

Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors

May 2025 Newsletter

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President's Message

May will be a very active month for LNN. In addition to many of our regular activities (shown below), LNN will sponsor the following three special activities:

- [Disco Night](#) – scheduled for May 8th at LAC.
- [New Members Welcome](#) - scheduled for May 13 at LAC. Invitations have been mailed out!
- [Wine Appreciation Event](#) – scheduled for May 20th at The Wine Cellar

We continue our recruiting drive! We already have twenty-eight (28) 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, the Men's Night Out, or Dining Out as appropriate!**

During April LNN sponsored the following social events:

- [Umlauf Gardens](#) – Twenty-six (26) members toured Umlauf Gardens on April 12th. They viewed some remarkably interesting sculptures and learned the history of the brilliant Charles Umlauf.
- [Trivia Night](#)—chaired by Julie Gross. Twenty-six (24) members met at Hermann's house for a fierce but friendly night of Trivia. The next Trivia event is June 7th.
- [Gin Rummy](#) – chaired by Andy & Christi 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.
- [Ladies Night Out](#) – chaired by Ellen Graybill, ten (10) ladies met 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.
- [Cinema Group](#) – chaired by Faith & Don Stevens. Sixteen (16) members met to discuss the movies – “The Amateur” and “A Real Pain”.

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

In April, 174 members participated in LNN-sponsored social activities. If you are not participating, check the enclosed information to find an activity that interests you!

Board Opportunities—At the end of this year, there will be three vacancies: President, Secretary, and Recruiting and Retention. Please contact [Ed Hermann](#) if interested.

Finally, please review the enclosed information for more details about upcoming activities. I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events.

Ed

Save The Date

Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors
Present
2025 Gala

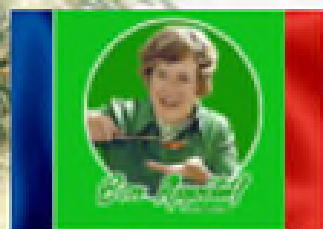
'An Ode to Julia Child'

Join us for our Annual Gala!
December 11, 2025

Come enjoy an evening of elegance
with cocktails, a delicious dinner,
and great company.

Let's celebrate together at the
beautiful Flintrock Country Club.

*Dancing with live music by
Groove Night*



Dinner will showcase classic
dishes created by Julia Child

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**](#)

email for questions

[**lakewaysocials@gmail.com**](mailto:lakewaysocials@gmail.com)



Ladies' Evening at Café Blue on April 16th was a charming night! The private room was perfect—quiet enough for lovely conversations with everyone at the table. The food was delicious, and the company even more delightful. A wonderful night overall. Here is our next event:

Upcoming

Ladies Night Out

When: Wednesday, May 15, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

Where: The Grove, 3001 Ranch Rd 620 S, Lakeway

Please join us for a fun evening with friends. We will enjoy delicious dishes crafted with with lots of fresh ingredients from local Austin area farms! It's going to be a great time, so be sure to reserve your spot early.


Please keep your response current.

Questions and RSVP to:

Ellen Graybill

(805) 209-5449

eagraybill@outlook.com



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 if you want to be added to this group's mailing list.



[Click Here to Join the Group](#)

Men's Night Out

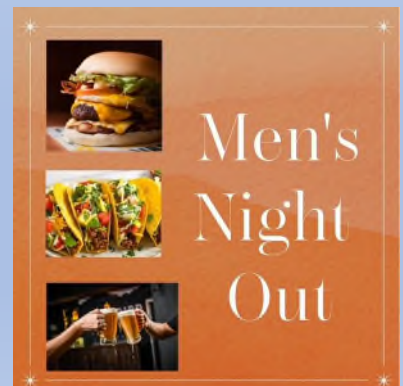
We welcome Spring with another opportunity to meet fellow men of Newcomers and & Neighbors with a Men's Night Out.

This month, we will meet on Wednesday, 5/21, from 5:00 to 7:00. The event will be held at [Toss Pizzeria & Pub](#), located at [11905 Bee Caves Road](#). Toss features specialty pizzas, Italian sandwiches, and salads, plus a variety of draft beers.

These events fill up fast, so please email johnberg3737@gmail.com by **Sunday, 5/18**, so I can reserve your spot. This will be a fun, casual evening, and I look forward to seeing you there.

[Click Here to Join John](#)

John



Wine Cellar event – May 20



Wine Cellar Event
Early Bird Session.
3:30pm – 6:00pm

\$20.00 pp

[CLICK HERE TO
Buy Tickets](#)

Only 6 openings left!

Due to overwhelming demand, we've added an afternoon session!

Here's a simple wine event that accomplishes 4 things:

- Great wine at a reasonable price
- Good food that pairs with the wine served
- Allows you to purchase the wine after you have tasted it
- Short drive that gets you home before midnight Lakeway time

Each attendee is required to bring one small bite dish, which can be either homemade or purchased. A list of wines being served and suggested small bite ideas will be sent to each participant before the event. However, you are welcome to bring any small bite items that you believe are appropriate. Please note that this event is limited to the first 24 people who sign up, and the **registration deadline is May 10th**.

Please contact [Scott Westphal](#) with any questions or to be put on the waitlist.

[Click Here to ask Scott a
Question](#)

Hey Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors

Join us for an afternoon of great drinks, tasty bites, and good vibes for a relaxed lunchtime gathering **at Fitzhugh Brewing on Wednesday, June 5th at 12:00 PM.**



Whether you're a craft beer connoisseur or just looking to try something new, we've got something special brewing just for you. Discover a truly uncommon beer experience at Fitzhugh Brewing! Their current lineup features the American Style Brew Deck Blonde Ale, the Canadian Maple Brown, and the intriguing Japanese Kinako – brews rarely found in the US. You'll have a chance to sample these unique flavors with their signature Hill Country flair. For non-beer drinkers, they also offer a selection of wines and non-alcoholic options.

In addition to the beverages, you can also purchase some tasty shareable plates and handhelds. There is no upfront cost to attend this event – you will only be responsible for your own beverage and food tabs.

It's the perfect opportunity to meet other Newcomers in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Come solo or bring a friend – all are welcome!

Space is limited to 30 indoor attendees, [so be sure to RSVP quickly!](#)

When: Wednesday, June 5th at 12:00 PM

Where: [Fitzhugh Brewing](#)

15435 Fitzhugh Road
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

[Click here
to RSVP](#)

Or Email

bmilehighman@hotmail.com



Trivia Night

Our 3rd Trivia Night was a fun event at the Hermann's home. We had 24 people, and the winning team left with a memorable trophy!



Our next Trivia Night will be on June 7th at 6:30 PM at Dawn and Jo Trombley's home in Serene Hills, 1108 Crestone Stream Drive.

You only need to bring your beverage of choice, as there will be **no appetizers**. The host will provide dessert at intermission. We look forward to seeing you in June!

You can email LNNtrivianight@gmail.com if you are interested. We hope to see you there!

If our group gets full, we can start a waitlist to accommodate anticipated cancellations.



[Click Here to Sign Up June 7](#)

SAVE THE DATE for our future Trivia Night, September 4th



Julie

Trivia Night Recap – April 17



A Gin Rummy Evening

The next rummy night will be in September while we pause play for the summer.

Those interested in playing in September should send an email to cmkirmse@gmail.com or text: 415-601-3304

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.**

If you are not currently participating in this fun activity, you can sign up for the fall schedule from April 1st to June 30th.

[Email jimfilas@gmail.com](mailto:jimfilas@gmail.com)

Dining Out is a great way to meet new folks our the community and explore great dining opportunities in the area! Dining Out is also an excellent opportunity to include anyone potentially interested in joining LNN. **If you would like to introduce someone to LNN, think about inviting them to join you as a guest at a Dining Out event.** Our bylaws allow members to invite a guest to events two times to give them a chance to experience the organization and consider joining. If you decide to pursue this option, please coordinate with your group leader and advise them of your intent.

Summer Social Series

The Social Team is pleased to announce our Summer Social Series. The first social will be held on **Thursday, June 12**, and the second will be held on **Thursday, July 10**.



These small group socials will be held concurrently at multiple members' homes as a happy hour from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. **Attendees are asked to BYOB and also bring an appetizer to share.** A lottery system will assign members to each host home (similar to how the Dining Out groups are assigned).

If you want to participate on **June 12th**, please click the link below or email the social team by **May 23** at lakewaysocials@gmail.com.

If you want to participate on **July 10th**, please click the link below or email the social team by **June 20** at lakewaysocials@gmail.com.

[Click Here to attend June 12](#)

[Click Here to attend July 10](#)

Be sure to include the name(s) and email addresses of the members you are registering. Those who have registered for this event will receive information by the weekend before the event about their host home assignment, the home's address, and specifics regarding parking and any other details.

Parker Jazz Recap – March 27



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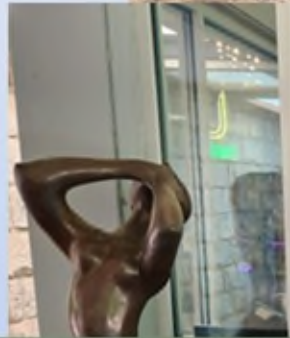
Umlauf Sculpture Garden Recap – April 12



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[Click Here to Take the Online Tour](#)



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 **28 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 Members

Clara Gerzon & Dimitre Pavlov – Coming from Beverly Hills, CA.
Karen & Robert Turchan – Coming from SoCal
Trudi Gold
Elizabeth & Tim Toler



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.



Look for our **UPDATED Website** on May 1st.

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: ctl-alt-del@msn.com



Your 2025 Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors Board

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Upcoming Events and Registration Deadlines



25	APR, FRI	● All day	Newsletter Published
		● 6:30 – 9pm	Cinema Group
8	MAY, THU	● 6 – 9pm	Studio 54 Disco Party Lakeway Activity Center
10	MAY, SAT	● All day	Last Day to buy Wine Cellar event
11	MAY, SUN	● All day	Last day to RSVP LNO
13	MAY, TUE	● 5:30 – 8pm	New members event Lakeway Activity Center
15	MAY, THU	● 5:30 – 7:30pm	LNO The Grove
18	MAY, SUN	● All day	Last day to RSVP MNO
20	MAY, TUE	● 3:30 – 5:30pm	Wine Cellar Event Early Version
		● 6:30 – 8:30pm	Wine Cellar Event
21	MAY, WED	● 5 – 6pm	MNO Toss Pizzeria
23	MAY, FRI	● All day	Last Day to sign up - Summer Socials
		● 6:30 – 9pm	Cinema Group

Gala Event 2025

SAVE the DATE: December 11, 2025