

# Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors

## April 2026 Newsletter

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**SAVE THE DATE – DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> - Gala**

## President's Message

**We do not usually advertise third-party events, but the Lakeway Sing's Spring Show is an exception. The proceeds from this show go to their December show that supports the Green Santa organization, which provides toys for underprivileged children. The performances are on April 24 & 25 at the LAC. I encourage everyone to attend!**

April will be a very active month for LNN with the following activities:

- **Men's Night Out – April 22**
- **Bunco** – April 17<sup>th</sup> at LAC
- **Brews & Booze** – April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Jester King Brewery
- **Cinema Group** – April 24<sup>th</sup>
- **Wine Appreciation Event** – April 28<sup>th</sup> at Parmeson Winery
- **Gin Rummy** – April 29<sup>th</sup> at Flintrock
- **Hays City Store** – April 30<sup>th</sup>

During March, LNN sponsored the following social events:

- **Trivia Night** – chaired by Julie Gross. 18 members met at the Grossman's house for a fierce, but friendly night of Trivia. **Next Trivia night is May 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Dining Out** – chaired by Jim Filas, 72 members met at various restaurants to enjoy dinner.
- **Ladies Night Out** – chaired by Ellen Graybill, 15 ladies met for dinner and socializing.
- **Men's Night Out**- chaired by John Bergan, 20 men gathered at the Sundancer restaurant to eat dinner, drink beer, and swap lies.
- **Cinema Group** – chaired by Faith & Don Stevens. 16 members met at the Westphal's house to discuss the movies – Nuremberg and Hamnet.

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

**LNN Buddy Program** – Peggy Atwood, Director of Retention, is seeking volunteers to serve as Buddies for new members. I see this as critical to improving LNN retention. Please contact Peggy and volunteer.

Finally, please review the enclosed information for more details about upcoming activities.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events.

Ed Hermann

*Ed*

# LAKEWAY SINGS!

Presents

## Alphabet Soup

April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

Lakeway Activity Center

Dinner shows • Tables of 8 or 10 available

Doors open at 6 PM • Tickets start at \$40

Tickets sell fast; early reservations a must



**Ticket sales online only!**

LAC members start at 8 AM, March 17

8 AM, March 24, to the public

Tickets available online at

LakewaySings.com or scan the QR code

Questions? Call the Lakeway Activity Center (512) 261-1010

[LakewaySings.com](http://LakewaySings.com)

Members and Friends...  
**LET'S PLAY BUNCO!**

for Ladies and Gents  
Couples and Singles

Please join us on  
Friday, April 17, 2026

6:00-6:30 - Social

6:30-9:00 Bunco time

Prizes and Dessert

Where: Lakeway Activity Center  
105 Cross Creek, Lakeway

Bring: \$10 pp for prizes,  
an appetizer to share, and your favorite beverage

RSVP: By April 10th to  
Ellen Graybill @ [LNN.ellengraybill@outlook.com](mailto:LNN.ellengraybill@outlook.com)



[Click Here to Register by April 10th](#)



# Brews and Booze event

## Jester King Brewery.



Join Us for an Afternoon at Jester King Brewery! 🍺

We are excited to invite you to our next gathering at the award-winning Jester King Brewery—a true gem of the Texas Hill Country!



Famous for its farmhouse ales, sours, and saisons, Jester King crafts each brew with a focus on drinkability and the unique character of the surrounding landscape. Whether you're a craft beer enthusiast or just looking for a relaxed afternoon, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Come hungry! Guests can savor delicious build-your-own wood-fired pizzas straight from the brewery's kitchen, along with a variety of cocktails, sodas, teas, and other non-alcoholic options.

Event Details:

Date: **Thursday, April 23**

Time: **4:00 PM**

Location: **Jester King Brewery** (less than a 30-minute drive from Lakeway)

**There is no upfront cost to attend**—just pay for whatever food and drinks you choose.

We hope to see you there for great drinks, good food, and even better company!

*Bruce &  
John*

[Click Here by April 15th  
to Join the Group](#)



LNN OUTING TO

# HAYS CITY STORE

*A Texas-Style Evening of  
Food, Friends & Live Music*



**WHEN:** April 30 | 5:30 PM



**WHERE:** Hays City Store

8989 Farm to Market 150, Driftwood, TX


## ★ WHY GO? ★



★ **Texas charm & history**—

*From 1980s convenience store to beloved restaurant & icehouse*



★ **Live Music 6 Nights a Week** 

*Great tunes on the outdoor stage!*



★ **Order Your Own Food & Drinks**

*Separate checks, No upfront cost!*



★ **Fun with Fellow LNN Members**

*Relax and socialize with friends.*



**RSVP BY APRIL 22:** [Click Here](#)



**CARPOOL INFO:** [Click Here](#)

★ **We Can't Wait to See You There!** ★

# LNN Spring Social

## Sip, Snack & Socialize!

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

*Come for the nibbles, stay for the laughter,  
and let's toast to fall together!* 🍷🍷



*Bring your favorite beverage to sip  
and an appetizer to share —  
because everything's better  
when shared with friends.* ❤️



Please **REGISTER HERE**

*so we know you're  
joining the fun!*

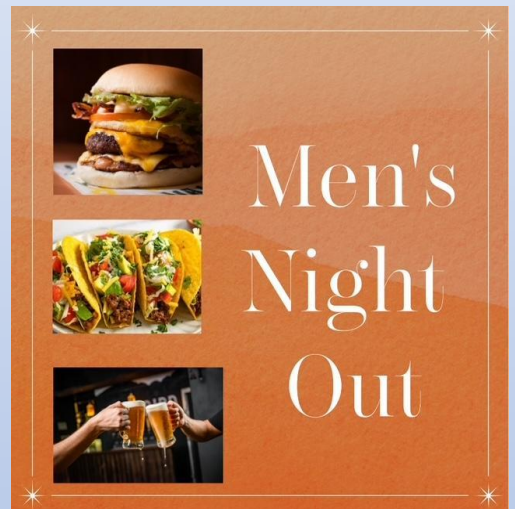
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Here](#)



# Men's Night Out



We have had a wonderful turnout for these Men's Nights and appreciate all who have attended! The large group makes socializing difficult, so this month I will try something different. We will meet at **Angels Ice House**, located at 21815 State Hwy 71 in Spicewood, once again for a relaxing, casual patio setting. The event will be held on **Wednesday, April 22, from 5:00-7:00 pm.**



I would like to extend a special **invitation to new members** to help them meet others in the group in a casual setting.

**Angels offers happy hour from 3-6 pm** along with a wide selection of food and drinks in a truly Texas backyard environment. Please reply to [johnberg3737@gmail.com](mailto:johnberg3737@gmail.com) **no later than 4/19** so I can work to secure courtyard tables for our group.

I look forward to seeing old and new members at this event.

*John*

[Click Here to  
Join John](#)

# Trivia Night



It was another close competition at the most recent **Trivia Night on March 19**. With three teams competing, two tied, and the third only one point behind. We had to have a **tiebreaker question** to determine the winner.



Our last Trivia Night of the season will be held on **May 15th** at the home of **Scott and Lee Westphal** at **6:30 PM**. (408 Hurst Creek Road) Bring your beverage of choice, and dessert will be provided by the host.

[Click Here to Sign up for May 15](#)

Here are some examples of previous Trivia questions to test your knowledge:

1. What is a group of parrots called? A. Flock B. Pandemonium C. Exaltation D. Raft
2. What Italian island has been called the jewel of the Mediterranean?
3. Whose catchphrase was "I KNOW NOTHING" on Hogan's Heroes?

**SAVE the DATE -> September 10<sup>th</sup>**. Start of the new season, and we have **something NEW** in the planning stage.

We look forward to another memorable evening!

*Julie*

[LNNTriviaNight@gmail.com](mailto:LNNTriviaNight@gmail.com)



## Answers

Pandemonium, Sicily, Sergeant Hans Schultz, who is kept quiet with bribes when he is told of the POW's schemes of escape.

# A Gin Rummy Evening

Starting in 2026, we will be meeting on the **fourth Wednesday of each month** in the Trophy Room at Flintrock. This month, it will be **on April 29th**.

**Then 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*



# Wine Appreciation & Education



The **April 28th Winery visit** to [Parmeson Wines in Dripping Springs](#), scheduled for 5:00 pm, is unfortunately **sold out**. **We can add an afternoon session starting at 2:00 pm**. We need at least 15 people to open registration for an afternoon session.

**We are surveying members** who were unable to register for the evening session to **gauge interest in organizing an afternoon tasting**. As in the evening session, all participants for the afternoon session would be asked to **bring an appetizer/small bites to share** with the attendees. The cost of the event will be unchanged at **\$35.00 pp**.

Please respond to this survey by indicating your level of interest in attending and how many people you would register.

**Please click on one of the following links:**

[Yes, I would \*\*absolutely attend\*\*.](#)

[I am interested, but I cannot commit 100%.](#)

*Cheers  
Scott Westphal*

# 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](mailto:faithstevens@gmail.com) if you want to be added to this group's mailing list.



*Faith & Don*

[Click Here to  
Join the Group](#)



# 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 several events of their choosing.

Please e-mail **Peggy Atwood** at [peggy.atwood@gmail.com](mailto:peggy.atwood@gmail.com) with any thoughts or flashes of inspiration.

*Peggy*



# Dining Out Group

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

The current Dining Out session has started and will run **from February through June 2026**. The new groupings have been sent out. If you signed up but have not received your grouping notification, please email [lakewaydiningout@gmail.com](mailto: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](#)

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

No New Members this Month



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:ctl-alt-del@msn.com)



## Your 2026 Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors Board

***President - Ed Hermann***

***VP & Treasurer - Scott Westphal***

***Secretary & Care / Concern – Ellen Graybill***

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***Director, Technology - Steve Guty***

***Director, Newsletter & Communications - Chris Gross***

***Director, Retention – Peggy Atwood***

***Parliamentarian - Jim Filas***

# Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors

## Upcoming Events and Registration Deadlines



10	APR, FRI	● All day	Last Day to RSVP for Bunco
15	APR, WED	● All day	Last Day to RSVP for Jester King
17	APR, FRI	● 6 – 6:30pm	Bunco - Social
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Bunco LAC
19	APR, SUN	● All day	Last Day to RSVP for MNO
22	APR, WED	● All day	Last Day to RSVP for Hays City
		● 5 – 7pm	MNO Angels Ice House
23	APR, THU	● 4 – 8:30pm	Brews and Booze event Jester King Brewery
24	APR, FRI	● 6 – 7pm	Lakeway Sings LAC
		● 6:30 – 9pm	Cinema Group
25	APR, SAT	● All day	Newsletter Published
		● 6 – 7pm	Lakeway Sings LAC
28	APR, TUE	● 5 – 7pm	Wine Appreciation Event Parmeson Wines
29	APR, WED	● 4:30 – 7:30pm	Gin Rummy Flintrock Falls Clubhouse
30	APR, THU	● 5:30 – 6:30pm	Hays City Store Driftwood
15	MAY, FRI	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Trivia Night
19	MAY, TUE	● 5:30 – 7:30pm	LNN Spring Social

Save the Date for the Gala Event – December 10th

# Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors



## Fine Wine Dinner - Recap

Lakeway Newcomers Fine Wine Dinner

Winery	Wine	Region	Varietal	Vintage	Rating
Charles Heidsieck	Extra Brut	Champagne	40% Pinot Noir, 20% Pinot Meunier, 40% Chardonnay	NV	WS 92
Wohlmuth	Edelschuh	Austria	Riesling	2021	JS 95
Dehlinger	Goldridge	RRV Sonoma	Pinot Noir	2023	WS 95
Anakota	Helena Dakota	Knights Valley Sonoma	Cabernet Sauvignon	2018	RPWA 98
Penfolds	Bin 389	Australia	51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 49% Shiraz	2022	WS 94
Ch Suduiraut	Sauternes	Sauternes Bordeaux	90% Semillon, 10% Sauvignon Blanc	2001	WS 98



