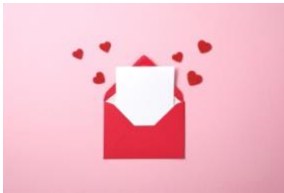


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The history of Valentine's Day...

Historically the Catholic Church began to celebrate St. Valentine's Day on

February 14 to honor the martyrdom of two men named Valentine who were executed by Emperor Claudius II in the third century. One legend says that Valentine wrote a note to Julia, the daughter of his jailer, on the night before his execution, signing it "Love, from your Valentine".

Valentine's Day may have replaced the pagan festival of Lupercalia, which was celebrated on February 15. Lupercalia was a fertility festival that involved sacrificing a goat followed by a ritual.

The 14th and 15th centuries saw the rise of courtly love, which may have contributed to Valentine's Day becoming associated with romantic love. The English poet Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Parlement of Foules*, written in 1375, describes a gathering of birds choosing their mates on St. Valentine's Day.

The Roman reinterpretation of the Greek god of love, Eros, led to the association of Cupid with Valentine's Day. Victorians began depicting Cupid on Valentine's Day cards, a tradition that continues today.

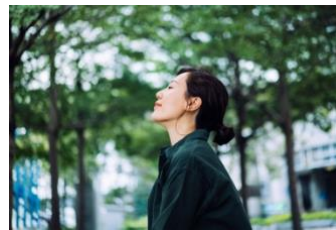
In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland mass-produced Valentine cards in Worcester, Massachusetts. She is known as the "Mother of the American Valentine".

Valentine's Day is celebrated in many regions of the world, including the United States, England, Mexico, Canada, France, and Australia. It's the second largest card-giving time of the year, after Christmas. Have you heard of Galentine's Day? Celebrated on February 13, it's a day for "G"als to get in on the fun of V"alentine's" Day by enjoying

a day with their girlfriends. Thus, the term Galentine's Day. Women of Lakeway – Enjoy!

Judith Baer, President

1ST VICE PRESIDENT



Happy Valentine's Day to all of our lovely ladies!

February, though the shortest month of the year, holds so many special occasions:

Groundhog Day, The Super Bowl, Valentine's Day, President's Day to name a few. I hope you will enjoy them all.

February also ushers in some very cold winter weather but, have you ever felt like you were experiencing your own personal summer when everyone else was freezing?

Our February speaker, Dr. Georgeanne Freeman, will be at our meeting to address the different hormonal changes we go through as women - Peri menopause, menopause, estrogen, testosterone, mood swings, hot flashes, lack of libido and much more!

Dr. Freeman is passionate about medicine and the study of hormones and will discuss topics related to our hormonal changes such as- what do I need to do and when do I need to do it There are so many questions about our hormonal health and Dr. Freeman will offer her advice on how to make decisions that are best for each individual.

Being a woman is not for the faint of heart. We are strong and adaptable, but welcome advice on how to deal with our changing bodies.

Dr. Freeman runs a family medical concierge and Longevity Clinic in downtown Austin where she currently sees patients.

We hope you will join us on February 26th at the Hills Country Club for our general meeting and brunch. Dr Freeman is looking forward to answering your questions and concerns.

Hope to see you there.

Lorraine Dantone Werner, 1st Vice President

Please use these links to sign-up for WCGL membership, luncheons and various SIG fees and events.

[CLICK HERE For Fashion on Fire Photos](#)

Event Payment Links:

[WCGL February Brunch/Meeting \(Feb. 26\)](#)

Membership Payment Links:

[WCGL Annual Dues](#)

[Garden Club Annual Dues](#)

WCGL Website Link

2ND VICE PRESIDENT



The HEART of WOMEN'S CLUB!

There is still time to get involved with one of our many Special Interest Groups. Try a new game like Canasta and Mahjongg, explore the

outdoors with Hike & Bike and the Garden Club and socialize with new and old friends at Dining Dames, Girlfriends Social Hour, and Let's Do Brunch.

Be sure to check out the SIG Section of this Newsletter to discover the fun and interesting activities each of these SIGs has planned for February. Joining a SIG has never been easier—simply email me at cynthia@montebella.com to get on the list.

Interested in chairing one of our SIGs or serving on a committee next year? Talk to your chair people and let them know you are available. It is not too early to start making these plans now. SIGs need your new energy, ideas, and leadership to continue. If you have questions about any of our

SIGs or have an idea for a new SIG, please contact me.

Cynthia Keas, 2nd Vice President

TREASURER



Please join me in sending good wishes and praying for a full recovery for our dear friend Darla Nelson. Darla has been such an asset to the

Women's Club over the years, most recently as a three-term treasurer, which is where I met her. Like you, I await the time when we can meet together and laugh at an upcoming meeting over lunch at The Hills or at a favorite SIG event, until then continue to keep her in your thoughts.

Do you know that you can help WC earn income by doing just **shopping**? When you shop at Randall's Grocery store and use the WC as your community organization, we will receive funds that help us with income for our events and programs. Just make sure you stop at the service desk and ask to designate the Women's Club of Greater Lakeway (7785) as the organization to support!

Request for Payment/Reimbursement is the method we use to pay vendors for budgeted expenses and to reimburse members for budgeted club expenses. Please use the request for payment/reimbursement form to submit a request for payment and add the invoice or original receipt. You are welcome to scan both and email them to me - easy peasy!

Please send the form and receipt/invoice by the last day of the month the expense was incurred in, so that we can close the books for that month. If you need the form, send me an email, and I'll send a PDF to you ASAP. Thank you for your help!

Please remember to mark your calendars when paying for membership dues and events to avoid duplicate payments.

Finally, **thank you** all for the warm welcome and support in this new chapter of membership for me. I take this position seriously and hope to serve our members and our organization with prudent

financial best practices in a timely fashion. It will take a month or two to get the accounting system established and the month-end reports steady, so I ask for your patience and help as I transition into this role.

Chris Covington, Treasurer

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY



Do you know a member needing a little encouragement while dealing with an illness or loss? The Womens Club would like to send them a card to let them know we are thinking about them.

Please send me the names of members needing cards sent on behalf of the membership. Contact me by text at 737-210-9723 or by email at reneepicanso@gmail.com.

Renee Picanso, Corresponding Secretary

RECORDING SECRETARY



The Recording Secretary takes the official minutes at all Women's Club Board Meetings and General meetings. The minutes of the previous

General Meeting will be available for members to review in the foyer of the site of all General Meetings. The approved minutes for each year are kept in a notebook that is stored at the Lakeway Heritage Center to provide historical reference for current and future generations.

Pat Younger, Recording Secretary

MEMBERSHIP



A year of Fun and Friends awaits! Membership in WCGL will connect you with 300 ladies who live in the community of Lakeway and The Hills.

Our monthly General Meetings are a great time to get together with Friends for Brunch and to hear interesting presentations from our Guest Speakers.

Whatever your hobby or passion, with over 20 Special Interest Groups, there's truly something for everyone. Visit lakewaywomensclub.com to learn more about our organization and all it has to offer.

To join WCGL, please complete the Membership Form found here:

[WCGL Membership Form 2024-25.](#)

Your \$50 membership dues will be effective through May 2025.

Stay connected. Send any changes in your email, phone and/or address to sara.scarberry103@gmail.com.

Sara Scarberry, Membership

HOSPITALITY



Come join us for Valentines a little late at the Feb. 26th meeting/brunch of the WCGL. Red/Valentine apparel optional.

You can register at the link in the green box on Page 2 of this Newsletter. See you there!

Sharon Rogers & Carol Jones, Co-Chairs

NEW MEMBER MENTORS



All "New Members" are welcome to join us in March for our fourth social. The date, place and time are to be determined

and evites will be sent out by the end of February. To date, we have 24 new members for the 2024-2025 year.

So far, we have held an in-home brunch, a happy hour at the Sonesta and a luncheon at Tai Spice. There will be a total of five "new member" get-togethers with the last one occurring in May. We have enjoyed getting to know one another as well as learning what the WCGL has to offer.

Remember to let Bonnee or Becky know if you will be joining us at the "new members" table(s) during our monthly general meetings at The Hills.

For further information, contact:

Bonnee Nelson 949 533-9700 bonneenelson@icloud.com
Becky Parker 918 625-2918 rhparkers2017@gmail.com

Bonnee Nelson & Becky Parker, Co-Chairs

DIRECTORY



OUR ONLINE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY IS LIVE! You can access it from the link included in the Newsletter

banner, below the month, along with the password. It will remain there permanently for ease of use. Enjoy!

The 2024-2025 Women's Club Directory, a must have, will be published, and mailed to each member soon.

The Directory is a supplement to our website and provides a list of members' addresses, phone numbers and much more. In addition to our leadership team, the Directory provides general meeting dates, speakers, special interest groups and details about our governance.

To receive a copy, you must be an active member and pay your annual dues by October 1st. Please review our membership information column on the WCGL website to submit your dues.

Dawn Trombley, Chair

HISTORIAN



Historically the WCGL's historian is the person who collates pictures from meetings and SIG events and puts them in a book that is given to the

president at the end of her term. This year a very nice gentleman, Nick Grossman has offered to assist with picture taking, but I also need y'all to send me photos from your fun SIG events to jenniferwindau@hotmail.com.

Looking forward to a fun year!

Jennifer Windau, Chair

NEWSLETTER



The WCGL Monthly Newsletter will be published shortly after the current month's General Meeting to

avoid confusion with future registration deadlines for events.

Rosie Babin, Editor

WEBMASTER / ONLINE DIRECTORY



Jordan Herrera, Webmaster

STORAGE UNIT OVERSIGHT



The storage unit is located at the climate-controlled Cube Smart, 15616 Stewart Road. To access the unit, contact Carol Jones at caroljones37@yahoo.com or 919-928-2556 to

coordinate. Once in the storage unit, you will need to note on the inventory form the items taken from the unit.

Carol Jones, Storage Unit Oversight

PARLIAMENTARIAN



The election process for the 2025-2026 WCGL Executive Board Officers has begun. The Nominating Committee members for the

selection of the new Executive Board Officers are: Ann McCann, Leslee Minahan, Karen Morter, Becky Parker & Jan Rouse. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact one of these ladies or Diann Blevins. There is a nomination form attached to the bottom of this newsletter which you can fill out & send to me. Nominees,

for President, 1st & 2nd Vice President only, must have served one year on the Board of Directors, not necessarily the previous year. Please ask your nominee for her approval before nominating her. A slate of nominees will be announced at the March General Meeting and voted on in April. The new Executive Board will be sworn in at the Installation luncheon in May.

Diann Blevins, Parliamentarian

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Non-Book Club SIGS

ANTIQUe ADDICTS: Open



On January 8th, we held our first meeting of the year at Judi Murphy’s home. Judi prepared a wonderful “spread” for everyone to enjoy. We had the opportunity to

view some of Judi’s beautiful antiques and a few other items from members who are looking for new homes for their antiques.

On February 5th. Eco Estate Jewelry located in Lakeway will be presenting a program on antique or old jewelry. They specialize in determining the era of pieces, their value and redoing or repurposing pieces so our great grandmother’s necklace is no longer hidden in a drawer but becomes a fashion piece.

If you would like to join AA, please contact Cheryl May so that she can add you to our membership list. We have a great time viewing and sharing stories of items that we treasure.

Welcome 2025!

Cheryl May, Chair



CANASTA – Open



The Canasta SIG is looking to expand our group so if you have been thinking about playing, please contact me and let’s chat!!! Canasta is a really fun card game and a great way to meet new friends! We play

at the Lakeway Activity Center on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Play is from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. An email will be sent to all members of the SIG prior to each date and you can respond if you are able to play. Please feel free to email me at canastawcgl@gmail.com. if you would like to join or have any questions.

Peggy Clements, Chair

DINING DAMES – Open

Dining Dames are headed to a wonderful spot in the South Congress Area!



I have discovered a charming restaurant in the boutique hotel Magdalena. Extra treat: Validated Valet Parking!

**The Summerhouse on Music Lane
1101 Music Lane, Austin
(This is behind the Hermes store on South Congress)**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21,2025

12:15 pm

Please RSVP to : wcgldiningdames@gmail.com

We will meet in the Randalls Parking lot

by 11:15am

Drivers are appreciated!!

See you there!

Allison Rudnick, Chair

DINNER CLUB – Closed



The Dinner Club offers members a social evening of good company and delicious food three times each session.

Dinners are in the homes of members designated as hosts for one of the dinners February, March,

and April on the third or fourth Saturday. The main entrée is the hostess' choice each month. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with drinks and appetizers. One couple will bring appetizers and the other couple dessert. Each couple must provide their own alcoholic beverage. The hosts are not allowed to serve alcohol at these dinners. The dates are guidelines. If the hosts cannot adhere to the date or the guests are busy that Saturday, the three couples may change the date as they see fit to accommodate all three couples.

Our kick-off party is January 26th, at the home of Debbie & Al Carver. At the kickoff, members will meet the couples with whom they will be dining next season and receive information on how Dinner Club works. At this point, we have a full group for next season with additional couples on the waitlist who serve as subs when needed. If you wish to join the permanent list, you may notify me that you want to be placed on the waitlist for such.

As there are usually couples who must cancel before the first dinner, it is possible that a slot will open. You may also still sign onto the sub list. On that list, you are invited when a guest couple cannot attend. You do not host as a sub. Dinner Club has been a popular Sig. Our members have found Dinner Club to be a wonderful way to meet new couples in a relaxed setting and some have formed lasting friendships because of being a member. Pat Younger youngerpat@aol.com

Pat Younger, Chair

DOTTIE'S FOLLIES – Open



Dottie's Follies is a dance group that performs for special occasions. This group is open to ladies who desire to learn dance

routines and perform while improving their mental and physical fitness levels.

Dottie Stevenson, Chair

GALLOPING GOURMETS – Waitlist



Galloping Gourmets is a monthly luncheon event held at various restaurants throughout the area. We gather on the first Friday of

each month at 11:30 a.m. February's luncheon will be a Mexican Valentine Fiesta at *Vaqueros Cafe & Cantina in Steiner Ranch*. **Dress in red and white for the occasion.**

For more information, please contact one of the Co-Chairs.

Susan Jerke, Marianna Jacobs & Pamela Swafford, Co-chairs

GARDEN CLUB – Open



Happy New Year! Judy and I hope this will be a happy, healthy year for everyone.

Our next meeting will be February 14th, Valentine's Day. We will meet at the Lakeway Activity Center at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and lovely treats provided by our generous members.

The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. and our speaker will be Sylvia Forbes from the Austin Herb Society. She will be speaking about growing, harvesting and using fresh herbs.

Sylvia has been interested in herbs since childhood. She has a BS in Nutrition and an MS in Botany. Retired now, Sylvia is an avid member of the Herb Society and Round Rock Garden Club. She also volunteers for the Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners. Please plan on joining us!

Kristine Moore and Judy Cellio, Co-Chairs

GIRLFRIENDS' SOCIAL HOUR – Open



Greetings to all our socially minded ladies of WCGL! Mark your calendar for February 20th for our Mardi Gras social hour. We encourage

you to wear your Mardi Gras attire, or at least purple, green and gold and, of course, beads!

Our SIG meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Lakeway Resort to socialize with our girlfriends while enjoying beverages, including happy hour specials. We email an Evite each month to our members to announce the theme and request RSVP's. Many attendees will make a dinner out of appetizers as

well. The resort offers us separate checks which is rare at many venues. Please note: no cash is accepted AND they do include the gratuity automatically to your bill. Questions, please reach out to Jackie Mata at jackie83mata@gmail.com

Jackie Mata & Barbara Staiger, Co-Chairs

HIKE & BIKE – Open



Sunrise at Pace Bend Park, Spicewood

In February, Hike & Bike members plan to take a guided tour of the extraordinary canyon at Westcave Outdoor

Discovery Center. Interested? Contact Lynne at grouppexpedition@gmail.com New Hike & Bike members will receive a copy of our “Welcome Kit for New Members.” Hike & Bike outings may include hiking, bicycling, kayaking, caving or swimming.

Lynne LeMon, Chair

INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE – Open



Members meet on the 4th Tuesday in member homes. Intermediate Swiss Pairs Bridge.

Peg Truckenbrod, Chair

LAKEWAY INVESTMENT PARTNERS – Open



We started the new year with our first meeting at Stephenie Teichman’s lovely home. We now know why Stephenie is always on the golf course. She lives right next door to the Hills Country Club – every

golfer’s dream!

We all enjoyed the refreshments provided by Stephenie, then Cheryl May made a short presentation on “Understanding Key Indicators in the Stock Market.” Members then reviewed the various stocks in our jointly held portfolio. The group discussed various opinions on how we felt the new presidency with possible tariffs, more emphasis on energy production/renewables and

changes in other policies will affect the market in the coming months. 2025 should be an interesting year.

Upon joining our SIG, there is an initial \$1,000 contribution to our jointly held portfolio, and quarterly we each contribute \$100 to our holdings. We have a sophisticated software – Bivio – that supplies us with a multitude of financial information on the stocks we own. You don’t need to be an expert on the market to join. Come learn with all of us on all aspects of investing in stocks. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 1:30 pm (except for our holiday party) either by Zoom or in individual homes.

On February 4th, we will be having our next meeting at 1:30 pm by Zoom. Please contact our Chair Deanna Allen deannaallen107@gmail.com or Co-Chair Cheryl May camaysfa@aol.com for more information on visiting our meetings or joining our SIG.

Deanna Allen & Cheryl May, Co-Chairs

LET’S DO BRUNCH – Open



Happy New Year Brunchettes! This February our brunch theme is Galantines for the month of Love. The brunch will be held at my house at 101 Curacao Court in Rough Hollow on February 3rd from 10:00-12:00.

Our gracious hostesses are Annette Brown, Katie Kieffer, Pamela Swafford and Jenny Rapp.

We do need a host house for March and I am hopeful that one of you lovely ladies will offer up your home! I will help and even be a co-hostess and there are other ladies that are willing to co-host as well. March is such a fun month. I do hope we find a home.

If you have questions about hosting, please contact me. 512-554-8298

Jacquelyn Foreman, Chair

MAHJONGG MAVENS – Open



The Mah Jongg Mavens have a monthly playdate at the Lake Travis Community Library on Lohmann's Crossing. Our February playdate is scheduled for Friday, February 28th from 1-4 p.m. Both new and experienced players are welcome.

Members will receive an email a week prior to the date to which they can RSVP. Julie's beginner class, which is scheduled for February 27th and 28th, is now full and has a waiting list. It's been great having so many ladies interested in the game and joining the SIG this year!

Leslee Minahan, Chair

OUT & ABOUT – Open



We are currently planning a Spring Trip in the March timeframe. Look for more details in the next newsletter.

Robin Hermann, Chair

SINGLES – Closed



We're planning to visit the Blanton Museum for a guided tour on Saturday 22 February followed by brunch at Better Half Coffee and Cocktails.

dephall@yahoo.com

Dee Hall, Chair

STITCHES & YARNS – Open



We meet at member homes at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month all year.

Members are sent an email reminder before

the meeting. During our meetings we share projects, generally fiber-related, that we're currently working on, exchange bits of information of common interest, and offer suggestions and encouragement for design or technique questions.

We are open for new members who are interested in any of the fiber arts. If anyone not on our

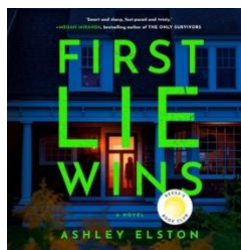
current roster would like to visit, please contact Jean by email to receive information about the next meeting. fordjean@gmail.com / 207-266-3470

Jean Ford, Chair



BOOK CLUBS

"A" BOOK CLUB – Closed



February Book Club A

February 18, 2025

Lannie Whately and Sherry Bettis will be our hostesses. The meeting will be held at 105 Thackery Court, Lakeway. Our reading

selection is "First Lie Wins" by Ashley Elston.

March Book Club A

Julia Prokop will be our hostess on **March 18, 2025**. The meeting will be held at 1125 Challenger Our reading selection is "A Calamity of Souls" By David Baldacci.

Julie Hardin, Chair

"B" LITERATES – Closed



"B" Literates is a book club of fun and interesting women who meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the homes of our members. Our group reads a mix of fiction and

non-fiction and enjoys a robust discussion about each book we read. Members are notified of the monthly meeting location via email. Our February selection is *Demon Copperhead* by *Barbara Kingsolver*.

Upcoming Book Selections include:

March 11, 2025

Miss Eliza's English Kitchen - Annabel Abbs

April 8, 2025

It's a Long Story: My Life - Willie Nelson

May 13, 2025

Lady Tan's Circle of Women - Lisa See

Pamela Swafford + Joyce Christian, Co-Chairs

CHATTY CRITICS – Closed



Critics meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 1 p.m. at a group member's home.

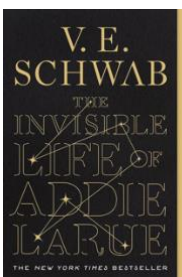
This year's book selections for the remainder of the year will be discussed on the dates listed:

Confessions on the 7:45 by Lisa Unger (2/3), The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray (3/3), The Best Minds by Jonathan Rosen (4/7), and Cassandra in Reverse by Holly Smale (5/5). Summaries of the Books can be found at this link: [Summaries of Books](#)

Contact Stephenie Teichman with any questions. teichman4@gmail.com or 925-899-9647

Stephenie Teichman, Chair

LITERARY LADIES of LAKEWAY – Limited

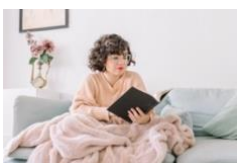


Meets on the 2nd Wednesday at 11 a.m. in member homes. Members will be notified of the monthly meeting location via email. Book selection for the upcoming year with discussion dates:

The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by VE Schwab (2/12); *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Marta Molnar (3/12); *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett (4/9), and *The Wide Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact & Final Voyage of Captain James Cook* by Hampton Sides (5/14).

Pam Filas, Chair

VOYAGERS BOOK CLUB – Open

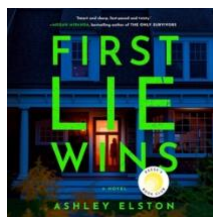


We meet on the 4th Friday at 10 a.m. in member homes. Members will be notified of the monthly meeting location via email.

Book selection for the upcoming year: *A Beautiful Rival* by Gill Paul; *Mockingbird Summer* by Lynda Rutledge; *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride; *Kings of Texas* by Don Graham; *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge; *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks; *The Wager* by David Grann; and *The Demon of Unrest* by Eric Larsen.

Peg Truckenbrod, Chair

WINE WITH WORDS – Closed



Wine With Words meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in a member's home. We use the highly rated, free Book Clubs app to communicate about our meeting location.

February- First Lie Wins by Ashley Easton

March - The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese

April - The Alice Network by Kate Quinn

May - The Lifeguards by Amanda Eyre Ward

Teresa Kennedy, Chair

COMMUNITY LIASON



I expect 2025 to continue to be a great year in our community.

Here is the latest news I have for you in the month of February and future dates that feature [ACTIVITIES, EDUCATION, SERVICES, and VOLUNTEERING](#). **Mark your calendars to keep track of all!**

ACTIVITIES

Community

A Night with the Austin Symphony Orchestra.

April 6, at 4 pm. Lake Travis Performing Arts Center. Ticket prices range from \$20-\$60.

Featuring a collaboration with our own Lake Travis High School musicians. This is a much-loved event.

Hot off the Press: TASTE LAKE TRAVIS IS BACK! Their website: [Taste Lake Travis](#) Mark Your Calendar - September 27, 2025. This is the third Food and Drink Festival highlighting dozens of local businesses in the Greater Lake Travis and

Hill Country area. Tickets include admission to the festival, FREE food, FREE drink, and Free fun activities all day long! General Admission: \$75.00. VIP Admission: \$125 – includes early access and other festival perks.

Lakeway Activity Center. www.lakeway-tx.gov/64. 105 Cross Creek, Lakeway. This is a multi-use facility for social, civic and recreational activities for all ages. There are a variety of classes, camps, events, memberships and facility rentals for residents. LAC publishes a monthly newsletter of all their activities and classes.

Lakeway Players: The Odd Couple. February 27 - March 1

Doors open at 6:30pm, Play starts at 7:30pm

Join us for a fun new twist on Neil Simon's classic play "The Odd Couple" - female version! The two hilarious mismatched leads forced to become roommates are Olive and Florence, clashing with each other and testing their friendship to the limit. This is 'Bring Your Own' Dinner Theatre, so come early with your food and enjoy.

**Tickets go on sale: Jan 27 for LAC Members
General Public: February 3**

Sunday Concert Series. SungEun Park on the Piano. March 2, 3-4 pm.

Big Band Bash. February 10th at Lakeway Activity Center. Enjoy big band music from the 17-piece The Republic of Texas Big Band, featuring David Cummings and Lisa Clark on vocals. This event is free and open to all ages. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and show is from 7 p.m. -9 p.m. Big Band is every 2nd Monday of the month.

Brown Bag Lunch Concert. A Capella Texas February 13, 2025, 12 pm-1 pm

Fitness Classes: Many now have a **FREE** first class. Check their schedule for Types/ Date & Times.

Pickleball with Coach Michael Jurgens. Check website.

Coming in March: Line Dancing & Ballroom Basics!

Lake Travis Community Library. 1938 Lohman's Crossing. If you would like a full schedule of all January activities, review their website at: www.laketralislibrary.org.

In February, the library is featuring:

A Journey Through Strings and Stories with Guitarist Hiroya Tsukamoto on Friday, February 21st at 3pm

The Lake Travis Community Library Live Music Series Sponsored by the Lakeway Civic Corporation presents Hiroya Tsukamoto. Tsukamoto brings a blend of masterful fingerstyle guitar and evocative storytelling that transcends cultural barriers. His artistry, honed at the prestigious Berklee College of Music, has been celebrated on renowned stages like the Blue Note in NYC and the United Nations, and lauded for its "delicate, fluid, and beautifully detailed" style by Acoustic Guitar magazine. All are invited to the Lake Travis Community Library Lakeway location for this live music event!

Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors.

www.lakewaynewcomers.com.

This organization provides a lot of social events for couples and singles. All residents are welcome. They have activity groups such as: Dining Out, the Cinema Group, Gin Rummy Evening, and Trivia Night. On **February 13th**, Newcomers is having a **Wine Appreciation Dinner** for members who appreciate high-quality wines paired with small group dinners hosted at multiple homes. They are featuring six highly rated (93-98 point) wines, two of which were included on *Wine Spectator's* "Top 100 Wines.." Cost is \$40.00 pp. For a full update on activities, visit their monthly newsletter.

TexArts Theater & Academy. 1110 S RR 620. Lakeway, TX. 512-852-9079. Website: www.tex-arts.org. Lakeway's very own professional theater presenting outstanding shows plus classes for aspiring students. The 2024-2025 season includes ***Tick, Tick...Boom!*** and ***Bye Bye Birdie.***

Department of Theater and Dance – University of Texas at Austin. Check out their 2024-2025 Season tadticketing@austin.utexas.edu. Phone: 512-232-5340. Ticket prices range from \$10-\$26. NOTE: Buy tickets directly from them or you might be scammed!

Texas Performing Arts. Website: www.texasperformingarts.com. 2350 Robert Dedman Dr. Austin, TX 78712 Phone: 512-471-2787. Multi theater productions scheduled.

Austin Symphony. For tickets and Information about the 2024-2025 Season Contact: <https://my.austinsymphony.org> 512-476-6064. Fabulous performances. Valet Parking!!!

EDUCATION

City of Lakeway Heritage Committee. Sign up to take their very popular free Historical Tour

visiting several points of interest in Lakeway.
Next Tours: March 28. 10 am, 12 pm, and 2 pm.
To take their tour, you must register on their website: www.Lakeway-tx.gov

City Hall. Story Walk Black History Month.
January 31-February 28. A great way to celebrate Black History with a walk at City Hall.

Lakeway Activity Center.
CPR & First Aid - February 8. 9 am-Noon.
Passing Zone Defensive Driving. March 15.
9am-3 pm.

SERVICES

Lakeway Chamber of Commerce.
www.laketravischamber.com

Check out their website if you wish to find out information on the various services and businesses in our local community.

Buy Local initiative.

At our November meeting, we had a brief introduction to the. For those of you who were not at this meeting, I felt you would really like to know about this program in our community and the advantages that this program supports. The information below was taken directly off the City of Lakeway website.

The "Loyal to Lakeway" Buy Local Campaign is an initiative designed to promote local businesses, foster community engagement, and stimulate economic growth within Lakeway. This campaign aims to educate residents about the benefits of shopping locally and to create a supportive environment for small businesses to thrive. By encouraging residents to spend their dollars within the community, the campaign seeks to strengthen the local economy and enhance the quality of life for all Lakeway citizens.

WHY BUY LOCAL?

- Economic Growth: Increased revenue for local businesses, leading to job creation and higher local sales tax revenues, potentially helping offset increases in property taxes.
- Stronger Community Bonds: Enhanced sense of community as residents and business owners interact more frequently and build stronger relationships.
- Business Development: Growth and diversification of local businesses, offering residents a wider range of products and

services, contributing to the overall attractiveness of Lakeway as a place to live and visit.

TOP 10 REASONS TO BUY LOCAL

1. Shopping locally keeps dollars in the community funding infrastructure projects and operations you use daily.
2. Shopping locally generates sales tax revenue that keeps pressure off property tax increases.
3. Local businesses give better support to community non-profit/charity groups.
4. Local businesses provide jobs for your family and neighbors.
5. Getting to know your local merchants generates better customer service and loyalty.
6. Buying locally generates greater economic ripple effect for the community compared with buying from national chains.
7. Shopping locally saves you gas and time.
8. Supporting local merchants helps you stay abreast of community events.
9. Local businesses are more likely to utilize other local businesses like advertising, banks, insurance, and office supplies.
10. A vibrant business community supports an enhanced community quality of life and better residential property values.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- ...of the 8.25% you pay in sales tax on local purchases, 6.25% goes to the State, .25% goes to the library district, and 1.75% goes to the City of Lakeway.
- ...65% of all retail dollars spent by Lakeway residents are spent outside of the City of Lakeway.
- ...those dollars spent outside Lakeway equate to \$14.9M in lost sales tax revenue to the city.
- ...online purchases made from inside the City of Lakeway generates sales tax revenue for the City.
- ...roughly 30% of the City of Lakeway budget comes from sales tax revenue.
- ...buying from local merchants will increase sales tax revenue for the City taking pressure off property taxes.

QUESTIONS?

Please email us at info@lakeway-tx.gov.

VOLUNTEERING

Blood Drive at LAC. March 8. 8 am – Noon.
Walk-ins accepted until 11 am. Blood collected at these drives is dedicated for use in the 10-county area in and surrounding Travis County.

VOLUNTEERING AT BAYLOR SCOTT & WHITE (from their website)

"Volunteer Services support department staff and help with patient flow. Your smile and desire to serve your community will make an impact that leaves a legacy."

Volunteers come from all walks of life, including professionals, homemakers, former patients, military personnel, retirees, and college students. Volunteers bring a variety of skills with them. We know you have many options in deciding how to spend your free time. We are very excited that you have an interest in becoming a volunteer with Baylor Scott & White Health.

Volunteers expand their horizons and develop friendships with others interested in lending a hand. As a volunteer, you provide a valuable service to your community, and you have a chance to meet many interesting people. Baylor Scott & White volunteers make a positive impact on people's lives and are a vital part of the organization.

As members of the Baylor Scott & White team, volunteers give themselves a gift, too. Studies show that people who help others are healthier, happier people. Even if you have only four hours to spare each week, volunteering can bring you added job skills, school credit, or simply feeling good from helping others.

Would you please see the process to become a volunteer below:

1. Fill out application online (click below on Start Volunteer Onboarding Process here).
2. Complete background check through Baylor Scott & White Health.
3. One hour interview and orientation with Manager of Volunteer Services.
4. Complete health screening (drug and nicotine screening, tuberculosis blood draw) through Baylor Scott & White Health. A flu vaccine is required during flu season as well.
5. Commitment: We ask for a weekly consistent schedule for a 6 month commitment. If you are a college student in the Greater Austin Region for the summer only we ask for a weekly consistent schedule for a 3 month commitment.

- Call 512.509.9139

- Email: Stacy.McVane@bswhealth.org

Please contact me if you would like to share community information with other WCGL members through our Community Liaison articles. CamaySFA@aol.com

Cheryl May, Community Liaison

RECOMMENDATION FORM
WOMEN'S CLUB OFFICERS AND CHAIRS – 2025-2026

Please use this form to recommend yourself or another member, provided you have her consent, for any office or chair position listed below. Tell us about special talents or include comments you think are important on the reverse side. Then scan & mail your form to DiannBlevins@aol.com no later than March 1, 2025, or send your choices by e-mail to the same address. The Nominating Committee will consider your recommendations when they meet to nominate the proposed Slate of Officers, which will be presented at the March General Meeting. The Officers will be elected at the April General Meeting and installed at the May General Meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITIONS

- *PRESIDENT _____
- *1st VICE PRESIDENT _____
- *2nd VICE PRESIDENT _____
- RECORDING SECRETARY _____
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY _____
- TREASURER _____

*Qualifications for nomination shall include one-year previous experience on the board.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Next year's President will select these Chairs and your recommendations for these Board positions will be greatly appreciated.

- NEWSLETTER _____
- COMMUNITY LIASON _____
- STORAGE _____
- HISTORIAN _____
- HOSPITALITY (General Meetings) _____
- MEMBERSHIP _____
- SPECIAL EVENTS
 - Fashion Show _____
 - Spring Event _____
- WEBMASTER/ONLINE DIRECTORY Outsourced _____ Contract Services _____
- PRINTED DIRECTORY _____
- NEW MEMBER MENTOR PROGRAM _____
- OPTIONAL: Your Name & Phone Number _____

PLEASE EMAIL DIANNBLEVINS@AOL.COM WITH ANY SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT WOMEN'S CLUB OR THE CANDIDATES THAT YOU FEEL ARE IMPORTANT FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER; YOUR OBSERVATIONS ARE IMPORTANT.

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