



# Lakeway Newcomers

## December 2023 Newsletter



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### President's Message

Hello Newcomers!

Those who attended the annual Thanksgiving Feast can certainly attest that the event was a great success. We had a capacity crowd, and everyone was treated to a tasty meal and the incredible talent of the Lake Travis High School Choir.

I'd like to remind everyone that we are entering our membership renewal season for the 2024 membership year. You will soon be receiving a reminder email with instructions on how to 're-up' for 2024. We invite you to remain a part of this great community organization and all the opportunities it offers to be engaged with your Lakeway and Hills neighbors. You now can use our secure online payment system that makes it convenient to renew without having to write and mail a check.

And finally, don't forget to reserve your place at our signature end-of-the-year event -- our annual Holiday Gala on December 7 (see the details in the flyer included in this newsletter). This year we are holding the event at the newly redecorated Star Light Terrace at the Oasis on Lake Travis. A catered dinner and great live music awaits all. I hope to see you there!

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

## Dining Out



The opportunity to participate in the winter/spring Dining Out cycle is now closed. Dining Out group assignments will be sent out to all participants in early December.

PLEASE NOTE: You must be a member of Lakeway Newcomers to participate in Dining Out, so be sure to renew your membership prior to January.

If you have questions regarding Dining Out, please email Ed Hermann at [lakewaydiningout@gmail.com](mailto:lakewaydiningout@gmail.com).

## Men's Night Out and Golf Scramble

The monthly Men's Night Out get-together for food and happy hour drinks has been a fun way to get to know or to become better acquainted with other men in Lakeway Newcomers. We hope you'll join us when the group reconvenes in January.

We had a gorgeous day for golf and then socializing over dinner on November 15<sup>th</sup>. With shorter and cooler days ahead during the winter months, we are looking to restart this late-afternoon golf group in the spring.

**We'd like to give special recognition to John Bergan for organizing and chairing both the Men's Night Out and Golf events for our members. If you have an idea for a new activity group that you would be willing to organize and lead, please email Jim Filas at [jimfilas@gmail.com](mailto:jimfilas@gmail.com) with your new group idea.**

## WINE APPRECIATION and EDUCATION



A special fine wine and dinner event is being planned for Saturday, January 27, 2024. Following the format of our very successful wine pairing with dinner last February, this intimate dinner with paired wines will be held concurrently at up to five host homes.

Once the specifics have been solidified, we will put out an announcement containing the details about the event and will open the online registration. Attendance will be limited to the first 40 members who register online.

Please save this date on your calendar, and If you would be interested in being one of the host for this event, contact Scott Westphal at [westphalscottc@gmail.com](mailto:westphalscottc@gmail.com).



*Lakeway Newcomers and Newcomers Alumni*

*invite you to a*

# *Starlit Evening*

## *Thursday, December 7*

A custom catered evening of dining and dancing at the  
Starlight Terrace @ The Oasis

5:00 to 6:00 PM – Cocktails at sunset on the patio

6:00 to 9:00 PM – Dinner and Dancing (music by Groove Knight)

### *The Menu includes:*

Salad

Choice of one of two plated entrées

- Center Cut Filet with wild mushroom demi-glace
- Chicken Benevolenza with lemon Champagne Beurre Blanc  
(a vegetarian option is available upon advance request)

Sides

- Roasted garlic smashed potatoes
- Mixed vegetables
- Dinner rolls

Dessert

*\$85 per person (no refunds)*

*Cash Bar is available*

*Black Tie Optional*

**To register and to select your entrée – [click here](#)**

To request a table seating arrangement – email Judy Baer at [Judithbaer@gmail.com](mailto:Judithbaer@gmail.com)

**Online registration with payment must be made by November 30**



# November 9<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Feast with the Lake Travis Choir







Mark your calendars for **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** to attend...

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

*Maestro Peter Bay of the Austin Symphony will conduct the performance with participation by the Lake Travis High School orchestra.*



### **To Purchase tickets:**

- Go to [lakeway-tx.gov](http://lakeway-tx.gov) on the internet
- Click the top bar *“tickets now on Sale for A Night with the Austin Symphony”*
- Follow the online instructions to select desired seats and purchase tickets

**As for last year’s performance, Lakeway Newcomers will be holding a Happy Hour prior to the concert for our members who have purchased tickets to attend this performance. More information about our pre-concert Happy Hour will be announced in next month’s newsletter.**

# Membership

**It's time to renew your membership for the 2024 calendar year.** Your \$30 renewal application and payment for each member is due by December 31, 2023. 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).

We now have a secure online 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:** [2024 Lakeway Newcomers Renewal Link](#).

- **Please fill out a separate online payment form for each member.** This will ensure that we have the correct contact information for each member when sending out club event communications. Be sure to **leave the quantity as "1"** and submit a separate transaction for each renewing member.
- **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 the name of your spouse/partner who has a different last name.
- If you are a new member who joined between October and December 2023, you will be grandfathered into 2024 membership and do not need to renew for 2024.

Welcome our New Members

**John & Julie Kuney**

17211 Raynham Hill Dr.  
From Kingwood, 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.

## “Deepest Sympathy” to Joan Peterson on the loss of her brother

For Lakeway Newcomers information, including the current and archived newsletters, go to our website at: [Lakewaynewcomers.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:lakewaynewcomersnewsletter@gmail.com) if you'd like more information about this position.*

## Your 2023 Lakeway Newcomers Board

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# Lakeway Newcomers Upcoming Events and Registration Deadlines

# December 2023

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
NOVEMBER	26		27		28		29		30	DECEMBER	1		2
								Last day to register for the Starlit Holiday Gala on December 7					
	3		4		5		6		7		8		9
								Starlit Holiday Gala @ the Oasis at 5:00 PM					
	10		11		12		13		14		15		16
										Cinema Group at 6:30 PM			
	17		18		19		20		21		22		23
	24		25		26		27		28		29		30
December Newsletter Published		Christmas Day 											
	31	JANUARY	1		2		3		4		5		6
		New Year's Day 		January to May Dining Out cycle begins									