



Lakeway Newcomers

April 2023 Newsletter



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President's Message

Greetings Newcomers!

As we welcome warmer weather, we finally have opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. The March Field of Light Event at the Lady Bird Wildflower Center was a well-attended success. Favorable weather and the fantastic light exhibit was a treat for all who attended.

The upcoming Austin Symphony performance with the Lake Travis Orchestra on April 1 promises to be a very special evening. We look forward to seeing you there, and at the pre-event happy hour!

Looking forward into spring/summer, the Social Committee has several exciting activities planned, all of which will be announced in the upcoming months. Also, watch for an announcement about the spring restart of our golf scramble events.

Meanwhile, our ongoing activities such as Cinema group, Men's Night Out, Dining Out, and our various winery, brewery, & distillery events continue to be great ways to meet and socialize with fellow Newcomers. I hope to see you at many of these great activities.

Jim Filas

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.

Wine Appreciation & Education



A spring winery visit is in the works, as are plans for another type of in-home event, potentially on the general order of our recent and highly successful wine tasting and dinner event. Stay tuned for more information.

Co-Chairs: Scott Westphal and Bruce Bauman

Brews & Booze Experiences



A late spring beer experience is being planned as our next event. The date and location will be published in a future newsletter.

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

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 **Hops and Thyme on Thursday, April 13 from 5:00 to 7:00.** The restaurant is located off of Lohmans Crossing in Lakeway.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to John Bergan by April 10 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.

Golf Scramble



With improved weather and daylight, our golf scramble group will be restarting in May. Watch for an announcement with the details for signing up for our first-of-the-year event. This group is open to all Lakeway Newcomers members.

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.

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.

Co-Chairs: Don and Faith Stevens

The group's Oscar prediction winners



Our group saw and reviewed all but one of this year's Oscar nominated movies



Pam and Jim Filas



Joy Maytnier

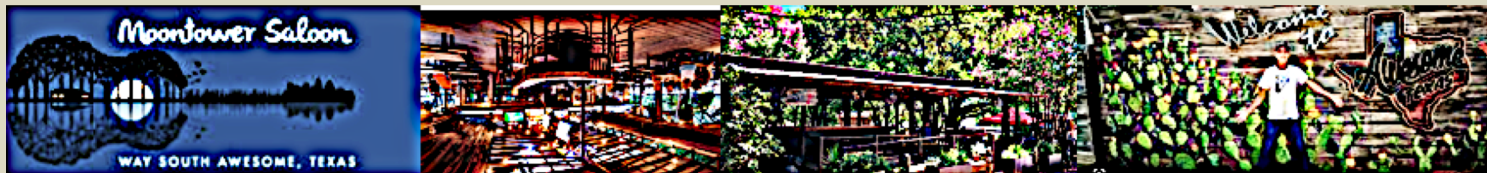
May 6th Social at Moontower Saloon

Would you like to discover and spend an enjoyable Saturday afternoon with your Lakeway Newcomers friends at a very unique Austin venue?

Then, come join us for a group social on **Saturday, May 6 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM** at **Moontower Saloon in South Austin**, located at 10212 Menchaca Road, just south of Slaughter Lane.

What a great way to spend a laid back Saturday afternoon, enjoying a cold drink, sampling Tex-Mex or having a good burger, while listening to live music in a beautiful, rustic setting. You'll especially want to relax under the majestic oaks to hear the music provided by John Arthur Martinez.

If you would like to participate in our May 6 event at Moontower Saloon, sign up by sending an email to LakewaySocials@gmail.com so we know how many members to expect. Please include the names of those attending in your email message.





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

Summer Social Series



We have learned that many of our members really like smaller social gatherings where they can get to better know or chat more easily with other members in a home-based setting. In response, the Social Team is pleased to bring back the Summer Social Series.

This year's summer socials will include small group happy-hours to be held in multiple member homes (on the same dates) from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on the second Thursday of the month in June thru August-- assuming we have identified enough host homes. Groups of 10 plus people will participate at each location, depending on the host's limitations.

Attendees will BYOB and also bring an appetizer to share. A lottery system will be used to determine who will be going to each home on a given date. Before we can announce the sign-up process for attending these socials, we first need to identify the multiple host homes.

If you are willing to host a social in your home on June 8th or on a later date, please email the social committee at lakewaysocials@gmail.com to let us know your availability and the number of guests that you are willing to host.

FIELD OF LIGHT

AT LADY BIRD JOHNSON WILDFLOWER CENTER



March 24th Iron Wolf Ranch B&B Event

What a pleasant, sunny afternoon 29 of our members had socializing and sampling seven unique Iron Wolf spirits while touring to learn about the distilling process.



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 tell your Lakeway neighbors about our Newcomers Club and the fun activities that are available to our members. You don't need to be new to Lakeway to join.

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.

Condolences to Pam Filas and to Pete Nelson on the loss of their mothers



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

Your 2022 Lakeway Newcomers Board

President: Jim Filas

Vice President and Treasurer: Scott Westphal

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Director, Welcoming Care and Concern: Cynthia Keas



Lakeway Newcomers Upcoming Events and Registration Deadlines

April 2023

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
MARCH	26		27		28		29		30		31	APRIL	1
												Austin Symphony at Lake Travis HS at 7:00 PM with Happy Hour at 5:30 PM	
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	9		10		11		12		13		14		15
		Last day to RSVP for Men's Night Out on April 13						Men's Night Out at Hops and Thyme at 5:00 PM					
	16		17		18		19		20		21		22
										Cinema Group at 6:30 PM			
	23		24		25		26		27		28		29
				May Newsletter Published									
	30	MAY	1		2		3		4		5		6
												Moontower Saloon Social at 2:00 PM	