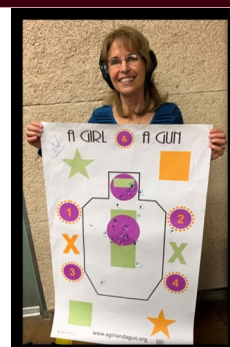


The Artistic Divas held their annual Christmas Card Workshop on November 15th. Members gathered at the Lago Vista Library meeting room and made 20 beautiful cards. They designed their own Snowman cards this year and had lots of fun adding snowballs and snowflakes!



**Catching Up with Our New
Firearms Group!**

Firearm Group pictures are from their outing to the gun range in October. They also met November 26 and discussed gun safety. They will shoot as a group again in January





Still Continued

A Holiday Shout-Out to Our Winner of a Free Luncheon for Our December 2019 Luncheon:

Sybil Arnold

Congratulations!



Also Special Thanks To Dee Phipps.

She was the only member to contribute favorite holiday photos. All personal photos in this issue are either hers or mine.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You Dee!



Lunch Wining for a Good Cause

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!)

Stop by and say “Hello” to our grant recipients who will be represented during our December Luncheon: *The Lago Vista Volunteers* and *Nameless School*.



December Birthdays

Celebrating a Year Well-Lived!

Jillian Coburn	1	Mary Selby	12	Tina Hoglund	26
Katheran Acmorsoni-Loera	2	Jan Eeds	13	Jana Mead	26
Patricia Evans	4	Ann Berry-Kline	15	Carole Mitchell	26
Dee Bender	5	Noreen Moravec	15	Carol Watson	26
Mindy Hensen	7	Bonnie Rupprecht	17	Patty Brown	29
Debbie Nichols	9	Sun Hi Casey	19	Linda Bottoms	30
Susie Higgins	11	Paula Riddle	22	Nancy Moore	31
Brenda Martin	11	Linda McCullough	24		



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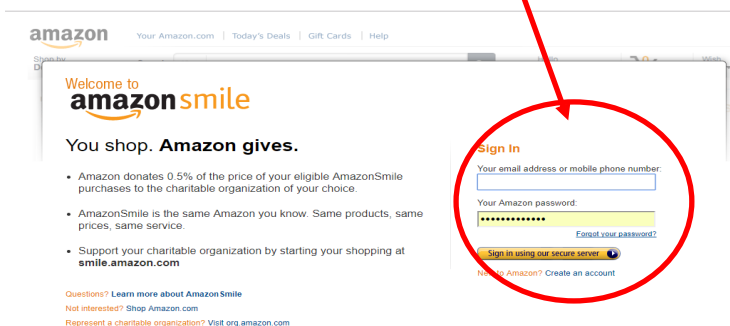
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EDITORIAL

Tamra Flournoy

December is here at last! It's time to get out sweaters and make some hot chocolate. It is also time for the days to get shorter. But the shortened daylight hours of December provide another way to get more celebration out of the holiday season. As I am sure you've guessed, I am talking about Christmas lighting.

There is something glorious about decorating your home—inside and especially outside—for this family-friendly holiday. Sure, the lights are symbolic of the birth of the Light of the World, but for me, it's even more significant. Sure, in my case, I'm decorating to seek the forgiveness of the children that I terrified with my Halloween decorations, but it's more than that. I think for me it's the magical—almost hypnotic—effect of the lights that remind me of...glitter. Perhaps like me, you have this Clark Griswoldish obsession with lighting up the night like your yard is the new Star of Bethlehem.

For years I have been working to provide my friends and neighbors enough illumination that during December, our little community was visible from outer space. It was my mantra. I spend hours on rickety ladders trying to find more ways to win Ann Murrow's Christmas Lighting competition. After breakers flipping left and right, my husband finally installed a dedicated fuse box so that we could enjoy a heated house and use the oven on cold nights while the lights blazed on. Many people think we are very earth-friendly because we have a full array of solar panels on our house, but the simple truth is that John had those installed in hopes that our hot summers could be utilized to counter-balance our exorbitant December electric bills.

Now just when I thought I was coming close to achieving my out-of-this-world goal of making Lago Vista's presence known from the blackness of space, along come the extreme Christmas decorators. There's even a television show, *The Great Christmas Light Fight* that exploits and encourages over-achiever's imaginations and fevered compulsive need to succeed at all cost, with tantalizing accolades like a spot on national TV and a grand prize of \$50,000—an amount that *might* cover the costs of the lights and electricity to run them. I believe there are government think tanks that are hired out by those competing in this show. I don't see any other way it is possible to get that many lights on a small postage-sized lot.

Sadly, my energy cannot keep up with this new wave of Christmas lighting, and I am grateful for Star Showers that have kept my broken limbs to a minimum from ladder-climbing. However, my dream has died a painful death, as I now know that unless an extreme Christmas lighter moves to our great city, they will light up the night sky in other cities to the point that those lights will create a more magnificent display than I could ever manage. The good news is this, I still get a thrill seeing all the twinkling lights, and I smile as I remember all things Christmas. And with that said, *Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!*

Christmas shot of granddaughter taken by John Flournoy is recreated into a work of art by our own LVWC member, Janet Ischy

