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Medical Alliance



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 15 - General Meeting - Speaker Jeffrey Hutchinson, MD via Zoom
- February 15 - Party and raffle tickets go on sale for PWAP - Palm Springs Cool!
- February 23 - Book Group, *Wild Swans* by Jung Chang
- March 3 - Joint Installation of TCMS and TCMA Boards at the Oasis
- March 23 - Book Group, *The Biggest Bluff* by Maria Konnikova
- March 24 - Saint Louise House meal prep
- April 2 - Party With A Purpose - Palm Springs Cool!
- April 19 - General Meeting at Star Hill Ranch and Grant presentation
- April 27 - Book Group, *Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles
- April 28-29 - ALLMED in Houston



Note from TCMA President Jenny Stern

Hello Alliance Friends,

I want to take this Valentine's week to express my appreciation for every Alliance member, whether you are a board member, a committee chair, a participant in any of our activities, or a supporter through your dues. You *all* are vital to the success of our organization.

Thank you!



Jenny Stern
president @[tcmalliance.org](mailto:jstern@tcmalliance.org)



Join us for our February meeting!

Tuesday, February 15th
9:30 am

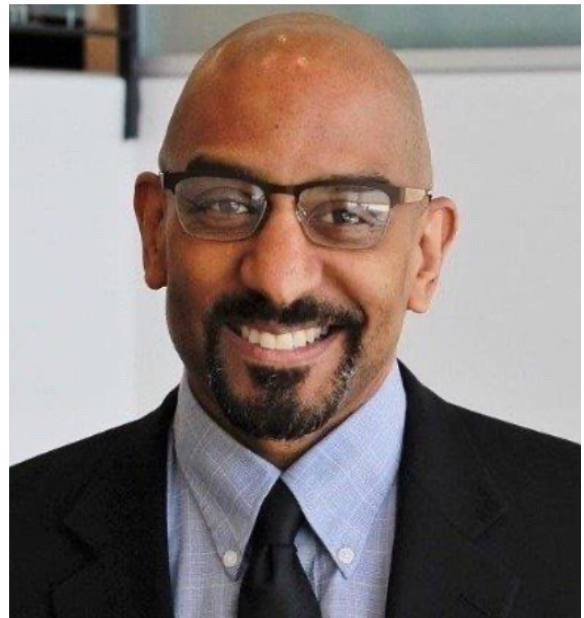
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[LINK HERE!!!!!!!](#)

The general membership will be **VOTING on the slate of officers** for the 2022-2023 Executive Board at the start of the meeting. Please be sure to attend so we will have a quorum and to support our new board!

A Party With A Purpose sponsor, Fighting 69th Irish Whiskey, is donating a bottle of whiskey as a door prize for one lucky attendant for our February meeting.

Speaker: Dr. Jeff
Hutchinson
Co-Chair of Community
Outreach for Austin Black
Physicians Association



Dr. Hutchinson will be speaking about ABPA's mission to decrease health disparities in underserved communities and how they work to inspire the next generation of Black doctors. ABPA will be one of the TCMAF grant recipients for 2022.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the recent instances of racial injustice have called special attention to a problem we have always known: the lives of African-Americans are being cut short both by health disparities rooted in systemic racism and police brutality. While there are multifaceted factors contributing to the health disparities of African-Americans, there is evidence to suggest that high levels of stress, poor access to health care (especially primary care), low-income status and chronic illness play vital roles in the increased risks associated with COVID-19 among this population. The limited demographic data available reveals that the coronavirus is infecting and killing Black Americans at a disproportionately high rate and much more information needs to be collected to inform public health efforts.

There are ABPA members on the front lines caring for patients, and we are grateful for their commitment and service during this historical crisis. At ABPA, we see ourselves as healers and advocates for our patients and our community. We envision a more just and equitable healthcare system where there are no barriers to access, all patients are treated fairly, and can expect equitable health outcomes. We invite you to join us in our mission.



2022 Party With a Purpose - Palm Springs Cool

This is it! Tickets for PWAP-Palm Springs Cool! go live on Tuesday after the general membership meeting. This party has limited space, so we encourage you to waste no time reserving a spot for yourself and your date. Tickets can be purchased at tcmalliance.org. Please note that some details (especially raffle packages and sponsors) are still being determined. So you'll want to visit the PWAP page on our website weekly to learn more.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact co-chairs Julie Cowan (jscowan@aol.com) or Christina Fenrich (cafenrich@gmail.com).

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St. Louise House

What's new? - A volunteer opportunity at Saint Louise House! Beginning in March, Saint Louise House is looking to have volunteers help in their program offices at both locations. As a volunteer, you will help answer phones, greet residents when they come in, help with food bank and other deliveries, and help with some very basic data entry needed in the day-to-day operations. This will be an on-going 8 week commitment. Shifts are Monday - Friday during normal business hours.

Saint Louise House is looking for volunteers who:

- Are 18 or above
- Can commit to working the same shift at the same location every week for a minimum of 8 weeks
- Willing to complete a background check if you have not already done so

There are both daily morning and afternoon shifts at each of their two locations. Sound interesting to you? Or would like more details on the opportunity? If so, please contact Donna Clendennen, Volunteer & Community Engagement Manager at 512.302.0027 ext. 217 or dclendennen@saintlouiseshouse.org.



Membership renewals – target date is March 31st!

TCMA membership numbers continue to increase, but we do have some people who haven't yet renewed. We encourage these valued members to renew by March 31st. Go to the <https://www.tcmalliance.org/> website and look for the "Membership" tab. You'll find instructions on how to renew online, by mail or by phone. Or call the TMA Knowledge Center to speak to someone who can help at 800-880-7955.

Take advantage of the many benefits of TCMA membership. And please be sure to invite qualified friends and associates to join. We would love your support as we work together for a healthier Central Texas!

Lori Benold - VP Membership



Medical Affairs

Early voting for the March primary election begins tomorrow, Feb. 14, and runs until Feb. 25. Election day is March 1.

To see a list of candidates endorsed by TEXPAC, visit [2022 Texpac Endorsements](#). Please vote!

Julie Cowan - VP Medical Affairs



2022 ALLMed in Houston

Great news – the TMA Alliance state convention is meeting **IN PERSON April 28-29** in Houston. ALLMed includes our annual business meeting, special speaker presentations, leadership development, fellowship, networking, and fun. Reserve your room now. AllMed is for all TMA Alliance members, and we especially encourage attendance by those in leadership positions and those who want to pursue a leadership position in their county alliance. Look for more details later this month on the [TMAA website](#).

The Annual Fund Drive is still ongoing!

Thank you to all who have donated already.

Go to [Donate to Annual Fund Drive](#) to contribute online and to [2021-2022 Fund Drive Donors](#) to see the complete list of donors. Any amount is greatly appreciated and supports our grants program and community service initiatives.

Inga Ruckman, Annual Fund Drive Chair

Book Group

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To join the Book Group, visit tcmalliance.org and click on the Book Review tab, under News & Events.

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