



The Lone Star Cruiser

May 2023



Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club



A Note from Your Board

At the April 18th Board of Directors Meeting we approved the Club's Financials, from our Treasurer, Mike McKimens, the Minutes, from our Secretary, Judi Lamson, and approved and voted on our New Members and Renewals that Harriet Bonds, VP of Membership, brought forward.

We also discussed past, present, and future Trips (Ski & Non-ski), that Cheryl Slaughter our VP of Trips, and Elizabeth Lutton, our Director of Trips updated us all on. Participation in this year's upcoming Trips look good, with just a couple of them having opportunity for a few more participants. So, if you haven't made your decisions yet, please do because we are getting close to deadlines for final cutbacks of rooms on the Kentucky Derby, Tuscany, and Finland Trips.

Even without a VP of Activities, Katherine Nelson, Paula Lanigan, Elizabeth Lutton, and Tamara Preston have stepped up and some great events. The Feb. 25th Wine Tasting Event @ The Bodega Bar, coordinated by Elizabeth Lutton & Wine Society of Texas was very successful and informative. We had a lot of laughs April 1st at FOUR DAY WEEKEND Improv Comedy Club in Ft. Worth organized by Paula Lanigan & Katherine Nelson. April 11th HH Hosted by Terry Smith at Fireside Pies in Grapevine was well attended and 'delicious'. Please don't miss our upcoming events and save the date for our Annual Holiday/Christmas Party.

- 1) May 16th HH/Quarterly Meeting to be held @ Café de France – 5:30pm-8:00pm by yours truly.
- 2) June 17th - Volunteer Appreciation and Pool Party to be held @ Gwen Wood's (VP of Communications) home. Tickets will be on sale for this, but if you have volunteered this past year you are our guest and it will be complimentary.
- 3) ? July 15 or 22nd - Boat Cruise on Lake Lewisville – Will be hosted by Mike Birowski this Summer.
- 4) TBD Palestine to Rusk Train Trip – Will be hosted by Paula Lanigan & Katherine Nelson this Fall.
- 5) Dec 9th - Holiday/Christmas Party – Will be hosted by Tamara Preston.

Finally, the TSC Bid Fest was held once again in Grapevine, TX on April 14th-16th. If you didn't make it out this year, you missed another golden opportunity to participate in the Meetings, Happy Hours, Golfing, Silent Auction, and camaraderie! I think it's going back to San Antonio next year (?)

Respectfully, Mitch Womble – President

*Congratulations to last month's winner Scott McGarvey, for finding April's Umbrella. See if you can be the first to find the **May's***

Tulip.  *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 TULIP** in the subject line to Gwen@gwenwood.com wins!*

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

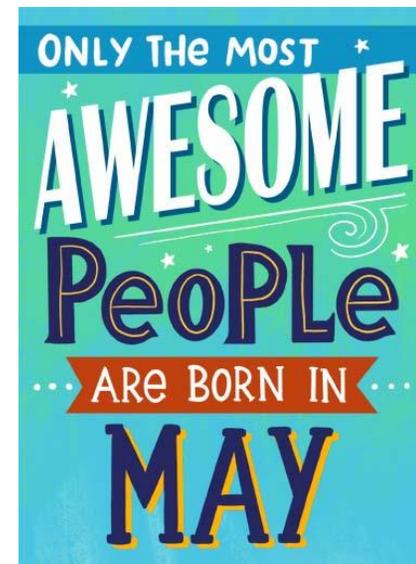


Celebrate May Birthdays



03 Ronnie Slate
04 Steve Anderson
07 Joe Brooks
09 John Fry
10 Fred LeVay
12 Barbara Anne Thompson
13 Chip VanPelt
19 Kathleen Smith
20 Annette Swaggerty

22 Marsha Holmes
23 Linda Smith
24 Rebecca Chandler
25 Dwight Burt
26 Becky Machalicek
27 David Jeter
29 Joseph Mueller
30 Mary Wine
31 Deby Warner



MEMBERSHIP

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

New

Beth Slaughter

Renewing Members

Charlene Tribble
Vincent Hrenak
Charlene Mayer
Gene Mayer
Mark Davidson
Lirio Fenwins





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our
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If you are a new member be sure to **LIKE** our Facebook page.

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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 & Quarterly Meeting May 16, 2023 Café de France

17370 Preston Rd
Dallas, TX 75252
972-733-3400

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

****NOTE: This month's Happy Hour and
Quarterly Meeting is moved to

3rd Tuesday

due to many members that are going on the
Destin Trip.

Domestic beers are \$4
House Wines are \$8
Well Drinks are \$8

Bring a friend!

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



April Happy Hour Fireside Pies, Grapevine



2023 LSS Volunteer Appreciation and Pool Party

June 17, 2023

2:00 – 6:00

The Board is excited to announce there will be a Volunteer Appreciation Party in Plano this year!

Lone Star will provide a catered meal, beer and wine.

- Feel free to BYOB and if you like, a special dish to share!
- The cost is complimentary to the 2022-2023 volunteers!



Other LSS members can attend for \$20/person with non-members/guests at \$25. Once you register on the Website you will be provided with address.

(Check for your name on the volunteer list under documents)

We need Volunteers to help with set-up and tear-down at the party. This puts you on the Volunteer List for next year. [Need contact info here](#)



House Boat party



Coming this summer in July
More information to come.

Summer fun on Lake Lewisville.

House Boat with slide anchored in Lake for a fun day will be limited to 24, so look for information coming soon and sign up early

For members only

\$40, includes box lunch

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, please click on the below link and fill out the survey. When you fill out the form, you can choose multiple known trips or a possible trip. The Board of Director reviews all applicants and votes.

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.

2025 Bidfest Results

The results of the 2023 Bidfest are in! Lone Star will be participating in the following trips.

- 2024 Summer/Fall Expedition: Amalfi Coast: Premier World Discovery
- 2025 Traditional: Big Sky, MT: Big Sky Resort
- 2025 Winter Expedition: Val Gardena, Italy: Holidaze:
- 2025 Final Showdown: Crested Butte: SkiGroup.net

Lone Star decided not to participate in Winter Shootout however, if you would like to go, please contact Cheryl Slaughter and you can go with a participating sister club.

- 2025 Winter Shootout: Keystone: SkiGroup.net

DESTIN FLORIDA

DATES: May 9 - 14, 2023

Lone Star members are heading to a sun-and adventure-filled vacation at Destin Florida. One of the southern beach gems known for its white sand beaches and relaxed atmosphere.

Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club is spending 5 nights at the Jade East Tower condos near the beach.

Debbie Rima has planned a variety of fun activities which may include snorkeling, a boat cruise, a visit to an island, and shopping on the boardwalk. Or just relax and hang out on the beach.



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A Culinary Tour of Italy

DATES: October 10 - 18, 2023

Time is running out to sign up and travel with Lone Star. You stay in one 4+ star hotel the entire stay. Thae begin to eat and drink your way through Tuscany, Italy. Premier World Travel has prepared a 5-star bucket list 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 Director for Details



The Northern Lights of Finland!

DATES: Nov 9 - 16, 2023

Full and Partial Packages available. Both include ground transportation between travel locations, all lodging, a Welcome Party, City Tour in Helsinki, and all activities. Land only offers optional round trip airfare, airfare within Finland, airport transfers. Trip insurance offered by Collette is recommended.

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 terrismithremax@gmail.com



European Christmas Market River Cruise

DATES: Nov 22 to Dec 3, 2023

This trip has been waitlisted for a while now! It's so popular we may look at repeating it in the coming years.

Join Debbie Rima, Trip Director, on this magical, light-filled once in a lifetime trip! River Cruise includes 11 days / 10 nights of musical, yule-tide wonderlands mixed with historical sites and naturally beautiful landscapes.

The price includes much more than can fit on this slide so PLEASE: Check out this trip on our website!

Contact Debbie Rima, Trip Coordinator for Details



WAITLISTED

TSC Update:



May's Board of Directors meeting will be held virtually on May 29th at 6:00 PM CST.

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



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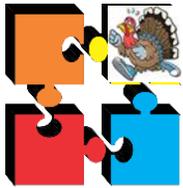
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Let me help you, as I have for many other LS Members, make sense of Medicare and the options available to you.

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