



Lakeway Newcomers

March 2023 Newsletter

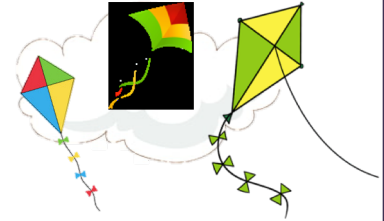


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President's Message

Hello Newcomers!

I hope everyone managed to survive the winter ice storm, with minimal or no damage to your homes, other than the vast tree cleanup we are all now facing. Hopefully, this will be the last major weather event of this winter.

We had a very successful Wine Appreciation & Dinner event on February 18. This was our first such event and based on the feedback so far, it was very well received. So, we will plan to repeat, dependent on securing volunteers to serve as future hosts. Many thanks to the Wine Appreciation co-chairs Scott Westphal & Bruce Bauman for their wine knowledge and support and to all the hosts who graciously offered their homes for this delightful event.

The Social Committee has been busy planning an eventful year of exciting activities. Please read your Newcomers Newsletter and watch for announcements as we progress through the year.

Happy Spring!

Jim Filas

Out-to-Lunch



After serving as the group's chair for the past 3 years, Renea Bergan 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.

If you would like to keep these monthly lunches active by volunteering to chair and schedule the activities for this group, please contact Renea at rbergan55@gmail.com to discuss the details.

Men's Night Out



Please join us for a night of food, beverages, and social time with fellow men from the Lakeway Newcomers. We will be meeting at **Don Mario's Restaurant** on **Wednesday, March 22 from 5:00 to 7:00**. The restaurant is located at 1113 RR620 – this is their new location.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to John Bergan by March 19 at johnberg3737@gmail.com so John can make reservations for the size of the group. Men's Night Out has proven to be a fun evening and a great opportunity to get to meet or become better acquainted with other men from our club community.

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.

Community Event



If you would like to learn more about our Lakeway community and its history, the City of Lakeway is sponsoring a free Heritage Trail bus tour on Friday, May 5th. Tours are offered at 9:15, 11:15 and 1:15. Seats are limited, so early registration is important for securing a seat on the bus. Register at: [Heritage Trail Tour Registration](#)

Brews & Booze Experiences



A distillery tasting experience is scheduled for Friday, March 24th from 2:00 to 4:00 at Iron Wolf Ranch. **See page 6 announcement.**

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

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



Our wine tasting and dinner event on February 18th was an outstanding success. Each of the four host homes was at capacity, serving an identical multi-course menu and the same selection of seven very high quality wines. A special thanks to our member hosts (Nancy and Bruce Bauman, Pam and Jim Filas, Faith and Don Stevens, and Lee and Scott Westphal) for jointly organizing and co-hosting this special event. This event would not have been possible without the Westphals' contribution of the wines and champagne. With the great response we had for this type of tasting event, we are hoping that more of our wine appreciation group members will be willing to host uniquely themed in-home wine tasting events. Attendees at the February 18th event offered some interesting ideas for the future.



Cinema Group



This activity group normally meets on the fourth Friday of each month to discuss and rate the month's previously selected movies. Participants view three group-selected films at their individual convenience. To promote a meaningful movie discussion, members who register to attend the 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 decide 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.



The group's February meeting





Don't forget to buy your tickets and sign up for our Happy Hour

*"A Night with the Austin Symphony and the Lake Travis High Orchestra" on **Saturday, April 1***

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.

EVENT SCHEDULE

5:30 PM HAPPY HOUR: at Debbie Carver's home (for Newcomers orchestra performance attendees, only)

7:00 PM PERFORMANCE: Lake Travis High School Performing Arts Center

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



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: RSVP to:

- Debbie Carver at debbieanncarver@gmail.com

Brews and Booze Experiences Event at Iron Wolf Ranch and Distillery

101 Co Rd 409, Spicewood, TX 78669

Friday, March 24 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Iron Wolf Ranch has recently grown beyond its distillery roots and is becoming a local entertainment destination. We have arranged a special off-hour tour and tasting event tailored and discounted for our Newcomers members. Join us for learning about the expanded Iron Wolf facilities along with sampling both popular and unique spirits.

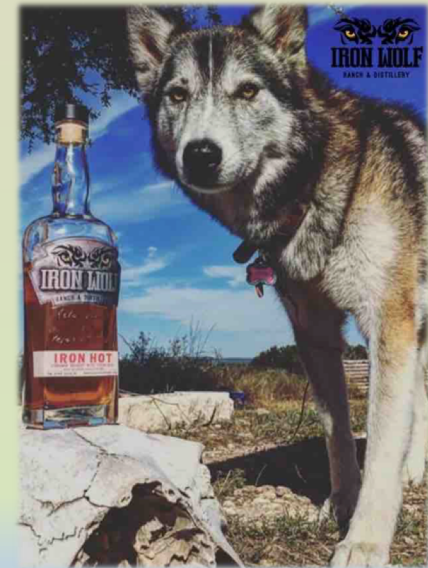
What's Included:

- Tour of the facility that includes a talk about the products and the distilling process
- Tasting of Iron Wolf's unique award-winning craft spirits
- Light snacks
- One mixed cocktail of your choice
- All taxes and gratuities

Cost: \$32 per person

Registration/Payment Deadline: March 17

Register and pay online at: [B&B Iron Wolf Event Registration](#)



Consider contacting your Newcomers friends and neighbors to car pool to Spicewood.

If you have questions about the event, email newcomersbrewsandbooze@gmail.com

Membership

We have been getting inquiries from some of our members about not receiving Newcomers newsletters and announcements, or not being contacted by an activity group that they had joined. In almost every case, the problem lies with incorrect or missing information in our central membership file, which is used for all general communications and by activity groups.

The most common problem is only having the contact information for one person of a two-member couple. To ensure you or your spouse are not missing out receiving member communications, please go to our online directory at [Newcomers Directory](#) to verify that all your contact information (especially your email address and phone/texting number) is correct or not missing.

If you do not remember your directory login information, please email Steve Gutty at: ctl-alt-del@msn.com. If you find that your membership profile has incorrect or missing information, please email Membership Director, Val Ward, at lakewaynewcomers2022@gmail.com to report your corrected information.

To apply for membership in Lakeway Newcomers, you can either mail your check along with your completed membership form, which can be printed from our website at [Print Membership Application](#); or you can apply and pay for your membership at [Membership Application and Payment](#)

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.

New Members

Please welcome our new member!



Mindy Beaty
207 Delfina Circle
From Austin, TX

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](#) 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.

Wishes for a speedy recovery to **Chris Gross** and to **J.J. Minahan**

Condolences to the daughter of long-time member **Joan Scheider** on her passing



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

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Lakeway Newcomers Upcoming Events and Registration Deadlines

March 2023

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
FEBRUARY	26		27		28	MARCH	1		2		3		4
	5		6		7		8		9		10		11
	12		13		14		15		16		17		18
Field of Light event at 6:00 PM										Last day to register for B&B Event at Iron Wolf Ranch			
	19		20		21		22		23		24		25
Last day to RSVP for Men's Night Out on March 22						Men's Night Out at Don Mario's at 5:00 PM				B&B Event at Iron Wolf Ranch from 2:00 to 4:00 PM Cinema Group at 6:30 PM		April Newsletter Published	
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						Austin Symphony at Lake Travis HS at 7:00 PM with Happy Hour at 5:30 PM							
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