



# Lakeway Newcomers

## May 2023 Newsletter



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### President's Message

Hello Newcomers!

I hope everyone has survived the worst of the oak pollen/allergy season and now can enjoy the beautiful spring weather. Summer is approaching, and we have a lot of great upcoming activities for your enjoyment.

The Symphony Happy Hour on April 1<sup>st</sup> was a great success and kick-off to a lovely evening. Many thanks to Debbie Carver and Shelley Smith for organizing this event, and a special thanks to the Carvers for hosting!

A fun gathering under the trees at the Moontower Saloon in South Austin is coming up on the afternoon of May 6. There will be live music by renowned Austin performer John Arthur Martinez, along with food trucks for your culinary enjoyment. If you have not already signed up, please do so right away, as this event is just around the corner (*see the repeat announcement in this newsletter*).

Two summer social happy hours, hosted in volunteer member's homes, will be held during June and August. A bat boat tour on Lady Bird Lake is planned in July, and we're working on some new activity group surprises to be announced soon.

So, stay tuned to this and future Lakeway Newcomers newsletters and all special emailed announcements!

*Jim Filas*

## Dining Out



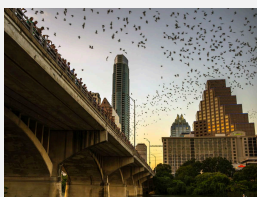
*Dining Out* continues to be a great success! The next *Dining Out* cycle begins in August and concludes at the end of November. **If you are interested in joining the next cycle, and you did not participate in the current cycle, please send your request to join before May 20th to the following address:** [lakewaydiningout@gmail.com](mailto:lakewaydiningout@gmail.com). In your email response, please indicate whether you would like to be an *active participant* or *substitute*.

**If you participated in the last cycle, and you would like to continue to participate --- no action is necessary,** unless you wish to drop out or change your status to *substitute*. **If you dropped out during the last cycle, you will need to reenroll.**

## Bat Watching Social

**Mark your calendars for Thursday, July 13** to join fellow Newcomers on a sunset bat watching cruise. We will board the "Little Star" on Lady Bird Lake and enjoy a one hour narrated tour, highlighted by the emergence of the largest urban bat colony in North America.

Registration instructions and additional information will be available in the June newsletter.



## Wine Appreciation & Education



### Save the date for our next group event on June 22

A wine tasting event, featuring five wines accompanied by individual charcuterie boards, is being planned to be held at Solaro Estate Vineyards and Winery in Dripping Springs.

Details about the cost, the time, and the online registration process will be in next month's newsletter and also via a special email announcement. If you would like to join the group for this event, be sure to block out the **afternoon of Thursday, June 22** on your calendar.

If you have questions regarding our *Wine Appreciation and Education* group, email [lakewaywinefans@gmail.com](mailto:lakewaywinefans@gmail.com)

## Activity Group Ideas

A couple of suggestions have been proposed and are pending next steps. The key element for adding new activity groups to our Newcomers portfolio is having a member leader who will initially organize and then manage the activities of the group. If you have an idea for a new Newcomers activity group, which you are passionate about **and would be willing to organize and chair**, please email Jim Filas at [jimfilas@gmail.com](mailto:jimfilas@gmail.com) with your new activity group idea. The Board is very open to providing even more social opportunities for our members.

## 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](mailto:faithstevens@gmail.com).

Co-Chairs: Don and Faith Stevens

## Golf Scramble



Get ready to swing into spring by joining the Newcomers golf outing!

We've setup three tee times beginning at 4:00 at the **Live Oak golf course on May 9**. If you are interested in playing in this 9-hole scramble event, please reply to [johnberg3737@gmail.com](mailto:johnberg3737@gmail.com) before May 2, and include your handicap or average score. The event is open to both men and women Newcomer members.

The group will plan to gather after the round at the *Smoke at the Oak* restaurant at the course for refreshments and social time. We will take reservations on a first come basis.

We look forward to seeing you at the course.

John Bergan  
Tom Cain  
Co-Chairs of Golf Committee

## Men's Night Out



We had a well-attended event in April and have planned another fun Men's Night Out in May. Our next event will be held on **Thursday, May 18 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Maudie's Tex-Mex**, located at 12506 Shops Parkway in Bee Cave.

If you would like to join other men from Lakeway Newcomers for this get-together, please **RSVP to** [johnberg3737@gmail.com](mailto:johnberg3737@gmail.com) before May 15. This activity continues to be a fun evening of food and social time for our Lakeway men. RSVP, now, to reserve a seat at the table.

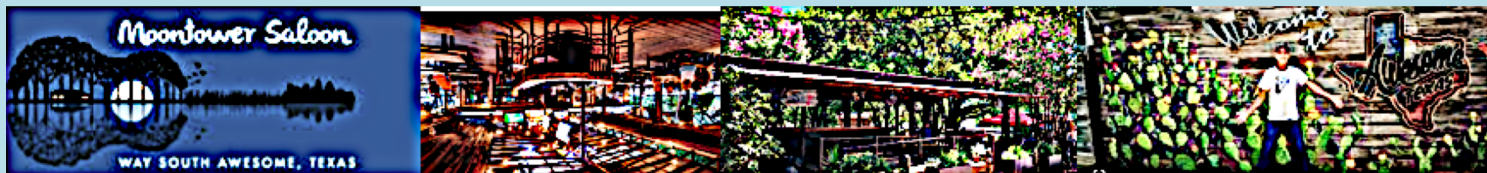
# May 6<sup>th</sup> Social at Moontower Saloon

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](mailto:LakewaySocials@gmail.com) so we know how many members to expect. Please include the names of those attending in your email message.



# Summer Social Series



The Social Team is pleased to announce our Summer Social Series. The first social will be held on **Thursday, June 8**. The second social will be held on **Thursday, August 10**.

These small group socials will be held concurrently at multiple members' homes as a happy hour from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Attendees are asked to BYOB and to also bring an appetizer to share. A lottery system will be used to assign members to each of the host homes (in a manner similar to how the Dining Out groups are assigned).

**If you would like to participate in this June 8 event, please email the social team by no later than May 30 at [lakewaysocials@gmail.com](mailto:lakewaysocials@gmail.com). Be sure to include the name(s) and email addresses of the members you are registering.** The weekend before the event, those who have registered for this event will receive information about their host home assignment, the home's address, and specifics regarding parking and any other details.

*\* We are still looking for a couple of host homes for the June 8 date. If you would be willing to host a small group in your home, please let us know ASAP and tell us how many members you could accept at your home.*

# Membership

Some of our members have contacted us about not receiving Newcomers newsletters and announcements, or not being contacted by an activity group. 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 group chairs.

**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 Guty at: [ctl-alt-del@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lakewaynewcomers2022@gmail.com).

## New Members

**Jim Anderson & Judy Wheeler**

37 Glen Rock Drive  
From Carefree, AZ

**Pat & Lori Willey**

1216 Challenger  
From Houston, 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](mailto: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 Theresa Edgington and to Jay McGiveran**



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 Gutty at: [ctl-alt-del@msn.com](mailto:ctl-alt-del@msn.com)

## Your 2022 Lakeway Newcomers Board

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**Director, Welcoming Care and Concern:** Cynthia Keas



# Lakeway Newcomers Upcoming Events and Registration Deadlines

# May 2023

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
APRIL	30	MAY	1		2		3		4		5		6
				Last day to register for golf at Live Oak on May 9								Moontower Saloon Social at 2:00 PM	
	7		8		9		10		11		12		13
				Golf Scramble at Live Oak beginning at 4:00 PM									
	14		15		16		17		18		19		20
Mother's Day		Last day to RSVP for Men's Night Out on May 18						Men's Night Out at Maudie's at 5:00 PM				Last day for new registrations to join the Dining Out group, or to change your previous Dining Out status	
	21		22		23		24		25		26		27
								June Newsletter Published		Cinema Group at 6:30 PM			
	28		29		30		31	JUNE	1		2		3
		Memorial Day		Last day to RSVP for the Summer Social on June 8									
	4		5		6		7		8		9		10
								First Summer Social at 5:00 PM					