



Lakeway Newcomers February 2022 Newsletter



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President's Message

Happy New Year!

It is a great honor to serve as your Lakeway Newcomers President for 2022. First of all, I would like to thank Joan Peterson and her team for the great job they did during the last two years during very challenging times. Despite having to manage through the COVID situation with on-again, off-again event planning, the club still managed to safely hold several key events in 2021. Of special note was our annual gala in December, and the fabulous Music Hill event in June. While some activities were able to continue via Zoom, unfortunately, others had to be curtailed or paused.

Looking ahead to the New Year, we have once again had to pause -- hopefully just briefly, until the current COVID surge passes. We certainly look forward to being fully operational again, soon.

I would like to welcome the new board and social committee members serving in 2022 (see the *Members Support* page in this newsletter for all the names), and I'd also like to welcome back all the activity chairs who graciously volunteer their time to make Lakeway Newcomers the special experience that it is. We all look forward to a fun and fulfilling 2022!

Jim Filas

Activities

Out-to-Lunch



We have not organized an Out-to-Lunch for February, pending a notification that the COVID situation has returned to Stage 3 or lower. We'll keep you posted if something should change between now and next month's newsletter.

All Lakeway Newcomer members (women, men, singles and couples) are welcome to participate in the Out-to-Lunch activity.

If you have questions about this activity, please **contact Renea Bergan at rbergan55@gmail.com**.

Chair: Renea Bergan

Cinema Group



We have temporarily reverted to our Zoom online format. The group selects three films, which participants will watch on their own. Normally, on the fourth Friday of each month, we meet as a group to discuss and rate that month's pre-selected movies. Group members who register to attend an *in-home* 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



The kick-off event for this activity has been postponed. Stay tuned for an announcement about the rescheduled date. We hope we can usher in the first event in either February or March of 2022, depending on the updated COVID guidelines.

This new Bunco group is targeted at couples and partner teams of single players. And with the previous Newcomers Bunco format, there was always a waiting list due to the activity's popularity. The new format will allow for having more than just one host home so that all who want to participate can attend.

If you would like more information about the new format or are willing to help organize or host future Bunco events, please contact Joan Peterson at kejcp@msn.com.

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.

During this heightened period of caution, it is currently up to each dining group to determine whether they want to continue meeting for a dinner or to postpone until a later date within the January to May cycle.

If you have questions about this activity group, please direct your inquiries 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. We hope you will join us for these evenings out to meet and socialize with other male Newcomer members.

Ladies – if your male partner is a Newcomer member who has not provided his own email address to the Newcomers membership mailing list, please be sure to pass along all future Men's Night Out announcements.

We had planned to kick off the new year with an event during January, but that event was canceled due to the recent COVID issues. Now, we hope to restart in February or March.

During our next event, we'd like to discuss your ideas for future Men's Night Out socials that would encourage you to attend. Please be thinking about the type of events you'd like us to organize and any location preferences you have.

If you have questions about this new group, please contact **John Bergan** at johnberg3737@gmail.com.

Due to early nightfall, 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 winery visit and tasting event in March to the Fredericksburg area wine country.

Once the date for the next event is finalized, we will post the event in the newsletter and send out a special announcement about the details including 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.

All-Member Social

Traditionally, February is the month that your Board sponsors a complimentary Valentines social for all members. Unfortunately, the recent rise in COVID has prevented us from scheduling a large Valentines event for this February.

However, your new Social Committee has been busy, and they have started to plan a substitute complimentary social, tentatively for March, along with other member socials that will be held throughout the coming year.

We want to get back on track as soon as it is safe again to meet in large groups. Watch for an update in next month's newsletter or via a special save-the-date announcement regarding our next all-member social.



Membership and New Members

Did you remember to renew your membership for 2022? Renewal forms and payment for the 2022 membership year were due December 31, 2021. If your membership is not renewed by January 31, 2022, it will be considered lapsed. Per the organization's bylaws, after a membership lapses, it can only be reinstated after sitting out one full year following the year membership was not renewed. That means you will not be able to rejoin until 2024. We would hate to lose you as a member due to an oversight in sending in your renewal! If you are putting your renewal in the mail in the next few days, please send an email to Jim Filas at [lakewaynewcomers2020.com](mailto:jim.filas@lakewaynewcomers2020.com) so we know it's on its way.

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



Please welcome our new members!

Bryan and Nicky Brademan
126 Escavera Cove
From Horseshoe Bay, TX

Jim and Jane Lanshe
103 Top O' the Lake Dr.
From Atlanta, GA

Mike and Lynne Krippel
309 Palos Verdes Dr.
From Houston, TX

Sara Orth
204 Aria Ridge
From Austin, TX

Stephen Fernandes & Paty Swisshelm
111 Royal Oak Cove
From Naples, FL

Dee Donatelli-Reber
127 Cartwheel Bend
From Newton, KS

Member Support



Do you know a member, who is seriously ill, hospitalized, injured, or has had a death in the family? If so, please contact [Debbie Carver](#) by phone at (714) 392-1220 or by email at debbieanncarver@gmail.com so that Lakeway Newcomers support can be shared with a card, prayers, or other forms of caring.



For Lakeway Newcomers information, including the current and archived newsletters, go to our 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



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