



# Lakeway Newcomers

## August 2021 Newsletter



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### President's Message

Greetings fellow Newcomers! Your board is very happy that we are back to work putting social gatherings together. We are very pleased with the success of the Summer Socials and will be continuing to arrange them. Check out the pictures from last month's social in the newsletter.

Another fun event that I would like to highlight is the Out-to-Lunch gathering that is back in full swing. All are welcome, yes men too!

Even though the grape is not good to me, I am looking forward to our inaugural Wine Appreciation and Education outing at Spicewood Vineyards in late September.

Please be sure to read about all the activity announcements in this newsletter. We'll see y'all there! 🍸🍷🍹

*Joan Peterson*

# Activities

## Out-to-Lunch



Our August Out to Lunch will be at Santa Catarina on **Wednesday, August 11 at 11:30**. We welcome anyone that is a member of The Lakeway Newcomers (men or women) to join us.

Please RSVP to Renea Bergan at [rbergan55@gmail.com](mailto:rbergan55@gmail.com) by Monday, August 9.



July 2021 Out-to-Lunch at Chisos Grill

## Cinema Group



The group has returned to its in-home format. The group selects two to three films to watch on their own, and then on the fourth Friday of each month, we meet as a group to discuss and rate that month's selected movies.

Attendees bring an appetizer or dessert to share in addition to bringing their own beverage of choice. There is a social time at 7:00 with the movie discussion beginning at 7:30. A short social break occurs between the discussion and the group selection of the next month's movies.

Group members take turns being the host. The host of the meeting will set the attendance capacity for their home. Once the home's capacity has been reached for that meeting, a wait-list will be started. To be placed on the group's mailing list, email Faith Stevens at [faithstevens@gmail.com](mailto:faithstevens@gmail.com).

Group co-Chairs: Don and Faith Stevens

# More Activities

## Bunco-for-All



We are looking for one or two members to chair or co-chair a new Bunco group format that we are calling *Bunco-for-All*. Unlike the previous Bunco group format, the new group will cater to both couples and singles. We would like to start this new group in the fall.

Concerns were raised about the previous Bunco hosting format that significantly restricted the number of members who could participate. There was always a waiting list due to the large number of people that wanted to join in the fun. So, the new format will include having more than just one host home, with eight to twelve people participating at each host home.

If you would like to lead the implementation of the new *Bunco-for-All* as its Committee Chair, please contact Joan Peterson at [kejcp@msn.com](mailto:kejcp@msn.com).

Bunco Group Chair: TBD

## Dining Out



Dining Out activities have been a great success! The next Dining Out cycle will commence in September and conclude through December.

**If you are interested in joining the next cycle, and you did not participate in the current cycle, please send your request to join response by August 11<sup>th</sup> to – [lakewaydiningout@gmail.com](mailto:lakewaydiningout@gmail.com).** In your response, please indicate whether you would like to be an *active participant* or *substitute*.

**If you participated in the current cycle, there is no action necessary,** unless you wish to drop out or change your status to substitute.



Group Chair: Ed Hermann

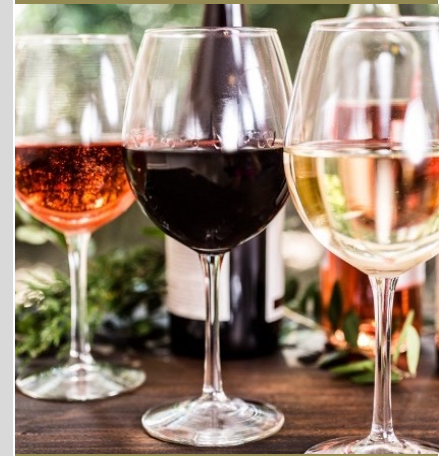
# Wine Appreciation and Education

This new activity group is targeted at Lakeway Newcomer members who are interested in learning about and exploring the Texas Hill Country Wine Region. The group will initially meet 4 times during the Newcomers' calendar year on a weekday. We'll visit local wineries for wine tastings and have a winery education session. Initially, the attendance for each event will be limited to the first 30 members who send in their event registration payment.

Our inaugural event will be held at 1:00 on Wednesday, September 29 at Spicewood Vineyards in Spicewood. Participants will taste 6 wines made from Texas grown grapes. Transportation is on your own. The per person price is \$30, which includes wine tasting and a cheese box.

This event is already 2/3 full following the early registration announcement in last month's newsletter. If you want to be sure to make the cut, register now by sending your check for \$30/person **made out to "Lakeway Newcomers"** c/o Scott Westphal at 408 Hurst Creek Rd., Lakeway 78734. Include the names of the participants covered by your registration check. There will be no refunds. For more information about this event, email Bruce Bauman at [Bmilehighman@gmail.com](mailto:Bmilehighman@gmail.com)

Co-Chairs: Scott Westphal and Bruce Bauman



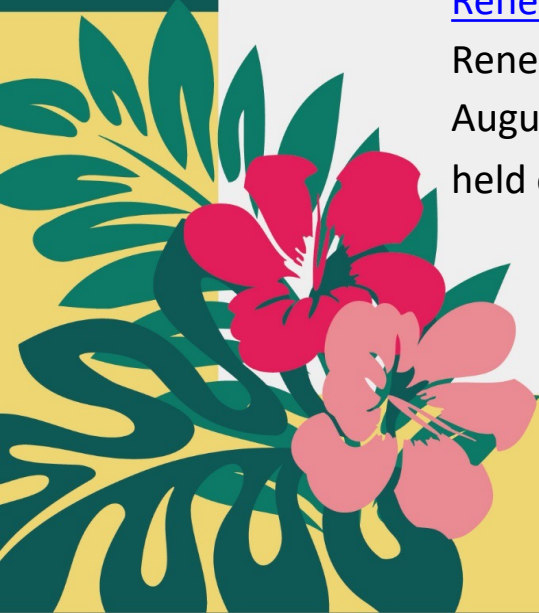


# Summer Social Series

With the positive feedback we received from those attending the July summer socials, we will be continuing these small group happy hour socials held at member homes from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. There will be no more than 12 people participating at each location. A lottery system will be used to identify the people going to each host home. Attendees will BYOB and will also bring an appetizer to share.

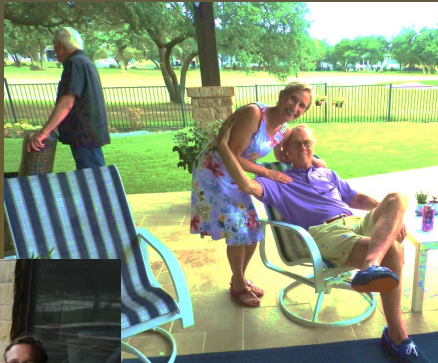
The next social will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2021. If you would like to participate, email Renee Picanso at [ReneePicanso@gmail.com](mailto:ReneePicanso@gmail.com) before July 30th. Please also let Renee know if you would be willing to be a host for this August social or for another upcoming small group social to be held on the second Thursday of the month.

Group Chair: Renee Picanso



# First Summer Social

July 8, 2021







# Newcomers Golfing Event

We have arranged to hold our first golf outing of the year on 8/25/21 at the Live Oak Golf course. The course has secured 5 tee times that will begin at 5:00 PM. There will be a limit of no more than 25 players on a first come, first serve basis. This will be a 9-hole scramble event and the plan is to gather at the *Smoked at the Oak* on the patio, following the golf, for food and refreshments.

All players will pay a \$1.00 fee for a prize pool.

There are different costs for the event based on your golf club or expanded club membership status:

- Hills and Lakeway Country club golf members will only pay the standard cart fee of \$10.00
- Members with social and fitness, plus the XLife membership, will pay the standard cart fee of \$10.00
- Non-members, and memberships other than those above, will pay \$30.00 green fee plus the standard cart fee of \$10.00, payable at the course.

If you'd like to participate in this event, please reply to Tom Cain at [golf@thomasgcain.com](mailto:golf@thomasgcain.com) with the following information:

- Your club membership status as defined above
- Your handicap or average golf score for 9 or 18 holes

This will be a fun outing with time for socializing after golf with other Newcomer members. We look forward to seeing you out on the course!

Tom Cain, Co-Chair, [tom@thomasgcain.com](mailto:tom@thomasgcain.com)

John Bergan, Co-Chair, [johnberg3737@gmail.com](mailto:johnberg3737@gmail.com)

# Membership

The membership form for new members and for renewing members can be printed from the *Membership* link on our website located at: [Lakewaynewcomers.com](http://Lakewaynewcomers.com)

If you had information changes (e.g., email, phone number, address changes), or you have questions about joining or renewing, please contact *Jim Filas* at: [lakewaynewcomers2020@gmail.com](mailto:lakewaynewcomers2020@gmail.com) or (512) 660-8637

## Please Welcome our New Member



**Constance Stanchak**  
101 Aria Ridge  
From San Diego, 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](mailto:youngerpat@aol.com) so that our club's support can be shared with a card, by your prayers, or other forms of caring.

This past month, cards from Newcomers were sent to:

**Jan Rouse, Sally Barto, and Jaime Rubenstein**



For Newcomers Club news information, including the current and archived newsletters, check the club website at: [Lakewaynewcomers.com](http://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](mailto:rlevey01@gmail.com)



## Your 2021 Lakeway Newcomers Board

**President:** Joan Peterson

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# A Word of Caution

We all have become aware of scams that use email to steal our private information or that try to get us to send a scammer money. One of the scams that is targeting membership organizations, such as the Newcomers, is an email that pretends to be from the club's president. We know of several other Austin membership organizations who have been targeted with this scam. Earlier, we notified our membership of an instance of this scam, and we just learned that the culprit has returned for a second round.

Please know that a Lakeway Newcomers board member will never solicit money or gift cards from our members. If you get an email asking for money or gift cards for what may appear to be a good cause this should be an immediate red flag that the email is a scam. When you view the actual email address, behind the supposed board member's name, you will likely find a strange address. In the most recent case that email address is uchennao@tippinpt.com .

If you receive this type of scam email, your best course of action is to block the sender and delete the email. Never reply to a suspicious message that asks for money or personal information.