



Lakeway Newcomers

February 2024 Newsletter



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President's Message

I look forward to assuming the duties of the Lakeway Newcomers President this year. Robin and I have been active members of Newcomers for the past seven years and have found it to be an invaluable experience. We have made many new friends and participated in lots of fun activities. In my mind, this is what Newcomers is all about – making friends and having fun.

I want to thank both Jim Filas for his leadership during these past two years and the other members of the Newcomer's Board of Directors who have helped him plan and execute the many activities. My pledge is that we will continue to offer interesting and varied activities. A listing of this year's Board of Directors is shown in the Member's Support Section.

Regarding planned activities, we have two scheduled for March:

March 3rd – the [Austin Symphony & Lake Travis H.S. Band](#) concert. There is also an accompanying social event at the Carver's house for those attending.

March 28th – the [Parker Jazz Club](#) event in downtown Austin.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events.

Ed Hermann

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 as soon as possible.

If you have questions regarding Dining Out, email Jim Filas 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, February 21st** at [Taco Flats](#) located at 900 Ranch Rd 620 S (Lakeway Blvd & 620).

Taco Flats is a lesser-known and easy to get to Taco place that can rival Torchy's.

So that we know how many attendees to expect and accommodate for seating, RSVP if you plan to attend by sending an email to chris.gross@ymail.com before **February 19th**.

A Gin Rummy Evening

We are continuing to solicit interest in a new activity group which 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 beverage of choice – with the host providing a dessert. Since the game is played with partners, we are asking that you indicate your interest in a paired partner (does not have to be your spouse, just a fellow Newcomer). If you and a partner 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.

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 bar “Purchase Tickets Here”.
- Follow the online instructions to select desired seats and purchase tickets.



Purchased your event ticket(s)? If you are also interested in attending the pre-concert gathering at **2:00 PM** and would like to bring a dessert, please email debbieanncarver@gmail.com to be placed on the “Notify List”. This will enable Debbie to send details directly to you regarding the pre-concert gathering and coordinate what is offered at the pre-concert gathering. This pre-concert gathering is BYOB.



Come and join the Lakeway Newcomers Social event at the Parker Jazz Club in Downtown Austin. We will enjoy jazz music presented by The Copa Kings.

Date: Thursday, March 28th
Time: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Central
Location: Parker Jazz Club @ 117 W 4TH Street
Cost: \$25.00 per person for Newcomers members (*)

Use the following link to purchase your ticket(s):

[The Copa Kings Band at Parker Jazz Club, March 28th - Lakeway Newcomers' Club \(square.site\)](#)

The night promises swingin' Rat Pack music reminiscent of Las Vegas in its prime!

Parker Jazz Club sits at the corner of 4th and Colorado streets—at the heart of Downtown Austin's booming Warehouse District, the premier location for the city's top dining and entertainment venues.

An Austin-based band The Copa Kings pay homage to some of our country's greatest jazz songwriters and performers, including Frank Sinatra, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Louis (Armstrong and Jordan), Dean Martin, and Ray Charles.



***(*) Only 40 tickets are available for purchase at the Newcomers member price. Be sure to purchase early!
No refunds are permitted if you are unable to attend.***

Membership

Did you forget to renew your membership for the 2024 calendar year? Your \$30 renewal application and payment for each member was 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 Debbie Carver at debbiecarver@hotmail.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 with a different last name.
- If you are a new member who joined between October and December 2023, you will be grandfathered into a 2024 membership and do not need to renew for 2024.

Welcome our New
Members

Pamela & Wayne Swafford
From Oakland, CA



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 [Ellen Graybill](#) by phone at [805-209-5449](#) or by email at eagraybill@msn.com so that Lakeway Newcomers support can be shared with a card, prayers, or other forms of caring.



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 Gutty at: ctl-alt-del@msn.com

Your 2024 Lakeway Newcomers Board

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Lakeway Newcomers Upcoming Events and Registration Deadlines

February 2024

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
FEBRUARY	18	FEBRUARY	19	FEBRUARY	20	FEBRUARY	21	FEBRUARY	22	FEBRUARY	23	FEBRUARY	24
		Last day to RSVP for Men's Night Out				Men's Night Out 5:00 PM				Cinema Group 6:30 PM			
FEBRUARY	25	FEBRUARY	26	FEBRUARY	27	FEBRUARY	28	FEBRUARY	29	March	1	March	2
March Newsletter Published													
March	3	March	4	March	5	March	6	March	7	March	8	March	9
2 PM Pre-Event Party 4 PM Austin Symphony & Lake Travis H.S. Band													

19	FEB, MON	● All day	Last day to RSVP for Men's Night Out on February 21th
21	FEB, WED	● 5 – 7pm	Men's night out - Taco Flats
23	FEB, FRI	● 6:30 – 9pm	Cinema Group
25	FEB, SUN	● All day	March Newsletter Published
3	MAR, SUN	● 2 – 3:30pm ● 4 – 6pm	Pre-Symphony Party Austin Symphony & Lake Travis H.S. Band