# Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors April 2025 Newsletter

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



## **Presidents Message**

Spring is upon us, along with its allergens. I hope all of you are weathering these better than I. We had an active March and have events planned for April and May. Upcoming social events include a visit to the Umlauf Gardens on April 12th and a Disco event at the Lakeway Activity Center on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

We continue our recruiting drive! We already have eighteen (18) new members for 2025. Our goal is to recruit fifty (50) new members! Please consider bringing anyone potentially interested in joining LNN to either the Ladies' Night Out or the Men's Night Out, as appropriate!

During March, LNN sponsored the following social events:

- Parker Jazz Club On March 27<sup>th</sup>, eighty (80) members will meet to enjoy both dinner and the Copa King's Rat Pack show, which is always a crowd-pleaser.
- <u>Gin Rummy</u> chaired by Andy & Christi Kirmse, twelve (12) members met at Flintrock to enjoy dinner and a competitive evening of gin rummy.
- <u>Dining Out</u> chaired by Jim Filas, seventy-two (72) members met at various restaurants to enjoy dinner.
- <u>Ladies Night Out</u> chaired by Ellen Graybill, thirteen (13) ladies met at Artemis Restaurant for dinner and socializing.
- Men's Night Out-chaired by John Bergan, fourteen (14) men gathered at the Sundancer restaurant to eat dinner, drink beer and swap lies.
- <u>Cinema Group</u> chaired by Faith & Don Stevens. Sixteen (16) members met to discuss the movies – "The French Connection" and "I'M Still Here".

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

In March, 207 members participated in LNN social activities. If you are not participating, please review the enclosed information to find an activity that interests you.

The Ladies' and Men's nights out are excellent opportunities for new members to become better acquainted with current members. All new members should plan on attending.

New Members – if you have recently joined, expect to receive an invitation to a New Members' Event that is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>. Save the Date!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events





# Ladies Night Out

When: Wednesday, **April 16, 2025** @ **5:30 p.m**.

Where: Cafe Blue at the Galleria, Bee Cave

Please Join us for an evening of fun at Cafe Blue. We will enjoy delicious dishes curated by Chef Ben. Please reserve your spot early. Also, please keep me informed if you need to cancel. I look forward to seeing you there!

Questions and RSVP to: Ellen Graybill (805) 209-5449

eagraybill@outlook.com

# **Ladies Night Out**



Click Here to Join Ellen

eagraybill@outlook.com

Ellen

## **Men's Night Out**

Men's Night Out will feature an Asian twist as we visit the <u>Simply Pho House</u> located in the <u>Hill Country Galleria</u>. The event will take place from 5 to 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 22nd**, and I encourage everyone to join the group.

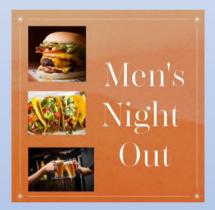
The restaurant offers a variety of unique Asian dishes, as well as a selection of soft drinks, beer, wine, and Sake.

John



We have had a wonderful turnout of men to these events, so if you can join us, please reply to

johnberg3737@gmail.com by April 19<sup>th</sup>, so I can work on reserving space for the evening.





Click Here to Join John

## **A Gin Rummy Evening**

The next rummy night is tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, April 15**th, at 4:30 pm in the trophy room at the **Flintrock Country Club restaurant**. Those interested in playing that evening should send an **email to wakirmse@flash.net**.

We will also send out a reminder by email on or about **April 2nd.** 

Our very best, Andy and Christie Kirmse



At Flintrock Country Club

## **Dining Out Group**

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.

You can sign up for the fall schedule if you are not currently participating in this fun activity. Sign-ups can be made from April 1st to June 30, 2025. Email jimfilas@gmail.com

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 <a href="mailto:faithstevens@gmail.com">faithstevens@gmail.com</a> if you want to be added to this group's mailing list.



Click Here to
Join the Group

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## **Trivia Night**

We look forward to our next Trivia Night on **Thursday April 17** at the home of **Ed and Robin Hermann** in Serene Hills. The address is <u>404 Sweet Grass Lane</u>.

We will gather at 6:30 PM. Please bring your beverage of choice and <u>dessert will be provided by the hosts.</u>

SAVE THE DATE for our next Trivia Night, June 7<sup>th</sup>

You can email

<u>LNNtrivianight@gmail.com</u> if you are interested. We hope to see you there!

Our group is now full, but we have started a waitlist to accommodate anticipated cancellations.





We are seeking **volunteers to host** our fall Trivia Night. We will work with you on choosing a convenient date in September, October, or November.



Julie

#### **Parker Jazz Club**



#### Sold Out!!

"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

# **Umlauf Sculpture Garden**

The registration deadline for our private tour of the **Umlauf Sculpture Garden** is rapidly approaching. The Garden is known as one of the most picturesque settings in Austin. It is home to dozens of bronze and stone pieces given to the City of Austin by the noted 20<sup>th</sup>-century American sculptor Charles Umlauf. Umlauf was also a professor of Life Drawing and Sculpture at the University of Texas Art Department. He taught at UT for 40 years, retiring as Professor Emeritus in 1981.

There will be an exhibit in the **museum** that you will have time to enjoy after the tour if you are interested. It is entitled **"Beyond the Bombshell: Farrah Fawcett"** and will display never-before-seen items from the collection that she bequeathed to the Blanton Museum of Art upon her death in 2009.

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>



Prior to the tour, we will meet for lunch at **12:15 PM at Chuy's, 1728 Barton Springs Road.** Those who have registered for the tour will receive a separate email with additional information regarding this.

We hope you can join us.

#### **CLICK HERE to Register**





# **Disco Party**

#### Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors Present



# Lakeway's Studio 54 Dinner and Disco Dancing

When Thursday, May 8, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Where: Lakeway Activity Center

105 Cross Creek Road

Dinner bites of all popular foods from the 70's...Boogie bites, Hello Jello squares, Hip Hot Dogs, Sizzling sausages, Disco balls, Devlish eggs, Chocolate fondue and more!!

**CLICK HERE TO Buy Tickets** 

lakewaysocials@gmail.com

**Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors** 

## **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** 

<u>Recruiting</u>—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



# **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 <a href="mailto:eagraybill@msn.com">eagraybill@msn.com</a> 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

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: <a href="mailto:ctl-alt-del@msn.com">ctl-alt-del@msn.com</a>



#### **Your 2025 Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors Board**

**President** - Ed Hermann

VP & Treasurer - Scott Westphal

Secretary - MaryAnn Veregge

Director, Socials & Special Events - Christie Kirmse

Social Committee: Leslee Minahan, Joan Peterson, Robin

Hermann, Sydney Berman, Pamela Swafford & Marion Welch.

**Director, Membership** - <u>Debbie Carver</u>

**Director, Technology** - <u>Steve Guty</u>

**Director, Newsletter & Communications - Chris Gross** 

Director, Welcoming Care & Concern - Ellen Graybill

**Parliamentarian** - <u>Jim Filas</u>

# **Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors**



#### **Upcoming Events and Registration Deadlines**

27 MAR, THU	• 7 – 8pm	Parker Jazz Club
28 MAR, FRI	• 6:30 – 9pm	Cinema Group
1 APR, TUE	<ul><li>All day</li></ul>	First Day to signup for the Dining Out Group
	<ul><li>All day</li></ul>	Last Day to Join Umlauf Tour
12 APR, SAT	<ul><li>12:15 – 1:45pm</li><li>2 – 2:30pm</li></ul>	Lunch at Chuy's 1728 Barton Springs Rd Umlauf Sculpture Garden
	2 2.00pm	·
15 APR, TUE	• 4:30 – 7pm	Gin Rummy Evening
16 APR, WED	• 5:30 – 7pm	LNO -> Cafe Blue
<b>17</b> APR, THU	• 6:30 – 9pm	Trivia Night 404 Sweet Grass Ln
19 APR, SAT	<ul> <li>All day</li> </ul>	Last Day to RSVP MNO
22 APR, TUE	• 5 – 6pm	MNO -> Simply Pho House
25 APR, FRI	<ul> <li>All day</li> </ul>	Newsletter Published
	• 6:30 – 9pm	Cinema Group
8 MAY, THU	● 6 – 9pm	Studio 54 Disco Party Lakeway Activity Center

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