



# Lakeway Newcomers

## January 2023 Newsletter



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### President's Message

Happy New Year Newcomers!

Our final (and grandest) event of the year, our annual Holiday Gala, was a fabulous success! Those attending this event at Vintage Villas enjoyed a delicious multi-course dinner followed by great music and lively dancing. A big thank you to our social committee and the many volunteers who worked so hard to put together this jointly sponsored event with the Newcomers Alumni organization.

As we approach the New Year, it's a great time to reflect back on all the fun events Lakeway Newcomers held over the past year. We are looking forward to continuing to offer an exciting slate of events during our 2023 membership year, which is a segue to remind everyone to renew your membership for 2023. Renewals are due by December 31<sup>st</sup>, and with our new online credit card enabled registration system, renewing is easier than ever.

As 2022 comes to a close, the Lakeway Newcomers Board and I would like to wish all of our members a joyful holiday season and Happy New Year!

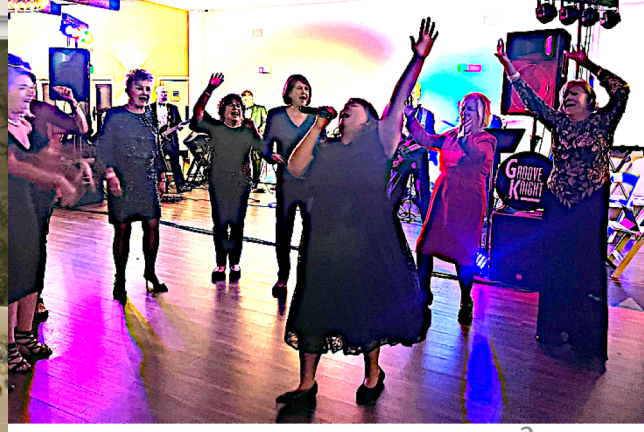
*Jim Filas*





# Holiday Gala

December 8, 2022





## Out-to-Lunch



There will not be an Out-to-Lunch event this January. The next group lunch will be held at a TBA restaurant during February. This activity has been a great way to get to know other members via meeting and conversing with other members in a smaller group setting.

We are hoping that one of our members will come forward to take over the scheduling of these once-a-month lunches during the coming year. If you would like to keep the Out-to-Lunch activity active by serving as its Chair for 2023, please contact Renea Bergan at [rbergan55@gmail.com](mailto:rbergan55@gmail.com) to discuss the details.

## Dining Out



**The next Dining Out cycle will begin in January and conclude at the end of May.** The sign-up period for this cycle closed in November. If you were a participant in the fall cycle, or you recently signed-up for the winter cycle, you will soon be receiving your group assignment notification. However, **to participate, you must renew your Newcomers membership before December 31<sup>st</sup>.** Email Group Chair Ed Hermann at [lakewaydiningout@gmail.com](mailto:lakewaydiningout@gmail.com) if you have questions.

## Brews & Booze Experiences



A distillery tasting experience is being planned for March. The date and place will be announced in February.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:kepjc@msn.com) to discuss ideas for keeping the group active for the 2023 membership year.

## Men's Night Out



Ten of our members gathered for excellent food, drinks, and conversation for happy hour at the Canyon Grille on December 14.

Our January *Men's Night Out* will be held at the **La Cabana Grill** on Hwy. 71 in Spicewood **on Wednesday, January 18 at 5:00 PM**. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by emailing [donstevens@aol.com](mailto:donstevens@aol.com) before January 16 so we can get a count to determine the table space we need at the restaurant. Hope to see you there!



## 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.

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

## New Members



Please welcome our new members!

Denise Holleran

102 Feritti Dr.  
From Austin, TX

Ed and Theresa Kennedy

3 Lost Meadow Cove  
From Atlanta, GA



# Newcomers New Year Resolution

It's been said that "Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something."

Lakeway Newcomers is always looking for folks to lead the organization, to plan activities, to chair either an existing or a brand new special interest group, to open their homes for small or large events, or just to help set up and clean up during an event.

Consider adding **volunteering** with Lakeway Newcomers to your own 2023 resolution list. Not just because volunteering helps our organization thrive – but also because serving as a volunteer will help the member create new and deeper friendships and relationships within our community.

Let us know if you would like to play a more active role by being part of our volunteer team. Send an email note to [lakewaysocials@gmail.com](mailto:lakewaysocials@gmail.com) to let us know how you can help out as a Newcomers volunteer during the coming year.



# Membership Renewal

**If you have not yet renewed your membership for the 2023 calendar year, your \$30 renewal application and payment for each member is due by December 31, 2022.**

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 Membershhip Application](#), and then fill out and mail the form with your check, same as in the past.

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](mailto:lakewaynewcomers2022@gmail.com).



# 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](mailto:debbieanncarver@gmail.com) so that Lakeway Newcomers support can be shared with a card, prayers, or other forms of caring.

**“ Deepest Sympathy” to John Bergan and to Brooke Grafstom**



For Lakeway Newcomers information, including the current and archived newsletters, go to our 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 Steve Guty at: [ctl-alt-del@msn.com](mailto:ctl-alt-del@msn.com)



## **Your 2022 Lakeway Newcomers Board** (\*\*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

# January 2023

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
DECEMBER	25		26		27		28		29		30		31
CHRISTMAS DAY 		January Newsletter Published											
JANUARY	1		2		3		4		5		6		7
NEW YEAR'S DAY 													
	8		9		10		11		12		13		14
	15		16		17		18		19		20		21
		Last day to RSVP for Men's Night Out on January 18				Men's Night Out at La Cabana Grill at 5:00 PM							
	22		23		24		25		26		27		28
						February Newsletter Published				Cinema Group at 6:30 PM			
	29		30		31	FEBRUARY	1		2		3		4