



Lakeway Newcomers

January 2022 Newsletter



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President's Message

Season's greetings and Happy New Year fellow Newcomers!

This will be my last message as your Newcomers President. I am looking forward to reading the messages from our new President, Jim Filas, beginning in February.

It has been delightful working with the current Board for the last two years. The Board will be saying goodbye to Pat Younger, Bob Levey, Keith Peterson, and Renee Picanso. Jim Filas will be staying on as President; Faith Stevens is continuing as Secretary; and Don Stevens is continuing as the Director, Newsletter and Communications. I want thank the entire Board for standing tall during the COVID challenges and working through the many issues it has brought to Newcomers and all our group activities.

The December 9th Newcomers and Alumni Holiday Gala was a beautiful and successful event. Special thanks to both the Alumni and Newcomers social teams for making sure it was a fabulous gathering. If you were not able to attend this past year, please consider attending in 2022.

Both the outgoing and the incoming Board of Directors are very much looking forward to seeing you all at many gatherings during our 2022 activity year. We wish you peace, joy, and many blessings during this holiday season and for the new year.

Stay safe, friends, and keep the faith. 🌲🌲🌲 *Joan Peterson*

Activities

Out-to-Lunch



Our first Newcomer lunch of 2022 will be at **Sakura Sushi & Bar** on **Thursday, January 13 at 11:30**. Sakura is located in the Oaks of Lakeway shopping center, 1945 Medical Dr. #500, Lakeway. They are a Japanese restaurant, but they also have a Chinese menu with many options to select from.

All Lakeway Newcomer members are welcome to attend (women, men, singles and couples).

If you would like to attend, please **RSVP to Renea Bergan** at rbergan55@gmail.com **no later than Tuesday, January 11**.

Chair: Renea Bergan

Cinema Group



We have restarted in-home meetings. The group selects three films, which participants will watch on their own. On the fourth Friday of each month, we meet as a group to discuss and rate that month's selected movies. Group members who register to attend the monthly meeting are required to see **at least one** of the movies being reviewed by the group.

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 initial nominations of the next month's movies. The movies can be a mix of in-theater and video streaming options.

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

Co-Chairs: Don and Faith Stevens

More Activities

Bunco-for-All



When: Monday, January 17, 2022

Time: 5:30 to 8:30 PM

Where: Barbara and Ted Carpenter's,
107 Caicos Cove, Lakeway

Limit: 32 participants

***Note if this event draws more than 32 people, we have a second host house, and we will split the total between the two houses. Singles do NOT need a predesignated partner to participate in this event.

Cost: \$5.00 per person, at the door

Bring: Covered dish to share and BYOB

RSVP: Email Joan Peterson before January 7th

at: kejcp@msn.com and include the category of dish you will be bringing, i.e., appetizer, main dish, or dessert. If a category is full, Joan will let you know which categories are still available.

Dining Out



Dining Out continues to be a highly popular Newcomers activity. The next Dining Out cycle will begin in January and conclude at the end of May. The group pairings for the January through May cycle are set and have been distributed to the participants.

If you have questions about this activity group, please direct your inquire to the group's Chair at lakewaydiningout@gmail.com.

Chair: Ed Hermann

Men's Night Out



Golf Outing



During the 2022 activity year, we will be organizing Men's Night Out Happy Hours for our male Newcomers members. *Ladies* – if your male partner is not on the Newcomers mailing list, please be sure to pass this message along.

We are looking to kick off the new year with an event that will be held on **Tuesday, January 18 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Woody's Tavern & Grill**, located at 12801 Shops Pkwy in Bee Cave.

We hope you will join us to enjoy an evening out where you can meet and socialize with other male members of Newcomers.

During this event, we'd like to discuss your ideas for Men's Night Out socials that you'd be interested in attending during 2022. Please be thinking about the type of events you'd like us to organize and any location preferences you have.

If you would like to attend the event on January 18th, **please RSVP to John Bergan** at johnberg3737@gmail.com before 1/16/22.

Due to it getting dark early, and the difficulty getting a daylight time slot that will accommodate our multiple groups of foursomes, we have decided to wait until early spring to restart our late afternoon golf scramble events.

WINE APPRECIATION and EDUCATION



Plans are in the works for a local winery visit and tasting event on a weekday during the last week of January. Another event is being planned for the March/April timeframe for a tasting and possible lunch excursion to the Fredericksburg area wine country.

Once the details of the January event are finalized, we will be sending out a special announcement about the event and the process for registering to attend.

For information about the Newcomers Wine Appreciation and Education Group, please contact either Bruce Bauman bmilehighman@hotmail.com or Scott Westphal westphalscottc@gmail.com.

Some of the 2021
Holiday Gala Attendees



Membership and New Members

Did you remember to renew your membership for 2022? Renewal forms and payment for the 2022 calendar year **are due by December 31, 2021**. The membership form for new members and for renewing members can be printed from the *Membership* link on our website located at: Lakewaynewcomers.com.

On your renewal form, **if your member spouse has his or her own email address, please include both email addresses on the membership form**. This is the only way to ensure that both members will receive timely Newcomers announcements and newsletters. If you have questions about joining or renewing, please contact *Jim Filas* at: lakewaynewcomers2020@gmail.com or (512) 660-8637

Please welcome our new members!

Cynthia and Kimel Keas

8 Stillmeadow Dr.
From Austin, TX

George Hughes

407 Darwins Way
From Plano, TX



Ellen and Tom Graybill

50 Wingreen Loop
From Thousand Oaks, 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](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, with prayers, or by other forms of caring.

A card was sent to Debbie Carver 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 Steve Gutty at: ctl-alt-del@msn.com

2022 Newcomers Board

Office	Candidate
President	Jim Filas
Vice President/Treasurer	Scott Westphal
Director Social & Special Events	Pam Filas
Recording Secretary	Faith Stevens
Director Membership	Val Ward
Director Communications & Newsletter	Don Stevens
Director Technology	Steve Gutty
Director Welcome, Care & Concern	Debbie Carver

Your Current 2021 Lakeway Newcomers Board

President: Joan Peterson

Vice President and Treasurer: Keith Peterson

Secretary: Faith Stevens

Director Socials and Special Events: Renee Picanso

Social Committee: Robin Hermann, Cindy Kilmer, Sara Scarberry

Director, Membership: Jim Filas

Director, Technology : Steve Gutty

Director, Newsletter and Communications: Don Stevens

Director, Welcoming Care and Concern: Pat Younger

