



# The Lone Star Cruiser January 2024



**Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club**



## *A Note from Our President!*


Happy New Year to everyone!

I hope you were able to attend a great party to celebrate the coming of the New Year. And speaking of parties - the Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club certainly knows how to throw a great party! Those of you at the Holiday Party were able to experience this first-hand at the Renaissance North hotel this December. We danced the night away and played in a mock casino with great food and some excellent wines and cocktails. Many thanks to Tamara Preston and her helpers who put this event together. This event always takes a lot of effort, but the effort pays off. The Holiday Party just keeps getting better and better, so don't miss out the next time.

Of course, we are now into 2024, so it is time to plan trips and events for the New Year. So, where do you want to go and what do you want to do? I am thinking that we need a couple of shorter, less expensive trips to round out the year. Any suggestions?

Here on the home front, we should also do some activities in our own backyard. What have you done recently to have fun that we could adopt as a club activity? Come see me at a Happy Hour or send me an email: [ealutton@hotmail.com](mailto:ealutton@hotmail.com). This is **your** club, so let's make it your own with the things that you like to do. Onward and Upward in 2024!

Elizabeth Lutton, President.

*See if you can be the first to find the Jan.Tree  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 TREE in the subject line to [katherine.nelson@verizon.net](mailto:katherine.nelson@verizon.net) wins! You could win an amazon gift card.*

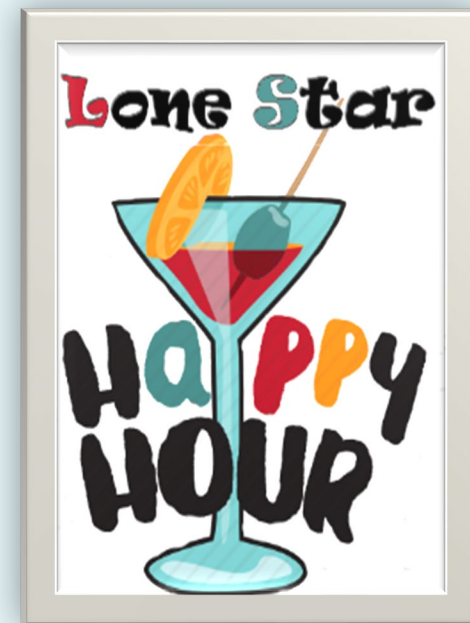


**Happy Hour**  
**Tues – Jan 9, 2024**  
**5:30pm – 8:00pm**

**The Wild Turkey Bar & Restaurant**  
**2470 Walnut Hill Lane**  
**Dallas, TX 75229**  
**(469) 988 - 7007**

**HH drink specials are:**  
**3:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Well Drinks \$4.50**  
**Call Drinks \$6.00**  
**Draft Beer & Domestic Bottle**  
**Beer \$4.50**  
**House Wine \$6.95**  
**House Margarita \$5.00**



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

**Encore!**

## The Italian Wine School!

**Bravissimo!**

Come and join us as we go to the Tuscan Wine School and explore a variety of Italian wines and olive oils.



The Italian winery, **Tenuta Torciano**, has **again** agreed to provide a trainer to present an in- depth two-hour Tuscan wine training class.



**Friday, February 2, 2024 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm**

St. Marks Episcopal Church parish hall  
516 S. O'Connor Rd., Irving, Texas 75060



\$30 pp includes all wine tasting, an Italian dinner + charcuterie of salami, cheeses ,crackers and bread. (pay at the event) Members and their guests are welcome.

Deadline for registration is Wed. January 31, 2024. RSVP directly to Elizabeth Lutton at [ealutton@hotmail.com](mailto:ealutton@hotmail.com).



# LONE STAR SKIERS & ADVENTURE CLUB - ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY





## January 2024 Celebrations:

01 Denis Lanigan  
02 Angela Bedard  
02 Diane Brett  
03 Margaret Lutton  
03 David Shaw  
06 Lanny Gouge  
08 Shelby Benton  
08 James Parise  
08 Vicki Roemer  
14 Marsha Miller  
14 Clyde Reynolds

15 Terry Kimmel  
19 Sheryldine Layne  
20 Katherine Nelson  
21 Laurie Harness  
21 Fay Morgan  
26 Donna Powell  
26 Tamara Preston  
27 Brad Carver  
27 Scott Leftwich



# 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.

- **Whitefish, MT (Mar 2-9, 2024):** 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.
- We 3 spaces open in a condo (1 single male, master bedroom) and 1 single female (hotel room). We need to drop empty rooms soon so do not delay in signing up.





## 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 Turkoise: 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. **Only 8 Spots Left!**
- **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. **1 Room left – Don't Wait!**





# December'23 Happy Hour at India Palace



## The Christmas Market Cruise – Nov. 22 – Dec. 3, 2023

### A TRULY MAGICAL JOURNEY

24 Lone Star Skiers journeyed into the most magical winter wonderland on their Christmas Market Cruise through Europe.

Almost a year before our trip even left we hosted pre-trip, country-themed get togethers at the homes of myself, Suzanne Yaeger and Niles Wallgren, where we enjoyed the wonderful dishes of the countries we would be visiting brought by our participants. This gave us a chance to get to know each other, ask questions about the trip, and share travel tips on what to pack and where to get it. It was fun!

As soon as we stepped onto the MS Harmony in Amsterdam, the holiday spirit permeated everywhere. The ship was fully decorated, the staff dressed in holiday attire, and holiday music played in the bar.

Each stop along our 11-day journey was fully of rich history, Christmas Markets, holiday decorations and music, and happy people.

Each night, our two waiters served delicious meals with an extremely cheerful introduction of "bon appetit" and served free flowing wine, beer and soft drinks.

We learned the history and Christmas customs of the countries we visited. Special guests talked with us about art, taught us how to bake local goods, and gave very interesting and informative talks.

We sometimes ventured out on our own. A small group of us experienced the relaxing baths of Baden Baden, while others toured local museums.

One evening after a tour, we came back to the ship and heard Jingle Bells played on a horn by our ship musician who stood outside to greet us. The captain and crew met us with wonderfully warm glasses of gluhwein. It was amazing!

We were even blessed with beautiful white snow many days, which truly added to the Christmas spirit.

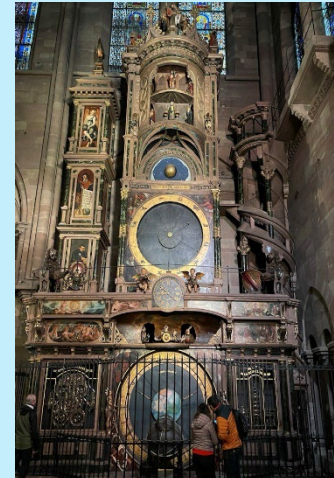
At the end, we left the boat in Basel, Switzerland with many new friends, both members of our club and other wonderful guests on the boat. Many asked about our club because they observed our comradery and enjoyed hearing stories of our many travels.

If you ever want to fully experience the Christmas spirit, we highly recommend this trip. It was truly magical, a word many of us used over and over again.

Debbie Rima, Trip Director



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# 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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our  
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Yet?

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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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