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UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 22 - Book Review

March 7 - First Tuesday

March 8 - Happy Hour Social

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March 24 - TCMS/TCMA Officer Installation Dinner

April 15 - Party with a Purpose

April 20 - General Meeting (note: Thursday, not Tuesday)

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear TCMA Friends,

It's hard to believe that spring is just around the corner. This is a busy time in the Alliance, and we want to make sure you don't miss a thing! Please read carefully and make plans to join us.

I have some exciting news to share about Party with a Purpose: Inga and Richard Ruckman have donated an incredible Kentucky Derby VIP Experience valued at over \$20,000. In response to this exciting turn of events, we have decided to hold a reverse raffle at the Party with a Purpose for this package!

What is a reverse raffle, you ask? A reverse raffle awards the grand prize to the last ticket drawn instead of the first! But don't worry if your number gets drawn early. At a certain point in the evening everyone who has been drawn will have one opportunity to buy back into the drawing. It should make for an exciting evening, and we are really hoping it will help us raise funds worthy of this generous gift!

This is where we need your help to make it a success! We are hoping to sell 200 tickets at \$100 each. Please support our charitable efforts by purchasing a chance to win this bucket-list experience, AND share the link with any neighbors, co-workers, friends, and family who may want to get in on the action. You need not be present to win, but you (or your representative) do need to be present to participate in the buyback option. We will have a few consolation prizes added to the mix as well!

You should have received an email invitation to Party with a Purpose with all the details, and the links to purchase event tickets and raffle tickets. Christi Dammert and her committee have been hard at working planning an incredible evening, and I hope you will plan to be there!

Also hoping to see you next month at the Alliance First Tuesday at the Capitol, TCMA Happy Hour, and TCMS/TCMA Installation Dinner!

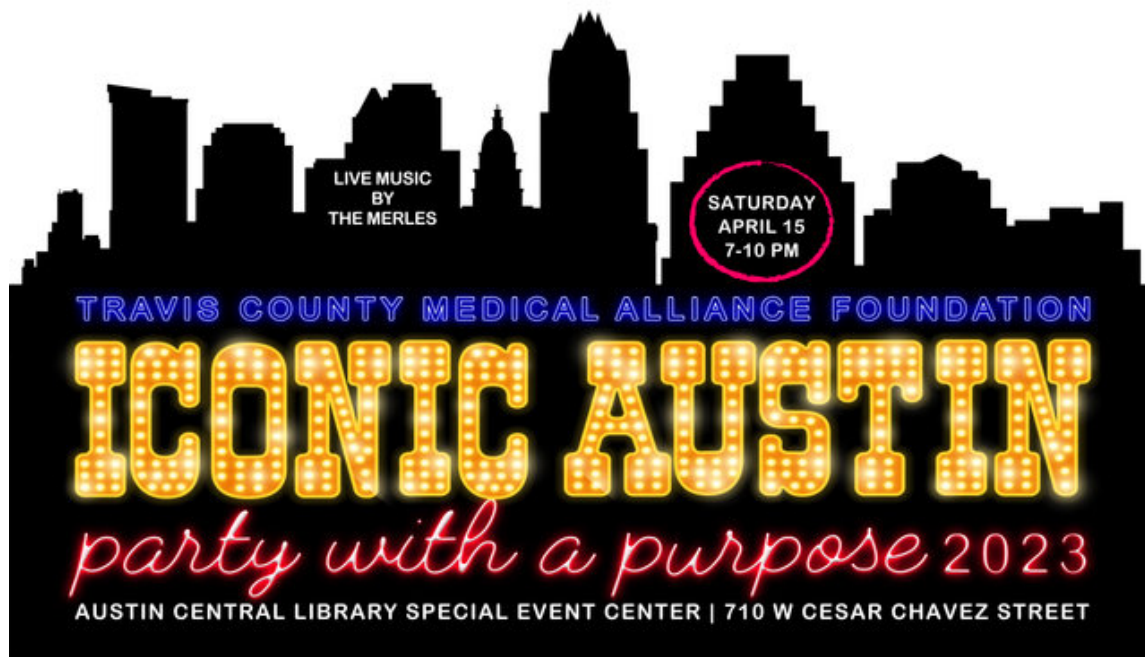
Shannon McNeil



Mark your calendar NOW for the TMCA's 2023 Party With a Purpose!

This year's theme is Iconic Austin!

Saturday, April 15 ~ 7-10PM ~ Austin Central Library



Christi Dammert and committee are hard at work planning a fabulous Party with a Purpose. If you'd like to bring your enthusiasm and party planning skills to the committee, we'd love to have you join us. Also, please let us know if you have a vacation home with a few available days that you would like to donate to our Iconic Experiences Raffle.

Please contact Christi Dammert at dammert.c@gmail.com.

In anticipation of the *Iconic Austin Party With a Purpose* here are some quirky facts about our beloved city.

- [Austin](#) is ranked one of the [most dog-friendly cities](#) in the U.S. with its dog-friendly restaurants and hotels, and almost 30 off-leash parks.
- The Austin-Round Rock metro area has its very own Bigfoot - named [Hairy Man](#), who allegedly lives on [Hairy Man Road](#).
- [Austin is home to the largest bat colony in North America](#). Around 1.5 million bats emerge from under the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge just before sunset every day from March to October.



Party With A Purpose Sponsors

Platinum:

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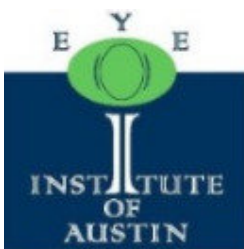
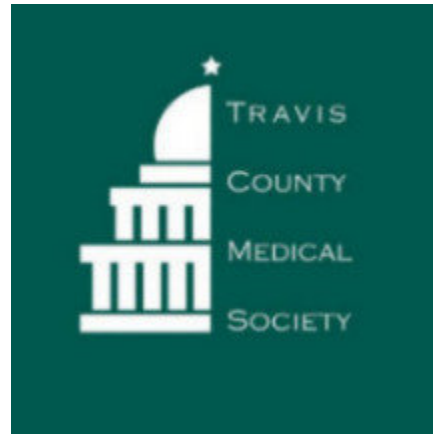
Inga Ruckman & Richard Ruckman, MD





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TMA First Tuesdays are Officially Here!



Thanks to everyone who joined us on Feb 7th – it was awesome to see all the “white coats” flood the halls of the Capitol. March is officially **ALLIANCE MONTH** for First Tuesdays advocacy. We'll meet our legislators to discuss bills and request funding for programs that impact physicians and their patients. Lots of special activities and surprises are in store, beginning with a reception on Monday, March 6, and TMAA recognition on the floor of the House of Representatives. Alliance members who attend will receive a commemorative scarf to mark the 20th anniversary of First Tuesdays.

Please consider clearing your schedule for Tuesday, March 7 and join us in supporting the Party of Medicine. New to advocacy and wonder how to register and make a difference? Follow the steps below to make the most of your advocacy experience:

- 1) Watch the TCMAA Advocacy 101 Session (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zW5aklb57V0>) to gain insight into what to expect in a legislative visit and how YOUR presence/experiences make a difference.
- 2) Register (hyper link) for the MARCH First Tuesdays advocacy day to receive day of itinerary updates and invitations to pre-event trainings and events.

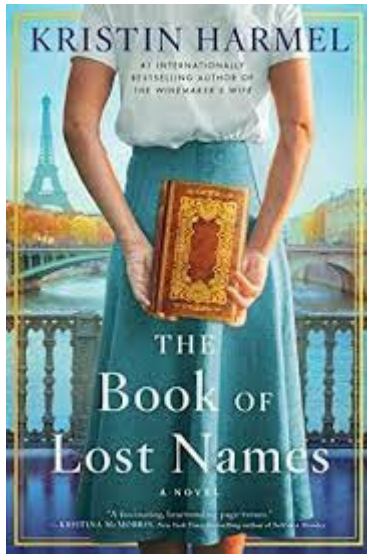
Let's make sure Travis County has a strong showing at the Capitol on March 7.

[Register Today](#)



General Meeting Recap

Last week at February's general meeting, TCMA members were given a guided tour of the brand new, state of the art Austin PBS headquarters. Our members learned all about how Austin PBS is building a base for Central Texans to gather, learn, share and create.

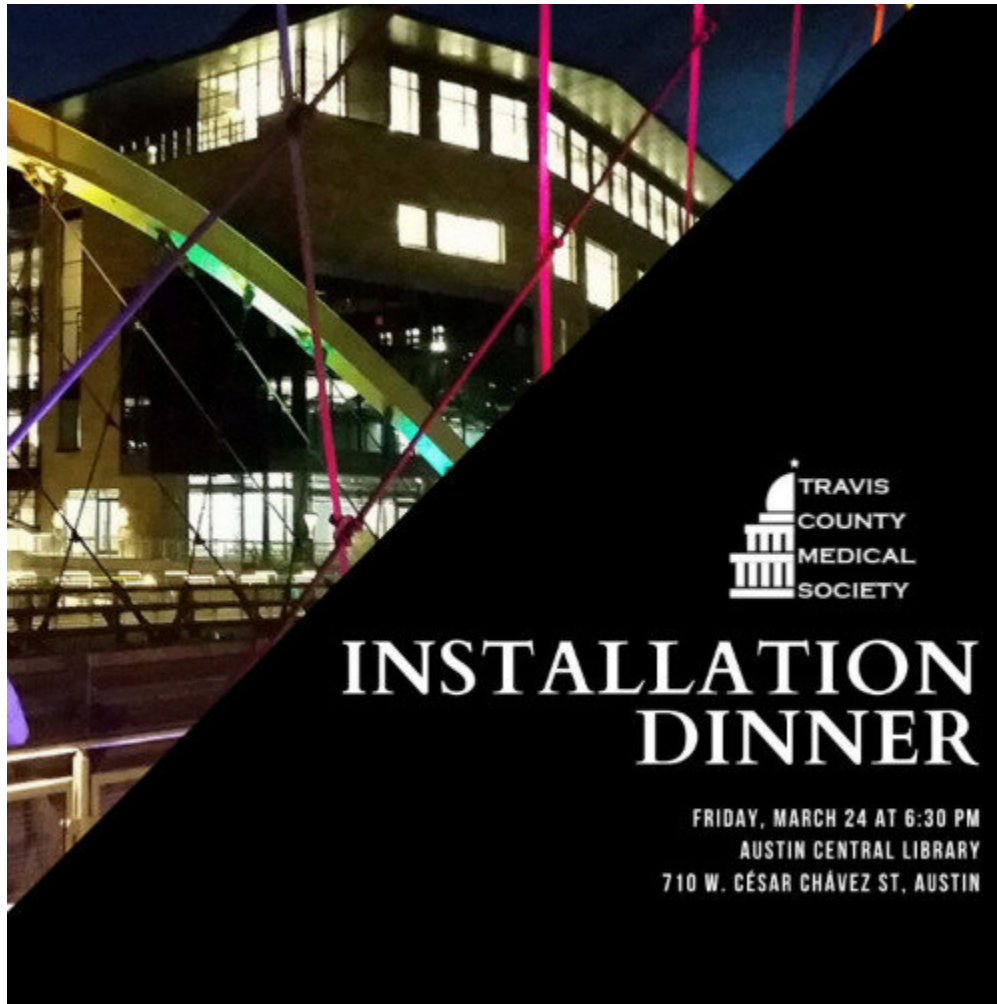


Book Review

The Book of Lost Names

February 22, 2023; 10am

To join the book group and receive emails with locations, contact Peggy Russell at pjmrtexas@gmail.com



Join us as we celebrate the installation of 2023 TCMS President, Dr. Jonathan MacClements and TCMA President, Christi Dammert

RSVP





Vital Signs Submissions

Step 1: Text should be attached as a Word Doc; created & shared in Google Drive; or, if very brief, can be shared in body of email.

Step 2: Image should be attached as a JPEG or PNG. Do not add to the body of email. Alternatively, image can be created & shared in Google Photos.

Step 3: Email content/link to Deneitra at denny@wadealliance.com by 5pm Friday. Unless otherwise requested, content that is not date-dependent may not appear in subsequent newsletters.

Step 4: If you submit **new** content, you will receive a draft newsletter. Please review and re-submit any changes by 10pm Saturday.

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