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UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 2 - First Tuesdays at the Capitol

May 5 - Past Presidents Luncheon at Tarry House (Contact Jenny Stern,
704-578-3999)

May 9 - Executive Board Retreat

May 18-20 - ALLMED 2023 Conference Fort Worth

President's Notes



Dear Alliance Members,

What a great couple of weeks it's been for TCMA! Let me start by applauding the Party with a Purpose Committee. I am in awe of how so many moving parts came together in a relatively short time to make the evening a success. Not only was the team operating on a limited budget, but they were able to execute a fantastic event and raise \$46,000 for our grant recipients! Thanks to the committee and to everyone who supported the fundraiser.

We followed up the "iconic" party with our last general meeting of the year at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Treva Horwitz took care of everything: from the parking signs and meeting logistics to the gorgeous origami flowers that flanked the table centerpieces. The Great Hall looked beautiful; the weather was perfect; and guests enjoyed a healthy lunch while hearing from our eight grant recipients (pictured). They are doing meaningful and much needed work in our community, and it is rewarding to be able to contribute to their efforts. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of our members and sponsors, we were able to fully fund their grant requests.

I especially love the April meeting because we not only get to recognize incredible organizations in our community, we also get to recognize the TCMA

Volunteer of the Year and the incoming TCMA President. It was my great pleasure to present the Volunteer of the Year award to Deneitra Hutchinson. She has expertly and consistently worked behind the scenes putting together this newsletter every week since graciously agreeing to take it over in September. Her skill set and demeanor make her the perfect woman for the job, and we are lucky to have her in the Alliance.

I was also delighted to officially install Christi Dammert as our next TCMA President. After working closely with Christi this year, I have every confidence that she is the perfect person to lead in our Centennial Year. I can't wait to see what she has in store for us!

Preparing for the last general meeting inspired me to reflect on the year. For those of you who were not in attendance, I want to end with a some of my remarks from that meeting: *It's hard to believe that it's been a year since Jenny presented me with my President's pin, and I adjourned that meeting at the Star Hill Ranch. It has been a year to remember! Thanks to our incredible board members and committee chairs who have worked together for a healthier Central Texas. When I look back on all that this hard-working leadership team has accomplished, I feel so proud of our organization. I also want to recognize all our Alliance members who contributed in various ways this year. For those*

who donated to the annual fund drive; or provided a meal to a fellow Alliance member; or volunteered to furnish an apartment or cook a meal for Saint Louise House; or stuffed envelopes for Volunteer Healthcare Clinic; or provided nursing care at Sacred Heart Community Clinic; or helped with school physicals for AISD students, I am thankful.

I am pleased to say that because of all of you, we have had a good year.

Shannon McNeil



**JOIN US ON MAY 2nd FOR OUR FINAL
TMA FIRST TUESDAYS AT THE
CAPITOL**



This year marks the 20th anniversary of First Tuesdays at the Capitol, a grassroots movement started by Alliance members to amplify TMA's ongoing legislative priorities of protecting the practice of medicine and ensuring the highest quality of medical care for the people of Texas. The 88th Legislative Session is winding down,

but you still have one more opportunity to share your stories at the Capitol on May 2, 2023.

As important members of the Party of Medicine - our voices are making a difference!

Please consider joining local physicians and Alliance advocates by registering below.

Got questions? Call or [email](#) the Knowledge Center or call 800-880-7955

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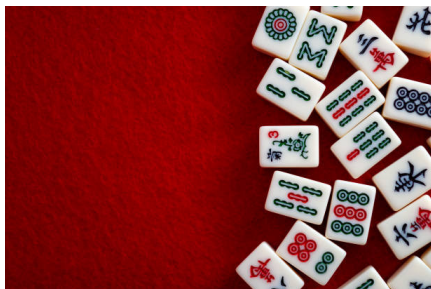
Carrie Conner and the BookSpring Leadership Team invite TCMA members and their families to attend BookSpring Fest on Saturday, May 13 from 2-8pm. The free event takes place at BookSpring's stunning new headquarters at 1807 W. Slaughter Lane. No kids - no problem! Come meet some Austin celebrities; learn about BookSpring's mission; and check out BookSpring's permanent home. RSVP required. For questions, reach to Carrie at carrieconnercpa@gmail.com.



Lirios Needs YOU!

Lirios is requesting volunteers, especially those who are bilingual/fluent Spanish speakers. Whether you can serve on a weekly-, biweekly-, or monthly-basis, they would love to put you to work at the front desk and/or as a translator. Most of the clinical roles are filled, but there is a **Thursday, 8am-12pm slot available** for the front desk/translator, along with the need for a **Friday afternoon 1-5pm** translator. As summer break approaches, more shifts will need to be filled.

If interested in helping, please contact Executive Director, Monica Simmons
MSimmons@liriospediatrics.org



Mah Jongg

This lively, long-standing group of the TCMA invites seasoned and new members to join them on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month for this ancient Chinese strategy game. Please contact Kathy Thorstad kthorstad@austin.rr.com for location and information.



Vital Signs Submissions

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Step 2: Image should be attached as a JPEG or PNG. Alternatively, image can be created & shared in Google Photos.

Step 3: Email content/link to Deneitra at denny@wadealliance.com by 5pm Friday, prior to Monday's distribution. Content that is date-dependent will appear in the newsletter until the information is no longer relevant.

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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