



Lakeway Newcomers

November 2023 Newsletter



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President's Message

Hello Newcomers!

We had a full-house turnout for our Fiddlers event on September 28th. Attendees were treated to a great BBQ diner and a delightful musical experience by the very talented Lake Travis High School Fiddlers ensemble. A special thanks goes out to our Newcomers' Social Committee and all the volunteers who worked hard to make this event a great success!

Coming up: Tickets for our Thanksgiving Feast dinner, held jointly with the Lakeway Newcomer's Alumni group on November 9th, are now on sale. I'm also putting in a plug for our fabulous Holiday Gala dinner-dance coming up on December 7th. And don't forget to checkout the ongoing social events listed in this newsletter.

Finally, membership renewal for 2024 begins in November, so be on the lookout for an email reminder. For your convenience, dues can be paid via credit card online or via check sent by US Mail, whichever you prefer. I believe our modest dues represents a great bargain for all the events and socializing opportunities the club provides for our community. You do not need to be new to the Lakeway community to join Lakeway Newcomers and to participate in our fun events. So, I hope that you'll tell your neighbors about joining our group.

Jim Filas

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 convenience. To promote a meaningful discussion, members who register to attend the monthly meeting must see **at least two** of the three movies being reviewed by the group.

Attendees bring an appetizer to share in addition to their own beverage of choice. The host provides the dessert. The evening begins at 6:30 followed at 7:00 by a group discussion of the three movies.

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.

Dining Out



The next Dining Out cycle will commence in January and conclude at the end of May. **If you are interested in joining the next cycle and did not participate in the current cycle, please send your response by November 13th to lakewaydiningout@gmail.com.** In your response, please indicate whether you would like to be an active participant or substitute.

If you participated in the current cycle and did not drop out, there is no action necessary unless you wish to drop out or change your status to substitute. **If you dropped out during the current cycle, you would have to reenroll.**

Wine Appreciation & Education



On October 11th, five groups, of up to ten members each, met at five separate host homes for a tasty dinner of salad, different types of local pizzas, and dessert -- all paired with six high-quality wines. Not only did attendees get to experience pairing wines with different types of pizzas, but everyone became better acquainted with some other members who appreciate great wines – and they also discovered where to go for some great pizza. A special thanks to the Westphals, Baumans, Brademans, Veregges, and Stevens for helping to plan and then being hosts for this fun event.



Men's Night Out



Because it is difficult to schedule group events during the holiday months, the next *Men's Night Out* will be held in January. This past month, we had a very pleasant evening eating pizza with beer outside at the Frontyard Brewery in Spicewood. We hope you'll join us when the group meets again in January.



Golf Scramble



As the holidays and cooler weather approach, we will have one final round of golf in 2023 for our members of Lakeway Newcomers. The event will be held on **Wednesday, Nov. 15 beginning at 3:00 PM at the Live Oak Golf course**. Three tee times have been secured – so, we will take the first 12 people who RSVP. This event is open to both men and women and is a casual fun scramble for all levels of golfers.

Please reply before Nov. 11 to johnberg3737@gmail.com with your average 9-hole score or handicap. We will plan to gather after golf (around 5:30) at the *Smoke at the Oak* lounge at the course for social time and dining. Non-golfing significant others are welcome to join us for this social time.

New Activity Groups ?

The Lakeway Newcomers Board is very open to adding more activity groups to our club's portfolio. If you have an idea for a new Newcomers activity group that you would be willing to organize and subsequently chair, please email President Jim Filas at jimfilas@gmail.com to tell him about your idea for an activity group.

One of the recurring suggestions has been to create a *Game Night* group. However, a Newcomers activity group cannot be formed without an organizer and a chairperson. So, to make it easier for a member to be an activity group chairperson, the Board is envisioning that a *Game Night* could become a periodic rotation between two or more types of games. Each game type could have its own chairperson who coordinates meeting frequency and dates, game hosting assignments, and member attendance.

Some examples of game groups could be – Poker, Corn Hole, Trivia, board games, Bunco, etc. The main thought is that each game group would meet periodically based on group demand rather than meeting every month.

Might you have a game in mind for an activity group that you would be willing to organization and lead? If you do, please email Jim Filas at jimfilas@gmail.com about your idea for a new games group.

Please Join us for a

THANKSGIVING FEAST

BRINGING FRIENDS TOGETHER WITH GRATITUDE AND GRAVY

Thursday, November 9 from 6:00 TO 9:00 PM

At the Lakeway Activity Center

LUBY'S Classic Thanksgiving Dinner

will be served along with your favorite holiday pies

Entertainment will be provided by the Lake Travis Choir

Cost: \$20 per person

[To Register, click here](#)

Registration deadline is November 2

BYOB

No refunds

**Please bring a non-perishable item for
the Lake Travis Ministries Food Bank**

Mark your calendar for the Newcomers Holiday Gala at the Oasis Starlight Terrace on Thursday, December 7



Round up your friends for a table of 8

The flyer announcement with the registration process will be emailed to all Lakeway Newcomers and Alumni members around November 3rd



September 28th BBQ Dinner with the Lake Travis High School Fiddlers



Membership

Please tell your neighbors about our Newcomers Club and the fun activities that are available to our members. One no longer needs to be *new-to-Lakeway* to join. If you are a resident of Lakeway, the Hills of Lakeway, or reside in a Lakeway ETJ, you are eligible to join.

Welcome our New Members



Ann Wheeler

34 Prestonwood Circle
From Austin, TX

Katherine & Michael Kiefer

720 Cutlass
From Chicago, IL

Katie & Joe Linville

101 Spellbrook Lane
From Frisco, TX

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 online 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.

If you have had a change to any of your membership information, please email Val Ward at lakewaynewcomers2022@gmail.com to update our records for club communications.

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 Ed Hermann following surgery

For Lakeway Newcomers information, including the current and archived newsletters, go to our website at: Lakewaynewcomers.com

The protected areas of the website 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



If you have computerized page layout experience formatting text and graphics using tools such as PowerPoint, Word, Pages, or Publisher, and you would enjoy an active role on our Newcomers Board, the role of Director, Newsletter and Communications will be open beginning in February 2024. Please contact Don Stevens at lakewaynewcomersnewsletter@gmail.com if you'd like more information about this position.

Your 2023 Lakeway Newcomers Board

President: Jim Filas

Vice President and Treasurer: Scott Westphal

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Lakeway Newcomers Upcoming Events and Registration Deadlines

November 2023

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
OCTOBER	29		30		31	NOVEMBER	1		2		3		4
Car Show at the Hill Country Galleria				Halloween 				Last day to register for the Thanksgiving Feast					
	5		6		7		8		9		10		11
Daylight Saving Time Change				Election Day				Thanksgiving Feast at LAC at 6:00 PM				Last day to RSVP for golf on November 15	
	12		13		14		15		16		17		18
						Golf Scramble at Live Oak with after golf social at The Smoke at the Oak				Cinema Group at 6:30 PM			
	19		20		21		22		23		24		25
								Thanksgiving Day		Last day to register for the Starlight Holiday Gala on December 7		December Newsletter Published	
	26		27		28		29		30	DECEMBER	1		2
	3		4		4		6		7		8		9
								Starlight Holiday Gala @ the Oasis at 5:00 PM					