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TRAVIS COUNTY MEDICAL ALLIANCE

*A Century of Supporting
Healthcare in Central Texas*

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A promotional poster for the TCMA Centennial Celebration. The background is a gradient of blue and grey. At the top, it reads 'TRAVIS COUNTY MEDICAL ALLIANCE' in red, followed by the tagline 'A Century of Supporting Healthcare in Central Texas' in a cursive font. Below this is the 100th anniversary logo. The main title 'Centennial Celebration' is written in a large, elegant cursive font. At the bottom, the event details are listed: 'VUKA' at '5540 N. Lamar Blvd', the date 'MARCH 1, 2024' at '6:30 pm', and the music by 'Love and Happiness'.



It's not too late to [donate to Annual Fund Drive](#)

Happy MLK Day

Upcoming Events

January 17: MahJongg

January 22: TCMS Chicken Sh*# Bingo

January 24: Book Review

February 27: General Meeting

March 1: Centennial Celebration Party With A Purpose

A Century of Supporting Healthcare

Party season is upon us! On Friday, March 1st, the Centennial Celebration **Party With A Purpose** will be a big event with dancing, dinner and classic cocktails. This celebration will be in one of Austin's newest event centers, Vuka on North Lamar. An eight-piece band, **Love & Happiness** will entertain with music from every decade; you know you'll want to dance! (*Get a sneak peak of the band at The Highball for Motown Mondays every week*). If dancing isn't your thing, Vuka offers ample space to catch up with friends. And, speaking of friends, all our friends and family, outside of and within the medical community, are welcome to join us. The more the merrier!

Our Party With A Purpose co-chairs, Bere Craig and Tera Ferguson, are putting together the party of the century so buy your tickets today using [this link](#) or the starburst tab above!



In 1986, the TCMA Gala theme was Miami Vice meets The Love Boat.

It was a black-tie party with a cruise-themed fashion show.

There was even a runway with members and their kids strutting the catwalk in the latest fashions. Lots of questions come to mind with these fashion choices, but the big question about this event is:

Who was the swimsuit model?

In 2001, members made the trek north to Pflugerville to raise their steins and raise money for the Alliance's grant recipients which included the Volunteer Healthcare Clinic and Mother's Milk Bank of Austin, two organizations will be supporting again this year.



In the coming weeks our time capsules will continue to take us to parties throughout the years. These events include fashion shows, black tie galas, two-steppin' honkey tonks, and so much more.

MahJongg

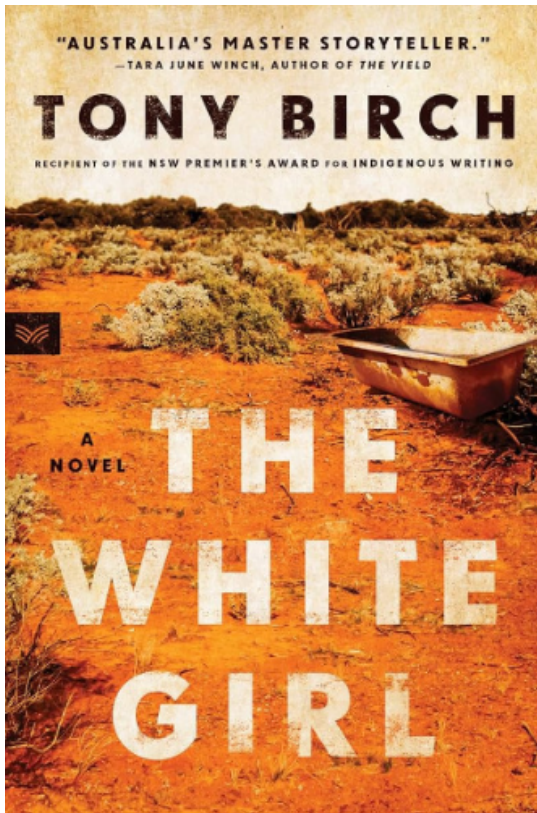
Wednesday
January 17, 2024; 11:30am
Serranos South

Beginner lessons will be taught by Debbie Jones. Please contact Debbie for information, date & time.



Evening play will begin this month. More information to follow. Contact Kathy Thorstad for details.

Book Review



**January 24, 2024
10:00am**

The White Girl
by
Tony Birch

Review by Shirley Mendelson
at the home of Cathy Thorstad



General Meeting

February 27; 10:30am

6 Rock Way Cove, Austin

Home of TCMA Past President Shannon McNeil

Please join us for our next General Meeting with special guest speaker, Robert Whitfield, MD. Dr. Whitfield has been a plastic surgeon for 26 years and is a sought after provider for his HARP, Holistic Accelerated Recovery Program, and his "No-Cut" Facelift, as well cutting edge Wellness Spa treatments.

He will discuss the latest technologies in facial aesthetics.



In addition, we will be collecting paper products for Lirios Pediatrics, a 2024 TCMA grant recipient and TMAA Medical Community Grant recipient. Please bring toilet paper/facial tissues/tri-fold paper towels (for dispensers) to the General Meeting.



Looking forward to seeing you there! Please contact Lara Norris, VP of Programs larisalee1968@aol.com with any questions.



TCMAF Fund Drive

Many thanks to those of you who have donated to our annual FUND DRIVE!

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Call to Action: Support H.R. 6683

Physicians are facing yet another in a series of looming Medicare payment cuts, this time to the tune of 3.37% starting in 2024. But Rep. Greg Murphy, MD (R-NC) has introduced H.R. 6683 the "Preserving Seniors' Access to Physicians Act." Legislation, that if enacted, would completely eliminate the scheduled 3.37% physician payment cut.

The effects of these cuts will be exacerbated in rural and under-served areas, which continue to face significant healthcare access challenges. Medicare physicians and other providers do not receive inflationary updates in the Medicare program, which is partially why eliminating these potential cuts is so crucial.

Contact your members of Congress today and urge them to fix the flawed Medicare physician payment system by supporting H.R. 6683. Congress only has until January 19 to act, avoid a government shutdown and fund programs for the coming year.

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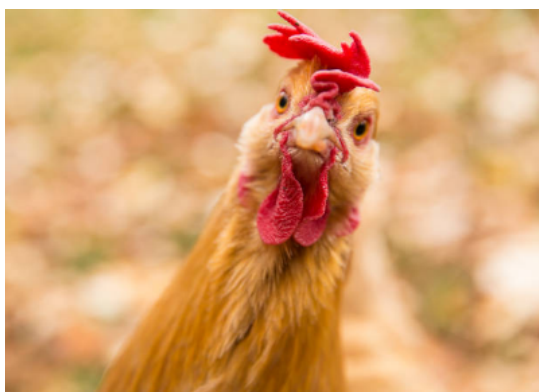
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Ready for a Clucking Good Time? TCMS Chicken Sh*# Bingo is Back!

Monday, January 22; 6:30 - 9pm
Little Longhorn Saloon, 5434 Burnet Road, Austin



Only the best for our members. If Texas Monthly says Chicken Sh*#! Bingo at the Little Longhorn Saloon should be on your Texas bucket list, then TCMS has you covered. Join us for tacos in a down home, country dive made even more entertaining with the appearance of a live chicken and some lucky Sh*#!

RSVP



Week *in* Pictures



Deneitra Hutchinson at Lirios, organizing book shelves prior to [Fox 7 Austin](#) staff interview.



With agendas in-hand, the Executive Board begins work in the new year.



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