



Lakeway Newcomers

January 2024 Newsletter



Table of Contents

President's Message.....	1
Activity Groups.....	2
Dinner and Wine Tasting.....	3
Holiday Gala Recap.....	4
Concert and Pre-event.....	5
Membership & New Members.....	6
Member Support.....	7
Event Planning Calendar.....	8

President's Message

Happy Holidays Newcomers!

We had a fantastic gala event on December 7th. This was our final social of the year, and it was so much fun listening and dancing to great music, taking in the scenic views over the lake, and enjoying the festive holiday decorations. And of course, it was a great opportunity to meet and socialize with others from the Newcomers community. Thanks to all those who volunteered and worked so diligently to make this event a success.

This will be my last President's Message, as a new president and board will soon be taking over for 2024. I would like to thank the current board of directors, the social committee, and all the volunteers who worked so hard throughout these last two years during my terms in office. Ed Hermann will take over as President in 2024 with a great board to carry the organization forward. The names of the board members are listed on the Member Support page in this newsletter.

Finally, don't forget that we are in our membership renewal season. You should have received an email reminder with instructions on how to renew online. We have also included those instructions in this newsletter. I believe our modest dues represent a great bargain for all the fun social events the club provides.

Best wishes to all for a great holiday season, and I'll look forward to seeing you at Newcomers events in 2024!

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 a 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 opportunity to participate in the winter/spring Dining Out cycle is now closed. Dining Out group assignments have been announced and activities will commence in January and run through May.

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, email Ed Hermann at lakewaydiningout@gmail.com.

Men's Night Out



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. Our next event will be held at **5:00 PM on Wednesday, January 24th** at the new **Grill on Tex Mex** located at 107 Ranch Rd 620 S #107 in Lakeway.

So that we know how many attendees to expect and accommodate for seating, please RSVP if you plan to attend by sending an email to Chris Gross at chris.gross@ymail.com before January 22nd.



Potential New Group

A new activity group is being considered by the Board. It would be called: **A Gin Rummy Evening**. Participants would rotate each month to a different host home for an evening of cards and socializing. The group would follow a format like that of the Cinema Group, where attendees bring an appetizer to share in addition to their own beverage of choice – with the host providing a dessert. **If you would be interested in being part of such a group, and would be willing to occasionally host, please email Andy Kirmse at wakirmse@flash.net to express your interest.** A decision to go forward with this new activity group will be based on the interest received following this announcement.

WINE APPRECIATION and EDUCATION



For our members who appreciate high-quality wines, we will be holding a special wine tasting paired with a small group dinner at multiple host homes at **6:00 PM on Saturday, January 27, 2024**. We will be following a format that is like that of our very well received February 2023 event.

This year, we will feature six highly rated (93 to 98-point) wines, two of which were included on *Wine Spectator's* "Top 100 Wines." These wines have already been acquired at very favorable prices — resulting in this tasting event's low fee of just **\$30 per person**. The dinner portion of the event will be a joint effort among all the registered participants at each host home.

Please note that each person who registers for this event will be assigned a specific recipe for a menu item that has been pre-selected to pair with a wine. Each participant will be required to buy the ingredients, prepare, and table-manage their menu item for the dinner. The host will be providing the meat-based main course and tableware. There will be from 8 to 12 participants at each host home.

About a week before the event, those who have registered for the event via the Lakeway Newcomers' online payment process, will be notified of their assigned host home and recipe.

You must register and make your payment **before January 20, 2024**. Registration/attendance will be limited to the total table capacity of all the host homes. Once this table capacity has been reached, registration will be listed as *Out of Stock*. However, you can send an email request to be placed on the waitlist, should additional slots open. To register, click [here](#). Couples should register individually rather than selecting a quantity of 2 on the registration page.

The success of these types of events relies heavily on the willingness of people to volunteer to host. We have been fortunate in the past to have superb hosts to whom we owe a great deal of credit for the success of the event. Each host will prepare the main course to serve between 8 to 12 guests. Hosts will be provided with complete instructions and detailed information about all the wines being served. Please contact Scott Westphal if you would consider being one of our hosts.

We hope that you will join us! If you have questions about the event, please email Scott Westphal at westphalscott@gmail.com.



December 7th "Starlit Evening" Holiday Gala at the Oasis





Mark your calendars for **Sunday, March 3rd** 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.

TIME: 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Lake Travis High School, Performing Arts Center

To Purchase tickets:

- Go to lakeway-tx.gov on the internet
- Click the top bar “Early Bird tickets now on Sale for A Night with the Austin Symphony”
- Follow the online instructions to select desired seats and purchase tickets

Lakeway Newcomers will be holding a pre-concert gathering for our members who have purchased tickets to attend this performance. If you have purchased tickets and would be interested in attending our pre-concert event, please send an email to Debbie Carver to request being placed on the “notify list” for receiving the details about the pre-concert event at debbieanncarver@gmail.com



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.

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

Tim & Elaine Duffy
913 Vanguard Street
From Houston, TX

Kent & Liz Margulis
105 Feritti Drive
Seattle, WA



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 **Dan Teichman**



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

Your 2023 Lakeway Newcomers Board (*changes for 2024)

President: Jim Filas (*Ed Hermann)

Vice President and Treasurer: Scott Westphal

Secretary: Debbie Carver (*Christie Covington)

Director Socials and Special Events: Pam Filas (*Mary Ann Veregge)

Social Committee: Joy Maytnier, Jan Rouse, Lorraine Dantone-Werner, Lisa Frederick, Linda London, Leslee Minahan, Mary Ann Veregge, Debbie Carver, Robin Hermann

Director, Membership: Val Ward (*Debbie Carver)

Director, Technology : Steve Guty

Director, Newsletter and Communications: Don Stevens (*Chris Gross)


Director, Welcoming Care and Concern: Cynthia Keas (*Ellen Graybill)

Parliamentarian: Joan Peterson (*Jim Filas)



Lakeway Newcomers Upcoming Events and Registration Deadlines

January 2024

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
DECEMBER	31	JANUARY	1		2		3		4		5		6
Newcomers Membership Renewal Deadline		New Year's Day 		January to May Dining Out cycle begins									
	7		8		9		10		11		12		13
	14		15		16		17		19		19		20
												Last day to register for Wine Appreciation Dinner	
	21		22		23		24		25		26		27
		Last day to RSVP for Men's Night Out on January 24th				Men's Night Out @ Grill on Tex Mex from 5:00 to 7:00		February Newsletter Published		Cinema Group at 6:30 PM		Wine Appreciation Dinner @ 6:00 PM	
	28		29		30		31	FEBRUARY	1		2		3
	4		5		6		7		8		9		10