



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> at FOUR DAY WEEKEND Improv Comedy Club in Ft. Worth organized by Paula Lanigan & Katherine Nelson. April 11<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> HH/Quarterly Meeting to be held @ Café de France – 5:30pm-8:00pm by yours truly.
- 2) June 17<sup>th</sup> - 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 22<sup>nd</sup> - 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 9<sup>th</sup> - Holiday/Christmas Party – Will be hosted by Tamara Preston.

Finally, the TSC Bid Fest was held once again in Grapevine, TX on April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. 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**



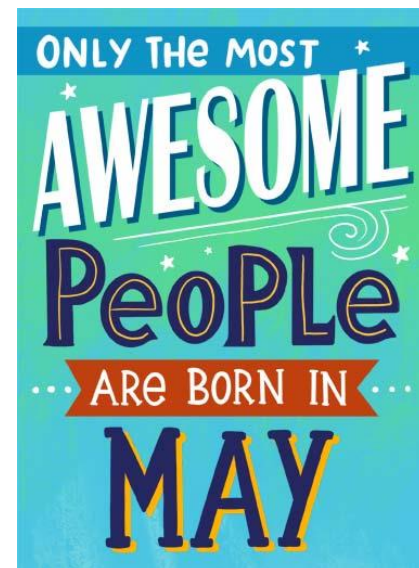


# *Celebrate May Birthdays*



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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# 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

**3<sup>rd</sup>** 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.

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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](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### **Official Address**

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[www.lonestarski.com](http://www.lonestarski.com)

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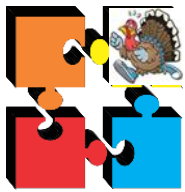
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Let me help you, as I have for many other LS Members, make sense of Medicare and the options available to you.

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