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What's Happening:

**May 4 - First Tuesday at the Capitol from your home  
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**May 14 - [TMAF Virtual Gala](#)**



**Note from Christina  
Fenrich,  
TCMA President**



Howdy Alliance Friends,

I am excited to share the highlights of our last general membership meeting held this past Tuesday. It was an affirming event where we presented our community service grant checks, officially pinned our 2021-22 Alliance president, and announced our Volunteer of the Year. Lara Norris, VP of Programs, chose a lovely setting for the

meeting at the Lakeway Country Club. Fully vaccinated board members attended in-person in a socially distant manner, and we streamed the meeting for all other members on Zoom.

VP Community Service, Bernice Craig, presented grant checks to representatives from our three grant recipients: St. Louise House, TCMS Physician Wellness Program, and Volunteer Healthcare Clinic. Grant amounts were determined after reviewing financial statements and conversations with the grant recipients, the Finance Committee, and our Board. Through the generosity of our sponsors and you, we were able to generously support these community partners who provide crucial health care services for our central Austin community.

We then celebrated the pinning of our President-Elect, Jenny Stern.

She has been a member of the TCMAF for the past eight years serving in many positions. Jenny grew up in Rochester, NY, and graduated from MIT and SUNY Medical University in Syracuse. After working as an internist for several years, she retired to raise her three sons. We are fortunate to have Jenny as our 2021-22 president of the TCMAF as she will lead us with dedication, intelligence, and a very kind and witty sense of humor.

I'm honored to recognize Julie Cowan, my advisor, as the Volunteer of the Year. She has been by my side every step of the way giving counsel and patient advice throughout the year. She has volunteered countless hours and has helped with all of our endeavors keeping us focused on the ultimate goal of serving our TCMS and our community. Her positive energy, innovative ideas, and passion set an example for us all.

Finally, I will end this week's message with a note of gratitude for the fabulous quilt Pat Wallis made for me as a thank you from the organization. It is so special and will serve as a beautiful reminder of this year with the Travis County Medical Alliance. It has notes from my Board and some committee chairs on it, along with embellishments of symbols that represent what we accomplished. I appreciate each and

symbols that represent what we accomplished. I appreciate each and every one of you for making this year so successful!



## General Meeting Photos



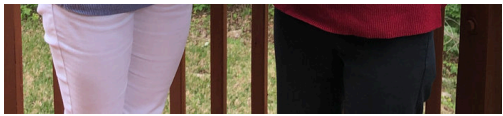
Christina Fenrich and Jenny Stern



Grant recipients with TCMA President & VP Community Service







Volunteer of the Year Julie Cowan  
Jenny and quilter Pat Wallis)



Christina with her quilt (alongside  
Jenny and quilter Pat Wallis)




Marci Roe, Executive Director of Volunteer Healthcare Clinic  
Interim Director of Development



Maria Kiehn, St. Louise House





Belinda Clare, COO of Travis County Medical Society  
TCMA President Pin

Jenny Stern receiving her

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TMA**

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Tuesday, May 4 |

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12:00-1:00 PM



It's crunch time at the Capitol, with just over a month left of the session. Now's the time to sign up for the final First Tuesdays legislative briefing to hear the latest updates and what we can do to advocate for medicine. To learn more or to register, go to [texmed.org/FirstTuesdays](https://texmed.org/FirstTuesdays).

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**TMA Foundation Gala May 14**





The TMA Foundation Gala will be a virtual party on Friday, May 14. This annual gala helps make the TMA's community service programs possible. The TCMA has been a beneficiary of TMAF grants that have funded Hard Hats and Be Wise Immunize shot clinics.

Two of our own Alliance members, Dr. Belda Zamora and Jamie Fleeger, are chairing the event with their husbands.

Consider purchasing a ticket for \$275 or making a tax-deductible donation of any amount to support the TMAF and our Alliance friends.

[Click here for Tickets and Information](#)



## **Membership Update: 95% Renewal Rate!**

**Many thanks to the members who renewed their membership on time this year: YOU made the difference!**

As many of you know, our Membership Team spent much time and effort working to retain current members and invite others to join the Travis County Medical Alliance. They worked in conjunction with TMAA's calendar to see that all members knew about renewal deadlines. As of April 30, members who did not renew will be delinquent.

In a show of respect and gratitude to those members who did make an effort to renew on time, those who are delinquent will no longer receive our organization's weekly Vital Signs and will be removed from

Quality of Life committee lists. Instead, twice a month they will be sent an abbreviated Vital Signs. We urge them to renew so that they may be full members of the TCMA. If you have a friend who notices she/he was removed from our contact list, please encourage them to visit our website at [Welcome | Travis Cty Med All \(tcmalliance.org\)](http://Welcome | Travis Cty Med All (tcmalliance.org)) For questions or assistance with joining the TCMA, please contact President Christina Fenrich at [cafenrich@gmail.com](mailto:cafenrich@gmail.com).

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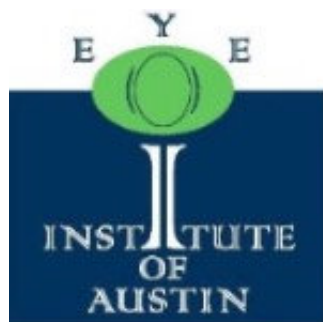
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**Volunteer Opportunities!**

**Join the 2021-2022 TCMA Team!**

We are looking for chairs for the Toast to Doctors and Party with a Purpose events. Please contact Jenny Stern at [jstern117@gmail.com](mailto:jstern117@gmail.com) or 704-578-3999 if interested or for more information. Thank you!



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