



# The Lone Star Cruiser

September  
2023



**Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club**



# The Prez Says!



Let's get excited! All of the trips for 2024 are open for sign up.

- We have some great destinations to travel to with your Lone Star friends. I am also proud to say that we have great Trip Directors to lead these trips. Go look on the website now and make your choices. I firmly believe that some, and maybe all, of these trips will sell out.
- Now is also the time to renew your membership - you have to be a member to go on any trip. You are going to want to be a member so that you don't miss any of the announcements for our great Fall and Winter activities. For example, we have a great long weekend activity coming up on October 20-21, 2023. Paula Lanigan is leading a long weekend activity in the Piney Woods which will include a ride on a historic train and some events at the Tyler Rose festival. This is the first in a series of weekend excursions for our members. You told the Board that you wanted shorter and more affordable trips, and we are listening.
- Don't forget that another wonderful Holiday party is in the works for December 9. Stay tuned because the Holiday Party will be open for registration soon.

See you at Happy Hour or one of our events!

Elizabeth Lutton, President.

***See if you can be the first to find these Sept leaves  As a member, if you have not won in the last 12 months, you can play! First one to email Katherine with the correct location with I FOUND THE LEAVES in the subject line to [katherine.nelson@verizon.net](mailto:katherine.nelson@verizon.net) wins! You could win an amazon gift card.***

The Blue Mesa Grill  
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**Happy Hour**  
**Tues, Sept 12,**  
**2023**  
**Blue Mesa**

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

(3-6p)

\$5 Blue Margaritas

\$5 Well Drinks

\$5 House Wine

\$1 off Draft Beer

**Quesadillas & light snacks provided  
by the BOD – but consider staying for  
dinner.**



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



## Ready to get Your Royal On? Now You Can!! 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Tyler Rose Festival & Piney Woods Train Ride

- Ready to attend the Queen's coronation? How about attending the Queen's tea? Instead of dinner and a movie, how does dinner and a train ride through the Piney Woods sound?
  - Join Lone Star at the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Rose Festival in Tyler, Texas! Rich in heritage and tradition, the Festival offers enchanting ceremonial events – the Queen's Coronation, Ribbon Cutting and Rose Presentation, the Queen's Tea, and the Rose Parade – all amidst a backdrop of brilliant roses as vibrant and colorful as the community they represent.
  - The event is free except for the Queen's Coronation. Tickets go on sale September 1<sup>st</sup>. Click on this link to see all the activities. [Rose Festival Brochure](#)
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**WHERE:** 420 Rose Park Drive Tyler, Texas 75702

### **DATES AND HOURS:**

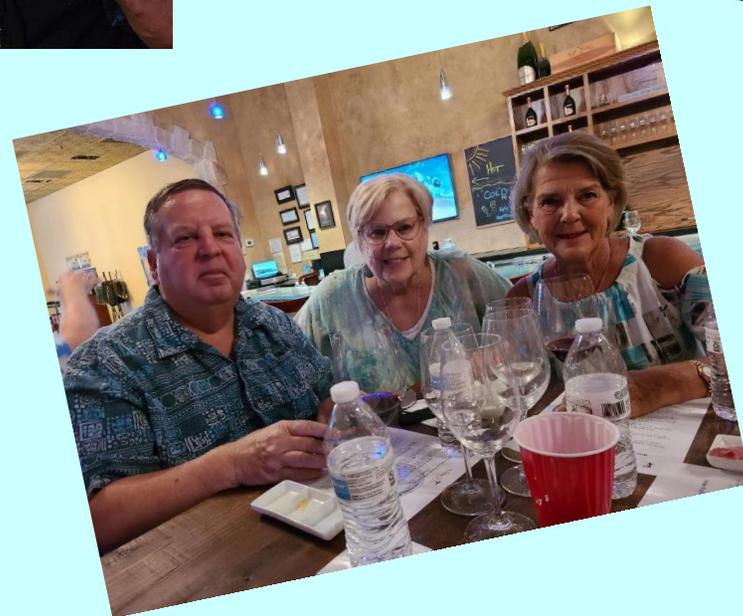
- Friday, October 20 - Saturday, October 21! There are a lot of options and details, please see the event listing on our website for information and registration.
- Contact: Paula Lanigan – paula.k.lanigan@gmail.com

# August Happy Hour & Quarterly Meeting



# A Taste of the West Coast – Fun times with Friends

On August 19, 2023, members of the Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club teamed up with the Wine Society of Texas DFW Chapter for a "Taste of the West Coast." Sommelier Teri Burney led the group in exploring wine such as a sauvignon blanc from the Columbia Valley of Washington, a riesling, an Oregon Pinot Noir, and two delicious red blends from the Central Coast and Washington. Some persons in the group continued with dinner together after the tasting. The group enjoined hanging out and learning in a pleasant atmosphere. After all, a little wine among friends is a good thing. Cheers!





# September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to YOUUUU!!!!

September 2023 Celebrations:

- 01 Larry Jordan
- 01 Jean Boney-Jordan
- 02 Cynthia Birowski
- 03 Kenneth Demko
- 05 Patty Kelly
- 11 Jency Hills
- 11 John Miller
- 12 Bonnie Kelly
- 12 Suzanne Yaeger
- 13 Kathy Mahdak
- 13 Sandra Travis
- 19 Hubert Beamon
- 23 Leo Crowley
- 25 Barbara Baesmann
- 25 Jan Key
- 27 Harriet Bonds
- 27 Julie Chance
- 27 Christine Giacalone

Congratulations to our  
LSS Volunteer of the Year 2022.  
Robert Nelson!  
Thanks for all you've contributed!



## New & Renewing Members!

Michael Phemister

Theresa	OBrien
Cheryl	Acres
Brad	Carver
Margaret	Lutton
Vicki	Roemer
Cary	Bassham
Marla	McKibben
Mary Beth	Wilson
Deborah	Adair Hayes
Renee	Fernandez
John	Miller
Patty	Kelly
Barbara	Barney

# Sign Up for LSS 2024 Ski Trips. Registration is Open!

Are you ready to travel to amazing places and travel with friends? Enjoy the culture, food and just have fun? Now you can! The trips are open and ready for sign-up. Go to the website and look under Trips for more details and how to sign up. We will be opening the trips up to sister clubs mid-September.

- **Interlaken, Switzerland (Jan 26-Feb 3):** TSC Winter Expedition. So many things to do on this trip. Staying at the Metropole in the heart of Interlaken close to everything. Ski, post trip options to Zurich and Milan, day trips to Lucerne, Zermatt, Montreux & Chillon Castle, even a chocolate tour in Interlaken. Breakfasts and some dinners are included. There are so many option activities, it is too much to list. We have 10 air seats out of Dallas (LSS got the cheapest air!). Starting at \$2,442 with air and double occupancy.
- **Whitefish, MT (Mar 2-9, 2023):** An LSS favorite. Whitefish is where small town charm meets world-class hospitality. Come and “Ski the Fish. Hotel and Condo options are available at the Lodge at Whitefish. Trip offers both air and land packages, free ground transportation and all the TSC & Club activities. Lift tickets are extremely affordable. Minutes from downtown Whitefish, 10 minutes to the ski slopes and less than a 30-minute drive to Glacier National Park. Pricing starts at \$1,632 for Hotel Rooms with double occupancy and \$1,674 for a pillow in a 2bd/2ba condo.



## 2024 LSS and TSC Spring and Fall Trips

While we are exploring other trips, these amazing adventures are open for registration.

- **Turks & Caicos - Club Med Resort Turquoise: Dates: May 11-18, 2024.** Sit on an award-winning beach at an adults-exclusive, all-inclusive paradise. Learn what it truly means to disconnect. You can sail away on the turquoise blue water, scuba and snorkel, enjoy live music, fresh smoothies, and cocktails right on the beach. There is so much included in this package, but you can also explore off resort if you wish. Air is not included, and pricing starts at \$2,116 for double occupancy.
- **Italy's Amalfi Coast Trip: Dates: October 22-31, 2024.** Amalfi offers some of Italy's most iconic and beautiful scenery. A rare place where photographs simply don't do its sights justice. A region famous for vividly painted towns tumbling down cliffsides to a sparkling azure sea. Explore the glamorous island of Capri, a popular haunt of the wealthy for centuries and renowned for its natural beauty along with exploring Sorrento, Ravello, Positano, and Rome. Trip is offered with and without air. Pricing starts at \$4,570.00 Double Occupancy/ per person. Includes RT Airfare, RT Shuttle service, 8 nights lodging, with baggage handling, 10 meals, motorcoach transportation, activities and admissions listed in the itinerary, and certain gratuities.



# **A Culinary Tour of Italy**

**DATES: October 10 - 18, 2023**

Sorry, this is closed for registration



# **The Northern Lights of Finland!**

**DATES: Nov 9 - 16, 2023**

Sorry, this is closed for registration



# **European Christmas Market River Cruise**

**DATES: Nov 22 to Dec 3, 2023**

Currently Waitlisted



# WE WANT YOU- AS A TRIP DIRECTOR

Recruiting for trip directors for 2024 Ski and Non-Ski season. We are also looking for 2025 Ski Trip Directors. There is a **NEW** process for applying for trip directors. If you are interested in running a trip, go to the Club Webpage and under “Looking for Trip Directors” there is a Survey Button. Click on it and answer the questions. You are able to choose multiple known trips or an upcoming trip that is not planned yet. This will help us create a pool of trip directors for our trips!

Never ran a trip? No worries, Cheryl and Elizabeth can help you with the planning. Cheryl and Mike will handle financials. Trip Director training will cover many details.

Trip Director responsibilities:

- Communicate to participants prior and during the trip
- Create the Club Trip Page and Newsletter slides/updates.
- Market the trip. Attend Happy Hours if located in Dallas area, zoom calls, emails, work with Tour Operator to promote, etc.
- If TSC trip, communicate THROUGH the TSC Trip Coordinator for trip details.
- Plan the Trip Agenda (Club Dinner, Happy Hours, activities, etc.)
- After the trip, a short trip write-up for the newsletter and submit your expense report.



## Lone Star Skiers & Adventure Club



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## **TSC Update:**

The Board is focused on revising Bidfest, when trip RFPs will be submitted (more in line with the industry) and possibly updating Bidfest Policy and Procedures.



## **Contact us**

### **Official Address**

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## **Newsletter Advertising**

- 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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I specialize in:

- ✓ Medigap (also known as Medicare Supplement) products
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- ✓ Assist with ancillary products like dental and vision options



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**Website at [www.paulalanigan.com](http://www.paulalanigan.com)**

Let me help you, as I have for many other LS Members, make sense of Medicare and the options available to you.

Contact Paula at 619-206-3433 or paula.k.lanigan@gmail.com for more information.

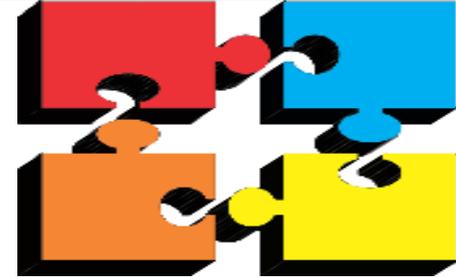
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