



Lakeway Newcomers

March 2024 Newsletter

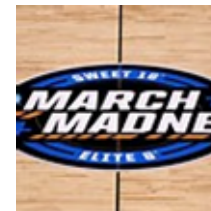


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President's Message

I have some good news to share with you! The Lakeway Newcomer's Board has voted to, once again, sponsor our annual December Gala!! One of the most pressing matters a new board faces each year is securing the Gala venue and band. This needs to be accomplished by March to ensure the availability of the chosen venue and band. Our Social Chairperson, Maryann Veregge, has worked tirelessly to find several good venue options. We are in the final stages of making the venue selection and will execute it soon. This Board is dedicated to making the December Gala one of the best in history! Keep posted for more information!

What makes our decision more challenging is that the Lakeway Alumni have decided not to participate in this year's event. This leaves a hole in our budget that can only be filled through additional attendance. While we welcome Alumni members to attend the Gala, they must join Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors. Our goal is to have 100 attendees!

To assist in reaching our attendance target, we will also be launching a recruiting drive. Many of our friends and neighbors believe you must be a new resident to join Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors. That is no longer true! Any resident of Lakeway, The Village of the Hills, or the Lakeway ETJ is eligible to join regardless of length of residency. Our goal is to recruit 40 new members!

Finally, I want to remind everyone of the two events scheduled for March:

March 3rd – the Austin Symphony & Lake Travis H.S. Band concert, see details below. There is also an accompanying social event at the Carver's house.

March 28th – the Parker Jazz Club event in downtown Austin. A few spots are still open for this event, so act quickly!

See below for more details.

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



Plan to join fellow Lakeway Newcomers for a Men's night out on **Thursday 3/14/24**

We will plan to meet at **Toss Pizzeria & Pub** located at 11905 Bee Cave Road from 5-7:00 pm. Toss offers pizza, wings, and a variety of other menu items along with a full bar with craft beers and wine.

This will be a great place to socialize and watch sports on their many TVs. Please RSVP to **John Bergan** at johnberg3737@gmail.com by 3/10 if you can make it.

I look forward to seeing you at the Men's Night Out.

A Gin Rummy Evening

Participants will rotate each month to a different host home for an evening of cards and socializing. The group would follow a format where attendees bring an appetizer to share in addition to their beverage of choice – with the host providing a dessert.

So far we have received interest from eight couples, and we will be sending out information both regarding how the game is played and scored as well as tentative start dates and locations.

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.

Reminder about the upcoming . . .

“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.

DATE: Sunday, March 3rd

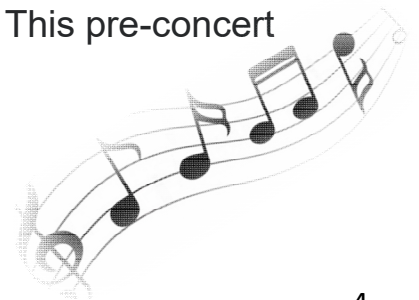
TIME: 4:00 PM

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.



REMINDER**REMINDER**

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 14 tickets remain at the Newcomers member price. Be sure to purchase early!
No refunds are permitted if you are unable to attend.***

WINE APPRECIATION and EDUCATION

Building on the success of previous Wine Appreciation & Education events, 42 people gathered at four host homes last month to enjoy a wonderful evening of delicious cuisine paired with carefully selected wines. We kicked off the evening with a champagne toast followed by a selection of wines from around the world. Later, we concluded the event with a classic pairing of vintage port and flourless chocolate cake. It would be hard to imagine a better way for wine lovers to get together on a cold January evening!

Perhaps the best part of the evening was the opportunity to socialize with a great group of people who enjoy interesting conversation, great wine, and beautifully prepared food.

Looking ahead, we are constantly seeking out new and interesting ideas for great social events centered around food and wine pairings. If you have an idea for an event, please don't hesitate to let me know! Our next event will be held at a local winery with a link to its French heritage. **Our current target date for this event is May 15.**

Scott Westphal
westphalscottc@gmail.com



Membership Recruiting Drive

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Any resident of Lakeway, The Village of the Hills, or the Lakeway ETJ is eligible to join regardless of the length of residency.

So welcome your friends who have been here for many years to join the fun.



Take a print-out of this page to an event and invite friends to scan the QR that will take them to the website for more information.

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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](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



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Lakeway Newcomers Upcoming Events and Registration Deadlines

March 2024

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
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