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What's Happening:

**January 27 - [Book Review](#)**  
**February 16, 2021 - [General Meeting](#)**  
**April 20, 2021 - General Meeting**



**Note from Christina  
Fenrich,  
TCMA President**

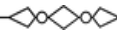
Happy New Year, Alliance Friends—

With 2020 in hindsight, I look back with gratitude and pride in how our board and membership have stepped up to adapt to new ways of connecting, volunteering, and giving generously during this unprecedented year. Our mission to assist the TCMS, our community, and the family of medicine never ceased. We embraced new ways to

communicate and addressed community needs with activities such as PPE deliveries, volunteered at Covid-19 vaccine clinics, coordinated a drive-thru flu vaccination clinic, hosted interesting virtual meetings, and fundraised with a robust start.

I'm especially happy to report that our membership renewal rate currently sits at 87%! Thank you to all who have renewed your membership and participated in our incentive drawing. We are very close to our goal of 100% renewal. If you haven't renewed yet, please consider doing so when the next email reminder and regular mailed invoice arrives on January 13th. Your membership allows us to continue our goal of serving; we are here because of you.

As we move into the new year, our Party with a Purpose committee members have been hard at work planning and reimagining a fun and safe way for us to gather. Mark your calendars - the date is April 10th, 2021! We plan to have smaller groups meet at member's homes to celebrate a 'Texas Springtime' themed event. See below for more details. Stay healthy and safe friends. Hope is on the horizon in 2021.



# General Meeting



**February 16**  
**9:30 am**



**Join us on Zoom with  
The Flower Social  
& learn how to  
make a professional  
Floral Centerpiece!**

**The Flower Social has been  
featured in Austin Monthly,  
KXAN and Studio 512.**

**You can choose to  
either pick up your  
Floral Centerpiece Kit  
at The Flower Social,  
for \$40 on  
Monday February 15th  
between 11 - 5**

**BETWEEN 11-5,  
or choose to have your  
Floral Centerpiece Kit  
delivered to you for \$60.  
Delivery will be  
on February 14th or 15th.  
(Only tools needed at home  
are some scissors.)**

**The Flower Social  
pick up address is:  
5501 North Lamar Blvd. #A102  
Austin, TX 78751  
(Enter through Succulent Native)**

**[www.theflowersocialaustin.com](http://www.theflowersocialaustin.com)**

**More information on tickets to  
come.**

**Purchase tickets by Feb. 3  
to reserve your spot.**

**Any questions please  
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## 2021 Membership Campaign Continues!

Please renew your Jan – Dec 2021 membership:  
We just wouldn't be the same organization without YOU!

As reported at the Happy Holidays Event last week, the TCMA membership renewal process is going very well. **We are up to 87% renewals!** But that leaves 13% of us still to join. We want all of our dear friends to join us for a great 2021 year! This spring, alone, will include access to two general membership meetings, an invitation to Party with a Purpose, continued access to enrichment activities, and inside scoop from Medical Affairs on advocacy at the Capitol. (So important as the Legislature begins a new Session and COVID relief nears!)

Here are three ways to renew:

1. Online at [texmedalliance.org](https://www.texmedalliance.org) (Click *Join Now* in the top right-hand corner to take you to the TMAA form.)
2. By calling the TMA Knowledge Center at (800) 880-7955 (You'll talk with a live person who can help you find pertinent information to complete your registration. Have your credit card ready.)
3. By mailing a membership form and check to TMA Alliance, 401 W. 15th Street, Ste. 101, Austin, TX 78701 (A membership form can be found at [https://www.texmedalliance.org/tmaimis/tmaa/assets/mshipforms/Travis\\_2021.pdf](https://www.texmedalliance.org/tmaimis/tmaa/assets/mshipforms/Travis_2021.pdf), printed out, and mailed along with your payment.)

Staff are on-call during regular business hours at the TMA Knowledge Center to help you identify your spouse's license number if you don't have it.

**If you haven't renewed, look for an invoice from TMAA in your mail around January 13th.**

And finally, congratulations to Cindy Groves who won the stay in Park City!



# Party with a Purpose 2021



We're fixin' to round-up in safe, small groups this spring.  
A mighty big yee-haw to our generous sponsors!



## Gold Star

CLINICAL  
PATHOLOGY  
ASSOCIATES



## Rising Star



Christi & Kevin Bozic Family  
Foundation



Foundation

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## **TCMA Fund Drive 2020 Update**

Thank you to Vickie Blumhagen for her work chairing the annual fund drive. And thank you to all our contributors (see below)!

Through her efforts and yours, we have raised \$16,150 to date. These dollars fund our own community service projects and our community service grant awards.

### **Foundational Believer (\$1,500+)**

Sarah and Ernest Butler

### **Advanced Advocate (\$1,000 - \$1,499)**

Austin Regional Clinic

Paul and Toni Burns

David Vander Straten

### **Mission-Driven Partner (\$500 - \$999)**

Dr. Richard and Martha Coons (in honor of Ken Kroll, MD)

Rob and Julie Cowan (in honor of Christina Fenrich)

Berenice and Jason Craig

Christina and Arnold Fenrich

Bob and Lara Norris (in honor of all Healthcare Workers)

Richard and Susan Redfern

Carla and Byron Wilkenfeld

### **Compassionate Supporter (\$250 - \$499)**

John and Shannon Abikhaled

Vickie and Guy Blumhagen

Hugh and Cathy Collins

Dr. and Mrs. Mark Crozier

Dr. Byron and Mary Darby  
Dr. Robert and Karin Foster  
Dr. Paul Harford and Sandra Dunn  
Richard and Angela Helmer  
Mark and Patti Hernandez  
Elaine and Michael Kasper  
Dr. and Mrs. Shannon Kratzer  
Sharon and Greg Kronberg  
David and Ann McFarland  
Celia Neavel  
David and Cindy Nelson  
Kevin and Beth O'Farrell  
Beth and Bob Schlechter  
Phyllis W. Tate (in memory of Robert A. Tate, MD)

**Trusted Friend (\$100 - \$249)**

Dr. Brian J. and Danielle Allen  
Patrick and Margene Beckham  
Lori and Terrell Benold  
Carolyn Biebas  
Sean and Cindy Blaydon  
Robert and Cheryl Butler  
Jack and Jennifer Carsner  
Gayle and Bubba Cullington  
Ben and Kathy Downie  
Dr. Elwood and Sue Eichler  
Dr. and Mrs. Bob Frachtman  
Dr. Lowell and Charlotte Haro  
Deneitra Hutchinson  
Karen and Stanley Kim  
Patty and Ike Loose  
Jeni and Gus Lowry  
Kay and Tom McHorse  
Shannon and Jeff McNeil  
Dr. H.E. and Ann Morales  
Dr. James and Cheryl Robinson  
Christina Romain  
Dr. Drew and Emy Lou Sawyer  
Marvann and Brian Savers



Maryann and Brian Gayle  
Adam and Janet Schneider  
Lisa R. Stanley  
Jenny Stern

Grace Tamesis (on behalf of Tamesis Allergy TX Center)

Michael and Karen Teneriello

Barbara Tindel (in memory of Dr. Jerry Tindel)

Kathy and Zoltan Trizna

Pat and Ted Wallis

Jan and Steve Wilson



## **Party With a Purpose 2021**

**Smaller parties – same BIG purpose!**

### **Would you & your spouse consider hosting?**

As we begin a fresh new year, it's time for TCMA to plan for one of our favorite events – the annual Party With a Purpose!

Since we'll be continuing to focus on health safety this spring, we've decided to approach PWAP in a much different way this year. Rather than one big event, we'll be planning smaller parties at approximately 10 homes, all on the same evening. We have 5 TCMA members who have already graciously offered to host a gathering. Would you be interested in entertaining a group at your home? We would all be so grateful. You'd be helping TCMA continue our important mission of supporting our grant recipients, while also showing gratitude to our esteemed sponsors. Plus, it will be a much-welcomed opportunity for members to begin to connect in person again, in a safe environment.

The PWAP committee will make it as easy as possible to host!

- Saturday, April 10, 2020 – 6pm
- 10 people per home (including hosting couple)

- Outdoor area required to allow for social distancing (preferably covered – or with room for a tent)
- Unified theme
- Catering, beverages, décor, and event surprises provided by TCMA to make hosting simple
- Flexibility for you to plan what works best in your home
- Any expenses the hosts might occur, though not anticipated, can be considered donations to the TCMA Foundation and be itemized on 2021 taxes

Are you interested in being a host for this unique, 2021 version of PWAP?

**For more information, please contact:**

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**2021 TCMA PWAP Chairperson**

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TCMA 2021 PWAP Committee members:

Julie Cowan, Berenice Craig, Christina Fenrich, Patti Hernandez, Patty Loose, Lara Norris, Wendy Propst, Olguita Santiago, Jenny Stern, Janet Schneider



## **Medical Affairs/Advocacy Update**

Work is well underway at the Capitol in preparation for the fast-approaching 87th Texas Legislature, set to begin on Tuesday, January 12. Hundreds of bills have already been filed, on issues from mail-in voting, police stops and redistricting, to a proposed Super Bowl state holiday (HB 371, in case you want to keep an eye on that one).


Legislation more relevant to Medicine will address familiar issues such as Medicaid expansion, medical marijuana parameters, liability reform protection, and scope of practice limitations. The COVID-19 crisis has created the need to

address new challenges facing physicians, such as telemedicine payment parity and expanded liability protections during public health crises.

While you're waiting for the Session to begin, learn about ways to advocate for Medicine in the Grassroots Action Center, at <https://www.texmed.org/GetInvolved/>. And check out TMA's new mobile app, VoterVoice, which will keep you informed and allow you to easily respond to Action Alerts regarding important legislation. Instructions for downloading the app can be found in the [Grassroots Action Center](#), or search for "votervoice" (one word) in your app store, Google Play, or iTunes, and follow the prompts.



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