

Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors



October 2024 Newsletter

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Presidents Message

We have made it through the summer and now the fun begins! Before discussing upcoming events, I am happy to announce that we have hit our goal of adding 40 new members for 2024! Recruiting new members is the life blood of any organization and our efforts will continue. We could not have done it without your support!

Our next challenge is **the GALA, we need 110 attendees** to make this a successful event! That number represents about half of our membership. Hopefully, everyone has saved the date of **December 12th** for this event, which will be held at the **Sonesta in Bee Cave and feature Lakeway favorite – Groove Knight**. Our social team, led by Maryann Veregge, is planning a fabulous evening of dining and dancing. Please make every effort to attend and buy your tickets early! This will be a first-class affair!

In September we had a fun event at Mercer Hall where many of our members displayed their country dancing skills!

Upcoming activities for October and November are as follows:

- **Wine Appreciation Dinner - October 16th**. This event, sponsored by Scott & Lee Westphal, will be held at five different homes and feature wines specifically paired for Texas barbeque.
- **Parker Jazz Club - November 6th**. This is being planned for a group of fifty people. Last March's event was hugely successful. I encourage everyone to consider attending.

I am happy to announce that we have added another regularly scheduled activity – **Trivia Night**. Julie Gross is sponsoring this activity. The first event will occur on **November 22** and will be repeated on a quarterly basis. LNN thanks Julie for adding another fun activity to our long list of RSA's:

- Booze & Brews (as scheduled)
- Cinema Group (monthly)
- Dining Out (monthly)
- Gin Rummy (monthly)
- Men's Night (monthly)
- Wine Appreciation and Education (as scheduled)
- Summer Socials (June & July)

These events are inexpensive and add continuity and value to our organization. Thanks to all sponsors!

Once again, see details shown below for all activities.

I encourage everyone to review the calendar of events shown on the last page of the newsletter and participate in as many events as possible.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events.

Ed Hermann

2024 Gala Event

Save the Date
December 12, 2024

2024 GALA

At Sonesta, Bee Cave

Dinner and Dancing
Live Music by Groove Knight

Annual Gala presented by:
Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors

[CLICK HERE](#)
[for Tickets](#)

Trivia Night

Join us for a **Trivia Night on Friday, November 22**. We will meet at 6:30 PM at Chris and Julie's home, 50 Club Estates Parkway in the Hills. Participants will be divided into teams to answer fun trivia questions. Bring your beverage of choice, and the host will provide dessert at intermission. If interested, please respond to LNNtrivianight@gmail.com. After the first 16 spots are filled, we will create a waitlist. We hope to see you there!



[CLICK HERE to Join](#)

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Men's Night Out

Let's bring in the fall with a Men's Night out on the **patio of Hops & Thyme**, located at 2125 Lohmans Crossing. The event will be held on **Wednesday, 10/23**, from 5:30 to 7:00 and will be a great setting for Men of Newcomers to dine and socialize. The restaurant offers a wide variety of food items along with a full bar and many draft beers.

Please **RSVP by 10/19** so I can make seating plans for the group. Mark your calendars and reply if you can make it to johnberg3737@gmail.com

John

[CLICK HERE to register](#)



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



The host of the current month's meeting will determine the attendance capacity for their home. Once the host home's capacity has been reached, a waitlist will be initiated. To ensure you stay informed about our upcoming meetings and events, simply email Faith Stevens at faithstevens@gmail.com to be added to our group's mailing list. This way, you won't miss out on any of our exciting movie discussions.

A Gin Rummy Evening

We had our second gin rummy night on Tuesday, September 17, and it was attended by four couples in the Flintrock Country Club trophy room. We played for two hours, and then we all had dinner. The general consensus was that it was a very successful evening. **Our next gin rummy night will be in October**, and an email will be sent out by Andy and Christie Kirmse with the new date to those who have signed up, indicating their interest in being part of this group. We can take up to 5 couples a night we play. If you have interest in joining (must be a team of 2 persons), please contact Andy Kirmse, wakirmse@flash.net



[Click Here
to Join](#)

Wine Education & Appreciation



Wine Appreciation Dinner - Texas BBQ & Wine
October 16, 2024 - Registration Link Below



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Wine Appreciation Dinner

What a great way to welcome the Fall season with a traditional Texas BBQ dinner paired with 6 carefully selected wines. Similar to hosted wine dinners held in the past, but with a more casual style for our members who appreciate great wine. This special wine tasting will be a small group dinner that will be held at multiple host homes at 6:00 PM on October 16th, 2024.

This dinner will include all of the trimmings and be paired with wines from around the world, some of which may surprise you. County Line BBQ will provide the BBQ and side dishes. These wines have already been acquired at very favorable prices, resulting in this tasting event's low participation fee of **just \$40 per person.**

The BBQ Wine Dinner is completely sold out with 46 participants.

My experience has been that we always get some last minute cancellations. People can request to be put on the waiting list and there is no doubt in my mind that some of those people will be allowed to attend.

Get on the waitlist ->

[Click Here to get
on the waitlist](#)

Or contact

Scott Westphal
westphalscottc@gmail.com
203.676.1116

Save the Date – Parker Jazz Club

Come and join the Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors November outing at the Parker Jazz Club in Downtown Austin.

Date: Wednesday, November 6th
Time: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Central
Location: Parker Jazz Club @ 117 W 4TH Street
Cost: \$35.00 per person for current Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors members

Use the following link to purchase your ticket(s): [Click Here](#)

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.

What’s on tap? The Great American Songbook Selections with the Parker House Band!

Duke Ellington’s storied residency at the infamous Cotton Club has become one of the enduring legends of jazz. In the grand tradition of Ellington and his Cotton Club Orchestra, the Parker Jazz Club House Band holds court at our own live jazz hotspot in downtown Austin. The Parker House Band will present selections from the Great American Songbook—the canon of the most important and influential American popular songs and jazz standards from the early 20th century—the Parker House longstanding ensemble will breathe life into already phenomenal, historical music. With pianist Ryan Davis, bassist Ben Triesch, drummer Jeremy Bruch, and multi-instrumentalist and vocalist Kris Kimura, improvisation is king. Exceptional guest musicians frequently sit in, so no two shows are ever the same.



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Membership

It's time to renew your membership for the 2025.

Ready for another year of fun and activities as a member of Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors? We offer activities to fit everyone's interests - Dining Out groups, Cinema Group, Men's Night Out, Booze & Brews, Wine Appreciation group and now Trivia and Gin Rummy groups. So don't miss out on all the fun!

Your \$40 renewal application and payment for each member is due by December 31, 2024. 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 **Director, Membership** - [Debbie Carver](#)

We now have a secure online renewal and payment system for using a credit or debit card to pay for your annual membership. **Click on the following link to renew your membership online:**

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN or Renew](#)

Congratulations! We reached our goal of 40 new members for 2024!

**Welcome our
New Members**



Allison Rudnick - Bakersfield, California
Dee Hall

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 and Neighbors can share support with a card, prayers, or other forms of caring.



For Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors 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



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Upcoming Events and Registration Deadlines

25	SEP, WED	● All day	Newsletter Published
		● 5 – 7pm	Mens Night Out Canyon Grille
27	SEP, FRI	● 6:30 – 9pm	Cinema Group
10	OCT, THU	● All day	Last Day to Register Wine Appreciation
16	OCT, WED	● 6 – 9pm	Wine Appreciation Event
19	OCT, SAT	● All day	Last day to Register for Mens Night Out
23	OCT, WED	● 5:30 – 7pm	Mens Night Out 2125 Lohmans Crossing Rd
25	OCT, FRI	● All day	Newsletter Published
		● 6:30 – 9pm	Cinema Group
6	NOV, WED	● 7:30 – 9pm	Parker Jazz Club 117 W 4th St