

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



March has a rich history: The name "March" is derived from Mars, the Roman god of war. As the god of war, Mars was linked to agriculture,

symbolizing a time for the renewal of life and growth. This connection likely arose because March signified the beginning of a time when the soil could be worked for planting.

In the early Roman calendar (which was initially based on the lunar cycle), March was the first month of the year. It was a time to mark the start of spring, which was a significant season for the Romans. The calendar was later reformed into the Julian calendar, shifting the start of the year to January. The Julian calendar, introduced by Julius Caesar, restructured the year into 365 days and 12 months, which established January 1 as the start of the year.

One of the most famous events in March is the *Ides of March*, which refers to the 15th day of the month. In 44 BCE, it was on the Ides of March that Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of Roman senators. This event has since become one of the most well-known in Roman history and is often associated with betrayal and the power struggles of ancient Rome.

In many cultures, March marks the spring equinox, which usually falls around March 20 or 21. The equinox is the moment when day and night are nearly equal in length, and it signifies the arrival of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. For this reason, March has also been a month of celebration and renewal across various cultures.

## March Holidays and Events:

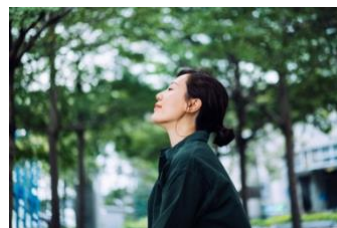
- St. Patrick's Day (March 17): Originally a feast day for St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick's Day has become a celebration of Irish culture and heritage, widely recognized around the world.
- Women's History Month (U.S. and U.K.): In the United States, March is recognized as Women's History Month, a time to reflect on and celebrate the contributions of women throughout history.
- March Madness: This is a popular term in the United States referring to the NCAA basketball tournament, which takes place in March and has a significant cultural following.

The Symbolism of March is reflected in astrology. March zodiac signs are Pisces and then from March 21<sup>st</sup> Aries. Pisces represents intuition and emotion, while Aries is linked to energy, initiative and leadership.

Spring Equinox - The winter's grip begins to fade, A gentle thaw, a sweet cascade. The sun ascends, with golden rays, Awakening the earth's embrace.

*Judith Baer, President*

## 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT



March, a most unpredictable month- will it arrive as a "lion" or a "lamb"? Either way, we have a lot to look forward to this month from the

Academy Awards to Mardi Gras to St. Patrick's Day and the arrival of spring.

This month's speaker is truly a breath of fresh air. We are pleased to present Shannon Bluth who created House of Shan, a clothing and accessories brand based in Austin, Texas.

The Brand's logo is an Imperfect Heart which inspires people to embrace their imperfections and treat every day as a gift. The stitched heart is a daily reminder to live with passion, laugh every day, lift others up, and don't ever give up on your daydream. "Live what you love", is her motto and she certainly does.

Shannon will be bringing some of her merchandise to sell at our meeting if you wish to purchase anything or items are available to buy online.

Notably, \$5.00 from every item that is sold is donated to a charity or cause she supports.

We hope you will join us at our March 26th meeting and enjoy Shannon's inspirational story.

Happy Spring!

*Lorraine Dantone Werner, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

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

**Event Payment Links:**

[WCGL March Brunch/Meeting \(March 26\)](#)

**Membership Payment Links:**

[WCGL Annual Dues](#)

[Garden Club Annual Dues](#)

WCGL Website Link

**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**



Thank you to the fabulous volunteers who put their time and effort into making our SIGs a success. They have many activities planned

this spring. Join one of several outings which Hike

& Bike has planned. Join a game of strategy with the Bridge, Canasta, or Mahjongg SIGs. Get some inspiration for spring with Garden Club. Join your friends at the Girlfriend's Social Hour or an afternoon of shopping with the Out & About SIG. Attend one of the last two brunches with Let's Do Brunch or try a new restaurant with Dining Dames. There is lots to choose from. Check out the SIG articles below in this newsletter and watch your email for details.

Are you interested in chairing one of the current SIGs or serving on a committee next year? Talk to your chair-people and let them know.

*Cynthia Keas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*

**TREASURER**



The monthly financial reports are *complete* for October, November, December and January! I want to thank Darla Nelson and Jackie Mata

for their support - *as always, it is a team effort in the Women's Club!*

In the past month, the treasury has been working on many tasks to advance our Club:

- Established an accounting software program to meet WC needs and cost restraints. Transitioned the WC QuickBooks historical financial data from Desktop Enterprise, downgraded and migrated to Essentials Online.
- Established the Treasurer on the financial accounts with Prosperity Bank, QuickBooks, and the IRS.
- Retroactively collected the disbursements and receipts from October, November, and December from members and vendors. Obtained missing contracts.
- Paid all bills and reimbursed members.
- Deposited and documented all receipts; accounted for and documented all debit card charges; confirmed and categorized all Square transactions.
- Prepared 1099's for vendors.
- Worked with several WC leaders regarding refunds.

If you have a budgeted payment request or reimbursement to submit but don't have the form, please send me a quick email [ccovington@hotmail.com](mailto:ccovington@hotmail.com), and I'll send you a PDF! It is important to include both your receipts and payment/reimbursement form.

Thank you for all your hard work for WCGL,  
*Chris Covington, Treasurer*

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## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY



A Care and concern card was recently sent to Mary Gutierrez.

Do you know a member needing a little

encouragement while dealing with an illness or loss? The Women's Club would like to send them a card to let them know we are thinking about them. Please let me know the names of members needing cards sent on behalf of the membership. WCGL also sends cards of congratulations and appreciation.

Contact me by text or email, at 737-210-9723 or [reneepicanso@gmail.com](mailto:reneepicanso@gmail.com)

*Renee Picanso, Corresponding Secretary*

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## 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*

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## MEMBERSHIP



**Fun and Friendship!** Membership in WCGL connects 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](http://lakewaywomensclub.com) to learn more about your organization and all it has to offer.

**Stay Active!** A full schedule of activities continues through May 2025 with your current membership. Watch for an email in late June/early July with instructions to Renew your Membership for next year. The 2025-2026 year begins June/July 2025 and runs through May 2026.

**Be connected!** Send any changes in your email, phone and/or address to: [sara.scarberry103@gmail.com](mailto:sara.scarberry103@gmail.com).

*Sara Scarberry, Membership*

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## HOSPITALITY



Top of the morning to you! We are celebrating St. Patrick's Day so get out your green so no one pinches you -and celebrate at our brunch. Cost is

\$29. Deadline for reservations is March 19th. See you there in your green!!

*Sharon Rogers & Carol Jones, Co-Chairs*

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## NEW MEMBER MENTORS



Thank you to the women who attended our 3rd "New Member" social/luncheon at Tai Spice on 2/18/2025. It was a great time

continuing to get to know one another as well as learning what the WCGL has to offer. We learned



how each of the 12 new members heard about Women's Club and what SIGS they have joined. Thank you to our executive board members who joined us as well.

All new members are welcome to join us in March for our next social. The date, place and time are yet to be determined. Look for an evite in early March. Also, remember to let Bonnee or Becky know if you will be joining us at the "New Members" table during our monthly general meetings at The Hills.

For further information, contact:

Bonnee Nelson 949 533-9700 [bonneenelson@icloud.com](mailto:bonneenelson@icloud.com)  
Becky Parker 918 625-2918 [rhpark2017@gmail.com](mailto:rhpark2017@gmail.com)

*Bonnee Nelson & Becky Parker, Co-Chairs*

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## 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 Printed 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.

*Dawn Trombley, Chair*

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## 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](mailto:jenniferwindau@hotmail.com).

Looking forward to a fun year!

*Jennifer Windau, Chair*

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## 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*

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## WEBMASTER / ONLINE DIRECTORY



*Jordan Herrera, Webmaster*

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## 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](mailto: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*

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## PARLIAMENTARIAN



The election process for the 2025-2026 WCGL Executive Board Officers is in progress. 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, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

#### ANTIQUÉ ADDICTS: Open



Antique Addicts was so fortunate to have Eco Estate Jewelry of Lakeway present our program on Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup>. Owners Alida Talman (above at her store) and her husband Eric Hoffmaster brought some beautiful jewelry to our meeting

that reflected the various antique time periods they discussed: Georgian (1714-1830), Victorian (1837-1901), Belle Epoque (1871-1914), Edwardian (1900-1915), Art Nouveau (1890-1910), Art Deco (1920-1930) and Retro (1935-1950). Their special pieces - including a gorgeous diamond bracelet priced at more than \$20K - were passed around to a large group of members who thoroughly enjoyed beholding each piece and the explanations associated with its historical creation. Alida and Eric even brought nice little gift bags from their store for each of our members! How thoughtful. At the meeting, our members were given the opportunity to bring some of their old jewelry to determine the time-period of their pieces, other pertinent information and the approximate value. I

brought my grandmother's matching necklace, bracelet and earrings that I always thought were ivory, but Eric informed me that all were carved bone - darn. I now realize I have carved bone in my house - oh well. I also discovered that my great grandmother's two gold bracelets are too valuable to pass on to my thirteen-year-old granddaughter until she is an adult! Suggestion for everyone in WCGL. Be sure to write down everything you know about your jewelry and other antique items that you own. Generations after you who inherit your special treasures will be so thankful to know the history and value of what you pass down to them. You don't want sentimental and expensive items sold in a garage sale for pennies on the dollar! Of course, members in AA are always looking for those bargains. We treasure hunt and that is the fun part of antiquing!

About 75% of the members present at the meeting had visited Eco in the past so were familiar with the store and services they provide. If you need an evaluation of jewelry/coins (call for appointment), repair/restoration, or wish to purchase some unique jewelry, stop by Eco Estate Jewelry. By the way, they keep a "Wish List" for their customers just in case your significant other wants to give you a gift and is not sure what to buy. What a great idea! My birthday is in the first week in March, so I'm thinking I should stop by soon.

If you would like to join AA, please contact me, Cheryl May, so I can add you to our membership list. We have a great time together with various programs and sharing stories of items that we treasure. Our next meeting will be held at Leanne DuPay's home on March 5<sup>th</sup>. More information will be sent out to members before we meet again. Blessings,

*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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:canastawcgl@gmail.com). if you would like to join or have any questions.

*Peggy Clements, Chair*

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### **DINING DAMES – Open**



GREETINGS FROM DINING DAMES!

**Our January lunch was a rousing success at Tillies at Camp Lucy!** Our SIG is growing, and we had our largest lunch to date.

The reviews for Tillies were as follows:

Parking-5

Service- 4.95

Promptly delivered- 4.75

Veggie options- 5

Menu choices-4.50

Quality of food-5

Portion size: 4.50

Ambiance - 5.00!!!!

Noise level- low

would you come back- a resounding YES!

**Overall rating- 4.75**

**Now, on to March:**

I am keeping with the 3rd Friday of the Month, so: We are heading to Lantana Plaza on Southwest Parkway

**La Traviata**

**7415 Southwest Parkway**

**March 21<sup>st</sup>, 12:15 p.m.**

As per usual, we will be meeting at Randalls to carpool. I think we can meet at 11:45 a.m. As we are limited in size per the restaurant, rsvp's are a must. PLEASE RSVP TO:

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

*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 was held January 26, at the home of Debbie & Al Carver. Members who attended the reception met the couples with whom they will be dining this season and received information on how Dinner Club works and their brochures of the pairings per month. 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. [youngerpat@aol.com](mailto:youngerpat@aol.com)

*Pat Younger, Chair*

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### **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. March's luncheon will be a Mardi Gras Celebration so wear your mask and "Laissez les bons temps rouler"!

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

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

## **GARDEN CLUB – Open**



We have had an interesting mix of warm and cold weather these last few weeks. Judy and I hope you have

had some time to spend in the garden and are looking forward to some lovely Spring weather and the Bluebonnet bloom. Our March 14th event will be a field trip to Zilker Botanical Gardens. We will meet to carpool at the Lakeway Activity Center at 8:30 am and leave promptly at 8:45. There is a \$7 entrance fee per person. Our tour will start at 9:30 with Matthew Gaston as our guide. Matthew is a plant biologist and educator. He is also the Director of Education at Zilker Botanical Garden.

Be sure to watch your email for the Garden Club newsletter to sign up for this event. Happy gardening! Kris and Judy

*Kristine Moore and Judy Cellio, Co-Chairs*

## **GIRLFRIENDS' SOCIAL HOUR – Open**



Greetings to all our socially minded ladies of WCGL! Mark your calendar for March 20<sup>th</sup> for our St. Patrick's Day social hour. We

encourage you to wear your Irish attire or, at least wear green! Our SIG meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:jackie83mata@gmail.com)

*Jackie Mata & Barbara Staiger, Co-Chairs*

## **HIKE & BIKE – Open**

In March, Hike & Bike members will explore Austin's Violet Crown trail. Interested? Contact Lynne at [grouppexpedition@gmail.com](mailto: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



*Westcave preserve, Feb 2025*

## **INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE – Open**



Members meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in member homes. Intermediate Swiss Pairs Bridge.

*Peg Truckenbrod, Chair*

## **LAKEWAY INVESTMENT PARTNERS – Open**



*Zoom Meeting – "Contemplation"*

When I captured this photo, our Lip members were deep in thought as we reviewed our stocks with emphasis on the Trump administration and how

changes such as the proposed tariffs will affect various sectors of economic growth/outlook and our portfolio. ***Is anyone in WCGL related to Elon Musk?*** We know it is illegal to have “inside information”, but that would sure help! We’re sure glad we own 300 shares of Nvidia Corp. We hope you bought shares also. Chips are HOT!

The majority of our portfolio is prospering. Each member has specific stocks from our total portfolio that they track, and then convey to the group at our meetings the latest information about these stocks from analysts or other published articles and sources. Untimely, the stocks are classified by the analysts as BUY, HOLD or SELL. This month we did a “HOLD” and made no changes to current stocks and decided not to buy anything new.

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 either by Zoom or in individual homes.

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

*Deanna Allen & Cheryl May, Co-Chairs*

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## LET’S DO BRUNCH – Open



### Happy Month of Love, Brunchettes!

This February, our brunch theme was **Galentine’s** in celebration of the month of love. We were lucky to have beautiful weather and enjoyed dining outside by the pool!

A huge thank you to our gracious hostesses—Annette Brown, Katie Kieffer, Pamela Swafford, and Jenny Rapp—who made this event so special and fun to plan.

If you’ve ever thought about hosting but were hesitant because of space, don’t worry! We had 25 ladies, and it was the perfect size to enjoy meaningful conversations with everyone.

Looking forward to our next gathering—stay tuned for details on April’s brunch! We do not have a host house for March.

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

*Jacquelyn Foreman, Chair*

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## MAH JONGG MAVENS – Open



The Mah Jongg Mavens have a monthly playdate at the Lake Travis Community Library on Lohmann’s Crossing. Our March playdate is scheduled for Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

from 1-4PM. Both new and experienced players are welcome. Members will receive an email a week prior to the date to which they can RSVP. It’s been great having so many ladies interested in the game and joining the SIG this year!

*Leslee Minahan, Chair*

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## OUT & ABOUT – Open



Join us on March 28<sup>th</sup> for a shopping trip with lunch at Perry’s Steakhouse!

Start time 10:15 am; meet at Randall’s for those

carpooling. Lunch at 1:00 pm at Perry’s in the Domain. Have fun shopping with your fellow girlfriends after enjoying the famous & delicious Friday porkchop lunch.” (Full menu will be available.) Please text or call me to get on the list and for further information. 760-707-3801

*Robin Hermann, Chair*

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## SINGLES – Closed



On Saturday March 15th, we’re planning to meet downtown for brunch at Kerby Lane Cafe and afterwards will visit the Harry Ransom Center for a guided

tour. [dephall@yahoo.com](mailto:dephall@yahoo.com)

*Dee Hall, Chair*



## STITCHES & YARNS – Open



We meet at member homes at 10:00 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

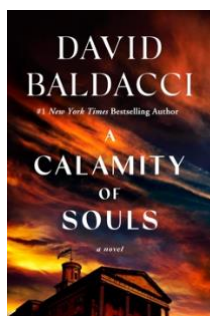
We are open for new members who are interested in any of the fiber arts. If anyone not on our current roster would like to visit, please contact Jean by email to receive information about the next meeting. [fjordjean@gmail.com](mailto:fjordjean@gmail.com) / 207-266-3470

*Jean Ford, Chair*



### BOOK CLUBS

## “A” BOOK CLUB – Closed



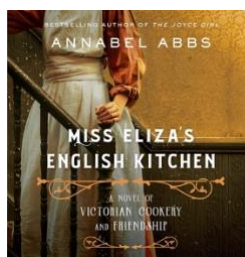
**March Book Club A**  
Sue Pfeffer, with co-hostess Jo Ann Guilford, will be our hostesses on **March 18, 2025**. The meeting will be held at 107 Crescent Bluff. Our reading selection is *A Calamity of Souls* By David Baldacci.

*Remarkable Bright Creatures* (4/15) by Shelby Van Pelt; *Listen for the Lie* (5/20) by Amy Tinter.

*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 March selection is *Miss Eliza's English Kitchen* by Annabel Abbs. For more information please contact a Co-Chair.

**April 8, 2025**

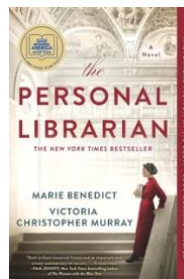
*It's a Long Story: My Life* - Willie Nelson

**May 13, 2025**

*Lady Tan's Circle of Women* - Lisa See

*Pamela Swafford + Joyce Christian, Co-Chairs*

## CHATTY CRITICS – Closed



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

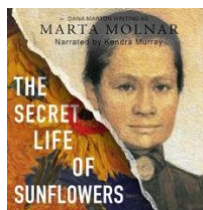
This year's book selections for the remainder of the year will be discussed on the dates listed:

*The 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](mailto:teichman4@gmail.com) or 925-899-9647

*Stephenie Teichman, Chair*

## LITERARY LADIES of LAKEWAY – Limited



Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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

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### VOYAGERS BOOK CLUB – Open



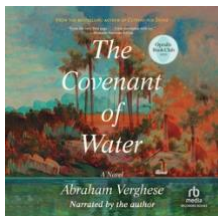
We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10 a.m. in member homes. Members will be notified of the monthly meeting location via email.

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

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### WINE WITH WORDS – Closed



Wine With Words meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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

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### 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 March plus future dates that feature

**ACTIVITIES, EDUCATION, SERVICES, and VOLUNTEERING.** Mark your calendars to keep track of all!

### ACTIVITIES

#### Community Events.

**March 28. 10 am, 12 pm, and 2 pm. City of Lakeway Heritage Committee.** Sign up to take their very popular free Historical Tour visiting several points of interest in Lakeway. To take their tour, you must register on their website:

[www.Lakeway-tx.gov](http://www.Lakeway-tx.gov)

**April 5, 12pm-2pm at Lakeway City Park**

**Eggstravaganza!!!** Don't miss this beloved annual Easter event put on by the city Parks & Recreation, free for the whole family. Egg hunt, food vendors, petting zoo, face painting, and more!

**April 6, at 4 pm. A Night with the Austin Symphony Orchestra.** 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 in the Lakeway area.

**May 16-18 ArtWALK** The Art Walk will be held at Hamilton Greenbelt and Hurst Creek Garden. **Registration Now Open! To apply for participation: Send email to [arts@lakeway-tx.gov](mailto:arts@lakeway-tx.gov)**

**September 27, 2025. TASTE LAKE TRAVIS IS BACK! Their website: [Taste Lake Travis](http://Taste Lake Travis)** Mark Your Calendar. 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.

**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](http://www.laketravislibrary.org).

In March, the library is featuring:

**Title: Women in Photography**

Date: Saturday, March 8th from 1:30pm to 3pm

Location: 1938 Lohmans Crossing, Lakeway, TX 78734

Description: Women in Visual Art presents *Women in Photography*, a special exhibit at the Lake Travis Community Library celebrating Women's History Month. The exhibit features dramatic photos by women photographers that are inspired by women's history, health, beauty, motherhood, and equality. All

are invited to an art reception on Saturday, March 8th from 1:30pm to 3pm to view this special exhibit in the library's meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

**Title: Great Decisions: America at a Global Crossroads**

Date: Thursday, March 13 at 7pm

Location: 1938 Lohmans Crossing, Lakeway, TX 78734

Description: Great Decisions is a nationwide, non-partisan program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association intended to broaden public involvement in foreign affairs. It was launched over 50 years ago, and today tens of thousands of participants take part in discussion groups each year. The Lake Travis Community Library is proud to host our seventh year of the program. Eight topics have been selected for discussion and the first topic, *America at a Global Crossroads*, will be facilitated by Executive Director of the Stratfor Center for Applied Geopolitics Rodger Baker. This free, in-person program will take place in Lake Travis Community Library meeting room in Lakeway on Thursday, March 13th at 7pm. No registration is required.

The Library is also having the following classes: (Check their calendar for dates and times) Multigenerational Financial Planning, Lake Travis Senior Services, Adult Crafts, Genealogy Lecture Series, Geography Club, Lake Travis Knit & Crochet, Online Investment Club, Folktales from Africa, Chair Yoga, Guided Meditation, Chess Club, Author Diana Bartlett, Author.

**Lakeway Activity Center.** [www.lakeway-tx.gov/64](http://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.

**THEATER at LAC**

**The Odd Couple is about to end, so if you wish to see it, buy your tickets now!**

**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**

**Lakeway SINGS! Presents: "Getting to Know You"**

**Early Ticket Sales Start: March 18: LAC**

**Members March 25: General Public**

**Performance Dates: April 25 & 26. 6-9pm At Lakeway Activity Center**

**Ticket prices: \$45 & \$50**

Doors open for these dinner show performances at 6 PM, dinner served at 6:30, with the show following.

**Tickets can be purchased online by clicking the link above. Find them in the 'City Events & Performances Tab' of our Catalog.** These shows sell out quickly, so get your tickets early! Call the Lakeway Activity Center (512-261-1010) for more information.

**DANCING at LAC**

**Line Dancing for Everyone. March 4-April 1.**

Tuesdays, 6pm-7pm

**Ballroom Basics. March 4-April 1. Tuesdays, 7pm-8pm**

**MUSIC at LAC**

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

**Big Band Bash March 10 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. \*Every 2nd Monday of the month.

**Brown Bag Lunch Concert**

**A Capella Texas February 13, 2025, 12pm-1pm at Lakeway Activity Center**

Join us for a special concert with A Capella Texas. Bring your lunch and be prepared to be entertained! The concerts are from noon-1pm and are free to everyone. No reservations or tickets are required, there is plenty of seating available.

**FITNESS at LAC**

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



## **GARAGE SALE at LAC**

**March 15, 8am -Noon. Lakeway Activity Center**

Booths are sold out - Come Shop! We have 33 vendors from the surrounding Lakeway/Bee Cave area. Find household items, clothes, jewelry, toys, and so much more! We have so much to satisfy your inner bargain hunter. Our next sale will be May 31.

### **Lakeway Newcomers & Neighbors.**

[www.lakewaynewcomers.com](http://www.lakewaynewcomers.com).

This organization provides a lot of social events for couples and singles. All residents are welcome. They have a lot of various activity groups that may include both women & men. Monthly, there they have Dining Out, Cinema Group, Gin Rummy Evening, Trivia Night plus both Ladies' & Men's Night Out.

**On March 27<sup>th</sup>**, they are featuring a night with the **Parker Jazz Club**. The information below is taken from their monthly newsletter:

“Join us at Parker Jazz Club for a night of swingin' Rat Pack music reminiscent of Las Vegas in its prime! The Copa Kings were formed out of a desire to breathe new life into some of the great jazz standards of the 1930s, '40s, and '50s. With great reverence, the band brings a unique passion, artistry, and flair to the jazz music of this period. Led by frontman Billy Murphy, the Austin-based Copa Kings pay homage to some of our country's greatest jazz songwriters and performers, including Frank, Billie, Ella, Louis (Armstrong and Jordan), Dean, and Ray.”

Details: Thursday, March 27, 2025 7:30 pm 117 W 4th St #107b, Austin, TX 78701 Downstairs under The Capital Grill. Valet parking is available for \$20.00. For Members who wish to attend visit [www.parkerjazzclub.com](http://www.parkerjazzclub.com). Select the 7:30 show, select your table, complete your reservation, and pay. This way you can choose where you wish to sit. Please make your reservation as soon as possible before it sells out!

**In April Newcomer's will feature Disco Night.**

**TexArts Theater & Academy.** 1110 S RR 620.

Lakeway, TX. 512-852-9079. Website: [www.tex-arts.org](http://www.tex-arts.org). Lakeway's very own professional theater

presenting outstanding shows plus classes for aspiring students. The 2025 season includes *Tick, Tick...Boom!* 2/14/25 – 3/2/25, *Mean Girls H.S. Version* 4/5/25 - 4/12/25, *Alice in Wonderland* 4/26/25 – 5/4/25, and *Bye Bye Birdie* 7/11/25 - 8/10/25.

**Department of Theater and Dance – University of Texas at Austin.** Check out their 2024-2025

Season [tadticketing@austin.utexas.edu](mailto: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](http://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!!!



**Mobile Loaves & Fishes**  
Serving Goodness.®

**Community First Village**  
**A Place to call home.**

[Mobile Loaves & Fishes](http://mobileloavesandfishes.org)

<https://mlf.org> › [community-first](https://mlf.org/community-first)

(Note, this information is taken from their website)

**WELCOME TO THE MOST TALKED ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD IN AUSTIN, TEXAS!**

Community First! Village is a master planned neighborhood that provides affordable, permanent housing and a supportive community for men and women who are coming out of chronic homelessness. A development of **Mobile Loaves & Fishes**, this transformative residential program exists to love and serve our neighbors who have been living on the streets, while also empowering the surrounding community into a lifestyle of service with the homeless.

Today, Community First! Village occupies 51 acres on Hog Eye Road in northeast Travis County. It is currently home to more than 370 formerly homeless neighbors and will soon

provide housing and community for just more than 500 of our friends who once struggled to survive on the streets of Austin.

### Neighbor Engagement Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in hosting an event or providing a service for our neighbors? There is a page on their website to fill out a form and become a Member of their team. Within a week they will start a conversation with you about bringing your idea to Community First! Village. If you have any questions, please reach out to [serve@mlf.org](mailto:serve@mlf.org).

### Group Serve Interest

They would love for your group to serve alongside us here in the most talked about neighborhood in Austin! We generally host groups of 5+ volunteers on **Tuesdays – Saturdays from 9am – 12pm October through April and from 8am to 11am May through September**. A typical Group Serve Event could entail working in our gardens, dry landscaping yards for micro-homes, laying pathways, tending our chicken coops, or other projects that beautify the property, but there are occasionally other projects available.

**All Group Serve Events must be coordinated directly through MLF Staff at least 2 weeks in advance**, and preferably 3 months in advance for a group of more than 50 people requiring additional funding and coordination. The form they provide asks you to tell them more about your group and someone from their Volunteer Team will follow up with you about your group's reservation! Dignified Income & Neighbor Leadership Every one of their volunteer groups is led by a current neighbor of Community First! Village. Hosting groups like yours is one of the ways our neighbors are able to earn a dignified income, which in turn enables them to do things like pay rent and buy groceries. We ask groups to contribute \$10 per person, which goes toward the dignified income of the neighbors leading you that day as well as purchase of any tools or materials necessary for projects you'll be working on.

### Volunteering With Kids

The best volunteer opportunities to bring along younger children are in our Genesis Gardens program as a **Farm Helper** or helping our team tend to the more than 100 chickens at the Village on **Farm Animal Friday**. Please note that

these opportunities are for children 5 years or older.

If you're bringing along teenagers, they can join in on **any opportunities through our** Genesis Gardens or Neighbor Care Programs.

However, volunteers under 18 years old are not permitted to volunteer at the Village unaccompanied and must be with an adult at all times.

If your teenager is in need of community service hours, we are more than happy to sign off on their volunteer hours, but they will need to supply their own documentation

If you'd like to schedule a Group Service Event through a school, faith community, or other organization, please fill out their Group Serve Interest Form and someone from our Volunteer Team will be in touch with you!

Note: Groups with children 10 and younger will be led on an interactive extended tour of the Village instead of being assigned to volunteer projects.

### Volunteer at the Community Market

Open Mon-Sat

9am-5pm

[market@mlf.org](mailto:market@mlf.org)

(512) 551-5454

The Community Market is a central hub where visitors and neighbors alike can find connection, convenience and keepsakes.

Volunteers act as friends to the CF!V neighbors who frequent the Market as well as educators to visitors wanting to know more about who we are and what we do. They help sell convenience items, [Goodness Gear](#), and an eclectic array of unique art and handcrafted gifts made by our formerly homeless artists in the [Community Art House](#), who keep the profits from the pieces sold. This opportunity is ideal for anyone looking to build relationships with neighbors and potentially come back to serve in a recurring volunteer role.

### Volunteer at the Community Art House

Open Mon-Fri

9am-4pm

[arthouse@mlf.org](mailto:arthouse@mlf.org)

(512) 551-5440

The Community Art House provides a means through which the incredibly talented neighbors at Community First! Village create and sell some of

the best works of art in Austin. We partner with our artists to assist with the promotion and sale of their work on our [online store](#) and in the [Community Market](#), supporting their efforts to earn a dignified income through the beautiful expression of their God-given talents. Volunteers help to maintain a safe and supportive environment that fosters healing, creative expression, and artistic growth for our formerly homeless friends. This opportunity is ideal for anyone looking to build relationships with neighbors and potentially come back to serve in a recurring volunteer role.

#### Volunteer at the Community Inn

Inn Office:

Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm

[communityinn@mlf.org](mailto:communityinn@mlf.org)

(512) 551-5453

[The Community Inn](#) is a curated collection of unique vacation rentals, hosting guests from all over the world at Community First! Village and inviting them into our mission. Volunteers can serve in a variety of opportunities that help our staff and neighbors with administration, hospitality, organizing, and cleaning.

#### Volunteer in Genesis Gardens

Through Genesis Gardens, community members from all over Central Texas come together to roll up their sleeves and engage with neighbors at Community First! Village. Volunteers have the opportunity to learn the importance of intention, how to steward the land through companion planting and to recall what it means to put down roots and share the abundance of our yields. The bounty from our organic gardens is harvested, washed, bunched, canned, pickled, preserved or cooked and provided to neighbors throughout the village at our weekly Farmers Market – giving neighbors direct access to the best produce on earth!

#### Volunteer with Neighbor Care

Neighbor Care exists to support the residents of Community First! Village as well as future neighbors. We would love to have you come alongside us to make the Village a welcoming home and supportive environment for our neighbors!

#### Truck Ministry

Truck Ministry. Mobile Loaves & Fishes' food truck ministry is operated almost entirely by volunteers and managed by partner organizations throughout Austin who have collaborated with MLF.

Specific opportunities and details vary from one truck partner location to another, but may include the following volunteer roles:

[Make Ready Teams](#)

[Truck Run](#)

[Egg Delivery](#)

[Baking](#)

[Food Pick-Ups](#)

[Food & Clothing Drive](#)

#### Volunteer Sign Up Calendar

MLF has a new online volunteer portal which is under construction and will be coming soon. **If you are having trouble finding a shift you are looking for on the calendar that happens within the next 30 days, please email us.**

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

**Cheryl May, Community Liaison**

[CamaySFA@aol.com](mailto:CamaySFA@aol.com)

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**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](mailto: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	_____	_____
*1 <sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT	_____	_____
*2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	<u>Outsourced</u>	<u>Contract Services</u>
PRINTED DIRECTORY	_____	_____
NEW MEMBER MENTOR PROGRAM	_____	_____
OPTIONAL: Your Name & Phone Number	_____	_____

PLEASE EMAIL [DIANNBLEVINS@AOL.COM](mailto: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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