

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The beginning of 2025....

Each year, millions of eyes from all over the world are focused on the

sparkling crystal Times Square New Year's Eve Ball. At 11:59 p.m., the Ball begins its descent as millions of voices unite to countdown the final seconds of the year, and celebrate the beginning of a new year full of hopes, challenges, changes and dreams.

- The Ball is covered with a total of 2,688 crystal triangles that vary in size, and range in length.
- Each crystal triangle has a special sparkling pattern. 192 crystal triangles are the **Gift of Love** design of overlapping hearts entwined together symbolizing **love for family and friends**. 192 are the **Gift of Wisdom** design of a central wheel with wedge cut petals of **knowledge growing ever forward**. 192 are the **Gift of Happiness** design of a sunburst of bright cuts radiating outward like a beautiful sunny day brings warm smiles and happiness. 192 are the **Gift of Goodwill** design of three pineapples signifying the traditional symbol of **hospitality and goodwill**. 192 are the **Gift of Harmony** design of small rosette cuts flowing into each other in beautiful harmony. 192 are the **Gift of Serenity** design of butterflies flying peacefully above a crystal meadow capturing the spirit of serenity. 192 are the **Gift of Kindness** design of a circle of rosettes symbolizing unity with the fronds reaching out in an expression of kindness. 192 are the **Gift of Wonder** design of a

faceted starburst inspiring our sense of wonder. 192 are the **Gift of Fortitude** design of diamond cuts on either side of a crystal pillar to represent the **inner attributes of resolve, courage and spirit** necessary to triumph over adversity. The remaining 960 **Gift of Imagination** triangles are a series of intricate wedge cuts that are mirrored reflections of each other inspiring our imagination.

The actual notion of a ball "dropping" to signal the passage of time dates back long before New Year's Eve was ever celebrated in Times Square. The first "time-ball" was installed atop England's Royal Observatory at Greenwich in 1833. This ball would drop at one o'clock every afternoon, allowing the captains of nearby ships to precisely set their chronometers (a vital navigational instrument). Once a year in Times Square, the Ball marks the stroke of midnight not for a few ships' captains, but for over one billion people watching worldwide.

In concert with our Times Square Ball tradition, as we begin 2025, we wish you all a year of Love, Wisdom, Happiness, Goodwill, Harmony, Serenity, Kindness, Wonder, Fortitude and Imagination.

Judith Baer, President

1ST VICE PRESIDENT



Happy New Year everyone and welcome to 2025! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and are ready for a fabulous time in the WCGL this year.

Our January guest speaker is Liz Porter. Come hear the exciting entrepreneurial story of how, in 1976, a young lady, Liz Porter from Iowa with her good friend, Marianne Fons turned their hobby into a highly-successful career, traveling around the world teaching, publishing a magazine, hosting a TV show – literally becoming household names and leaders in their craft.

When Liz and Marianne met in 1976 in the small town of Winterset, Iowa, in Madison County, they were young mothers taking up quilting for the first time and interested in making beautiful quilts for their homes. Little did they know, that they would become the most widely known “quilt personalities” in the world as the host of the Fons & Porter’s Love of Quilting TV show, publisher of Love of Quilting magazine and 2019 Quilter’s Hall of Fame recipient, recognized for their immense contribution to the quilting industry.

After selling the business a few years ago, Liz Porter retired to the Austin, Texas area where she has made retirement quite a success too. She plays golf, spends time with four grandchildren and still quilts (as a hobby). WCGL is excited to hear Liz Porter’s story.

We hope you will join us for brunch on January 22, at The Hills Country Club; you will be so glad you did.

Lorraine Dantone Werner, 1st Vice President

2ND VICE PRESIDENT



Happy New Year! Thinking of making some New Year’s Resolutions? WCGL Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and Book Clubs can help you read more, exercise more, learn something new, find a new

hobby, make new friends, reconnect with old friends, or have fun! Be sure to check out the SIG section of this newsletter to find out what fun and interesting activities each SIG has planned for January.

Cynthia Keas, 2nd 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 January Brunch/Meeting \(Jan. 22\)](#)

Membership Payment Links:

[WCGL Annual Dues](#)

[Garden Club Annual Dues](#)

[WCGL Website Link](#)

TREASURER



It's that wonderful time of year for faith, family, and friends! As we celebrate at various SIG events, we are especially thankful for our

members and the friendship and leadership we share. Because of women like you, we have the opportunity to live in our extraordinary community of Lakeway and have a genuine impact. Thank you!

Thank you to all of our event organizers and participants. With each of you focused on having an amazing activity within budget and, with each event paying for itself, you allow the club to maintain a strong financial position.

As you plan your calendar for 2025, please remember to mark the dates of events and "paid" with the date you paid for events to avoid paying twice. Square is a wonderful advancement in payments for the club. However, Square charges WCGL for each transaction, which is not refundable.

Chris Covington, Assistant Treasurer

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY



A care and concern card was recently sent to Cynthia Keas, Joann Anderson and Ann Baltruzak.

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



Happy Holidays!!! In January, we will be at the Hills Country Club for a delicious brunch of the chef's choice.

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

Sharon Rogers & Carol Jones, Co-Chairs

NEW MEMBER MENTORS



New members of Women's Club joined together at the November general meeting to further get acquainted. We will be

hosting another social for new members on Tuesday, January 21st. The place and time are yet to be determined.

Please look for the evite in early January. For those who are interested in sitting at the "New Members" table during our next general meeting at The Hills on January 22nd, please let Bonnee or Becky know in advance.

For further information, contact:

Bonnee Nelson 949-533-9700

bonneenelson@icloud.com

or Becky Parker 918 625-2918

rhparkers2417@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 in the Fall.

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

COMMUNITY LIASON



Well, I know each year we are supposed to make a New Year's resolution, but my

list from previous years is already too long. I guess that is what happens as you age – the list ages too. Ok, I need to lose weight, I need to exercise more, I have a dozen projects I need to complete, and I know my daughters will never forgive me if I don't start getting rid of all the stuff I have in my closets, drawers, garage etc. so they won't have this nightmare to sort through when I am too old to get the job done. Actually, I don't have time to do these resolutions. I have to write articles for the WCGL newsletter (3 in fact) plus I am way too busy participating in all the fun activities in our fabulous club. What a great excuse!

I expect 2025 to continue to be a great year in our community. Here is the latest news I have for you in January featuring [ACTIVITIES](#), [EDUCATION, SERVICES](#), and [VOLUNTEERING](#).

[ACTIVITIES](#)

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.

New in January at LAC:

Classes:

Beginner Spanish. January 6 – March 3.
Mondays, 1 pm -2 pm

Pickleball w/Coach Michael Jurgens. January 6 – February 10. Saturdays, Monday & Tuesday classes. Contact LAC for info & times.

Bridge Diamond Eight Series. January 7 – March 25. Tuesdays, 12 pm-2 pm

Bridge No Trump Series – Advanced. January 7 – March 25. Tuesdays, 2:30 pm 4:30 pm

Line Dancing for Everyone. January 7-Feb 11.
Tuesdays, 6 pm – 7 pm

Swing/Jitterbug. January 7 – Feb 11. Tuesdays,
7 pm – 8 pm

Adult Health & Fitness:

Zumba, Pilates, Strength and Balance, Fit for Life, Yoga (variety)

Lakeway Arts Committee Events

Brown Bag Lunch Concert. Lake Travis Fiddlers.
January 23, 2025, 12 pm-1 pm and

A Capella Texas February 13, 2025, 12 pm-1 pm

Lake Travis Community Library. 1938

Lohman's Crossing. If you would like a full schedule of all January activities, review their website at: www.laketravislibrary.org. In January they are featuring a reception for artist **Lynn Zwern**. It will be held Saturday, January 11th from 1 pm – 2:30 pm. Lynn is a contemporary impressionistic watercolor artist. She is an award-winning painter who shares her love of art as she teaches classes for the homeless, seniors, Alzheimer patients, and adults with special needs.

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. For a full update on activities, visit their monthly newsletter.

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

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

Register on their website: www.Lakeway-tx.gov

EDUCATION

Lakeway Activity Center. Defensive Driving January 18th, CPR & First Aid - January 11th & February 8th.

LT Community Library. Tech Coaches – Mondays through Thursdays from 12 pm-2 pm. Computers, phone, tablet, etc. One-One assistance by volunteers. First come first serve basis.

SERVICES

City Park Facility / City Park Pavilion

Lakeway City Park provides 64 acres of well-maintained parkland for the residents of Lakeway and their guests. The park is located at 502 Hurst Creek Road and can be reached by water from Hurst Creek Cove on Lake Travis.

Hours. City Park is open daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. during Daylight Saving Time and 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. during standard time. Please call Lakeway Police Department at 512-261-2800 if the park is not opened during these posted times.

Amenities. There are many things to do at City Park. With nearly two miles of trails, there is plenty of room for everyone from leisurely walkers to vigorous joggers and kids on bicycles or roller blades. For those who want to enjoy the park at a slower pace, the Butterfly Garden is a perfect place to spend the afternoon. Visit the Bark Park with your dog and make new friends. During the warmer months, when the lake level is up, City Park is a great place for several different water activities. For the younger set, City Park offers two different play areas. The playscape by the main entrance is designed for toddlers. There is a play area down by the lake for school-aged children. Picnics are always fun in the park for both large and small groups. For the sports enthusiast, City Park offers a variety of activities: shuffleboard, washers, horseshoes, basketball, volleyball, and [Ranger Field](#) for baseball. City Park is also a wonderful place to relax. Sit on the beach and people watch. Stroll in the wildflower meadow. Identify the different species of trees and other native plant life. City Park offers a covered pavilion and lower area picnic tables for rent.

Reservations - Picnic Tables. For small family gatherings, City Park is on a first-come, first-serve basis with a limit of three picnic tables.

Reservations may be made at Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek, or by calling 512-314-7530. The picnic areas are not available for reservations during the city's Fourth of July festivities.

Pavilion. Large groups may reserve the picnic pavilion and the picnic area located by the flag pole. Reservations may be made at Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek, or by calling 512-314-7530. The pavilion area is not available for reservations during the City's Fourth of July festivities.

Rates. The Lakeway resident rate is \$12.50 / hour with a four-hour minimum plus \$12.50 / hour for any additional hours. The non-resident rate is \$25 / hour with a four-hour minimum plus \$25 / hour for any additional hours. **Cancellations.** Picnic table and/or pavilion reservation fees are not refundable if the reservation is canceled later than the fourteenth calendar day before the date reserved. All cancellations are subject to a \$25 administrative fee. **Alcohol.** If alcohol beverages are to be served, an Alcohol Permit must be obtained. There is no charge for the Alcohol Permit. **Large Groups.** Groups of 10 or more people must obtain a permit prior to holding an event in City Park. Groups of more than 150 people are asked to limit their use of City Park to weekdays from Memorial Day to Labor Day. A credit card number is held as a \$500 cleanup / damage deposit for large groups of more than 200 people.

Waterfront

City Park is a waterfront tract — at least when the lake is at normal level — and swimming in Lake Travis is quite refreshing during the summer months. Please remember to swim only in the designated swim area. Also, swimming is at your own risk — there are no lifeguards on duty. Children should wear life vests due to the uneven terrain under the water. Try your luck at fishing. It may be a little slow paced for the younger set but will be a fun afternoon out for Dad. Watercraft are not allowed in the designated swimming area and there are no launching facilities at City Park. However, Hurst Creek Cove can be a delightful place to spend a quiet afternoon in your canoe.

VOLUNTEERING

Blood Drive

January 11th

8am -12pm at Lakeway Activity Center

Walk-ins are welcome until 11am. Appointments are recommended.

Book Donations to LAC and Lake Travis Community Library

Donate your Children's and Young Adult books to the LAC Library. They are quite low in the children's genre and appreciate any donations you can take to them.

LTCL is also thankful for book donations. They use the funds to support library activities.

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

Cheryl May, Community Liaison

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 our 2024-2025 WCGL officers will begin over the next few months.

The Nominating Committee will be

announced in January at the General Meeting. They will select a proposed slate of nominees for next year's Executive Committee which is composed of the President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, and the Treasurer. Recommendation forms will be available for the membership at the February and March General Meetings. Have a Happy New Year!

Diann Blevins, Parliamentarian

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Non-Book Club SIGS

ANTIQUÉ ADDICTS: Open



Our December 4th meeting of AA was held at the Travis County Library. The room was completely full of antique enthusiasts! We had a "Show & Tell" meeting where members brought various momentous from the past that they

display every holiday season. We had figurines, Christmas stockings, tree ornaments, paintings, carvings, jewelry, dolls, candlesticks and various other treasures that have been saved or purchased throughout our lifetimes. Some were made, some were inherited, some were gifts and others came from antique stores. Each had a unique story that was shared with the group. I took this little door hanger above that I bought at an antique shop. I couldn't resist this purchase. Every year it hangs on my front door. **"Who Needs Santa When You Have Grandma."** I bet a lot of our WCGL grandmas relate to that! I hope you and your family had a wonderful Christmas or Hanukkah.

Antique Addicts are planning some interesting programs for 2025. The group thought it would be

nice to have meetings where we will focus on coveted antique categories like china, silver, jewelry or other suggestions. Each of us would bring a small sample of our own collections and tell the known histories with each other.

Our meetings are scheduled on the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 pm. AA meetings are usually held at our local library or at a member home. We do hope to schedule at least one trip together to a place of interest.

On January 8th, we plan to meet at Judi Murphy's home since the 1st Wednesday in January is New Year's Day. Several members have mentioned they have some nice items they would like to "rehome", so we are giving everyone the opportunity to have our own mini Roundtop on January 8th. In addition, Judi has very nice hospitality plans for all of us at this gathering. We have a great program planned 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.

Happy New Year!
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



Greetings from Dining Dames!

Dining Dames will be headed into a rural part of Driftwood for our next lunch. This is perfect for those of

you who don't love going downtown. If you have not been to Tillie's at Camp Lucy you're missing out!!

Tillie's in Driftwood (at Camp Lucy)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

NOON

We'll meet at Randalls at 11:15am so that we can carpool together. PLEASE RSVP

TO: wcgldiningdames@gmail.com

I will need at least 2 additional drivers. Looking forward to seeing you!

Allison Rudnick & Nancy Taylor, Co-Chairs

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. Due to the holidays, our next luncheon is scheduled for Friday, February 7, 2025.

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

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

GARDEN CLUB – Open



We hope you have had a lovely December! Lindsay Loftin will be speaking about Native Bees at our January 10th meeting. The

meeting will be at 9:30 at The Lakeway Activity

Center. Please join us for what should be a very interesting presentation.

Lindsay is a Master Naturalist and Environmental Educator. Her passions include designing bat and solitary bee friendly habitat gardens. She coordinates volunteers at Zilker Botanical Gardens and volunteers as a Master Naturalist. Lindsay holds a Bachelor of Environmental Science and a Masters in Sustainability Studies.

We are looking forward to 2025 with more fun and informative events for the Garden Club. Happy 2025!

Kristine Moore and Judy Cellio, Co-Chairs

GIRLFRIENDS' SOCIAL HOUR – Open



Greetings to all our socially minded ladies of WCGL! Mark your calendar for January 16th for our Chinese New Year social hour.

We encourage you to wear your Chinese New Year attire or, at least, red! 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. We encourage you to respond quickly as space can be limited. 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



Lady Bird Lake Trail, Austin

Hike & Bike outings may include hiking, bicycling, kayaking, caving or swimming. For 2025, our PLANNED outings are on the first Thursdays of

March and April. We also host SPONTANEOUS outings on perfect weather days with blue skies, low humidity and moderate temperatures. Interested?

Contact me at grouppexpedition@gmail.com New Hike & Bike members will receive a copy of our "Welcome Kit for New Members."

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



LIP finished 2024 with a wonderful luncheon held at the amazing two kitchen home of Allison Rudnick. We gathered downstairs

near her baking kitchen where she treated all of us to some of her special recipes. We were certainly the beneficiaries of Allison who loves to bake! Members also brought a variety of food, deserts and wine. Vangie Williams, who is the only original member of our SIG, prepared her famous Bloody Marys. Everyone had a great time chatting and enjoying this festive gathering. At the conclusion of our luncheon, we held a brief business meeting. The stock market has responded very positively to the November 5th election, so we look forward to a financially rewarding 2025.

All of us were so glad to have former chair, Genevieve Fessenden, join us after her long and difficult battle with health issues. Our prayers will continue for her recovery and wellbeing.

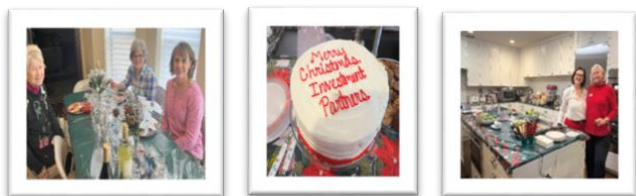
Upon joining our SIG, there is an initial \$1,000 contribution to our jointly held portfolio, and quarterly we each contribute \$100 to our holdings. We have a sophisticated software – Bivio – that supplies us with a multitude of financial information on the stocks we own. You don't need to be an expert 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 January 7th, we will be meeting at the home of Stephanie Teichman at 1:30 pm.

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



As the holiday season unfolds, I want to take a moment to celebrate the strength, kindness, and camaraderie that define our incredible

group. This time of year reminds us of the importance of connection and gratitude, and I'm endlessly thankful to be part of a community of such inspiring women.

May your holidays be filled with joy, laughter, and moments that become cherished memories. Here's to cozy gatherings, sparkling celebrations, and the warmth of loved ones near and far.

Wishing you all a season of happiness and a New Year filled with boundless opportunities, success, and, of course, the unwavering support of each other. Happy Holidays and Cheers to 2025!

We do not have a brunch for December or January but I am happy to host February! I will need some hostesses to assist me for our Galentines brunch so if you are interested in helping, please reach out to me at Jacquelyn@foremanpropertygroup.com

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 January playdate is scheduled for Friday, January 24th from 1-4

p.m. There will be tables for both new and experienced players. Members will receive an email a week prior to the date to which they can RSVP. Julie Gross will be offering another two-session beginner class on February 27th and 28th. A minimum of four participants is required for the class to take place. If you are interested or have questions, please email her at jdgtex@gmail.com.

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

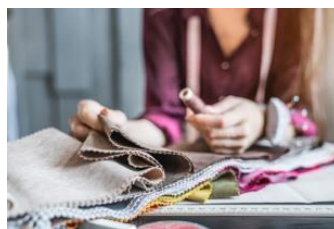
SINGLES – Closed



For January 2025 we're planning to visit the Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum for a guided tour on Saturday 18 January, followed by lunch at Salt Traders Coastal Cooking.

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.

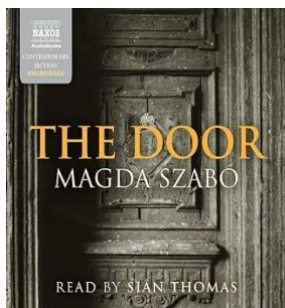
We are open for new members who are interested in any of the fiber arts. If anyone not on our current roster would like to visit, please contact Jean by email to receive information about the next meeting. fordjean@gmail.com / 207-266-3470

Jean Ford, Chair



BOOK CLUBS

“A” BOOK CLUB – Closed



January Book Club A
Our first meeting of the year will be **January 21, 2025**. Hosting will be Diane Haeg and co-hostess is Sue Pfeffer. The meeting will be held at 25 Borello Drive in Lakeway. Book selection: "The Door" by

Magda Szabo.

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 AM 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. We

did not meet in December, however, in November we enjoyed a very English Tea at the home of Allison Rudnick while we discussed the book, *American Duchess: A Novel of Consuelo Vanderbilt* by Karen Harper. Members came dressed for High Tea and enjoyed learning all about the history of the Gilded Age while dining on various styles of *High Society* china.

January 14, 2025

Demon Copperhead - Barbara Kingsolver

February 11, 2025

The Women - Kristin Hannah

March 11, 2025

Miss Eliza's English Kitchen - Annabel Abbs

April 8, 2025

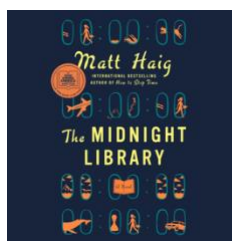
It's a Long Story: My Life - Willie Nelson

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.

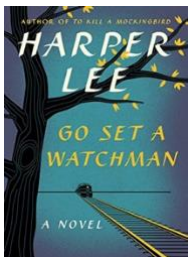
This year's book selections for the remainder of the year will be discussed on the dates listed:

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig (1/6), *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.
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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:

Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (1/8); *The Invisible Lif of Addie LaRue* by VE Schwab (2/12); *The Secret Lif 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.

January- *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly

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
