

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Gratitude and Joy...

Welcome to our new year...celebrating 37 years of women, leadership, camaraderie, and friendship.

Hats off to the women who came before us!

I read an article that discussed the concept and consequences of a Life Quake. A Life Quake is a massive life change that re-shapes our lives with aftershocks that can last for years. COVID 19 is a Life Quake. Over the past 20 months, each of us, our families, our community, our country, and the world continue to experience these Life Quakes. We must continue to cope, to change, and to adjust to the ongoing aftershocks.

Did you know that gratitude is one of the essential coping strategies to help us to manage our personal aftershocks? Gratitude is the feeling we experience when we reunite with families and friends. Gratitude that we can continue to participate in multiple group activities and experience the joy and fun of sharing time and activities together. I hope in the coming year, our WCGL membership and programs will be one of your coping strategies.

I personally invite you to read our Newsletter, access WCGL's "new" digital world, renew your membership, join a Special Interest Group and dine with friends at a luncheon program at Flintrock Falls Country Club. You will experience gratitude, joy, and fun along the way.

Sheila Niles, President

1st VICE PRESIDENT



We hope you'll join us on September 27th for our General Meeting to kick off the 2021-2022 year where **Interior Designer and WCGL member, Brooke Grafstrom**, will share her expertise and experience with us in her presentation "**Dishing on Design: How to get current with inspired interiors!**"

Brooke recently moved to Lakeway from the San Francisco Bay Area, where she worked on a wide variety of residential and small commercial projects for the last 17 years. Prior to that, she lived in Dallas (where both she and her husband attended SMU), in London, and in the Chicago area.

Last December, during the pandemic and raging wildfires, Brooke and her husband, Eric, along with their 2-year-old Aussie doodle, left their home of 18 years in Menlo Park, CA and moved into their home in Lakeway. Eric is currently working in the area in the tech start-up world. Their son, Wilson, 22, also lives in Austin; and their 20-year-old daughter, Taylor, recently returned to London to resume her studies.

Brooke is excited to be in Lakeway and eager to get involved in the community. She has already become involved and active in Women's Club by serving as a Co-Chair of our Girlfriends' Social Hour SIG along with Lorraine Dantone.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn about the latest design trends, to get tips on updating your existing personal space, and to be the first to hear Brooke's SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT!

Sara Scarberry, 1st Vice President

2ND VICE PRESIDENT



I am excited to begin my year as 2nd VP working with our Special Interest Groups. These groups, which provide a chance for smaller groups to share their interests with each other, are

where friendships blossom and we realize the true meaning of Women's Club. We currently have 22 SIG's and there are more to come.

The chairs of all our SIG's have been working hard this summer to plan an eventful year for us and we are gathering safely when possible, knowing that we can adjust our plans as the health situation changes. If you have questions about a group or wish to join as a new member, just contact the listed SIG chair. She will be happy to answer questions or provide information.

Be sure to check each group's listing in the newsletter to find which of your hidden talents, secret dreams, or newly discovered ambitions can be explored with your friends. And, if your needs are not met by the existing SIG's, call, text, or email me. I would love to hear about your idea for a new SIG. Contact me at kimber4sue@att.net or call/text 512-796-0971
Kim Majkszak, 2nd Vice President

TREASURER



I encourage all Women's Club members to join the **Randall's Good Neighbor Program**. It is easy to do and costs nothing. Just stop by the customer service desk and fill out the Good Neighbor Program form. Select Women's

Club of Greater Lakeway as your organization and each time you use your Randall's card, the club will receive 1% of your purchase. **Our organization number is 7785**. This added revenue helps the Women's Club dues from increasing.

Copies of the current Treasurer's report are always available at General Meetings on the table near the ballroom entrance.

Joan Peterson, Treasurer

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY



Care and concern cards were sent to Joyce Christian, Karen Morter, Jan Rouse, Autumn Schulze, and Pat Trecker. Expressions of sympathy were sent to the family of Kathy Ennis; Mary Haase on death of her mother-in-law, and Jaime Rubenstein on death of her husband.

Please send me names of members needing cards from the Women's Club. Contact me at 512-680-6732 or diannblevins@aol.com.

Diann Blevins, 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 in the foyer at all General Meetings for members to review. 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.

Judy Baer, Recording Secretary

MEMBERSHIP



Membership renewals and new member sign ups have been flowing in since mid-May. Renewals have totaled 200, plus 17 new members have joined. There are still over 300 members who have not renewed.

Please take time now to send in your renewal form and check for \$40. The membership form is under the membership tab at www.lakewaywomensclub.com. Remember, if you want to be in the Fall Directory, participate in the SIGs or other special events including the Fall Fashion Show, you must be in good standing with your dues.

Renee Picanso, Membership

NEW MEMBER MENTORS



The Mentor Program allows us to introduce new members to our Special Interest Groups, events and activities currently enjoyed by over 500

women and to promote new friendships! In addition, you will have the opportunity to get to know each other at our new member get-togethers in the coming months. Mark your calendar for September 8th at 10:30 a.m. Rosie and Shelley will have a New Member orientation. Details will be sent closer to the date. We look forward to getting to know you and sharing an exciting fun-filled year! If you have questions feel free to contact Shelley at 512-970-1045 or email; AgeNoMore01@aol.com

Rosie Babin & Shelley Smith, Co-Chairs

HOSPITALITY



Welcome back to delicious lunches made by Chef Cesar. We like offering ladies' style options for you and our

selection of Trio of Salads in September is perfectly light for these hot summer days. And, of course, his surprise dessert addition is always the best treat. We encourage you to sign up for lunch and have a chance to win the fabulous artwork donated by member Linda Buikema. Please send your check soon due to our slow mail service. ***See attached Luncheon Reservation form for details.***

Our regrets: Only paid luncheon attendees may participate in our September 27th Fall Kick-Off program due to Austin Public Health Covid guidelines for Stage 5. There is NO limit on luncheon attendees at this time.

Thank you for your understanding.

Paula Barcik & Janice Zehrer, Co-Chairs

SPECIAL SEPTEMBER DOOR PRIZE



Our member Linda Buikema has graciously offered one of her paintings as a door prize for our kickoff luncheon event. Linda is involved in

the Lakeway Painters and the Bunkhouse Artists groups. She began painting at age six and enjoys the Expressionism style of painting.

Thank you, Linda, for your generosity. For more information see <http://www.bunkhousegallery.com/>

SPECIAL EVENT-FASHION SHOW



Save the Date: Autumn Jewels and Starry Nights, the WCGL Fall Fashion Show will take

place on October 25, 2021 at the Sonesta ballroom. Fashions will be provided by The Gift Solution of the Barton Creek Mall. Entertainment will be provided by Esquina and TexARTS. You ***must*** be a member to attend the fashion show. No

reservations accepted before October 1, 2021. Watch for further details.



Janet Wright, Chair



SPECIAL EVENT-SPRING SOIREE



The Spring Soiree will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at Vintage Villas. Watch for upcoming details.

Sherry Todd-Smith, Chair

SPECIAL EVENT-INSTALLATION



The Installation Luncheon is scheduled for May 23, 2022.

Cheryl May, Chair

NEWSLETTER EDITOR



Faith Stevens, Chair

COMMUNITY LIASON / PUBLICITY



Lake Travis Community Library Events

Navigating Through Senior Living - Monday, September 20th at 10:30 a.m. - Brookdale Sales Counselor Estella Hilton

will discuss how to begin a search for senior living. Learn what options are available while considering your current living desires and long-term care needs. Also learn about financial resources and essential legal documents.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?secret=89UHerz&url=https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUucOChqD8tE9zGjZz4zvWijAqw>

Lake Travis Knitters - Tuesday, September 21st at 2 p.m. - Let's knit together with the Lake Travis Knitters on Zoom! All experience levels are welcome to bring their own knitting project to receive tips and guidance from club members. To join the Lake Travis Knitters, please email Pat at patzepp@gmail.com for the unique Zoom meeting link.

Tech Coach Q&A - Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Join a library staff member for a live Zoom Tech Coach session to get help with virtual meetings, résumé formatting, emailing, using digital services like [OverDrive](#), and more!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?secret=6qrj8tUDt0yAzNULLJfU6ASWK-UQ&url=https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/vpMlc-6qrj8tUDt0yAzNULLJfU6ASWK-UQ>

Bring Your Own Book Talk - Fridays at 2 p.m.

Join staff member Sarah for a drop in casual group chat about what you're currently reading, want to read, or just your favorite books!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?secret=1pUZiyffVnuieMflbw&url=https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5Apu6hrTMiR6ft1pUZiyffVnuieMflbw>

Lakeway Dance Club

Join the Lakeway Dance Club and enjoy a night out with dinner, dancing and live music here in Lakeway. The club hosts 5 member only dances once a month from October until March. (December is skipped because it is a busy time of year.) The dances are held on a Thursday and include an optional meal at an additional charge. The Lakeway Dance Club currently has openings. For more information and to sign up email Cindy Brown at cynthiaparma@hotmail.com
Darla Nelson, Community Liaison/Publicity

YEARBOOK / DIRECTORY

The Women's Club

Yearbook/Directory is in progress. It is set for publication in late October. You must be an active member receive a new updated copy of the Yearbook/Directory.



Diann Blevins, Directory/Yearbook Editor

HISTORIAN



Jane will be available to take pictures for the Yearbook Directory at our September 27th General Meeting.

Jane Mullkoff, Historian

WEBMASTER/ONLINE DIRECTORY

Jordan Walkowski, Legend & Ko

STORAGE UNIT OVERSIGHT



The storage unit has been moved to Cube Smart at 15616 Stewart Road off of Hwy 620.

To access the unit, contact Robin Hermann at 760-707-3801 to coordinate key pickup and access information.

Once in the storage unit, you will need to note on the inventory form the items taken from the unit and the date and time of access.

Robin Hermann, Storage Unit Oversight

PARLIMENTARIAN



What an exciting year ahead! As Parliamentarian I will be working with Sheila in the fall to amend any of the Bylaws and Standing Rules that may need clarification for our members. If changes are deemed necessary, the Parliamentarian and a committee of two appointed by the president will meet January through February to make amendments. They will then present the amendments to the Executive Committee in early March. Once approved by the Executive Committee, the amendments will be presented to the Standing Committee at the March Board Meeting and to Membership at the March General Meeting.

The Parliamentarian is also responsible for chairing the Nominating Committee consisting of five members at large appointed by the Executive Committee minus the President. For this purpose, the 1st Vice President chairs the committee and the Parliamentarian becomes a non-voting chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is appointed by early January. The committee's role is to propose a Slate of Nominees for the 2022-2023 Women's Club Executive Committee.

Recommendation forms will be distributed to members starting at the January 2022 General Meeting. Members will give input to the Nominating Committee in selecting new officers. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the March General Meeting and the election will take place at the April General Meeting followed by the installation in May 2022. I hope you will plan on joining us at every meeting!
Nancy Bain, Parliamentarian



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SIG Kick-off Breakfast – July 26, 2021



BOOK CLUBS

“A” BOOK CLUB – Open

“A” Book Club will reconvene at Beverly Gould's home (308 Duck Lake Dr.) on Tuesday, September 21st at 10 a.m. “A” Book Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except Dec.) at 10 a.m. in members' homes. Lannie Whatley will be reviewing *Dear Edward* by Ana Napolitano. RSVP- 512-970-3244
Chair, Jane Blackburn; Co-Chair, Beverly Gould

“B” LITERATES – Open

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. either at the Lake Travis Library or at members' homes. September 14th will be our first in-person meeting of the year. We will discuss *An Anonymous Girl* by Geer Hendrick and Sarah Pekkanen, a novel of psychological suspense and obsession, right versus wrong, and betrayal. If you would like to join us, or for more information, please contact Debbie Carver at 714-392-1220 or debbieanncarver@gmail.com
Debbie Carver, Chair

CHATTY CRITICS – Open

Chatty Critics meets on the first Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at members' homes. However, because of Labor Day, we will instead be meeting

on Monday, September 13, 2021 with Stephanie Sampson hosting. Our selection will be *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. The novel is a fictional take on the experiences of one dedicated woman of the Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project, one of FDR's many WPA projects during the Depression. Please note that Chatty Critics has openings for three people.

Stephanie Sampson, Chair

Sampsonstephanie5@gmail.com

LITERARY LADIES of LAKEWAY – Open

The Literary Ladies of Lakeway meet in members' homes on the second Wednesday of each month where we enjoy a light lunch and our book discussion. If in-person meetings are not possible this year, we will hold our meetings via Zoom. Our group reads a mix of fiction and non-fiction works, as well as one classic each year. In September we will be reading and discussing *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Our group currently has two openings, so please email if you are interested in joining. For information contact: Kimberly at lenzfamly@sbcglobal.net.

Kimberly Lenz, Chair

VOYAGERS BOOK CLUB – Open

Voyagers holds meetings on the 4th Friday of each month. Our 1st meeting is September 25 at 10 a.m. We will be discussing *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purcell. The Voyager book selections for the coming year are:

- *The Wedding Bees* by Sarah-Kate Lynch
- *Under a Gilded Moon* by Joy Jordan-Lake
- *Becoming Duchess Goldblatt* by Anonymous
- *The Vanishing Half* by Britt Bennett
- *The Last Train to Key West* by Chanel Cleeton
- *The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American*
- *Ideal West* – David McCullough
- *The Last Romantics* by Tara Conklin

Please contact me at pegtruck@gmail.com with any questions.

Peg Truckenbrod, Chair; Kathy Wilson, Co-Chair
kathylwilson@gmail.com

WINE WITH WORDS – Limited Openings

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. for dinner at a member's home or at a local restaurant. Our September meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 21st. Our book selection is *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus. For more information, please contact Nicky at nickybrademan@gmail.com or Pat at texas4Pat@gmail.com.

Nicky Brademan & Pat Long, Co-Chairs

WORLD OF BOOKS – Closed

World of Books meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in member's homes. All current COVID protocols are observed. For September, our selection is *Pretty Things* by Janelle Ward. For information, please contact Mary Mikhail at 512-771-1189 or mvmik04@gmail.com.
Mary Mikhail & Betty Haley, Co-Chairs

Non-Book Club SIGS

CANASTA – Closed, but taking substitutes

The Canasta group will reconvene on Tuesday, September 14th. The Canasta group plays the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 12-3 p.m. at the Lakeway Activity Center. All canasta players must be members of the Lakeway Activity Center. We have up to six tables. I will be sending out an email to canasta members the week before. The first 24 ladies to respond will play.

Beverly Gould, Chair

(512-970-3244) virgilbev@att.net

DINNER CLUB - Closed

Dinner Club meets in the homes of its members for a pot-luck style dinner in January, February, and March with an opening reception in the fall. As of this date our membership is full. All events depend on the CDC recommendations for safety.

Laura Harvill & Pat Younger - Co-Chairs

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

EX-PATS – Open



September is here and the expat group is ready to roll! We have some exciting ideas that we cannot wait to share with you. If you've lived abroad for a minimum of one year, or are an expat from abroad, we would love for you to join us.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month in members' homes to learn about various countries through food, lectures, and stories. We also plan to explore Austin with a couple of excursions nearby. If this sounds like a group you would enjoy, please send us an email including the countries that you have lived in and your cell phone number.

Our first meeting will be held Thursday, September 16th at 10:00 a.m. Please email us to let us know if you plan on attending this first get-together. We will give you the particulars one or two weeks ahead of time as to how and where we will be meeting.

Interested in sharing your cultural experiences? Would you like to host a monthly meeting? Send us an email and we will add you to our list. Contact us at lindat.buikema@gmail.com or pamfilas@yajoo.com.

Linda Buikema & Pam Filas, Co-Chairs

GALLOPING GOURMETS – Open



Galloping Gourmets enjoy monthly luncheons on the first Friday of each month at a variety of restaurants. This is a great opportunity to share lunch with friends and to make new friends.

On October 1, we will leap into fall with our first

luncheon. Invitations will be sent to group members.

To join Galloping Gourmets, sign up at the WCGL September luncheon, or send your \$10.00 fee to: Mary Gutierrez, 401 Rocky Coast Drive 78738. We look forward to gathering together. All COVID community guidelines will be followed as recommended.

For further information contact:

Mary (tomandmarylaboube@gmail.com) or

Mary (tonymaryg305@gmail.com)

Mary LaBoube & Mary Gutierrez, Co-Chairs

GARDEN CLUB – Open



Lakeway Garden Club encourages all plant and gardening lovers to join our educational monthly meetings! We feature knowledgeable guest presentations, garden

tours, and other events. Meetings are scheduled the second Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Membership is open to all WCGL members and \$10 fees are paid yearly. If you have not already paid, make your checks out to "Lakeway Garden Club" and send to:

Jayne Meythaler

11 Sunview Road

The Hills, TX 78738

Join us September 10th at the home of Dottie Stevenson – 310 Camino Arbolago 78734. This is a gated community but someone will be available to open the gates. We will be enjoying breakfast snacks, coffee, tea, and possibly some bubbly! Also, we will give you a preview of our upcoming programs. Due to the recent uptick in COVID-19, we request that you be prepared to wear a mask.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Contact

jenniferwindau@hotmail.com

Jennifer Windau, Chair

HIKE & BIKE – Open

For 2021-2022, Hike & Bike is hosting **ten** fun outings on the second Wednesday of most months, including hiking, bicycling, kayaking, caving, canoeing, and swimming. On September 8th, Peg

Miller will lead a hike on shaded Rough Hollow trails followed by a mid-morning pool party in her backyard pool! Interested? To join, request a copy of Hike & Bike's **Welcome Packet for New Members** at grouppexpedition@gmail.com. There is no membership fee to join.



Eleven Hike & Bike members exploring Natural Bridge Caverns - July 2021

Lynne LeMon, Chair

KNITTING & STITCHERY – Open

We meet at 10 a.m. on the second 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 solving 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 me by email in order to receive information about the next meeting.

Phyllis Miller, Chair

pmiller888@aol.com (912-656-6833)

LAKEWAY INVESTMENT PARTNERS - Open

Lakeway Investment Partners welcomes any Women's Club member who has an interest in investing in the stock market. We buy and sell stocks, and at each meeting we have lively discussions on the performance of the stocks we hold or are interested in buying.

Members of Lakeway Investment Partners each make an initial investment of \$1,000 and invest an additional \$100 each quarter.

Lakeway Investment Partners hold their monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 1:30 pm. We usually meet in members' homes, however, at present, we are holding our meetings online via Zoom. Whether you are brand new to investing or a seasoned investor, check us out by contacting either:

Genevieve Fessenden (571)439-1336

fessendeng@gmail.com or

Deanna Allen (713)360-8161

deannaallen107@gmail.com

OUT & ABOUT – Open

It's time for us to get back on the road again, so join us on our first bus trip to Kerrville on Wednesday, October 13th. We'll tour the James Avery Artisan Jewelry Workshop, eat lunch at an exciting restaurant nearby, and be able to explore venues tucked away in the hill country.

Mr. Avery started his jewelry business in a two-car garage in 1954 with about \$250 in capital. He built a small workbench, bought a few hand tools and scraps of silver and copper. His pieces are beautiful.

We will eat lunch at a thoughtfully planned restaurant that will make you wonder how you never even knew the place existed. You are in for a surprise. All details and the cost of the trip are to be announced, so watch your emails from Out & About.

And don't forget another future destination. We're going to The Square in Georgetown on Wednesday, December 8th. We at Out & About are ready to give you a Texas-friendly warm welcome. See you soon.
Robin Hermann, Chair; Nancy Vaughn, Communications

PICKLEBALL PARTNERS – Open

Our next games are on September 6th and September 17th at 8:00 a.m. at the pickleball courts located in the 400 block of Sailmaster. We have many players who are newcomers and/or moderate players in our group. Those of us who know the rules and how to play readily help new players. We always have extra paddles in case one is needed.

Please be sure to wear sunscreen, a hat, and tennis shoes. For more information, contact Pat Long (432-528-2098) or Jennifer Windau (360-618-3871.)

Pat Long & Jennifer Windau, Co-Chairs

SING ALONG – Audition Required

The date for Sing Along to start rehearsals for the Christmas show has changed. We will now meet on September 9th at 3:00 p.m. at the Activity Center. Come early to pay your fees and to pick up your music. The Christmas show is scheduled

for Sunday, December 5th at 2:00 p.m. with two back-to-back shows. To audition for membership in Sing Along, contact Joann Anderson, 512-261-3313. Yakjim@aol.com

Joann Anderson, Chair

SINGLE FRIENDS of LAKEWAY – Open

We are a group of single ladies who gather several times a year to socialize and share a meal or enjoy an activity together. We would love to have you join us.

Maggie Calbert & Julia Prokop, Co-Chairs

GIRLFRIENDS' SOCIAL HOUR – Open



Greetings to all our socially minded ladies! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready to enjoy a fun-filled fall!

Our SIG meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 4-6 p.m. at various venues around Lakeway to socialize with our

girlfriends, enjoying beverages and food of choice.

We'll send out an evite each month with all the event details and then we encourage you to respond as quickly as possible as space is limited.

Looking forward to enjoying each other's company soon!

Cheers,

Lorraine Dantone, Lwerner55@comcast.net
Brooke Grafstrom, Brookegrafstrom@gmail.com

OUR WOMEN'S CLUB WEBSITE LINK:

<https://www.lakewaywomensclub.com>

Membership Directory w/ photos, phone numbers, addresses and opted-in email addresses will be password protected. The online and printed Yearbook/Directory will be ready in November. They will be available to active members only, so renew your membership now.

The Women's Club is an IRC 501(c)(7) organization. Our objective is to promote the social, cultural, and intellectual growth of our members.

The WCGL organization observes the Covid-19 guidelines of The State of Texas, Travis County, and the City of Lakeway.

