

Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors

February 2026 Newsletter

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President's Message

2026 is off to a strong start! We have added 9 new members this month! In 2025, LNN added 59 new members! This strong interest in LNN reflects both its members and the quality of its activities.

My main concern this month is – Member Renewal! Some members have not renewed for 2026. Those members who do not renew will not receive next month's newsletter or be permitted to participate in future activities! Here is a quick summary of upcoming activities:

- Dining Out – new cycle starts in February
- Ladies' Night Out – February 18th (monthly)
- Tex Arts – “Beehive” - February 20th
- Amazon Tour – February 23
- Gin Rummy – February 25th (monthly)
- Wine Appreciation – February 28th
- Men's Night Out – Feb 12 (monthly)
- Cinema Group – February 27th (monthly)
- Murder On The Orient Express @ ZACH – March 1st
- Lakeway Heritage Bus Tour – March 6th
- Trivia Night – March 19th
- Sistine Chapel Experience – March 26th

IF YOU COUNT THE 5 MONTHLY ACTIVITIES FOR EACH MONTH, PLUS THE NEWLY ORGANIZED EVENTS, THAT AMOUNTS TO 16 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS!

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

LNN Buddy Program – Peggy Atwood, Director of Retention, is creating this program to ensure that new members are properly integrated into LNN. If you are interested in being a Buddy, please contact Peggy.

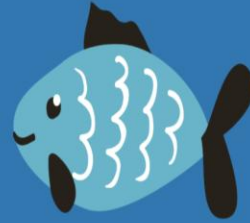
As always, see the details shown below for all activities. I encourage everyone to review the calendar of events shown on the last page of the newsletter and participate in as many events as possible.

Looking forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

Ed

caféblue
CLASSIC SEAFOOD & OYSTER BAR

Please Join us



Ladies' Night Out

When: Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Where: Cafe Blue, The Galleria

Time: 6:00 p.m.

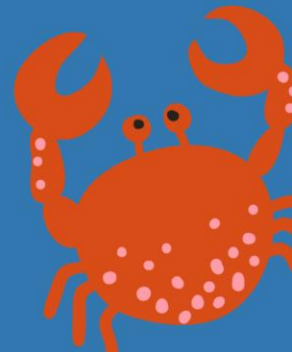
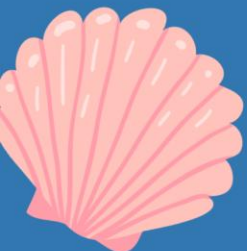
LNN.EllenGraybill@outlook.com

Our last dinner was a blast! Great food, lively conversation, and a warm welcome to our newest LNN members.

Next LNO is coming up! Space is limited to 12, so snag your spot early. If your plans change, just give me a quick heads-up.

Call me if you have any questions
or need more information.

Ellen Graybill
805-209-5449



Men's Night Out

Our last event with 18 men had a great time at Craig O's pizza on January 14th.



This month, we will visit a local favorite, the **Canyon Grille**, perched above the Rough Hollow Yacht Club here in Lakeway.

The event will be on Thursday, 2/12, from 5:00-7:00. The grille will have Prime Rib, along with a full menu and various specials. We have enjoyed a great evening with fellow Lakeway Newcomers at these outings, and I look forward to seeing you on the 12th!

Please RSVP so I can make plans for the group by 2/9, using johnberg3737@gmail.com or the provided link.

I appreciate your prompt reply to help in planning.

[Click Here to
Join John](#)

John



BEEHIVE

THE '60s MUSICAL

A nostalgic journey through the 1960s, told through the lens of six young women navigating the decade's cultural and musical landscape.

The show features a vibrant collection of chart-topping hits, including "My Boyfriend's Back," "Son of a Preacher Man," and "Where the Boys Are"

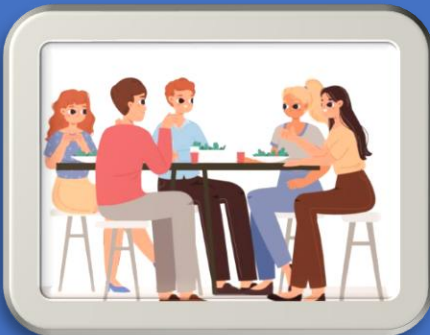
Friday, February 20, 2026

7:30 PM

\$53+/person

**[Click Here to BUY Tickets](#)
(Select Feb 20)**

Where: [TexARTS new facility](#)



Optional 6:00 pm Dinner
Thai Spice Cafe
2009 Main St Building A Suite 100

**[Click Here for Optional](#)
6:00 pm Dinner at Thai
Spice**

Amazon Tour

Monday, Feb. 23, 2026

(9:30 am or 12:45 pm tour)

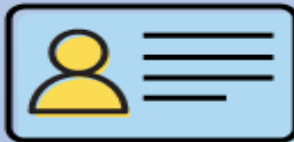


See the magic that happens after you click 'buy' on Amazon by touring the San Marcos fulfillment center and seeing firsthand how we deliver for our customers.



Each tour (25 people each) takes about: 60-90 minutes

On the tour, you may walk down at least one flight of stairs and walk approximately 1 mile.



Car Pool: Yes

Lunch: Yes, after the 9:30 tour and before the 12:45 tour.

Sign up: **WAITLIST ONLY**

[Click Here to get on waitlist for the 9:30 tour](#)

[Click Here to get on the waitlist for the 12:45 tour](#)

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

AN OPULENT WHODUNIT BY AGATHA CHRISTIE

All aboard for glamour, intrigue, and suspense!

Agatha Christie's world-famous detective Hercule Poirot embarks on a luxurious train journey—only to find himself entangled in an edge-of-your-seat murder mystery when a passenger is found dead in the night.

WHO?

Sunday, March 1, 2026 - 2:30 PM

\$84/ person

This will be a two-step process: please purchase your tickets online and **RSVP** to the social committee by **February 25th** to coordinate lunch plans.

Buy Tickets for March 1
at 2:30pm

Where: Zack Theater - Topfer
Address: 202 S. Lamar Blvd

RSVP before February
25th for Lunch

Optional Dinner at
Salt Trader afterwards.
Carpool available





A Trip Through Lakeway's Past

Heritage Trail Bus Tour:

FREE event to learn about Lakeway's history,
visiting around 20 historical locations
while riding in a luxury bus!

Friday, March 6, 2026

Tour time - 10 AM

Lunch at Café Lago following the tour

Meet at Lakeway City Hall

105 Cross Creek, Lakeway

Limit to 26 LNN Members

**[Click Here to reserve a seat
on the Tour](#)**

**[Click Here to Reserve a seat
for Lunch](#)**



**fascinating facts
and humorous
anecdotes about
Lakeway.**

debbiecarver@hotmail.com

THE SISTINE CHAPEL EXPERIENCE

Step Inside One of the Greatest Masterpieces of All Time

Watch as the world-famous art of the Sistine Chapel comes alive before your eyes — larger than life, breathtakingly detailed, and unforgettable.

[What are you going to see?](#)

THREE IMMERSIVE GALLERIES:

Gallery I: The Chapel's Foundations

Journey through the inspiration behind the Sistine Chapel.

Gallery II: A Cinematic Prelude

A 15-minute film prepares you for what you are about to experience.

Gallery III: The Masterpieces Revealed

Michelangelo's genius up close, awe-inspiring, and impossible to forget.

This will be a two-step process: please purchase your tickets online and RSVP by March 5th to the social committee to coordinate lunch plans.



Buy Tickets for March 26
at 2pm

Price: \$20 (Seniors 65+)

Thursday, March 26, 2026

2:00 [Sistine Chapel Experience](#)
[Time](#)

RSVP before March 5th
for Lunch

Thursday, March 26, 2026

12:00 lunch at [Cheesecake](#)
[Factory](#)

Barton Creek Square - 2901 S. Capital of Texas Hwy
lower level, south end of the mall — around the corner from **AMC** and facing **Loop 360**.

Experience the art. Feel the history. Be inspired.

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 special wine tasting paired with a small group dinner will be held at multiple host homes at **6:00 PM on Saturday, February 28, 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 menu. The dinner portion of the event will be a joint effort among the host couple and 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 be on the waitlist](#)

Cheers
Scott Westphal

Trivia Night

We had another successful Trivia Night on **January 8th** at the **Carters' home**.



Our next Trivia Night is scheduled for **March 19th** at **Janet and Nick Grossman's home**, [19105 Fernando Trail](#) in Sweetwater. The roster of 18 people is already full, but **we need a waitlist in case of any cancellations**.

Please consider volunteering to host at your home; you can set the number of people and only have to provide dessert.



We look forward to another memorable evening!

Julie



LNNTrivianight@gmail.com

[Click Here to get on the waitlist for March 19](#)



Trixie Trivia Asks:

1. What country was formerly East Pakistan?
2. Who wrote the 1937 novelette **Of Mice and Men**?
a) Somerset Maugham b) James Michener
c) John Steinbeck d) Pearl S. Buck
3. What is chalk made of?



Answers

Bangladesh, Steinbeck, Limestone, formed from shells of tiny marine animals

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 on **February 25th**.

Then **Mar 25, Apr 29 & May 27** (mark your calendars).

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



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.

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!

The next Dining Out session is set to begin and will run **from February through June 2026**. The registration deadline for this session was January 5, and the new groupings have been sent out. If you signed up but have not received your grouping notification, please email

lakewaydiningout@gmail.com.

If you have not heard from your group leader (the 1st person in each group) by February, contact them directly (contact information is included in the grouping list).

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 involve those who may be 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 August 2026**, and **registration will begin in June 2026**. If you are already a participant, you will automatically be enrolled in the 2026 session.

[Click Here to
Join Dining Out](#)

Jim

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](#)

As of January 13th, we have 255 members, with 9 new members just this month.

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

Cindy Hirsch & Bruce Krohn

Christy Strobel & Fritz Weiss

Linda & Jim Forrest

Mini & Dan Kirtane

Mary Anne & Robert Kormos

Judy Racino



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



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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!

Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors

Upcoming Events and Registration Deadlines



28	JAN, WED	●	4:30 – 7:30pm	Gin Rummy Flintrock Falls Clubhouse
9	FEB, MON	●	All day	Last Day to RSVP for MNO
12	FEB, THU	●	5 – 7:30pm	Mens Night Out
18	FEB, WED	●	6 – 7:30pm	Ladies Night Out
20	FEB, FRI	●	6 – 7pm	Thai Spice Dinner Thai Spice Restaurant
		●	7:30 – 9:30pm	TexARTS - Beehive TexARTS: Theater & Aca
23	FEB, MON	●	9:30 – 11am	Amazon Tour
		●	12:45 – 2:15pm	Amazon Tour
25	FEB, WED	●	All day	Last Day to RSVP for Salt Trader Dinner
		●	All day	Newsletter Published
		●	4:30 – 7:30pm	Gin Rummy Flintrock Falls Clubhouse
27	FEB, FRI	●	6:30 – 9pm	Cinema Group
28	FEB, SAT	●	6 – 9pm	Wine Appreciation Dinner TBD Lakeway, TX
1	MAR, SUN	●	2:30 – 5pm	Zach Theater - Murder Orient Express
		●	6 – 7pm	Dinner at Salt trader
5	MAR, THU	●	All day	Last Day to RSVP for Cheesecake Factory
6	MAR, FRI	●	10 – 11:30am	Lakeway City Tour 105 Cross Creek
		●	12 – 1pm	Lunch - Cafe Lago