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What's Happening:

April 15 - [TMAA Webinar Series](#)

April 20 - General Meeting

May 1 - [Alliance Arts Event](#) (RSVP)

**May 4 - First Tuesday at the Capitol from your home
([register now](#))**

May 14 - [TMAF Virtual Gala](#)



**Note from Christina
Fenrich,
TCMA President**



Howdy Alliance Friends,

Thank you to all who joined us Saturday evening for our Texas Springtime Round-Up virtual Party with a Purpose celebration. It was

so nice to see everyone gathered together on Zoom! Special thanks to our party committee for making this wonderful event happen during a challenging Pandemic year. Be sure to join us for our final virtual general membership meeting on April 20 at 10:00 am as we present grants to our three grant recipients: St. Louise House, Volunteer Healthcare Clinic, and Physician Wellness Program.



General Meeting



**Tuesday, April 20
10 a.m.**

[Join us on Zoom Here](#)

Watch our Community Service Grant Awards Ceremony, the pinning of our upcoming TCMA President Jenny Stern, and recognizing our Volunteer of the Year.

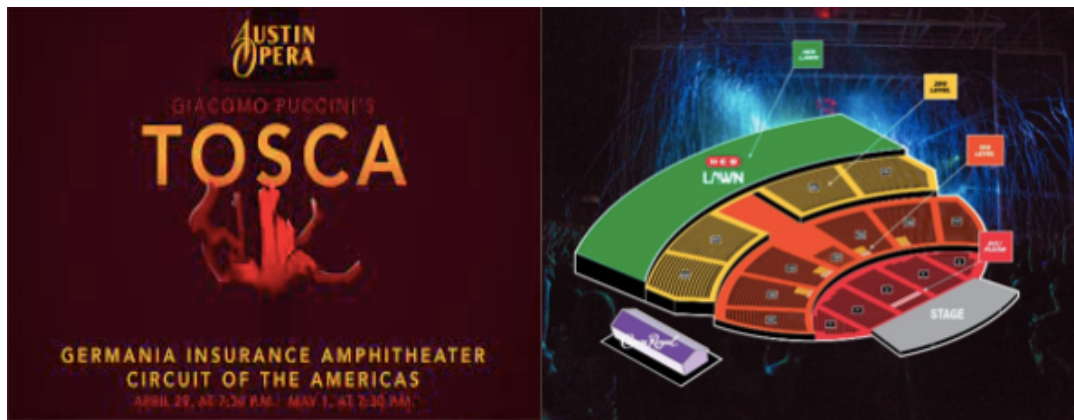
**There will be some
surprises and prizes!
Don't miss it!**

**Any questions,
please contact Lara Norris
at larisalee1968@aol.com**

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Alliance Arts

**Saturday, May 1 from 6-10:30 pm
Circuit of the Americas Germania Insurance Amphitheater
TOSCA – Austin Opera by Giacomo Puccini**



RSVP by April 13 to reserve your spot

Tickets

- Venmo \$79 to Carrie Conner by Tuesday, April 13 for your 4-person unit.
- Email Carrie at carrieconnercpa@gmail.com and provide names in your 4-person unit. (Units are 6 feet apart and all TCMA attendees

will be seated near one another.) If you do not have a complete unit Carrie will match you up.

- It's a great time to invite spouses, best friends, prospective TCMA members, or other supporters.
- For tickets after April 13, purchase directly from Austin Opera at 512.472.5992; seat assignment may or may not be near the TCMA group.

Shout Out

- Long-time TCMA member Susanne Tetzlaff is on the Austin Opera Board of Directors and serves as Chair-Elect and Legal Counsel.
- Susanne is excited to bring together her TCMA and Opera community! Cheers, Susanne!



Contact Recap

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Support Party with a Purpose through "Fund a Need"

Party with a Purpose is in the books for 2020, but it's not too late to support our grant recipients. The TCMS Physician Wellness Program, St. Louise House, and Volunteer Healthcare Clinic do so much good for the community. Support these organizations through our Fund a Need

link at [Texas Springtime Round-up!](#) These donations are tax-deductible.

**Click here to support these organizations
and Fund a Need**



Party with a Purpose 2021 Sponsors

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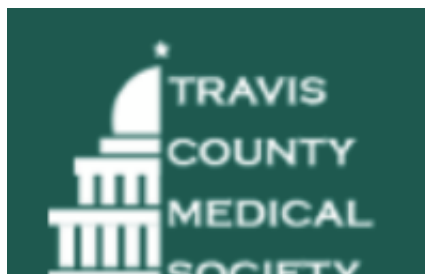


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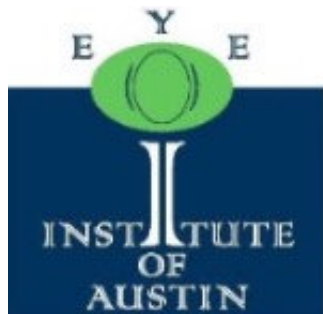
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**The sun has set on our 2021 PWAP, Texas Springtime
Round-up!**

What a spectacular party we had Saturday night, celebrating the work of the Travis County Medical Alliance & Foundation, our grant recipients, and our generous sponsors. The event couldn't have been more fun as we entered and exited with great Willie music, enjoyed a little Baxter Black humorous cowboy poetry, and learned about our grant recipients.

So many volunteer cowpokes made the event possible:

Lori Benold (Chair), Julie Cowan, Berenice Craig, Christina Fenrich, Patti Hernandez, Patty Loose, Lara & Robert Norris (Flowers), Beth O'Farrell, Wendy Propst, Olguita Santiago, Jenny Stern, Janet Winton, Tera Ferguson (Program Production), Ronsey Chawla, Chantel Pearson (TCMS/Zoom manager), and Tugba McCage (Cookies).

We appreciate Austin Catering serving up delicious vittles and Tito's Handmade Vodka and Brown Distributing for wettin' our whistle! And, of

course, none of this would be possible without the support of our generous financial sponsors, who year after year step up to support these efforts. The Travis County medical community is THE BEST!

A final fundraising tally will be forthcoming. (Yes, you still have time to [donate to our Fund a Need effort here](#) or text PWAP to 44321.) The virtual program will be uploaded to the website soon.

As our trail ride comes to an end, know that the TCMA & Foundation appreciate your participation and your support. We are only as strong as our members and you ALWAYS come through.



CAPITOL WATCH ACTION ALERTS

Halfway through the 87th Legislative Session, our voices are needed to advocate for key legislative priorities. Recent Action Alerts from the Texas Medical Association ask us to contact our legislators in opposition to two dangerous scope of practice bills:

- [House Bill 2029](#) by Rep. Stephanie Klick (R-Fort Worth), would allow advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to diagnose and prescribe independent of physician collaboration and supervision. The companion Senate bill is [SB 915](#) by Senator Kelly Hancock (R-North Richland Hills).
- [House Bill 2340](#), also by Rep. Klick, would allow therapeutic optometrists to perform certain eye surgeries. [SB 993](#), also by Senator Hancock, is the companion bill.

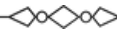
**Click here for more about this legislation or
for talking points with reps.**

Another Action Alert concerns a key immunization bill that would help strengthen Texas' vaccine registry system, ImmTrac2. [HB 325](#) by Rep. Donna Howard would convert ImmTrac2 to an opt-out registry system, rather than opt-in, as it currently

18. The system allows physicians and other medical professionals to immediately verify the vaccination status of patients and first responders, critical during public health emergencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Go to [texmed.org](https://www.texmed.org), Physician Advocacy, Grassroots Action Center, for all you need to know and tools to make contacting your legislator easy.

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For a complete overview of all of TMA's legislative priorities and the latest at the Capitol, register for the next First Tuesdays briefing at (you guessed it) [TEXMED.ORG](https://www.texmed.org). It's easy and free and you can watch from the comfort of home!



Volunteer Opportunities!

Join the 2021-2022 TCMA Team!

There are several openings for committee chairs for the 2021-2022 year, including these enrichment committees: Austin Adventures, Mahjong, and Saint Louise House. We also are looking for chairs for the Toast to Doctors and Party with a Purpose events. Please contact Jenny Stern at jstern117@gmail.com or 704-578-3999 if interested or for more info.





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