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What's Happening:

- January 27 - [Book Review](#)**
- February 2 - First Tuesday at Capitol ([register now](#))**
- February 4 - *Date Change* Capitol Watch Happy Hour**
- February 16 - General Meeting ([Buy Tickets Now](#))**
- March 2 - First Tuesday at the Capitol ([register now](#))**
- April 10 - Party with a Purpose**
- April 20 - General Meeting**



**Note from Christina
Fenrich,
TCMA President**



So much was accomplished this past week! Our first board of the meeting year was on Tuesday and was very productive. The gala committee has hit the ground running with more friends volunteering as

hosts for our small Party With a Purpose dinners set for April 10th. Mark the date now as tickets will be limited!

We've continued to support our Medical Society by volunteering for TCMS/Code4 COVID vaccination clinics. Much appreciation to all the selfless volunteers who have generously given their time to help us succeed in getting our healthcare community vaccinated. It has been an inspiration to see how many new and former members have volunteered along with many retired physicians.

Please remember our General Meeting on February 16! In addition to voting on bylaw changes and next year's Alliance Board, Lara Norris has a great flower arranging class lined up for us to make our own flower centerpiece. Purchase your ticket by February 3 to reserve your supplies! See her announcement below.

We are inches away from our membership renewal goal of 100% folks!

As of Friday afternoon, we stand at 93% renewal progress. Much appreciation to all who have renewed your membership already. If you haven't renewed, please check your email for a notice from the TMAA sent on Jan 13. A specific reminder was sent to you making it very easy to renew!

Have a wonderful week!

Christina Fenrich



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:

Lori Benold

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



Capitol Watch Committee

****DATE CHANGE****

Our next **virtual Happy Hour** will be on
Tuesday, February 4 @ 4PM

We'll catch up on all the latest from the Capitol.
No need to read up— just join in the conversation!

Zoom link will be sent when you RSVP to Beth
O'Farrell, bofarrell21@gmail.com.



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,
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

Buy Tickets Here

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

Any questions please
e-mail Lara Norris at
larisalee1968@aol.com



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



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Rising Star



Christi & Kevin Bozic Family
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Eye Institute of Austin
Caring for the Eyes of Texans for Over 50 Years



Medical Affairs/Advocacy Update

****87th Legislative Session****

FIRST TUESDAYS

AT THE CAPITOL

Goes Virtual

Feb 2 * March 2 * April 6 * May 4

Participation in First Tuesdays has never been easier! No fighting morning rush hour traffic, no searching for a parking spot, no sore feet from hours on your feet! Simply register at texmed.org/FirstTuesdays/, FREE of charge, and join the webinar from the comfort of home or office. Learn from TMA's lobby team the issues important to medicine and actions you can take to make a difference.

**Contact Beth O'Farrell, VP Legislative
Affairs: bofarrell21@gmail.com**

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2021 Membership Campaign is at 93% Renewals!

-Olguita Santiago (VP Membership) and Lori Benold (VP-elect Membership)

One of President Christina Fenrich's goals this year was to have 100% membership renewals and to add new members to our organization. We are so close to 100%. As of January 22, we are at 93% renewals, and we now have 202 members recorded by the TMAA, which includes 9 new members this year! Thank YOU for being a part of the Alliance and strengthening the Family of Medicine in Travis County.

For those who have not renewed yet, please know that there is still time before our communication list is culled. The TMAA considers members delinquent March 31. But please don't wait until then. Renew today at [Travis_2021.pdf \(texmedalliance.org\)](#). Check your emails from Jan. 13 to see your personalized TMAA renewal notice that makes the process super easy.

Here's a task for all TCMA members: please go into Directory Spot and check to make sure your contact information and committee membership is updated. How do you get into Directory Spot, you ask? Visit [Membership Directory | Travis Cty Med All \(tcmalliance.org\)](#) to learn more. And we highly encourage you to download the Directory Spot app so you have your Alliance friends' contact info close at hand. If you have edits to your Directory Spot entry, please contact Membership Committee members Pat Wallis at patriciaawallis@gmail.com or Julie Cowan at jscowan@aol.com.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us at vp-membership@tcmalliance.org or president@tcmalliance.org.

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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!

Through her efforts and yours, we have raised \$17,400 to date. These dollars fund our own community service projects and our community service grant awards. We have highlighted new donations below; scroll down to link to our full list of donors.

Compassionate Supporter (\$250 - \$499)

Lynn Langley and Jim Eskew, MD
Dr. and Mrs. Boyd Morgan

Trusted Friend (\$100 - \$249)

Kay and Tom McHorse
Todd Sharnberg and Betty Stuart
Tony and Lydia Soldano

Click Here to see the full list of Fund Drive Donors



ALLIANCE ARTS

[Alliance Arts](#), a TCMA Enrichment group focused on arts and education, will have in-person, socially distanced events Winter/Spring 2021. Please email Carrie Conner at carrieconnercpa@gmail.com if you want to participate.

Alliance Arts events may not be included in the TCMA newsletter because the maximum group size is generally limited to 10 participants due to COVID-19 restrictions, and have a shorter notice period.

Therefore, if you want to participate with this fun new enrichment group, let Carrie know.

Fall Alliance Arts events included a tour of ACL Live downtown followed by lunch at Trace. We also enjoyed Yoga in the Umlauf Sculpture Garden and a stop at Biscuits and Groovy food truck. Both followed essential safety protocol and were an incredible time! I hope you will join us in 2021.



ACL Live Tour
Sculpture Garden



Yoga in the Umlauf

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