



Lakeway Newcomers

May 2020 Newsletter



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President's Message

This was a difficult message for me to write. The immediate future of our Newcomers club will be challenging. We will be following State and Federal guidelines for gatherings. When the officials start letting small groups gather, we will be ready with options. We may need to find new ways to continue to enjoy everyone's good company.

At this time we have no idea when we can resume holding live events and what that will look like. As guidelines loosen, I will be working with the social team and our Committee Chairs to determine how we can proceed with each of their groups. As you will see in the newsletter, our Committee Chairs for the Cinema Group came up with an idea for continuing the group by meeting virtually using Zoom.

It is always good to hope for the best but plan for the worst. If things persist as they are for the balance of the year, I will be asking the Board to consider reducing, prorating, or waiving dues for the current members for next year's membership.

Our Treasurer is inquiring with our insurance company as to potential refunds or credits we may be eligible for during this down time.

We made deposits on two future socials that are scheduled to take place in September and December of this year. If the guidelines will not permit us to have these socials, I will negotiate with the vendors to reschedule for future dates.

Even when the guidelines loosen, I know that some of us might be leery about attending large gatherings. It will take a while for us to get a good handle on what the new Newcomers will look like once we are over the worst of the Corona virus. In the meantime, please support one another and have faith that this too shall pass.

Your Newcomers President,
Joan Peterson

Activities

Out-to-Lunch

There will not be an Out-to-Lunch event during the month of May.

Group Chair: Renea Bergan

Cinema Group



Each month the Cinema Group selects two films to see before the next meeting. Participants see one or both films on their own, and then we meet as a group to discuss both movies. Participants rate the selected movies and then nominate and vote on the films for the following month's discussion.

We will try to continue this group during Social Distancing by meeting virtually, using Zoom and movie sources such as Netflix and Amazon Prime.

You'll still be welcome to munch on your own snacks and drink your beverage of choice while we meet in a virtual setting.

If you are interested in joining our Cinema Group, please contact Faith Stevens to be placed on the group's mailing list.

faithstevens@gmail.com

Group Chairs: Don and Faith Stevens

More Activities

BUNCO



Each month Bunco is played in individual homes, hosted by member volunteers. If you enjoy Bunco and want Bunco to continue, please offer to host a session in your home by contacting Lo Walker at loellawalker@gmail.com.

We are suspending Bunco at least through the month of May.

Group Chair: Lo Ella Walker

DINING OUT



Diners are organized into groups of six to eight members who meet at least monthly at a different restaurant. The restaurants do not need to be located in Lakeway. Each single or couple takes a turn arranging their own group's next restaurant outing. The mix of people within each of the groups are shuffled from the previous cycle's list of participants to provide a greater opportunity for the participants to meet and get to know more Lakeway Newcomers.

All group Dining Out events for the current January through May cycle have been suspended.

Normally, the next round of Dining Out Groups would start in June and end in October. Given the current circumstances, we are delaying the start of the next cycle until August -- assuming the restaurants will have opened. In that spirit of optimism, we will commence the process of reforming the groups for the next cycle.

Please advise Ed Hermann at hermannep@gmail.com **before June 10** if you would like 1) to be a *new* Dining Out participant; or 2) to *withdraw* your name from the previous list of participants.

Group Chair: Ed Hermann

Membership

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The membership form for new members and for renewing members can be printed from the *Membership* link on our website located at:

Lakewaynewcomers.com

If you have have changes to your member information (e.g., email, phone number, address changes), or you have questions about joining or renewing, please contact *Jim Filas* at:

lakewaynewcomers2020@gmail.com

or

(512) 660-8637

NEW MEMBERS

Please Welcome Our New Members

Tina and Ron Kiracofe

17 Falling Oaks Trail

From Manhattan Beach, CA



Member Support



Do you know a member, who is seriously ill, hospitalized, injured, or has had a death in the family? If so, please call **Pat Younger** at (713) 816-6477 or e-mail her at youngerpat@aol.com so that our club's support can be shared with a card, by your prayers, or other forms of caring.



For Newcomers Club news information, including the current and archived newsletters, check the club website at: Lakewaynewcomers.com

The website-protected areas include the membership directory. To access the protected areas, use your assigned password. If you do not remember your logon information, please email Robert Levey at: rlevey01@gmail.com



Your 2020 Lakeway Newcomers Board

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