

# Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors

## February 2025 Newsletter

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Lakeway  
Newcomers and Neighbors

Join us for fun and friendship

## Presidents Message

**We have started 2025 with a bang by adding seventeen (17) new members this month! LNN has added sixty-eight (68) new members in the past year! This strong interest in LNN is a reflection of both its members and the quality of its activities.**

**My main concern this month is – Member Renewal! As of the writing of this letter, many members have not renewed for 2025. Those members who do not renew will not receive next month's newsletter or be permitted to participate in any future LNN activities!**

Here is a quick summary of upcoming activities:

- Dining Out – monthly
- Wine Appreciation – February 13th
- Gin Rummy – February 18th
- Men's Night Out – monthly
- Ladies' Night Out – February 20th
- Trivia - February 21st
- Cinema Group – monthly
- Parker Jazz Club – March 27th
- Disco Night – April TBD

**YOUR LNN MEMBERSHIP PROVIDES ACCESS TO OVER FIFTY (50) SOCIAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR. LNN IS GREAT VALUE!**

**New Members**—If you recently joined, stay tuned for more information about one or more activities specifically designed to help you better integrate into LNN!

As always, see the 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.

Looking forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

**Ed Hermann**

# Newcomers and Neighbors New Year Resolution

It's been said that "Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something."

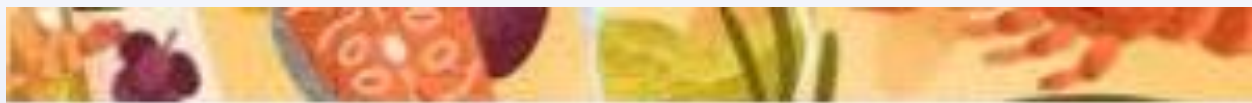
Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors is always looking for folks to lead the organization, plan activities, chair an existing or a brand new special interest group, open their homes for small or large events, or just help set up and clean up during an event.

**We are looking for energetic people to work on the social committee, which needs members to help plan and execute monthly events.**

Consider adding ***volunteering*** with Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors to your own **2025 resolution list**. This is not just because volunteering helps our organization thrive but also because serving as a volunteer will help the members create new and deeper friendships and relationships within our community.

Let us know if you would like to play a more active role by being part of our volunteer team. Send an email note to [lakewaysocials@gmail.com](mailto:lakewaysocials@gmail.com) to let us know how you can help out as a Newcomers volunteer during the coming year.





# Ladies' NIGHT OUT! Artemis MEDITERRANEAN GRILL

When: Thursday February 20, 2025

Where: Artemis, Bee Cave @ The Galleria

Hello friends!

Join us for this month's Ladies' Night Out at Artemis. Let's indulge in delicious Mediterranean dishes and catch up with friends! We are limited to the first 20 to RSVP, so be sure to secure your spot early.

Looking forward to a night of fun!

Please email me directly at [eagraybill@msn.com](mailto:eagraybill@msn.com)

Ellen Graybill

(805) 209-5449



Ellen

[Click Here to  
Join Ellen](#)

## Cinema Group

The Cinema Group normally meets at a member's home on the **fourth Friday of each month** to discuss and rate two previously selected movies. Attendees can nominate films currently playing in theaters or films that are streaming online. Those who RSVP to attend the group discussion meeting will view the two selected films on their own prior to the group's next meeting.

Attendees bring an appetizer to share and 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 two movies, and the selection of the movies for the next month. 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 waitlist will be started. Email Faith Stevens at [faithstevens@gmail.com](mailto:faithstevens@gmail.com) if you would like to be added to this group's mailing list.



[Click Here to  
Join the Group](#)

## A Gin Rummy Evening

Our next gin rummy night will be **Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**, at the trophy room in the Flintrock dining room from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM, followed by dinner.

It will be necessary for those still interested to re-sign up or those who have decided they would like to join to send their preferred contact information both text and email to Andy at [wakirmse@flash.net](mailto:wakirmse@flash.net).

We can accommodate up to 12 players and they must be in pairs.

**Andy**

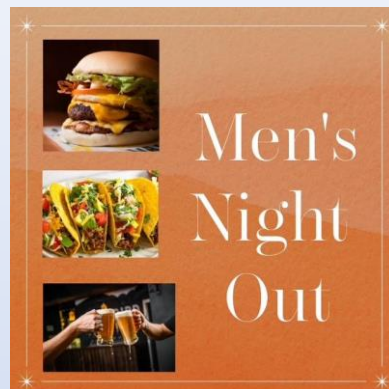


At Flintrock Country Club

[Click Here to  
Join Andy](#)

# Men's Night Out

We have set **Wednesday, February 19th**, as the next date for Men's Night Out. This has been a great time for the Men of Lakeway Newcomers and Friends to gather in a casual setting for an evening of food/drink and socializing.



This month, we plan to meet at **Flores Mexican Restaurant**, located at 2127 Lohmans Crossing, from 5:00 to 7:00. The restaurant features authentic Mexican/Tex-Mex cuisine and fresh tortillas prepared on-site.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this fun night out. Please RSVP to [Click Here](#) **By Feb 16th** so I can make arrangements with the restaurant.

[johnberg3737@gmail.com](mailto:johnberg3737@gmail.com)

John

# Trivia Night

We are looking forward to our next Trivia Night on **Friday, February 21st**, at **6:30 PM**. This event will be hosted by Bruce and Nancy Bauman, 313 Sweet Grass Lane in Serene Hills. Please bring your beverage of choice and dessert will be provided by the hosts. We have reached our 20 person capacity and have started a waiting list in case of cancellations.

You can email [LNNtrivianight@gmail.com](mailto:LNNtrivianight@gmail.com) if you are interested in being on the waitlist. We hope to see you there!



Juliet



# Wine Education & Appreciation

Wine Appreciation Dinner - February 13th, 2025



Similar to the very well-received paired wine dinner held this past January for our members who appreciate high-quality wines, a very special wine tasting paired with a small group dinner will be held at multiple host homes at **6:00 PM on Thursday, February 13th, 2025.**

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 participation fee of just **\$40 per person**. A portion of the registration fee is being given to the host couple to defray the higher costs of preparing the main course. 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. Each host home will be expected to host a total of 8–12 participants.

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# Wine Education & Appreciation



About a week before the event, those who have successfully 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 February 4th.**

Registration/attendance will be limited to the total table capacity of the host homes. Once this table capacity has been reached, registration will be listed as Out of Stock; however, you will still be able to email a request to be placed on the waitlist in the event that additional slots open up.

To register, click [here](#).

Couples should register individually rather than selecting a quantity of 2 on the registration page.

## **Hosts:**

***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. Hosts are asked to prepare the main course and host between 8 and 12 guests. In addition to the pre-selected wines served during the event, hosts will be provided with complete instructions and detailed information about all of the wines being served. Please contact me if you have any questions about hosting or would like to volunteer to host this or future events.***

If you have questions about the event or would like to be added to the waitlist, please contact Scott Westphal at [westphalscottc@gmail.com](mailto:westphalscottc@gmail.com).

Cheers  
Scott Westphal



# Parker Jazz Club



“Join us at Parker Jazz Club for a night of swingin' Rat Pack music reminiscent of Las Vegas in its prime! The Copa Kings were formed out of a desire to breathe new life into some of the great jazz standards of the 1930s, '40s, and '50s. With great reverence, the band brings a unique passion, artistry, and flair to the jazz music of this period. Led by frontman Billy Murphy, the Austin-based Copa Kings pay homage to some of our country's greatest jazz songwriters and performers, including Frank, Billie, Ella, Louis (Armstrong and Jordan), Dean, and Ray.”



Thursday, March 27, 2025

7:30 pm

117 W 4th St #107b, Austin, TX 78701

Downstairs under The Capital Grill

Valet parking available for \$20.00

Members who wish to attend: Click Here: [www.parkerjazzclub.com](http://www.parkerjazzclub.com)

Select the 7:30 show, select your table, complete your reservation, and pay. This way you can choose where you wish to sit.

Please make your reservation as soon as possible **before it sells out!!**

# 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 was 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:**

**245 total members overall**

**68 new members for 2024**

**17 new members for 2025**

**[CLICK HERE TO JOIN or Renew](#)**

Olivia Allen

Cynthia Burgunder

Judi James

Pamela & David

Jones

Maria & Steve Kean

Welcome  
our New  
Members



Paul Manske

David Putter

Charlotte

Salisbury

y

Val Ward

William Whatley

# 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](mailto: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](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)



## Your 2025 Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors Board

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# Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors

## Upcoming Events and Registration Deadlines

4	FEB, TUE	● All day	Last day to register for Wine Appreciation
13	FEB, THU	● 6 – 9pm	Wine Appreciation Dinner
16	FEB, SUN	● All day	Last Day to RSVP for LNO
		● All day	Last Day to RSVP for MNO
18	FEB, TUE	● 4 – 5pm	Gin Rummy Evening
19	FEB, WED	● 5 – 7pm	Mens Night Out
20	FEB, THU	● 5:30 – 7:30pm	Ladies Night Out
21	FEB, FRI	● 6:30 – 9pm	Trivia Night
25	FEB, TUE	● All day	Newsletter Published
28	FEB, FRI	● 6:30 – 9pm	Cinema Group
27	MAR, THU	● 7 – 8pm	Parker Jazz Club

