

Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors

December 2025 Newsletter



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President's Message

Happy Holidays! We have made it to December and are looking forward to spending time with friends and family. **What better way to celebrate the Season than attending the Gala? We have sold over 100 tickets so far. We have additional availability! If you have not purchased your tickets yet, please do so before December 4th!**

During November, we had seven very successful events:

LNN Single, Social & Sparkling Gals – occurred on October 28th with 9 ladies attending. Thanks to Debbie Carver for organizing this event.

Ladies Night Out – occurred on November 13th with 15 ladies attending! Thanks to Ellen Graybill for organizing this event!

Wine Appreciation Event - occurred on November 6th with a total of 62 attendees. This event was held at 6 different homes. Thanks to Lee & Scott Westphal for organizing this event, as well as the following hosts - John & Renea Bergan, Bryan & Nicky Brademan, Chris & Julie Gross, Ed & Robin Hermann, Steve & Maryann Veregge, Scott & Lee Westphal.

Trivia Night - occurred on November 7th, with 24 members attending. Thanks to Julie Gross for organizing and Jaimie Rubenstein for hosting this event!

Men's Night Out - occurred on November 11th with 20 guys attending. Thanks to John Bergan for organizing this event.

LNN Single, Social & Sparkling Gals - occurred on November 15th with 12 ladies attending. Thanks to Debbie Carver for organizing this event.

Brews & Booze Event - occurred on November 20th with 27 members attending. Thanks to Bruce Bauman & John Staiger for organizing this event.

Including Dining Out groups, LNN members participated in over 200 events in November.

We continue to welcome new members; our total this year is now 57! That is 7 more than our targeted goal! The best source for new members is your referral! CONSIDER INVITING INTERESTED FRIENDS TO THE GALA!! Each LNN member can invite up to one guest.

Finally, two other reminders:

Dining Out – registration for the winter season is now open until January 5th! Be sure to register for this!

Membership Renewal – Be sure to renew your membership for 2026! **DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LNN MEMBERSHIP PROVIDES ACCESS TO OVER 50 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR? LNN IS A GREAT VALUE!**

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.

Ed

Wishing everyone a joyful holiday season!

Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors Presents



Holiday Gala 2025

Let's celebrate together at the beautiful

Hintrock Country Club

December 11, 2025

Cocktails 5:30

Dinner served at 6:30

Dinner Menu

Salad

Your choice of:

Prime Rib

Herb Crusted Salmon or
Vegetarian selection

Creme Brulee or Tiramisu

Soft drinks and coffee included



[Reserve Your Place\(s\) Now!](#)

\$85.00 per person



*Dance to the Music
Of Groove Knight*



A Gin Rummy Evening

We will be meeting on the **third Tuesday of each month** in the Trophy Room at Flintrock. This month, it will be December 16th

Play will start at 4:30 p.m., with dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m.

This game is played in teams of two, so if you are a couple, you will play together. Singles will be paired up with another single. Advise me if you know someone you would like to play with as a team.

The group is limited to 12 people. If you know a couple that might be interested in joining Newcomers, please invite them as well.



[Click Here to Join Christie](#)

Christie

Men's Night Out

Please join us for a pre-holiday and pre-Gala Men's Night Out on **Wednesday, 12/10, from 5:00-7:00.**

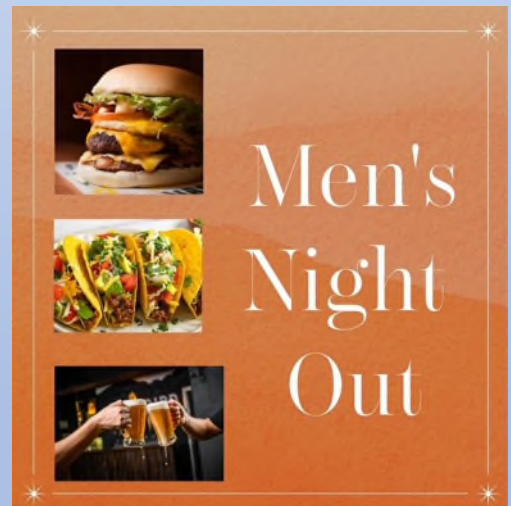
This month, we will meet at [The League Kitchen](#) located in the [Hill Country Galleria](#).

I am working with the restaurant to secure ample space, so please reply johnberg3737@gmail.com by 12/6 if you can attend.

I realize December is a busy month, and I wanted to provide an opportunity to get together before the holiday season.

Hope you can make it.

John



[Click Here to Join John](#)

Newcomers and Neighbors Volunteer to be an LNN Buddy!

Looking for a new way to participate in the club? **Volunteer to be an LNN Buddy!** The goal of the Buddy Program is to let every new member know that joining LNN was a great decision.

A buddy couple or individual will be paired with new members to help them feel welcome and to provide a friendly, familiar face at three events of their choosing.

I will email everyone to describe the new buddy system in more detail and ask for volunteers. Since this is a new concept, I am open to all suggestions.

Please e-mail **Peggy Atwood** at peggy.atwood@gmail.com with any thoughts or flashes of inspiration.



Peggy

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 streaming online. Those who RSVP to attend the group discussion meeting will view the two selected films on their own before the group's next meeting.

The November and December meetings will be combined and held on December 5th

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](#)

Bunco Night



Members and Friends....
Thursday, January 22, 2026

6:00-6:30 - Social

6:30-9:00 - BUNCO

9:00 - Prizes and Dessert

Where: Lakeway Activity Center

Bring: Appetizer to share, \$10 pp for prizes, and your favorite beverage.

There are LOTS of winners.

[Click here to reserve a spot](#)

debbiecarver@hotmail.com

Wine Education & Appreciation



LNN Winter Fine Wine Dinner - Preannouncement

We are very pleased to announce that the LNN Winter Wine Appreciation Dinner will take place in the last 2 weeks of **February**. Similar to the fine wine event held this past February, this dinner will once again feature an elegant dinner paired with carefully selected fine wines from around the world. Last February's dinner received many positive comments, and we hope to create a memorable evening once again.

More information and registration will be available shortly.

Cheers
Scott Westphal

Trivia Night



We had a great year of Trivia and look forward to our **next gathering for Trivia on January 8th** at 6:30 PM at **Beverly and Ron Carter's** at [103 Capri in old Lakeway](#)

This event is at capacity, but we always need a waitlist for those last-minute cancellations.

[Click Here to Sign Up for Jan 8th WaitList](#)



Trixie Trivia Asks:

1. What president made a guest appearance on Laugh-In, saying "Sock it to me"?
2. What river flows through the most countries?



We look forward to another memorable evening!

Julie



LNNTrivianight@gmail.com.

Answers:

10 countries

Answers: Richard Nixon, The Danube flows thru

Dining Out Group

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

Registration for the next Dining Out cycle is now open. The next cycle **begins in February and concludes at the end of June 2026.** If you are a participant in the current cycle and wish to continue in the next cycle, **no action is necessary**, and you will automatically be enrolled in the next cycle's pairings. If you dropped out during the current cycle, you must re-enroll to participate in the next cycle.

If you are interested in joining the next cycle but are not currently registered for Dining Out, please email lakewaydiningout@gmail.com by **January 5th**. In your response, please indicate whether you are joining as a single or couple and whether you would like to be an active participant or a substitute. Finalized groupings will be emailed by mid-January.

If you are a participant in the current cycle and wish to discontinue participation in the next cycle or change your status to a substitute, please email lakewaydiningout@gmail.com to indicate your decision.

[Click Here to
Join Dining Out](#)

Jim

2026 LNN MEMBERSHIP

It's time to renew your membership for the 2026 year!

Ready for another year of fun and activities as a member of Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors?

We offer 50 different activities to fit everyone's interests –

- Dining Out groups,
- Cinema Group,
- Men's Night Out,
- Booze & Brews,
- Wine Appreciation group and
- Trivia to name a few.

So don't miss out on all the fun!

Your \$40 renewal is the same price as last year.

Application and payment for each member is due by December 31, 2025. If you are a single member who would like to take advantage of our guest membership provision, please renew for 2 memberships which enables single members to bring recurring guests to any Newcomers function.

We now have a secure online renewal and payment system that lets you pay for your annual membership with a credit or debit card.

It's Time to RENEW

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 – Bruce Bauman

[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 57 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 that are now eligible for LNN membership include Falcon Head, Falcon Head West, The Heights, Henning Heights, Ladera, and Avalon Townhomes.

Welcome our New Members

Teresa Tipton

Margaret Peloquin

Lisa & Craig Shinn






Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors is now on Facebook



To join go to Facebook and search **Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors**

We're excited to announce our brand-new Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors Facebook page — a fun, easy way to stay connected with one another and share what's happening in our community!

You can:

-  Post photos from club events or neighborhood gatherings.
-  Share upcoming activities or local happenings.
-  Connect with fellow members, ask questions, and stay in the loop.

It's your space to celebrate our community spirit and make new friends along the way. Visit [Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors](#) and click "join".

We'd love for you to join, follow, and start posting today!

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.



Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors is excited to announce that our group now has its very own **Facebook page!**

Search for **Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors** and join the group.

- Stay up to date on upcoming events and announcements.
- Share photos, ideas, and conversations.
- Connect with fellow members in between meetings.



For Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors information, including the current and archived newsletters, go to our website at

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

If you do not remember your login information, please email Steve Guty at: ctl-alt-del@msn.com



Your 2025 Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors Board

President - Ed Hermann

VP & Treasurer - Scott Westphal

Secretary - MaryAnn Veregge

Director, Socials & Special Events – Debbie Carver

Social Committee: Leslee Minahan, Robin Hermann, Pamela Swafford, Marion Welch & Ellen Graybill.

Director, Membership – Bruce Bauman

Director, Technology - Steve Guty

Director, Newsletter & Communications - Chris Gross

Director, Welcoming Care & Concern - Ellen Graybill

Parliamentarian - Jim Filas

Board of Directors - Election

Dear Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors Member,

We are pleased to present the 2026 slate of officers listed below. Per our bylaws, we provide this list of nominated officers to the entire membership for a confirmation vote. Each member is entitled to one vote per candidate, or you can approve the whole slate.

Send your vote response message to jimfilas@gmail.com.

The deadline for receiving vote responses is December 8, 2025.

We thank you for your prompt attention to this officer confirmation. If you approve, the nominees listed below will serve on the Board in 2026.

[Click Here to
approve all](#)

2026 Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors Board of Directors Nominations		
Office	Candidate	
President	Ed Hermann	
Vice President & Treasurer	Scott Westphal	
Secretary & Care/Concern	Ellen Graybill	
Director - Technology	Steve Guty	
Director - Communications	Chris Gross	
Director - Social	Debbie Carver	
Director - Membership	Bruce Bauman *	
Director - Retention	Peggy Atwood *	
Parliamentarian	Jim Filas	
	* = New Board Member	

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Upcoming Events and Registration Deadlines



5	DEC, FRI	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Cinema Group
6	DEC, SAT	● All day	Last Day to signup for MNO
8	DEC, MON	● All day	Deadline to Vote for the Board
10	DEC, WED	● 5 – 7pm	Men's Night Out
11	DEC, THU	● 5:30 – 11pm	2025 Gala Event
16	DEC, TUE	● 4:30 – 7:30pm	Gin Rummy Flintrock Falls Clubhouse
25	DEC, THU	● All day	Newsletter Published
5	JAN, MON	● All day	Last Day to Register for Dining Out
8	JAN, THU	● 6:30 – 8:30pm	Trivia Night
20	JAN, TUE	● 4:30 – 7:30pm	Gin Rummy Flintrock Falls Clubhouse
22	JAN, THU	● All day	Bunco
23	JAN, FRI	● 6:30 – 9pm	Cinema Group

Nov 6th - Wine Appreciation Event



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