



The Lone Star Cruiser

April 2023



Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club



A Note from Your Board

The February Minutes, Financials, and New Members were voted on and approved at our Board meeting on Tuesday, March 21st.

The March Happy Hour/Quarterly Meeting & Elections, was held at The Midway Point – Addison, on Tuesday, March 14th. We nominated, and voted on your 2023/2024 Board of Directors. We're pleased to tell you that all positions were filled except, you guessed it, VP of Activities! If you are someone who has the time, the moxie, the devotion to your club and feel like you can step up and fill this much needed position please let us know. Please help your Club succeed...you are needed!!!!

President – Elizabeth Lutton

Secretary – Judi Lamson

Treasurer – Mike McKimens

VP of Trips – Cheryl Slaughter

VP of Activities – **Vacant**

VP of Membership – Harriet Bonds

VP of Communications – Katherine Nelson

Executive Director of HH – Mitch Womble

Director at Large – Jean Jordan


Director at Large – Barbara Baesmann

Director at Large – Karen Mann

Congratulations and a big THANK YOU to our Board of Directors for the June 2023 tenure.

Finally, the TSC BidFest will be held once again here in Grapevine, TX on April 14th-16th. If you didn't make it out last year, you now have another opportunity to participate in the Meetings, Happy Hours, Golfing, Silent Auction, and camaraderie! Hope to see as many of you as possible at this year's festivities.

Respectfully, Mitch Womble – President

*Congratulations to last month's winner, Dana Lindberg, for finding March's Leprechaun Hat. See if you can be the first to find the **April Umbrella**.  As a member, if you have not won in the last 12 months, you can play! First one to email Gwen with the correct location with **I FOUND THE UMBRELLA** in the subject line to Gwen@gwenwood.com wins!*

Hope to see you at our **APRIL** Happy Hour



TSC Update and Bidfest 2023!

TSC BidFest will be held once again in Dallas at Grapevine, TX from April 14th-16th. The event is at the Grapevine Lakes Hilton Hotel and Conference Center, 1800 Highway 26E, Grapevine, Texas.

If you didn't make it out last year, you now have another opportunity to participate in the Welcome Party, Bid Presentations, Happy Hours, Golfing, Silent Auction, Dinner and Dance and just plain good camaraderie! Hope to see as many of you as possible at this year's festivities!

Click on the link to register: [Home - Texas Ski Council \(texas-ski.org\)](https://texas-ski.org)

Then click on the button (image below)

Texas Ski Council Bidfest Delegate/Guest Information & Registration



06 Angela Squitieri
06 Karen Wilkerson
07 Rich Powell
08 Bobbie Flower
14 Erin Botsford
18 Scott McGarvey
21 Cheryl Mann
22 Gary Anderson

22 Robert Nelson
22 Gwen Wood
24 Stanley Marcieski
25 Lindsey McLendon
25 Mary Meyer
26 Rita Hejny
28 Chris Behnke



MEMBERSHIP

**Thank you to our New
and Renewing Members**

New

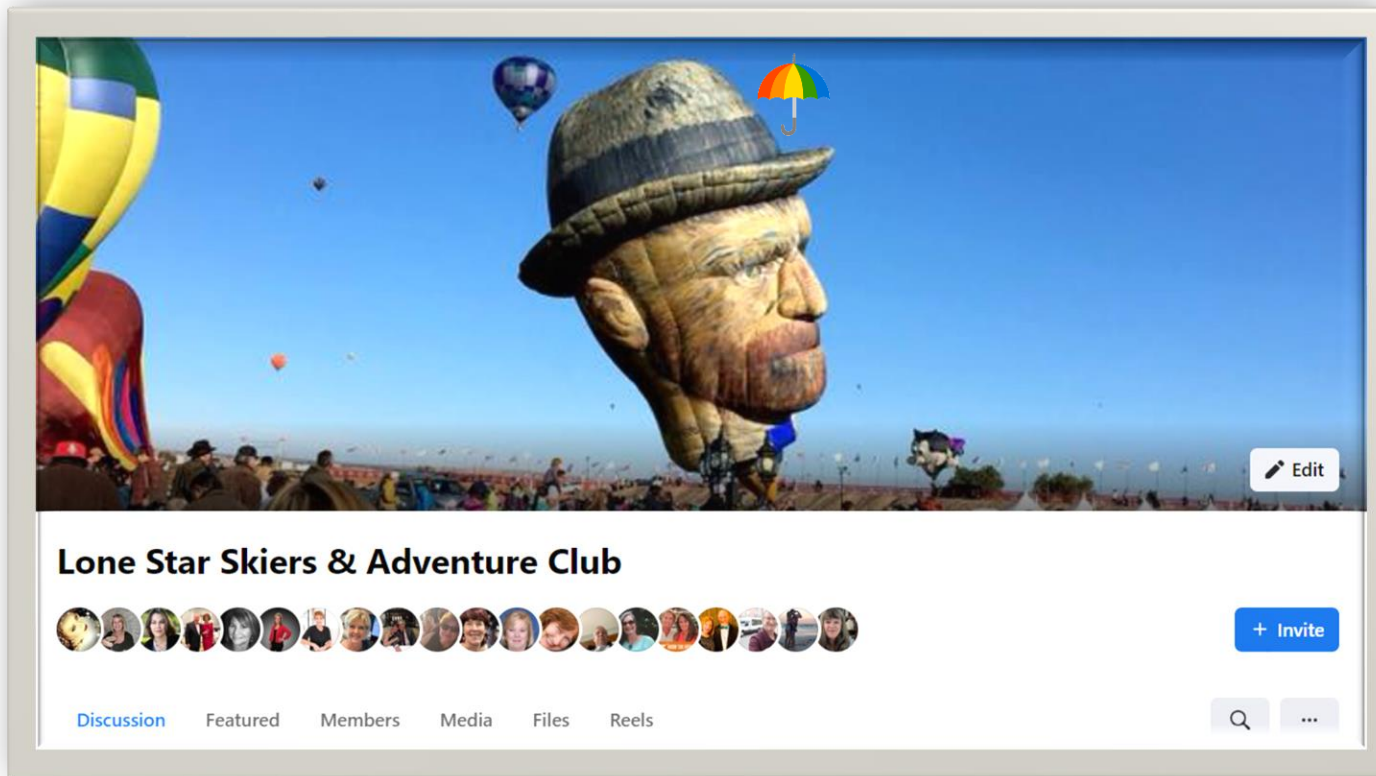
Deborah Howe
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Renewing Members

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Christine Giacalone
Bert Butkus
Mary Lee Heald

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- Just search for LONE STAR SKIERS & ADVENTURE CLUB
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Keep Lone Star's Members informed! We encourage you to share member news by posting on our Facebook page. Feel free to share by posting photos, member announcements, and postings about yours and past members life events, anniversary, weddings, memorials, etc that you think would be of interest to our member. This is a private page so ONLY members will see the posts. (Special requests for email distribution, like hospitalizations and memorials can still be sent to Harriet Bonds at h.bonds@sbcglobal.net)



Happy Hour April 11, 2023 Fireside Pies

1285 S Main St
Grapevine, TX 76051
(817) 416-1285

Time: From 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

**Our next Happy Hour will be at
Fireside Pies. Get there early,
serving of pizza will be starting at
6:00!**

Happy Hour drink pricing is 4-7, \$5 beer draft and cans, bottles, \$7 signature cocktails. \$9 glass of wine.



Bring a friend! And Ensure you take care of our servers.

Please Drink Responsibly. Don't Drink and Drive. Consider Lyft or Uber.

March Happy Hour

The Midway Point, Addison



Italian Wine School



Lake Louise, Canada 2023!



Members of LSS hopped on planes across the US and joined the TSC in Calgary to be transported to the winter wonderland of Lake Louise! All of us enjoyed the ride through Banff National Park and even got to drive by the Calgary site of the Winter Olympics before arriving at the Chateau.

Saturday night we met at Alpine Social for drinks and a light dinner. Everyone received their credentials and went to bed early since many of us were up before dawn to travel! Sunday turned out to be sunny and many of us headed to the slopes. Beautiful, looping runs and good snow conditions were enjoyed although a few places had patches of ice. Sunday night was the Welcome Party where we got to move around and mingle with other clubs. And have a few drinks and laughs!



Monday the weather was grey with flat light. A few of us ventured out but returned early due to low visibility. Tuesday, we boarded the buses to ski Sunshine at Banff. Cheryl fell at the top of the mountain (of course) and got to use a well-padded Ski Patrol sled to come down the mountain, ending her ski week. But she and Scott still had lunch at the Mad Trapper!



Lake Louise, Canada 2023!



Wednesday's Club dinner at the Mountain Restaurant had the group chowing down on favorites such as their handmade pizzas, Mountain burger, steaks, pastas and salads. The food was very good, the service was great and the drinks even better!



LSS members ventured to the ice bar to sip on hot or cold drinks and enjoy the patio where you could watch skaters, hockey and catch the horse drawn sleighs. There was a path to walk around the whole lake and visit the icefalls at the far end.



We continued to ski either at Lake Louise or at Sunshine for the rest of the week. The Farewell Dinner was held in the Mt. Temple room. Cheryl Mershon secured a rocking DJ for music and dance. I heard one of our members was one of the last on the dance floor!



Saturday found LSS leaving the Chateau with good memories and even better pictures! All arrived home safely.



STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

WE NEED YOU!



Both the TSC and LSS Board members are made up of volunteers. The Texas Ski Council is currently accepting nominations to serve on the TSC Board. If you are interested in serving on the TSC Board, please contact Karen Mann @ mannkaren@yahoo.com for more details. **Lone Star is also looking for members to run for our Board.** Our elections occur in March with new officers starting June 2023. ALL BOARD POSITIONS are open for candidates. Please contact Mitch Womble at mitch.womble@gmail.com.

We are starting to accept applications for Trip Directors for the 2024 and soon 2025. A trip director does have some responsibilities, but Cheryl and Elizabeth will help you all the way! We will post the trip to the Website, handle contractual details, submitting payments and finally sending out the Trip survey at the end.

Some of the activities you will do as a trip director:

Communicate to participants prior and during the trip

- Market the trip (Happy Hours, emails, etc.)
- Plan the Agenda (Club Dinner, Happy Hours, activities, etc.)
- After the trip, a short trip write-up for the newsletter and submit your expense report.

If you are interested send me an email (ladysnake828@yahoo.com). I'll send you a Trip Director Application and submit it to the Board for consideration. You can submit for multiple trips.

2023 Kentucky Derby Extravaganza

DATES: May 4 – 7th, 2023

Cross this off Your Bucket List!
And they're OFF! And so will you be
when you join this trip on May 4th –
7th at the 2023 Run for the Roses!

Included in this trip is RT Ground
from Lexington Bluegrass Airport, 3
nights of lodging at the Embassy
Suites and a full day of guided tours
on Friday at a Horse Farm, a Bourbon
Distillery, and lunch.

Saturday you're off to the races to
watch the Derby from the 1st Floor
Grandstand. You can upgrade your
race watching location.

Contact Cheryl Slaughter, Trip
Director for Details



**We have a good group going on this trip
and still have openings! Free
Transportation to/from Lexington Bluegrass
Hotel. Extended stays are also offered**

DESTIN FLORIDA

DATES: May 9 - 14, 2023

Let's go to the beach again! Destin Florida is known for its white sand beaches and relaxed atmosphere.

Come join the Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club for 5 nights in condos near the beach from May 9 - 14, 2023. The cost will be \$510, double occupancy, and \$996 single supplement, which includes the lodging and the activity fee.

The condos are in the Jade East Towers. We are planning a variety of fun activities which may include snorkeling, a boat cruise, a visit to an island, and shopping on the boardwalk. Or you could just enjoy the beach.

Contact Debbie Rima, Trip Coordinator for Details



SOLD OUT!

A Culinary Tour of Italy!

DATES: October 10 - 18, 2023

Eat and drink your way through Tuscany, Italy with LSS & Premier World Travel on a 5-star trip!

TRIP INCLUDES: International Airfare, 7 Nights at the Hotel, 17 Meals, Deluxe Motorcoach, and Portage.

WHAT WILL YOU SEE AND DO?

Truffle Hunt & Tasting, Pasta Cooking Class, Volpaia's Castle & Winery, Tuscan Farmhouse & Winery with Dinner & Wine, Gelato Tasting, Boat excursion on Lake Trasimeno and so much more! Please see details on the website.

Contact Cheryl Slaughter, Trip Coordinator for Details



We are still taking reservations! Don't wait to sign up!

The Northern Lights of Finland!

Package includes: All ground transportation between travel locations, all lodging, a Welcome Party, City Tour in Helsinki, and all activities. Optional – Round trip airfare, airfare within Finland, airport transfers and trip insurance from Collette

Join Lone Star to experience the eerie majestic magic of the Northern Lights, spend a night in a glass igloo, mush a dogsled team and ride in reindeer sleighs.

You even get to visit Santa's home and relax – often – in the famed Finnish saunas.

Contact Terry Smith, Trip Coordinator for Details at terrysmithremax@gmail.com

DATES: Nov 9 - 16, 2023



\$4,199 double - \$5,099 single (only one single left!). Sign up today, Spots will be released on April 10th. Pre and Post trips are being planned.

European Christmas Market River Cruise

So much more than just a
Christmas Market Cruise!

Debbie Rima is the Trip Director
of this once in a lifetime trip!
Included are: 11 days / 10 nights
of magical and musical
wonderlands mixed with historical
sites and naturally beautiful
landscapes. This makes this trip
one of the best all-round trips for
2023!

The price includes much more
than can fit. Check out this trip on
our website!

Contact Debbie Rima, Trip
Coordinator for Details

DATES: Nov 22 to Dec 3, 2023



WAITLISTED



TSC Update:

TSC Bidfest is April 14-16. Registration is still open and you can sign up on (please pull the link for the TSC website). If you want to reserve rooms please do so ASAP.



Contact us

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- For advertising opportunities contact the VP of Communications
- Advertising a charitable event is free if a member is actively participating in the event
- A member may advertise a non-LSS sponsored event for \$5. Some restrictions apply
- Members and non-members will qualify for a discount of 10% for a 6-month ad and 15% for a 12-month ad

2022-2023 Board of Directors

Thank you for your service!

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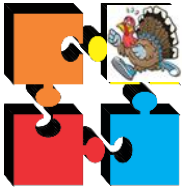
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Let me help you make sense of Medicare and the options available to you.
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