



Lakeway Newcomers February 2023 Newsletter



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President's Message

Greetings Newcomers!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is looking forward to participating in exciting activities during the upcoming year. To enhance our social activities for our members, our Social Committee has been expanded from five to ten members, and they have been busy planning a fun slate of events for our 2023 year.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new committee and board members, as well as to thank all our volunteers for your dedication to our organization. Please take note of the members who serve as board and committee members. They are listed in their roles within this newsletter.

We have some exciting upcoming special events. The February Wine Appreciation event is currently at capacity, but names are being accepted for a waitlist to be notified of any seats that become open. A *Field of Light Exhibition* at the Wildflower Center will be held in March; and there is a special *Happy Hour & Symphony* event in April. We are encouraging those interested in attending the symphony event to purchase their tickets early, as we expect this event to sell out quickly. Please view the information about these special social events on pages 3 to 5 of this newsletter.

Jim Filas

Out-to-Lunch



Our February lunch will be on **Wednesday, February 8 at 11:30 at Santa Catarina** located at 1310 Ranch Rd 620 S. in Lakeway. All members are welcome to attend (men, women, couples and singles). If you would like to join us, please RSVP to Renea Bergan at rbergan55@gmail.com by Feb. 6.

After serving as the group's chair for the past 3 years, Renea is stepping down, and we are seeking a member to assume this position. This is a once a month activity with the following responsibilities:

- Choose a restaurant and a date of your choice for the event.
- Call the restaurant and make a reservation.
- Type a short announcement for the Lakeway Newcomers Newsletter.
- Receive RSVPs by email from our members, and then attend the lunch.

Help us keep these monthly lunches active by volunteering to chair and schedule the activities for this group. If you are interested in this position, or have questions, contact Renea at rbergan55@gmail.com.

Dining Out



The current Dining Out cycle is underway and will conclude at the end of May. Opportunities to participate in the fall cycle will open up in May. If you have questions about the group, email Group Chair Ed Hermann at lakewaydiningout@gmail.com.

Brews & Booze Experiences



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

Co-Chairs: John Staiger, Bruce Bauman, and Don Stevens

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 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.

Men's Night Out



In January, our men had an enjoyable evening over great margaritas and a broad selection of tasty Tex-Mex entries at the Cabana Grill.

For February, *Men's Night Out* will be held at the **Sundancer Grill** located on Stewart Road in Lakeway **on Wednesday, February 15 from 5:00 to 7:00**. For a fun evening of food and social time together with other male members of Lakeway Newcomers, RSVP by emailing John Bergan at johnberg3737@gmail.com before February 13 -- so we can get a count to determine the table space we need at the restaurant. We hope to see you there!

New Activity Groups ?

Last year, the Board introduced three new activity groups for our members, and the Board is very open to adding more groups. If you have an idea for a new Newcomers activity group that you would be willing to organize and chair, please email Jim Filas at jimfilas@gmail.com with your new activity group idea.

WINE APPRECIATION and EDUCATION



A special wine and dine event for our members who appreciate high quality wines will be held on **Saturday, February 18** at four host homes. Sign-up for the event is already at capacity. If you were unsuccessful in registering online for this event and would like to attend, you can place your name on the event's waitlist, as additional seats could later become open.

The announcement for this event is located at the following link [Wine Event Announcement](#). If you would like to be placed on the waitlist to be notified of seats that have become open, please email Scott Westphal at westphalscott@gmail.com and include "Waitlist" as the message subject.

Co-Chairs: Bruce Bauman & Scott Westphal

New Members



Please welcome our new members!

Deborah and Alan Davis
47 Treehaven Ct
From Hollis, NH

Dave and Diane McNamara
414 Malabar St
From Elmhurst, IL



Field of Light Exhibition

Illuminating 16 acres in the Texas Arboretum at the Wildflower Center, *Field of Light* is a stunning display of 28,000 vibrant solar-powered, fiber-optic light pods that showcase the intersection of art, technology, and nature. The installation unites with the outdoors, celebrating the natural topography of the landscape and creating an immersive and emotional experience for guests.

Lakeway Newcomers is organizing a group visit to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center to view the highly-acclaimed British artist Bruce Munro's *Field of Light* on **Friday, March 12 at 6:00 PM.**

If you would like to join us for this group event, **please save the March 12 date on your calendar.** Details about buying tickets at a lower rate, plus car-pooling and dining options, will be forthcoming.



Lakeway Newcomers

Mark your calendars and purchase your tickets for **Saturday, April 1st** to attend...

“A Night with the Austin Symphony and the Lake Travis High Orchestra”

EVENT SCHEDULE

5:30 PM HAPPY HOUR (for Newcomers orchestra performance attendees, only)

7:00 PM PERFORMANCE

PERFORMANCE LOCATION: Lake Travis High School Performing Arts Center

PERFORMANCE COST: \$15, \$30 or \$50 (depending on your seat selection preference)



Maestro Peter Bay of the Austin Symphony will conduct the performance with participation by Anna Macias, director of Lake Travis High School orchestra and Richard Hick, director of Lake Travis High Bands.



To Purchase tickets:

- Go to lakeway-tx.gov on the internet
- Click top right corner “tickets on Sale for A Night with the Austin Symphony”
- Scroll down to select desired seats, and purchase tickets

For the Happy Hour: Please RSVP to either:

- Debbie Carver at debbieanncarver@gmail.com
- Shelley Smith at agenomore01@aol.com

Details regarding the Happy Hour event **for Newcomers performance attendees** will be sent in March to those who RSVP.

Membership Renewal

If you intend to renew your membership for the 2023 calendar year, you have until January 31st to make your renewal payment. For any 2022 members who do not renew their membership by January 31st, we must assume you have resigned, and you will be removed from the club's membership list and will become ineligible to participate in any club activities. Per the club's bylaws, members who resign in 2022 will not be eligible to rejoin until January 2024.

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](#).

When renewing:

- **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.

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.

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 [Cynthia Keas](mailto:cynthia@montebella.com) by phone at (512) 468-1472 or by email at cynthia@montebella.com so that Lakeway Newcomers support can be shared with a card, prayers, or other forms of caring.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Gary Shoemaker**, a long time member and contributor to the Lakeway Newcomers organization. A memorial service will be held on Saturday January 28th, at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of The Lakeway Church, 2203 Lakeway Blvd.



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 login information, please email Steve Guty at: ctl-alt-del@msn.com

Your 2022 Lakeway Newcomers Board

President: Jim Filas

Vice President and Treasurer: Scott Westphal

Secretary: Debbie Carver

Director Socials and Special Events: Pam Filas

Social Committee: Robin Hermann, Joy Maytnier, Jan Rouse, Lorraine Dantone-Werner, Lisa Frederick, Linda London, Leslee Minahan, Mary Anne Veregge, Debbie Carver

Director, Membership: Val Ward

Director, Technology : Steve Guty

Director, Newsletter and Communications: Don Stevens

Director, Welcoming Care and Concern: Cynthia Keas



Lakeway Newcomers Upcoming Events and Registration Deadlines

February 2023

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
JANUARY	29		30		31	FEBRUARY	1		2		3		4
				Last day for 2023 membership renewal									
	5		6		7		8		9		10		11
		Last day to RSVP for Out to Lunch on February 8				Out to Lunch at 11:30 at Santa Catarina Last day to put your name on the waitlist for the Feb. 18 Wine Tasting & Dinner							
	12		13		14		15		16		17		18
		Last day to RSVP for Men's Night Out on February 15				Men's Night Out at Sundancer Grill at 5:00 PM						Wine Tasting & Dinner at 6:00	
	19		20		21		22		23		24		25
										Cinema Group at 6:30 PM		March Newsletter Published	
	26		27		28	MARCH	1		2		3		4
	5		6		7		8		9		10		11