

Lakeway Newcomers February 2021 Newsletter



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Happy new year Newcomers! This time last year, our social team was busy securing meeting space and catering and designing tablescapes and decorations for last February's Valentines event. Unfortunately, because of continuing COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be able to conduct a Valentines event this February 2021.

Looking back at the events we've held, and forward to our future events, I want to thank those who volunteered to be board and committee members, including those who served as ad hoc helpers, who helped plan, setup, and run Newcomers events. Each of us has a special talent that we can bring to the table for making an event successful. Each of our members has some skillset that would be useful to the Board, our committees, or a Newcomers event. I am sure if you ask anyone that has been a Newcomers board member or other type of volunteer, they will tell you that their time spent was a fun experience; and more importantly, that being a Newcomers volunteer helped them meet new people and helped them get to know acquaintances in a more personal way. Some of these of these relationships will last a lifetime.

I am encouraging you to consider volunteering at events once we can restart socializing in groups. I am also asking you to consider joining the board of directors at some point down the road. Many people are hesitant to volunteer for a Newcomers role because they are unsure about the expectations. I assure you that any volunteer will be brought into the fold and nurtured on what and how to get things done. Why not JUST DO IT? $\bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc$

Your Newcomers President, Joan Peterson

Membership

Please welcome "returning" new member

Sherry Bettis

13 Prestonwood Circle From Lakeway and previously from Houston



The membership form for new members <u>and</u> for renewing members can be printed from the *Membership* link on our website located at: <u>Lakewaynewcomers.com</u>

If you have had 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: <u>lakewaynewcomers2020@gmail.com</u> or (512) 660-8637

Important Note:

The Board agreed to waive 2021 dues for members who paid dues for the 2020 membership year. Current members grandfathered from 2020 to the 2021 membership year only need to supply the Membership Director, Jim Filas, with a recently signed *release of liability* form. Have you signed and then submitted your 2021 liability waiver form to Jim Filas? If not, please do so before the January 31, 2021 due date. If Jim does not receive your signed liability waiver form by the due date, it will be assumed that you have resigned your Lakeway Newcomers membership, and per the Bylaws, you will not be eligible to rejoin until the 2023 membership year. Please contact Jim if you have questions about submitting your waiver form.

Do you remember?

February was our last major social event of 2020. We're looking forward to resuming our socials once the virus ceases to be a serious risk to our members.



Valentine Social February 2020 and the event's orchestrating volunteers





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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 <u>youngerpat@aol.com</u> 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: <u>Lakewaynewcomers.com</u>

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: <u>rlevey01@gmail.com</u>



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