

# March 2022

## Lone Star Skiers & Adventure Club



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## The LSS Cruiser



# A Note from Your LSS Board

The Lone Star Board met on February 15, 2022. Our Agenda included upcoming Non-Ski trips, financials, and possible activities to offer to our members. It was decided to continue with face-to-face Happy Hours with Board sponsored appetizers.

LSS Board Elections are coming up in March for ALL Board positions. If you would like to run for a position, please let Tamara Preston or Judi Lamson know. We do need to know quickly so an online poll can be created. There will also be in-person voting at the Quarterly March Happy Hour. A list of responsibilities for each position can be found in this edition.

LSS decided to participate in two TSC Ski Trips this year. Park City was a huge success with perfect skiing conditions and blue skies. I would be remiss in not stating there was a small percentage of participants across the clubs that had positive COVID tests after their return. All were vaccinated and experienced mild symptoms. LSS returned from Telluride on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. Check out the trip write up in this newsletter! I am already starting to look at other ski and trip locations for 2023 and 2024.

Our Non-Ski trips are on schedule with Cuba on April 23-28, 2022, Russia from Sept 8-16, 2022, Maui, Hawaii May 14-21, 2022, and Destin, FL from Sept 27-Oct 2, 2022. Russia is a TSC trip and is being monitored for possible political tensions or war.

I forgot Mary Lee Heald did correctly answer the January quiz. And Mark Davidson was the first one to find the double hearts for February. Congratulations to both for winning the \$25 gift cards. Find this hidden clover (example shown below) in the newsletter and be the first to let me know for the next \$25 dollar gift card.



Yours Truly – Cheryl Slaughter – VP, Trips

# Come to Bidfest 2022



Kick up your heels, it's BidFest '22! For the first time in three years, we are having an in-person meeting. The event will be held at the Grapevine Lakes Hilton Hotel and Conference Center, 1800 Highway 26E, Grapevine, Texas.

We hope to make this a memorable event starting with a happy hour with the vendors, Thursday night, March 31, and continuing with a golf tournament and wine and shopping tour Friday, April 1.

When we get all caught up back at the hotel, we will take some time to enjoy a welcome get-together with private room and access to a beautiful outdoor pavilion. Saturday is scheduled for the majority of the travel presentations, followed by a dinner and dance in a great old fashioned dance hall. THERE WILL BE A LIVE BAND, **MAPLESHADE**, for our entertainment! A silent auction will be held in conjunction with the dinner and dance to give you a chance to pick up that special, "treat yourself" item.

## Can't wait to see you!!!!

# *Registration*

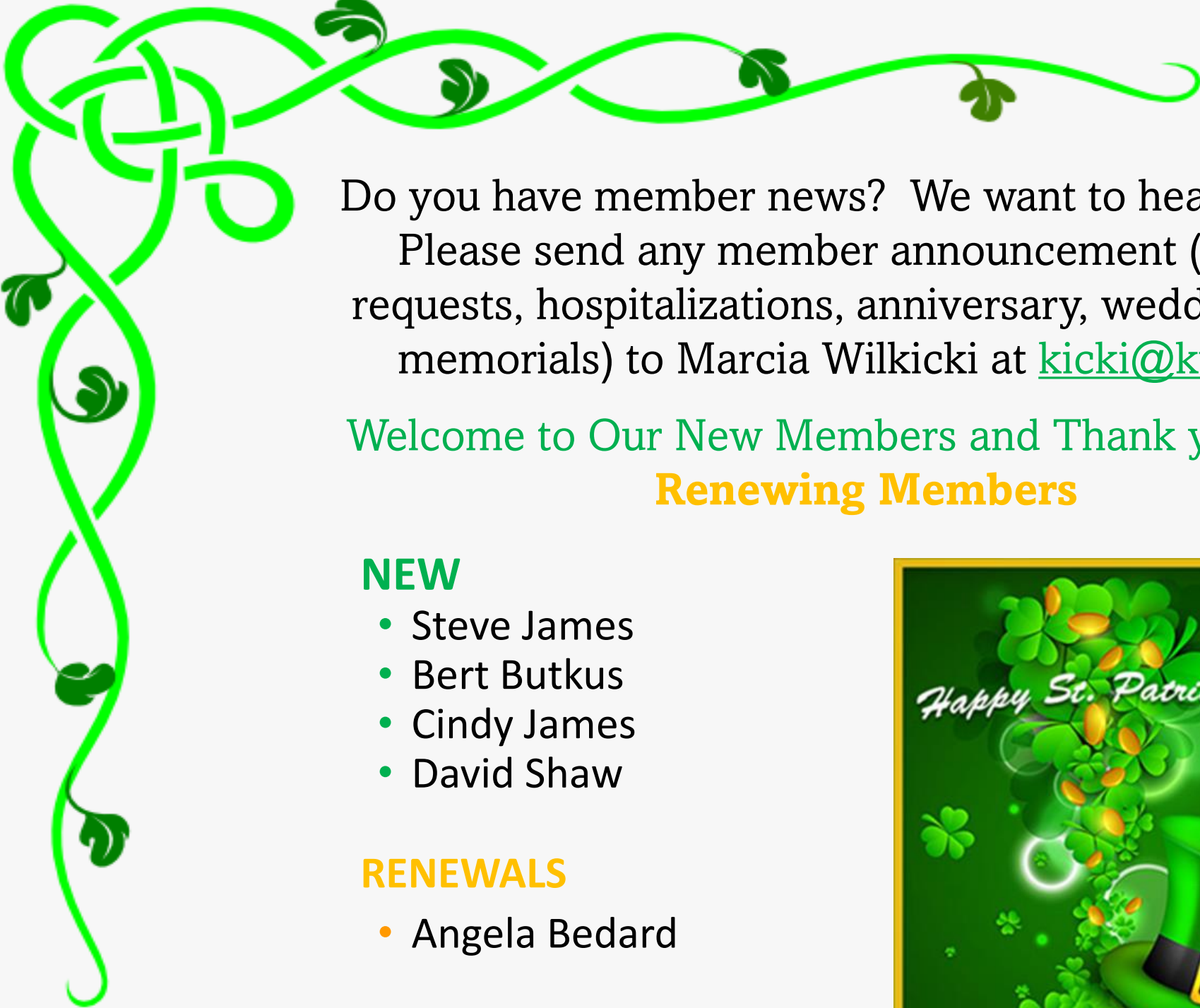
**To register, please go the Texas Ski Council website:**

**[www.Texas-ski.org](http://www.Texas-ski.org)**

Find the bid meeting header and click on Bidfest 2022 to access the necessary forms. Included with your hotel registration:

- Deluxe Room Accommodations
- Complimentary High-Speed Wireless Internet Access in all guest rooms and lobby areas
- Entrance to Hilton Lakes Tennis & Sports Club
- Ground Transfers to and from the DFW International Airport
- Up to Two (2) Breakfast Vouchers per room\*
- Complementary Drink Coupon for Welcome Party\*

*\*Must register on-line through TSC website to qualify for breakfast vouchers and drink coupon.*



Do you have member news? We want to hear about it. Please send any member announcement (special requests, hospitalizations, anniversary, weddings, and memorials) to Marcia Wilkicki at [kicki@kw.com](mailto:kicki@kw.com).

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

### **NEW**

- Steve James
- Bert Butkus
- Cindy James
- David Shaw

### **RENEWALS**

- Angela Bedard





# March Birthdays

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- 03 Judith Rayfield
- 04 Addison Heineman
- 09 Janet Medlock
- 09 Lori Parker
- 15 Diane Gilliam
- 16 Wayne Owen
- 17 Patricia Anderson
- 19 Cindy McCarty
- 20 Ron Campbell
- 20 Susan Swaim
- 25 Aten Beach
- 31 Cary Bassham

Legends  
ARE  
Born  
IN  
March



# March Happy Hour

**WHERE:** The Inwood Tavern 214-353-2666

**ADDRESS:** 7717 Inwood Road, Dallas, TX 75209

**DATE:** March 8, 2022

**TIME:** 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Come join your fellow LSS Club Members for Happy Hour at The Inwood Tavern. The Inwood Tavern has been around for almost 60 continuous years! They claim to be the oldest neighborhood bar in Dallas, and it is a neat one indeed. We have two semi-private areas to use.

Appetizers are compliments of your LSS Board and are from Campisi's Pizza and Pasta. Please ensure **YOU** take care of your servers!

**Special Happy Hour Drink Pricing: 4:00 – 7:00 pm:**

- \$3.50 for beer
- Wine is \$6.50 per glass
- Well Drinks are \$4.25

Please Note: Parking is limited in the front and on the backside of the building. There is plenty of parking across Inwood Rd in the shopping center. You can also park at Inwood Bank after 5 pm.

Thank You Rebecca for recommending the Inwood Tavern and Mitch Womble for setting up our Happy Hour!



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

# *Board of Director Responsibilities!*

You must be a member in good standing to run

## *President*

Presides over the business of the Club and monthly Board of Director meetings. Performs public relations duties of the Club. Acts as stand-in delegate for VP of Trips for Bidfest and TSC meetings.

## *Vice President of Trips*

Perform the duties of the President in their absence. Distributes and reviews with the Board information pertinent to TSC and Club trips with focus on ski trips. Act as or assign responsibilities of Trip Directors with Board approval. Act as the delegate for TSC Bidfest and represent Club for TSC meetings. Some travel is required

## *VP Communications*

Prepare all printed matters relating to the Club including, but not limited to, monthly newsletters, brochures, advertising, publicity, publication, distribution, and materials relating to Club history.

## *VP of Activities*

Working with the Activities Committee, the VP will initiate or assist with all Club activities and communicate to members. Provide pre- and post- social activity newsletter articles to the VP Communications.





## Board Roles & Responsibilities



**YOUR CLUB**



**to**

**TAKE  
PART**

### ***VP Membership***

Responsible for all membership related activities. Process applications for new memberships and membership renewals, issue membership related items, and maintain membership records. Direct admissions to all Club functions.

### ***Secretary***

Keeps and prepares meeting minutes for distribution. Receive and transmit communications among Board members. Maintain an accurate set of Club bylaws and standing rules. Be the custodian of the Club's records.

### ***Treasurer:***

Responsible for managing the Club's finances. Maintain accurate and complete financial records. Oversee the receipt and disbursement of all Club funds. Prepare detailed financial statements for review at Board of Directors meetings. Prepare an end-of-the-year financial statement and present it to the new Board. Prepare a budget forecast for approval by the Board during the first quarter of the current year.



*February Happy Hour*  
*Queen of Sheba*





Traditional	Winter Expedition	Winter Shootout	Final Showdown
Park City, Utah	Zell-am-See, Austria	Telluride, CO	Mammoth, CA
Jan 8-15, 2022	Jan 21-29, 2022	Feb 5-12, 2022	Mar 5-12, 2022
Winter Ski & Sports	Holidaze	Sports America	Sports America
<a href="#">Click Here: Park City</a>	Partnering with DSC	<a href="#">Click Here: Telluride</a>	Partnering with DSC

# 2022 *Ski Trips*

Our Park City Trip was a HUGE success! A big thank you to Bob Lamson and Joe Mueller for the write up and pictures.

LSS returned from Telluride on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> and had a fabulous time despite Mother Nature and the Airlines throwing us a curve ball on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>!

LSS is not scheduled to participate in any further 2022 Ski Trips.

# Telluride: Feb 5 - 12, 2022

Lone Star was *supposed* to arrive in Telluride on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, but alas, it was not to be for the majority for the Club participants, including some of our own. An icy winter storm caused numerous airline cancellations and delayed those driving. After lots of rebooking, switching flight schedules, phone calls and texts, everyone arrived safely either Saturday afternoon or late Sunday night. The weather all week was sunny with bright blue skies, and everyone got in some great skiing. It really wasn't even cold!

A most amazing Welcome Party was held at the Telluride Conference Center on Sunday. Chicago hotdogs, burgers, buffalo chicken wings, mac n cheese, veggies and brownies were served, and everyone had plenty to eat. A rocking DJ kept the music going for people to dance and just socialize.

Our Club dinner was held at Smugglers Union Restaurant and Bar. After a bit of confusion (they lost our reservation), we were seated and enjoyed great food, good drinks and outstanding conversation. Our server was awesome, and we let him know it! And the mushroom-sherried toast and meat pies? Oh my!!

We had about 30 people participate in the Scavenger Hunt held on Tuesday night. While no-one in our club won any of the 5 door prizes, we did meet one Olympian's family at Oak. Lucas Foster is a 22-year-old Telluride native who competed in the Snowboard Half Pipe. How exciting to chat with his family!

Wednesday again shone bright for our Mountain Picnic at Gorrone Ranch halfway down the Misty Maiden run. Once again there was plenty of food, variety and everyone enjoyed themselves before heading over for Nastar practice. The Telluride team groomed the racecourse for us for Thursday and 66 racers competed. LSS boasted of 3 racers and ALL of them received medals. Congratulations to James Mershon for his gold, Carol Bonn and Fred LeVay for their silvers. Unfortunately, both Carol and Fred took a nasty fall on Friday, so they were not able to attend the awards ceremony. The buffet dinner was divine – they served us PRIME RIB! The fun continued with the Rock Your Red, White and Blue contest. I had 3 volunteers round up the contestants and the DJ provided music for a dance-off. Participants from all clubs clapped for their favorites. The crowd chose their favorite Male and Female for 1<sup>st</sup> place, and we had Male/Female runner-ups. Prizes were handed out and everyone headed to the dance floor.

Saturday came too soon as we headed back to our respective homes!





**Looks  
like TOO  
MUCH  
FUN!**





# 2022 - 2023 TSC Trips

LSS plans to participate in Russia\*, Snowmass, Steamboat and Lake Louise. If we have a good response, we may also participate in Austria! I hope you take the opportunity to join us!

We are looking for Trip Coordinators (except Russia) for these trips.

*\*NOTE: Russia is being monitored by the TSC and clubs for safety and COVID concerns. Stay tuned for updates*



Fall Expedition 2022	Traditional 2023	Winter Expedition 2023	Winter Shootout 2023	Final Showdown 2023
Russia	Snowmass, CO	Ischgl-Samnaum, Austria	Steamboat, CO	Lake Louise, Canada
Sept 8 - 16, 2022	Jan 7 - 14, 2023	Jan 21-28, 2023	Feb 11 - 18, 2023	March 11 - 18, 2023
Collette	Sports American	Winter Ski & Sport	Sports American	Ski White Diamond

# *Imperial Russia – Sept 8-16, 2022*

*9 days ✨ 11 meals ✨ Unforgettable Memories*



TSC and Collette are offering the trip of a lifetime to Imperial Russia! The trip sign-up, and payments will be handled by Collette via an online registration/ payment system. Visit the Lone Star Website for specific details and for online registration. There is also a video for your review. A discount of \$300 is offered if you purchase the complete trip from Collette. This includes trip insurance which guarantees a 100% refund should you need to cancel. You can also upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare Please be aware there is a lot of walking on this trip. It is not recommended for individuals using walkers or wheelchairs, or not having the ability to walk for extended periods of time. A Russian Visa is necessary, please allow 6-8 weeks to gain your Visa. **LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE**

## **Highlights**

Moscow Metro, The Kremlin and the Armory Museum, Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral, Walking Food Tour, High-Speed Train, St. Petersburg, Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, Traditional Georgian Dinner, Hermitage Museum, Catherine Palace, Vintage Soviet Car Ride and lots of free time to explore.

Contact Cheryl Slaughter for details [ladysnake828@yahoo.com](mailto:ladysnake828@yahoo.com)





# *Non-Ski Trip Updates*

Pack your bags! Have a new adventure! Want to try something new or see a place again? Please let Elizabeth Lutton, Director of Non-Skiing Trips know at [elutton@hotmail.com](mailto:elutton@hotmail.com)

- Havana, Cuba: April 23-28, 2022. **We have one opening for a single male.** Contact Trip Director Cheryl Slaughter. Click here for details: [Havana](#)
- Maui, Hawaii May 14-21, 2022. Spend 7 nights in a tropical cottage along the Lahaina coast on one of the most beautiful islands in the world. Openings available for main and pre-trip. Contact Katherine Nelson, Trip Director or click here: [Maui](#)
- Destin, FL: Sept 27 – Oct 2, 2022. Dip your toes in the pristine white sand beaches at Destin, FL. Lone Star is staying at the beachside Jade East Condominiums. Not only does it have stunning views, but you will enjoy the waterfall and hot tub at the gulf-side lounging area. Contact Terry Smith, Trip Director or click here: [Destin](#)





# Havana, Cuba

*Dates: April 23-28, 2022*

*A city trapped in time...*

*Havana captures the imagination like no other.*

*Faded glamour meets careful colonial-era reconstruction with a backdrop of irresistible color. Walk El Malecón, the walkway bordering the ocean; visit Old Havana and the Cathedral de San Cristóbal; and listen for salsa music, open-air bazaars and parties lasting all night long!!*

*Courtesy of Explore Havana*

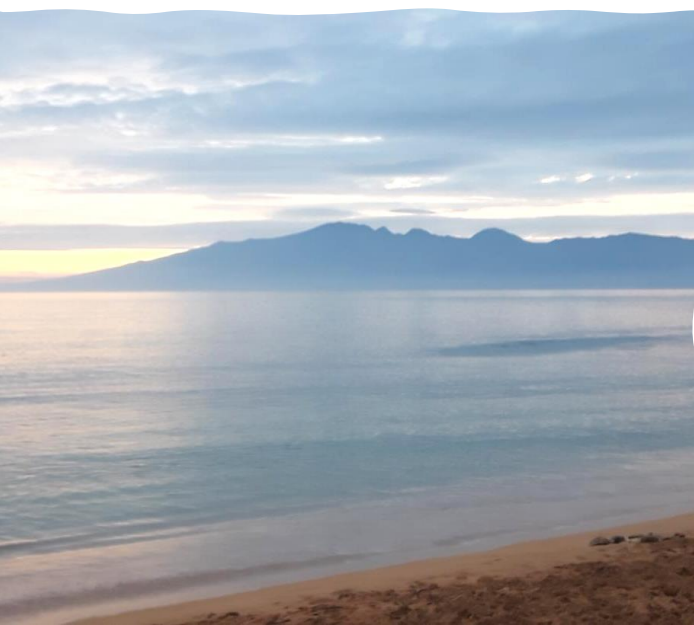
**Single Male Spot needs to be filled.**

## **INCLUDED IN TOUR COST**

- All taxes and Airport transfers from José Martí Int'l Airport in Havana to your hotel upon arrival and return to José Martí Airport for departure.
- 5 nights at the NH Capri Hotel, a four-star hotel located in the heart of downtown Havana
- 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Modern air-conditioned minibus and professional driver. An expert Cuban English-speaking guide and interpreter whose background matches tour content throughout the program. Tips for tour guide and bus driver including bottled water on bus.
- All activities, services and meals as described in tour itinerary except those noted as "optional" or "not included in cost."
- Ongoing support from Cuba Explorer Tours staff in North America and Cuba before, during and after your stay.
- Emergency collect call access to our North American and Cuban staff while in Cuba.
- Emergency cash advances for our tour participants who face complications accessing funds from aboard while in Cuba
- Cuban Tourist Visa.

Pricing is \$2,702 which includes your Visa. \$399 deposit is due at registration and is non-refundable. However, it is transferrable if someone takes your spot. COVID vaccinations and testing required. For Questions: Contact Cheryl Slaughter at [ladysnake828@yahoo.com](mailto:ladysnake828@yahoo.com)

**Trip interruption and cancellation protection insurance is highly recommended.**



Contact Katherine Nelson at  
[Katherine.nelson@verizon.net](mailto:Katherine.nelson@verizon.net)  
for details

# Maui , Hawaii

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Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club is going to Maui from May 14-21, 2022. **Openings available for Main and Pre-trips. Check website for further details.**

- Spend 7 nights in a tropical cottage along the Lahaina coast on one of the most beautiful islands in the world.
- Maui has everything resort travelers want, including beaches, hiking, water sports, golf, cruising, shopping and even tropical adult beverages.
- Trip cost is \$1500 per person, which includes double occupancy in a cottage, and transfers to/from the airport. Airfare is extra, but your trip director can assist with choosing flights
- A pre-trip to the island of Kona for \$823 is also available from May 10-14, 2022.
- It is preferred to obtain the same flights as most of the group.



# DESTIN F-L-A!

## Sept 27 – Oct 2, 2022

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Lone Star is heading to the white sand beaches and relaxed atmosphere of Destin, Florida. Staying at the 18-story Jade East condominium located on one of Destin's most covered beachfront locations. Enjoy luxury accommodations, stunning gulf views, and amenities such as waterfall, hot tub, and gulf-side lounging area. Have a bite in the grill area. Click on the link below to explore the condominium.

### [Jade East Condos](#)

Terry Smith, your trip director, is planning a variety of fun activities! Like to snorkeling? How about taking a dolphin boat ride? Or maybe cruise to Shell or Crab Island? Stroll along the boardwalk or visit Henderson State Park. For the fearless, you can visit the Gator Farm. Or just relax on the beach and enjoy the soothing sounds of the waves.

The trip will be open for sign up on our website in early December. The cost is \$482/person and includes your lodging and activity fees for 5 days. For more information, email Terry at [terry@terrysmith.com](mailto:terry@terrysmith.com)



Next Virtual  
**Board of Directors**

**Meeting:**

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

from: 6:30 - 8:00 pm



**TSC Update:**



*TSC is looking for volunteers to help on several committees and/or Trip Coordinators for the 2023 TSC trips. If interested, please let James Mershon know @ [jhmershon@msn.com](mailto:jhmershon@msn.com)*

**Bidfest is April 1- 3, 2022 in Grapevine, Texas. Final Details in progress**



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**2021-2022 Board of Directors**

**Thank you for your service!**

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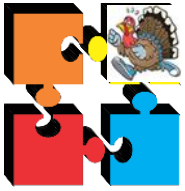
**Director at Large: Mitch Womble**

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**Newsletter Advertising**

- For advertising opportunities contact Tamara Preston
- 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





# Dazed and Confused about Medicare???

## **Paula Lanigan, Independent Health Insurance Agent, can HELP!!**

With over 30 years health insurance/benefits experience, I'm your resource to make sense of Medicare benefits and available options when new to Medicare, or during the annual open enrollment in October through December 7 when you can review your current program or make changes.

I specialize in:

- ✓ Medigap (also known as Medicare Supplement) products
- ✓ Medicare Advantage plans (like HMO's and PPO's)
- ✓ Part D prescription drug programs
- ✓ Represent several 'brand name' insurance carriers'
- ✓ Medicare Advantage and Medigap products:
- ✓ Aetna, Humana, United Healthcare/AARP, CIGNA, Silverscript
- ✓ Assist with ancillary products like dental and vision options



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Let me help you 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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# Texas Ski Council Sponsors

## Black Diamond



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