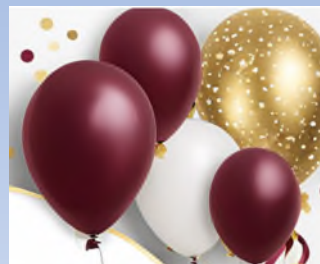


# Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors

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**Gala Event 2025**  
**SAVE the DATE:**  
**December 11, 2025**



# Presidents Message

**This year's Gala will be held on December 11th at Flintrock and the band will be Lakeway favorite – Groove Knight!** Kudos to our new Social Director – Christie Kirmse for arranging this event so early in year. Once again, the Board is counting on your support in making this year's Gala a success. Our goal is to have one hundred (100) attendees! **SAVE THE DATE – DECEMBER 11th!**

We continue our recruiting drive! We already have eighteen (18) new members for 2025! Each year we have members leave us for a variety of reasons and it is necessary to replenish our membership. **Our goal is to recruit fifty (50) new members!**

During February, LNN sponsored the following social events:

- Wine Appreciation Dinner – Chaired by Scott & Lee Westphal, forty-seven (47) members attended dinners at five different homes.
- Gin Rummy – Chaired by Andy & Christie Kirmse, twelve (12) members met at Flintrock to enjoy dinner and a competitive evening of gin rummy.
- Dining Out – Chaired by Jim Filas, seventy-two (72) members met at various restaurants to enjoy dinner.
- Trivia Night – Chaired by Julie Gross, twenty (20) members met at the home of Nancy & Bruce Bauman to engage in a fun-packed and competitive evening of trivia questions.
- Men's Night Out- chaired by John Bergan, thirteen (13) men gathered at Flores Mexican Restaurant.
- Cinema Group – chaired by Faith & Don Stevens. Sixteen (16) members met to discuss the movies – Flight Risk and Brutalist.

Thanks to the above members who chair our Activity Groups and others who open their homes for such activities.

**In February, 180 members participated in LNN sponsored social activities. That's a participation rate of 90%! If you are not participating, check the enclosed information to find some activity that attracts you!**

In addition to our reoccurring monthly activities, our next scheduled social event is on March 27th at the Parker Jazz Club to enjoy the Rat Pack.

**New Members—If you have recently joined, expect to receive an invitation to a New Members' Event on May 13th. Save the Date!**

Finally, please review the enclosed information for more details about upcoming activities.

I am looking forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

*Ed*

# Ladies Night Out



## *Ladies Night Out*

When: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

Where: Artemis at the Galleria, Bee Cave

Please join us at Artemis for a special evening of authentic Mediterranean food, drinks, fun, and conversation. Space is limited so please reserve your spot early. Also, please keep me informed if you need to cancel. Look forward to seeing you!

Questions and RSVP to:

Ellen Graybill

(805) 209-5449

[eagraybill@outlook.com](mailto:eagraybill@outlook.com)

*Ellen*

[Click Here to  
Join Ellen](#)

## A Gin Rummy Evening

The first gin rummy night for 2025 was held on Tuesday, February 18 and we had a full complement of players. **The next one is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 18** in the trophy room at the Flintrock country club restaurant. Those who are interested in playing that evening please send an email to [wakirmse@flash.net](mailto:wakirmse@flash.net).

We also will be sending out a reminder by email on or about March 4.



Our very best, Andy and Christie Kirmse

## Dining Out Group

While the current Dining Out cycle is in progress, it's not too early to start thinking about the **next cycle, which will begin in August**. Dining Out is a great way to meet new friends in the Lakeway area!

The way it works: Couples/Singles are randomly paired into groups of 6~8 people. Each couple/single in the group coordinates the choice of a restaurant and a mutually agreed upon date for an evening of good food and stimulating conversation. Each couple/single pays their own bill. The following month, another restaurant is chosen and the process continues until all couples in the group have led in the choice of a restaurant. Meeting once a month, each cycle will typically last 4 to 5 months. Following a couple-month break, participants are randomly reassigned to a new group and the process repeats. There are 2 cycles per year (Feb - June and Aug - Dec). You may elect to cease participation between cycles, otherwise participants will automatically be reassigned for the following cycle. **The next cycle will run from August through December 2025**. If you are not currently a participant in this fun activity, you will be able to sign up for the next cycle beginning in April and through June 2025.

Watch for sign-up details in this newsletter in the coming months. Dining Out is a great way to meet new folks our the community and explore great dining opportunities in the area!

## 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 want to be added to this group's mailing list.



[Click Here to Join the Group](#)

## Men's Night Out

Plan to welcome spring with fellow men of Lakeway Newcomers and Friends!

This month, we will meet at a Lakeway mainstay, the [Sundancer Grill](#), located at [16410 Stewart Road](#), on **Wednesday, 3/19/25**.

The evening will run from 5:00 to 7:00, and there will be Happy Hour specials and plenty of menu items to choose from.

We had a wonderful turnout in February, and I look forward to seeing you in March. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this fun night out. Please RSVP to [Click Here](#) **By March 16<sup>th</sup>** so I can make arrangements with the restaurant. [johnberg3737@gmail.com](mailto:johnberg3737@gmail.com)



*John*

# Parker Jazz Club



**There are only a few seats left!!**

“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.

# Trivia Night

Our second Trivia Night was a success with 20 people testing their knowledge on various topics. We are looking forward to our next Trivia Night on **Thursday April 17, at 6:30 PM**. This event will be hosted by Robin and Ed Hermann, **404 Sweet Grass Lane** in Serene Hills. Please bring your beverage of choice and dessert will be provided by the hosts.



You can email [LNNtrivianight@gmail.com](mailto:LNNtrivianight@gmail.com) if you are interested. We hope to see you there! We will have a wait list if necessary.



*Juliet*



Julie posing with the winning team

# Trivia Night - Recap





# Umlauf Sculpture Garden

Our April event will be a private tour of the [Umlauf Sculpture Garden](#), which opened in 1991 and is home to dozens of bronze and stone pieces given to the city of Austin by the noted 20th-century American sculptor Charles Umlauf. Umlauf was also a Life Drawing and Sculpture professor at the University of Texas Art Department. He taught at UT for 40 years, retiring as Professor Emeritus in 1981. The Garden is known for being one of the most picturesque settings in Austin.

## Umlauf Sculpture Garden Tour

[605 Azie Morton Road](#)

Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM

**Cost \$6.00 per person**

Limited to 30 participants.

Registration **Deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup>**



We plan to select a place to meet for lunch before the tour for those who would like to do that. Details will be forthcoming when we have an idea of the size of our group. The tour will last about 50 minutes, and the Gardens are open until 4 PM. There will be an exhibit in the museum that you may want to see before you leave. It is entitled **“Beyond the Bombshell: Farrah Fawcett”** and will display never-before-seen items from the collection she bequeathed to the Blanton Museum of Art upon her death in 2009. Before becoming an international sex symbol, Fawcett studied art at UT in the late 1960s, and Umlauf was her favorite professor.

[CLICK HERE to Register](#)



# Wine Education & Appreciation- Recap

Wine Appreciation Dinner - February 13th, 2025



On a cool February evening, 47 people gathered at five host homes for a savory dinner of beef short ribs carefully paired with a selection of six different wines, carefully selected from California, France, and Australia. At the end of the evening, participants' comments on the dinner were collected, and it was universally agreed that the dinner and wine pairings were well received.

Lakeway Newcomers Wine Dinner

Winery	Wine	Region	Varietal	Vintage	Rating
Piper Heidsieck	Essential	Champagne	45% Pinot Noir, 36% Pinot Meunier, 19% Chardonnay	NV	WE 93
Aperture	Sauvignon Blanc	Alexander Valley Sonoma	87% Sauvignon Blanc 13%	2022	WA 95
Turley	Petite Syrah	Napa - Hayne Mountain	Petite Syrah	2021	WA 96
Penfolds	Bin 389	South Australia	51% Cabernet Sauvignon 49% Shiraz	2022	W194
Fault	Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa	Cabernet Sauvignon	2021	WS 94
Dow's	Late Bottled Vintage Port	Douro Valley Portugal	Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional	2018	WS 93

Our next wine appreciation event will be a visit to a local winery and is being planned for late April or early May.

Cheers, *Scott Westphal*

# Wine Education & Appreciation - Recap

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# Disco Party

LAKEWAY STUDIO 54

DISCO DANCE

THURSDAY, MAY 8TH

LAKEWAY ACTIVITY CENTER

6 TO 9 PM



DINNER, DESSERT, DISC JOCKEY, DANCING

**“SAVE THE DATE”**

**Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 6pm**

**Lakeway Activity Center**

# Membership

We offer activities to fit everyone's interests—dining out groups, Cinema Groups, Men's Night Out, Lady's Night Out, Booze and brews groups, a Wine Appreciation group, and now Trivia and Gin Rummy groups. So don't miss out on all the fun!

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*

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)

Recruiting—Our recruiting drive continues to yield results.  
We now have **18 new members for this year!**

Please remind your friends and neighbors that you no longer must be a *new* resident to join Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors. Any Lakeway, The Village of the Hills, or the Lakeway ETJ resident is eligible to join, regardless of residency length.

**Our goal is to recruit 50 new members!**

Welcome our New Member

Judy Baker



Want to Have More Fun?

Join Lakeway Newcomers  
and Neighbors

(Open to All Residents)

[www.lakewaynewcomers.com](http://www.lakewaynewcomers.com)



# 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.



**Look for our NEW Website, which is coming soon.**

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

***President** - [Ed Hermann](#)*

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***Parliamentarian** - [Jim Filas](#)*

# Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors

## Upcoming Events and Registration Deadlines

28	FEB, FRI	● 6:30 – 9pm	Cinema Group
16	MAR, SUN	● All day	Last Day to RSVP for LNO
		● All day	Last Day to RSVP for MNO
18	MAR, TUE	● 4 – 7pm	Gin Rummy Evening
19	MAR, WED	● 5 – 7pm	Mens Night Out
		● 5:30 – 7:30pm	Ladies Night Out Artemis Mediterranean Grill
27	MAR, THU	● 7 – 8pm	Parker Jazz Club
28	MAR, FRI	● 6:30 – 9pm	Cinema Group
1	APR, TUE	● All day	First Day to signup for the Dining Out Group
		● All day	Last Day to Join Umlauf Tour
12	APR, SAT	● 11:30am – 1:30pm	Lunch Downtown
		● 2 – 2:30pm	Umlauf Sculpture Garden
17	APR, THU	● 6:30 – 9pm	Trivia Night 404 Sweet Grass Ln

**Gala Event 2025**

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