



Lakeway Newcomers

September 2021 Newsletter



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Greetings fellow Newcomers! COVID has interrupted our social gatherings again. Because Newcomers is a 501c7 tax -exempt organization, we must follow all the federal, state and local COVID related guidelines. As I write this article, we are in stage 5.

With this situation, the Board has decided to postpone our regular activities except for Dining Out and Cinema Group via Zoom. Golf and Wine groups are also still on. Those groups will determine amongst themselves if they choose to continue during stage 5.

The Board was very pleased that the Men's Happy Hour got such a terrific response. Unfortunately, due to stage 5, the event had to be postponed. We are certainly looking forward to getting this men's event and the New Member Reception back on our calendar as soon as we are able.

Stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you all soon. ☁️🌧️☀️

Joan Peterson

Activities

Out-to-Lunch



We welcome anyone that is a member of the Lakeway Newcomers (men or women) to join us. Unfortunately, we are unable to schedule an event for September.

If you have questions about the group, please contact Renea Bergan at rbergan55@gmail.com.

Cinema Group



For the time being, the group will need to revert to its Zoom-only 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.

Once we can return to meeting in homes, attendees will 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.

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.

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 11th to – 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

Our inaugural event is still scheduled for 1:00 on Wednesday, September 29 at Spicewood Vineyards in Spicewood. Weather permitting, most of the event will be held outdoors. If the Stage 5 situation does not improve before this date, we may need to reschedule to a later date.

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.

Participants will taste 6 wines made from Texas grown grapes. The per person price is \$30, which includes wine tasting and a cheese box. Transportation is on your own.

The September 29th event is currently full, but if you would like to be put on the waiting list, or you have questions about the event, email Bruce Bauman at Bmilehighman@gmail.com.

Co-Chairs: Scott Westphal and Bruce Bauman





2022 Newcomers Board

We trust that by the first of 2022, we will be fully back in business and offering our regularly scheduled activities, plus some new events.

What is for sure is the end of 2021 marks the end of your current Newcomers Board's time-in-office. A new Board will need to be approved to take over the leadership responsibilities by February 2022.

Candidates for some of the positions have already been identified. The position of **Director of Technology** is probably our hardest position to fill, because it requires a base-level understanding of the administration of our *Go-Daddy* website. If you have worked with maintaining a website or would like to become more familiar with website administration – WE NEED YOU!

If you have the skillset and interest to serve as our Director of Technology for the 2022 year, please contact Joan Peterson at kejcp@msn.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

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 or (512) 660-8637

Please Welcome our New Members

Frank and Eileen Kelly

105 Amiata Ave
From Austin, TX



Mary Alice Kilgore

909 Porpoise St.
From Austin, TX

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](tel:7138166477) 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.

No cards needed to be sent from Newcomers this past month.



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 2021 Lakeway Newcomers Board

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