



Lakeway Newcomers

December 2022 Newsletter



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President's Message

Happy Holidays Newcomers!

We had a great turnout for our 'Thankful Friends-Giving' event. There was an excellent traditional Thanksgiving dinner that topped off this fun event. As a bonus, we collected food contributions for those in our community who are less fortunate.

It is membership renewal season – meaning it's time to re-up your Lakeway Newcomers membership for 2023. You should have already received your email invitation to renew and noticed that we now have implemented the ability to pay your membership dues online by credit card. The transaction is fully encrypted and secure and will eliminate the need to write a check, buy a stamp and envelope, and send it off in the US mail. However, if you still prefer the check and mail option, that process is still available.

As we approach the end of the year, I'd like to thank the Newcomers' Board, all the event chairpersons and committee members, and the many volunteers who gave their time and efforts throughout the year to make our club the great experience that it is. Your efforts are truly appreciated! I look forward to seeing everyone in the year ahead at the many social activities the club provides.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Jim Filas

Out-to-Lunch



There will not be an Out-to-Lunch event in December.

After serving as the Out-to-Lunch Chair for the past three years, Renea Bergan is still seeking a volunteer to take over this position for the 2023 membership year. This activity is a great way to get to know other members in a small group setting, and it requires little time to manage. If you would like to keep the Out-to-Lunch activity active as its Chair, please contact Renea at rbergan55@gmail.com to discuss the details.

Dining Out



Dining Out continues to be a very popular activity. The next Dining Out cycle will begin in January and conclude at the end of May. The sign-up period for this next cycle closed on November 11. If you were a participant in the fall cycle, or you recently signed-up for the winter cycle, you will be receiving your group assignment notification by mid-December. For questions about the Dining Out group, email Ed Hermann at lakewaydiningout@gmail.com.

Cinema Group



Each month, the group selects three films that 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. To promote a meaningful movie discussion, members who register to attend an in-home monthly meeting must see at least two of the movies being reviewed by the group.

Attendees will bring an appetizer to share in addition to bringing their own beverage of choice. The host will provide or request some attendees to bring desserts. The evening begins with a half-hour social time beginning at 6:30, followed at 7:00 by a group discussion of the three movies. A dessert break occurs between the group discussion and the nomination of the next month's movies. The movie nominations will include a mix of in-theater and video streaming options. The entire group is then given a few days to vote on the movies that will be selected from the nomination list. Registration for attending the next meeting can begin once the month's movie selection vote has been compiled and announced to the whole group. This process helps members determine whether they are willing to see at least two of the movies that will be discussed at the next meeting.

All 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 host 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

Bunco for All



If you would like to help support the continuation of a Bunco activity, contact Joan Peterson at kepjc@msn.com to discuss ideas for keeping the group active for the 2023 membership year.

Golf Scramble



Our last golf event of the 2022 year was held at the Live Oak course on November 17th. It got a bit chilly by the last hole, but everyone had a great time with the quick-play format. After golf, most of the participants assembled at the *Smoke at the Oak grill* for socialization, drinks and BBQ.



Because it's getting dark much earlier, and with the difficulty getting an afternoon time slot that will accommodate our multiple tee times, we will wait until early spring to restart this golf activity. The Golf Committee would like to thank the members who came out this past year to participate in our sponsored golf events. Until spring...

John Bergen & Tom Cain
Golf Committee Co-Chairs

WINE APPRECIATION and EDUCATION



A special wine and dine event is being planned for our members who appreciate great wines. This intimate wine tasting with dinner event will be held simultaneously in up to four hosting homes -- tentatively during February.

Once the specifics about this event are solidified, we will put out an announcement with all the details. When the detailed announcement is published, registration will be limited to the first 32 members who sign-up using our new online registration capability.

Men's Night Out



We'll celebrate the season with a Holiday Men's Night Out on **Wednesday, December 14 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM**. We'll gather at the **Canyon Grille located in Rough Hollow** for a fun social and happy hour. The restaurant does not take reservations, so please RSVP by December 10 so we can work to get a table that will accommodate the size of our group. Please send your RSVP to johnberg3737@gmail.com.

Since it's the holiday season, feel free to wear your favorite Christmas sweater. John Bergen will award a prize to the one voted as the best. Thanks to all the men who attended our events during 2022. You helped make *Men's Night Out* a regular and fun Newcomers social activity group!



Newcomers & Newcomers Alumni

November 10, 2022

Thankful Friends Giving

A big “thank you” to all those who brought donations of food for the Lake Travis Crisis Ministries, and for those who organized and served a delicious turkey dinner!



Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your membership for the 2023 calendar year. Your \$30 renewal application and payment for each member is due by December 31, 2022. If you are a single member who would like to take advantage of our guest membership provision, which enables single members to bring recurring guests to any Newcomers function, contact Val Ward at lakewaynewcomers2022@gmail.com.

We recently implemented a secure new renewal and payment system for using a credit card OR debit card to pay for your annual membership. **Click on the following link to renew your membership online:** [2023 Lakeway Newcomers Renewal Link](#).

- **Please fill out a separate payment form for each member**, to ensure that we have the correct contact information for sending out club event communications. **Leave the quantity as "1"** and submit a separate form for each individual.
- **If you're a new member**, please let us know where you moved to Lakeway from in the "Add a note to the seller" field of the payment form.
- **If you are part of a couple with different last names**, please also use the "Add a note to the seller" field to let us know who your spouse/partner is.

Note: To meet our 2023 membership renewal timeline, we are using a standard system format to provide you with this basic online membership renewal capability. We will be looking at improving and expanding this capability over the coming year. If you have questions about using the new online payment system, call Val Ward at (302) 299-5358.

For those who prefer to send in a check rather than use the online payment system, you can still print the membership form from our website via this link [Print Membership Application](#), and then fill out and mail the form with your check, same as in the past.

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 Guty at: ctl-alt-del@msn.com



Your 2022 Lakeway Newcomers Board (**proposed changes for 2023)

President: Jim Filas

Vice President and Treasurer: Scott Westphal

Secretary: Faith Stevens (**Debbie Carver)

Director Socials and Special Events: Pam Filas

Social Committee: Robin Hermann, Joy Maytnier, Jan Rouse, Lorraine Dantone-Werner

Director, Membership: Val Ward

Director, Technology : Steve Guty

Director, Newsletter and Communications: Don Stevens

Director, Welcoming Care and Concern: Debbie Carver (**Cynthia Keas)

Lakeway Newcomers Upcoming Events and Registration Deadlines

December 2022

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
NOVEMBER	27		28		29		30	DECEMBER	1		2		3
	4		5		6		7		8		9		10
								Holiday Gala at Vintage Villas at 5:30 PM				Last day to RSVP for Men's Night Out on December 14	
	11		12		13		14		15		16		17
						Men's Night Out at the Canyon Grille at 5:30 PM				Cinema Group at 6:30 PM			
	18		19		20		21		22		23		24
	25		26		27		28		29		30		31
CHRISTMAS DAY 		January Newsletter Published											
JANUARY	1		2		3		4		5		6		7
NEW YEAR'S DAY 													