

Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors

August 2025 Newsletter

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Gala Event 2025

SAVE the DATE: December 11, 2025

President's Message

The flooding disaster in Kerr County certainly tempered our 4th of July celebrations. We pray for the survivors and all those impacted. Fortunately, Lakeway has not been affected, and we now have a full lake!

So, let's move on to Newcomer activities. Our Summer Social Series finished on July 10th with approximately 55 attendees. Three homes hosted this event: Jamie Rubenstein, Pat Long, and Linda London. Other events in July included Ladies' Night Out, Men's Night Out, and Cinema Group.

Dining Out will resume in August, and groupings have been distributed. If you have not received your dining out assignment, please contact Jim Filas at

lakewaydiningout@gmail.com

Upcoming activities for August include:

- Ladies' Night Out – chaired by Ellen Graybill, on August 12th.
- Men's Night Out - chaired by John Bergen, on August 18th.
- Cinema Group – chaired by Faith & Don Stevens, on August 22nd.

A special note about upcoming Trivia Nights: Julie Gross has graciously offered to hold two events, on both September 4th and October 10th. You can still join the wait lists. Thanks, Julie!

Last month's message was rushed, as I was leaving for a trip. I apologize for failing to mention two activities that occurred during June:

- **Trivia Night** - chaired by Julie Gross and hosted by Dawn & Joe Trombley - occurred on June 7th.
- **Booze and Brews** – chaired by Bruce Bauman and John Staiger, was held at Fitzhugh Icehouse on June 5th.

Both activities were well attended.

Our recruiting drive is going well! We now have 48 new members for 2025 and are likely to hit or surpass our annual target of 50 new members. **Please consider bringing anyone potentially interested in joining LNN to either Ladies' Night Out, Men's Night Out, or Dining Out, as appropriate!**

We offer condolences on the passing of Andy Kirmse, who made a positive impact on LNN by starting the Gin Rummy group along with his wife Christie

Board Opportunities - at the end of this year, there will be two vacancies on the Board: President and Recording Secretary. 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

Wine Appreciation Event – Save the Date



The **Wine Appreciation & Education group plans to host a fine wine dinner** in the fall. The format for the dinner will be small bites/Tapas that will be prepared jointly by the hosts and their guests. In some respects, this dinner will be similar to The Wine Cellar event, but will be hosted with wines that will be of a “higher quality”.

The date is **November 6th at 6:00 pm**. We are actively recruiting hosts for the event. If you are unable to attend this event, we will hold an annual fine wine dinner this winter.

Contact Scott Westphal at westphascottc@gmail.com with any questions.



Ladies Night Out

the **grove**
wine bar | kitchen



Tuesday, August 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for this month's Ladies' Night Out at The Grove for an evening of fun and lively conversation. We encourage our newest members to attend — it's a great opportunity to mingle and make new friends! Space is limited to 12 guests this month. To reserve your spot, please choose

[Click Here to Join the Group](#)

or email me.

Space is limited, please make sure that you have contacted me.

If your plans change and you're unable to join us, kindly email or call me so we can offer your spot to another member.

We hope to see you there!

Ellen Graybill (805) 209-5449 or egraybill @ outlook.com

Ladies' Night Out - Recap



Last Ladies' Night Out at Tony C's was a great success! We enjoyed good food, lively conversation, and the chance to meet two of our newest members. It was wonderful catching up with everyone — such a delightful evening spent together!

Men's Night Out

We had a wonderful turnout for the July event at Wahoo's and hope you can join us again in August!

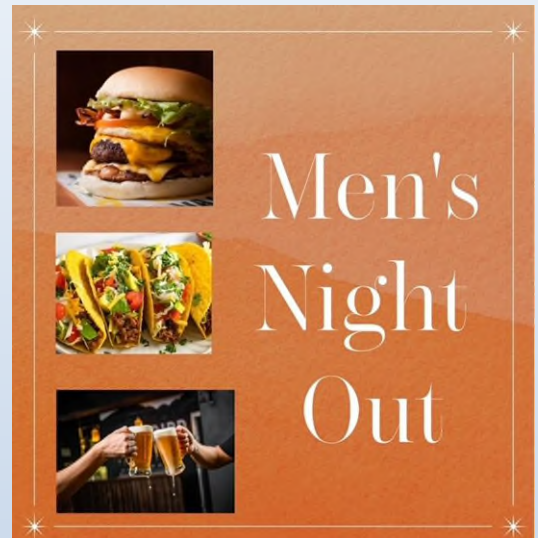
The Men's Night will be held at [Little Woodrow's \(Woodys\)](#) located at 2801 Shops Pkwy in Bee Cave.

We will meet on **Wednesday, August 20th**, from 5-7. Woodys offers a large variety of food and beverages in a casual setting that works well for the large group of men that typically attends.

If you can join us, RSVP to me at johnberg3737@gmail.com to confirm.

Please mark your calendar and **respond by 8/18/25** so I can inform the restaurant of the group size.

John



[Click Here to Join John](#)

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, *Christie Kirmse*



At Flintrock Country Club

Cinema Group

The Cinema Group meets typically 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](#)



Trivia Night

We had a very positive response to the sign-up (over 50 people) for Trivia Night on **September 4th**. This has resulted in the addition of another Trivia Night on **October 10th** to accommodate the increased number of people.



Separate Emails were sent to the 50+ people explaining the situation, and whether they were assigned to an event or remained on a waitlist.



Even though both events are currently full, the waitlists are now very short. If you would like to be on the now shorter waitlist for either **September 4th** or **October 10**, please indicate your preference by contacting LNNTrivianight@gmail.com or by clicking a button below.

The next Trivia Night will be on September 4th at 6:30 PM at Theresa and Ed Kennedy's home in The Hills, [3 Lost Meadow Cove](#).

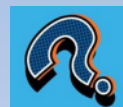
[Click Here to Sign Up September 4 waitlist](#)

The added Trivia Night will be on October 10th at 6:30 PM at Pam and Jim Filas' [107 Piazza Vetta Dr](#).

[Click Here to Sign Up October 10th waitlist](#)

We look forward to another fun evening!

Julie



Dining Out Group

Dining Out is a great way to meet new people in our community and explore the area's dining opportunities!

The next Dining Out session is set to begin and will run from August through December 2025. The registration deadline for this session was June 30, and the new groupings have been sent out. We look forward to meeting and dining with our fellow Newcomers & Neighbors and experiencing the variety of restaurants in our area.

Dining Out is also an excellent opportunity to include anyone interested in joining LNN. **If you want to introduce someone to LNN, consider inviting them to join you as a guest at one of your Dining Out events.** 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.

If you missed the deadline for signing up this season, the next session will kick off in February 2026, and registration will begin in November 2025. If you are already a participant, you will automatically be enrolled in the 2026 session.

[Click Here to
Join Dining Out](#)

Jim

Save The Date

Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors
Present
2025 Gala

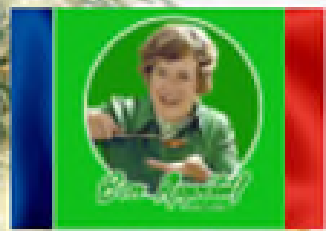
'An Ode to Julia Child'

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

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.

Our goal is to recruit 50 new members, and **we have now reached 48 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.

Communities which are now eligible for LNN membership include Falcon Head, Falcon Head West, The Heights, Henning Heights, Ladera, and Avalon Townhomes.

Welcome our New Members

Todd and Susan Boysen

Michelle and Michael Stauffacher

Barbara Herlihy

Ken Gerardi

Patty Harwood and Phillip Walthall



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 31st.

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	JUL, FRI	● All day	Newsletter Published
		● 6:30 – 9pm	Cinema Group
8	AUG, FRI	● All day	Last Day to RSVP for LNO
12	AUG, TUE	● 6:30 – 8:30pm	Ladies Night Out The Grove Wine Bar & Kitchen
18	AUG, MON	● All day	Last Day to RSVP for MNO
20	AUG, WED	● 5 – 7pm	Mens Night Out Little Woodrow's (Woodys)
22	AUG, FRI	● 6:30 – 9pm	Cinema Group
25	AUG, MON	● All day	Newsletter Published
4	SEP, THU	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Trivia Night

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