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What's Happening:

**March 23 *NEW DATE* - Floral Arranging Class with
Flower Social**

**March 26 - [Last day to buy Party with a Purpose
tickets](#)**

March 31 - [Alliance Arts](#)

**April 6 - First Tuesday at the Capitol from your home
([register now](#))**

April 10 - [Party with a Purpose \(buy tickets here\)](#)

April 11 - [Volunteer Opportunity](#)

April 15 - [TMAA Webinar Series](#)

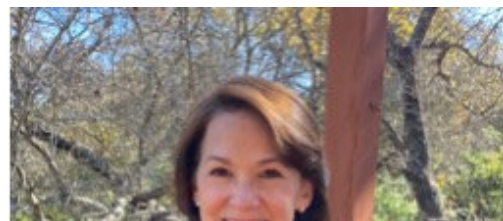
April 20 - [General Meeting](#)

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

May 14 - [TMAF Virtual Gala](#)



**Note from Christina
Fenrich,
TCMA President**





Buy your tickets for Party with a Purpose! BUY TICKETS FOR YOU, YOUR SPOUSE, AND EVEN YOUR FRIENDS NOW! Purchase tickets at [Texas Springtime Round-up! TICKETS Price per person | Travis Cty Med All \(tcmalliance.org\)](https://www.tcmalliance.org)



Travis County Medical Alliance
2021 Party With a Purpose
Bringing the party to YOU!

*Texas Springtime
Round-up!*

Saturday
APRIL | 10 | 2021

*Fabulous meal, craft cocktail, themed gift
& a virtual celebration to bring us together*

TICKETS & INFO:
www.tcmalliance.org



Buy tickets here!

Join the Travis County Medical Alliance on April 10th at our Texas Springtime Round-up! TCMA volunteers will bring the 2021 Party with a Purpose to your home. Included in delivery will be a fabulous catered meal, the makings for a craft cocktail, and a themed gift. We plan to host a virtual celebration via Zoom that evening to bring Alliance members, spouses, sponsors, and friends together so we can learn more about our grant recipients and celebrate a successful year of service, advocacy, and fellowship. Although it won't be our usual Party with a Purpose, it will certainly be one to remember. So pull on your boots, grab your best cowpoke, and join in on the Alliance's 2021 Texas Springtime Round-Up! It wouldn't be the same without you!

DETAILS: \$100 per person (\$200/couple)

Reservations due by March 26

Vegetarian and gluten-free meal options

available

Meals delivered during the day on April 10

Program scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Order tickets at [STORE | Travis Cty Med All](#)

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Party with a Purpose 2021

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**Austin Cancer Centers, Dr.
Douglas Rivera**

Sarah & Ernest Butler

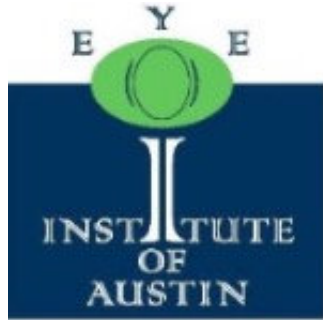
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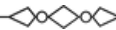
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Lara and Robert Norris

Tera Ferguson

Tito's Handmade Vodka

Eva Tugba McCage





Flower arranging with
The Flower Social

Tuesday
March 23
10:00 am

Any questions, email
Lara Norris at
larisalee1968@aol.com

Zoom Link



Volunteer Opportunities!

Dell Medical Student Welcome!

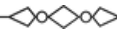
Sunday, April 11th 5pm-6:30pm

3-4 Volunteers needed to help welcome and hand out a free pizza to members of the Class of 2024 Dell Medical Students in a drive-thru setting. Location will be the front parking lot of WE ARE BLOOD building at 4300 N. Lamar Blvd. RSVP at president@tcmalliance.org

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. Are you a computer savvy writer? Consider volunteering on our Vital Signs Newsletter! Please contact Jenny Stern at jstern117@gmail.com or 704-578-3999 if interested or for more info.

Thank you!



Alliance Arts 2021 Kick-off Event

Wednesday, March 31

9:15 – 11:00 am

Private East Austin Mural Walk,

<https://atxartwalk.com/>

Starts at 2211 East Cesar Chavez, street parking is available.

Ends at 807 E. 4th Street.



11-12:15 pm

Coffee/Food/Giggles & Gab outdoors at Cenote, 1010 E. Cesar Chavez.

Cenote is near end of tour but 1 mile from tour starting point.

Cost

\$25/nn

Venmo Carrie Conner to secure your spot (handle is @Carrie-ConnerCPA).

Space is limited; cut-off is 7 days prior or 3/24; no refunds but please please find a substitute.

Miscellaneous

Guide is wearing a mask and attendees are encouraged to wear masks as well.

Tour does not return to its starting point so a 1 mile walk or uber will be needed to get back to cars parked at starting point.

Wear comfortable walking shoes!

Contact

Carrie Conner, 210.241.6583 (mobile), carrieconnercpa@gmail.com

This is an extraordinary tour and one guaranteed to “fill up” your cultural bucket!



CAPITOL WATCH **FIRST TUESDAYS AT THE CAPITOL** **FOLLOW UP**

**FIRST TUESDAY FEBRUARY MEETING:
REPUBLICAN SENATORS**

Five Austin physicians, along with Alliance members Beth O'Farrell and Julie Cowan, met via Zoom with staffers for Senators Buckingham and Campbell Friday afternoon to discuss TMA's legislative agenda. Dr. Rob Cowan led the discussion with a run down of priority issues and bills, starting with funding priorities: Medicaid, CHIP, women's and behavioral health, and graduate medical education.

Julie shared the best way to keep track of specific bills: go to the Texas Legislature's website (capitol.texas.gov) and enter the bill number (e.g. SR

Legislature's website (capitol.texas.gov) and enter the bill number (e.g. SB 468 or HB 2340) or a key word. Click on the tabs to find out everything there is to know about that bill, including its History, Text and Actions.

Senate Bill 915, authored by Senator Hancock, was brought up as one in particular to watch closely. If passed, this bill would allow advanced practice registered nurses, (APRNs) to independently prescribe drugs and medical devices, and to order and evaluate diagnostic testing, without oversight of a physician.

Watch for updates and Action Alerts in upcoming Vital Signs. OR go to texmed.org to learn more about TMA's legislative agenda and simple ways you can advocate for Medicine.

Beth O'Farrell, Capitol Watch Committee
Chair, bofarrell21@gmail.com



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