

Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors

January 2026 Newsletter

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President's Message

Happy New Year! We had a strong finish in 2025! This year's GALA was the best in recent memory! If you missed it, save the date for December 10, 2026, when we will do it all again! Congratulations to Debbie Carver, Ellen Graybill, and their social team for planning and executing this event! The band Groove Knight delivered its usual excellent performance. 106 members attended, many staying until the last song.

As we come to the end of 2025, it is appropriate to recognize this board's accomplishments. All board members provided some additional service beyond their regular duties:

- **Scott Westphal - served as the VP/ Treasurer.** Scott has kept a close eye on our finances all year, and he has also worked to improve our insurance coverage. Scott also plans and coordinates wine appreciation events.
- **MaryAnn Veregge - served as Recording Secretary.** Maryann served on the LNN Board for 2 years and will be leaving us in February.
- **Chris Gross - served as the Communications Director.** Chris prepared the monthly newsletter and managed our communications. He continues to search for ways to improve our communications.
- **Steve Guty - served as the Technical Director.** In addition to assisting with various technical matters, Steve developed and provided a new website.
- **Debbie Carver - served as the Membership Director** for most of the year and recently became our Social Director. During her time as Membership Director, she managed our membership list and assisted in recruiting new members.
- **Ellen Graybill has served as the Care & Concern Director.** In addition to her regular duties of corresponding with members, she has successfully developed and managed Ladies Night Out events. In 2026, she will assume the responsibilities of Recording Secretary.
- **Bruce Bauman has recently joined as Membership Director,** replacing Debbie Carver.
- Also in February, **Peggy Atwood** will join the board in the newly created position of Retention Director.

Overall, 2025 was a great year! In addition to providing high-quality social events, we also accomplished the following:

- **Planned and executed a successful GALA!**
- **Added 57 new members!**
- **Revised LNN Bylaws and incorporated the organization.**

We intend to maintain the forward momentum in 2026!

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! **YOUR LNN MEMBERSHIP PROVIDES ACCESS TO OVER 50 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR? LNN IS A GREAT VALUE!**

Once again, see the details shown below for all activities. 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.

Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year

Ed

Ladies' Night Out

the **grove**
wine bar | kitchen



LNN.EllenGraybill@outlook.com

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for our first Ladies' Night Out of the year! It'll be a great chance to catch up, enjoy some laughs, and spend time together. Please RSVP by January 10th. Space is limited so please keep your response current.

Ellen

LNN.ellengraybill@outlook.com

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 Appreciation & Education



Similar to the very well-received paired wine dinner held this past February, for our members who appreciate high-quality wines, a very special wine tasting paired with a small group dinner will be held at multiple host homes at **6:00 PM on Saturday, February 28th, 2026.**

This year, we will feature a selection of highly rated (93- to 98-point) wines, some of which were included on *Wine Spectator's* "Top 100 Wines." These wines have already been acquired at very favorable prices — resulting in this tasting event's low participation fee of **just \$40 per person.** A portion of the registration fee is being given to the host couple to defray the higher costs of preparing the main course. The dinner portion of the event will be a joint effort among all the registered participants at each host home.

Please note that each person who registers for this event will be assigned a specific recipe for a menu item pre-selected to pair with a wine. Each participant will be required to buy the ingredients, prepare their menu item, and table-manage it for the dinner. The host will be providing the meat-based main course and tableware. Each host home will be expected to host 8–12 participants.

[Click Here to Register for the Wine Dinner](#)

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.

Sign Up for the March Event.



We look forward to another memorable evening!

Julie



LNNTrivianight@gmail.com

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



Trixie Trivia Asks:

1. What is a group of bears called? A. Den B. Pack C. MAUL D. Sleuth
2. Name the best friend of Brother Wally on Leave It To Beaver.
3. What country is made up of 7,000 islands?



Answers

Answers: D, Eddie Haskell, The Philippines

The March **Trivia gathering will be on March 19th** at 6:30 PM

at **Nick & Janet Grossman**, [19105 Fernando Trail](#).

[Click Here to Sign Up for March 19](#)

A Gin Rummy Evening

Starting in 2026, we will be meeting on the **Last Wednesday of each month** in the Trophy Room at Flintrock. This month, it will be **January 28th**.

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

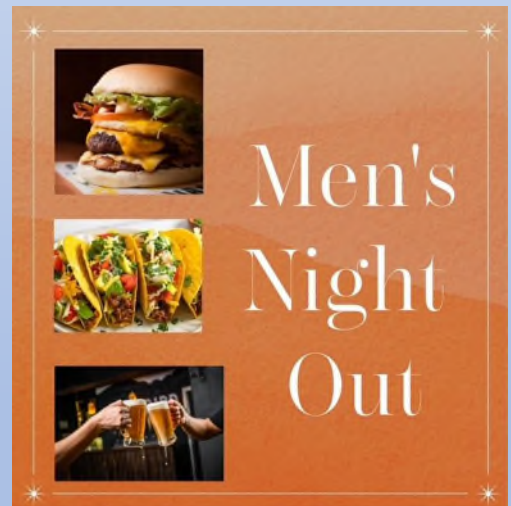
This month, we will visit [CraigO's Pizza](#) and Pastaria located at [2501 Ranch Road 620 South](#) in Lakeway. The event will be scheduled for **Wednesday, January 14**, from 5:00-7:00.

CraigO features a wide variety of items, from pizza and pasta to other Italian favorites.

We have had a great turnout for MNO and look forward to again meeting old and new members for this fun night out.

Please reply to johnberg3737@gmail.com by 1/10/26 so I can make arrangements with the restaurant for our group.

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 (January 23rd)** 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.

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 next month's movies. 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.



Faith & Don

[Click Here to
Join the Group](#)

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 a 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!

So far, 114 members have renewed or joined in October, November, and December.

This leaves 132 folks who still need to renew for 2026.

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

We offer many 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](#)

Martha and Tom Snodgrass

Nancy and Greg Crow






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

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Upcoming Events and Registration Deadlines



5	JAN, MON	● All day	Last Day to Register for Dining Out
8	JAN, THU	● 6:30 – 8:30pm	Trivia Night
10	JAN, SAT	● All day	Last Day to RSVP for LNO
		● All day	Last Day to RSVP for MNO
13	JAN, TUE	● 6 – 8:30pm	Ladies Night Out The Grove
14	JAN, WED	● 5 – 6pm	MNO CraigO's Pizza
22	JAN, THU	● 6 – 9pm	Bunco Lakeway Activity
23	JAN, FRI	● 6:30 – 9pm	Cinema Group

Gala Recap Pictures – Dec 11, 2025

Here is a sampling of the pictures taken that night. To see ALL 36 photos, please join our Facebook page.

Log on to Facebook and search for “Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors” and click “Join.”

We invite you to post comments and upload your own photos of the event.



Lakeway Newcomers and Neighbors

Create a post

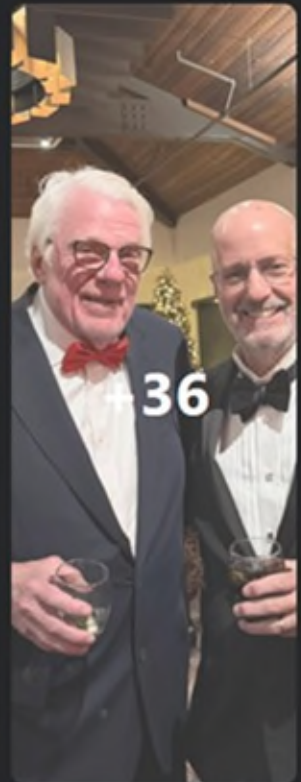


Ellen Graybill

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Everyone had such a great time in our Gala! The energy, the smiles, the memories – absolutely unforgettable! A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success. A very special shout out to the fabulous Debbie C. for going above and beyond.













Hwy 71 Brewery - Recap Pictures – Nov 20, 2025

