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Travis County Medical Alliance

For the protection and safety of our members and the prevention of spreading Covid-19 coronavirus, all TCMA Events (including PWAP), Enrichment Committee Meetings and meetings have been cancelled through April. We will update as we have more information.

Nursing Scholarship Awarded in April

The unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic prevented us from acknowledging the Bayardo Hispanic Nursing Scholar of Concordia University at our Awards Presentation general meeting in April. Big congratulations goes out to Adam Compton. He was awarded a $6000 scholarship as the Bayardo Hispanic Nursing Scholar of Concordia University. This award is graciously funded by the TMAF Hispanic Nursing Scholarship Trust Fund of Dr. Roberto J. and Angela (Annie) M. Bayardo. Adam is from Pflugerville and is a member of the Concordia tennis team. His ultimate goal is to become a CRNA, which he was inspired to work towards after witnessing the excellent care given by nurse anesthetists to ill family members. Good luck, Adam!

TMA Alliance Annual Business Meeting will take place virtually on Friday, May 1 from 10-11:30 am.

This is a great opportunity for all our members to participate. You will learn what TMAA has accomplished in 2019 and where we are headed in 2020, plus:

Annual Business Meeting business Items:

- 2019 TMAA Review and Financial Update
- Elect 2020-21 Nominating Committee members (each county has up to 10 votes)
- Review and approve updates to TMAA bylaws (each county has up to 10 votes)
- Approve 2020-21 TMAA Board of Directors

How to Prepare for the Annual Business Meeting

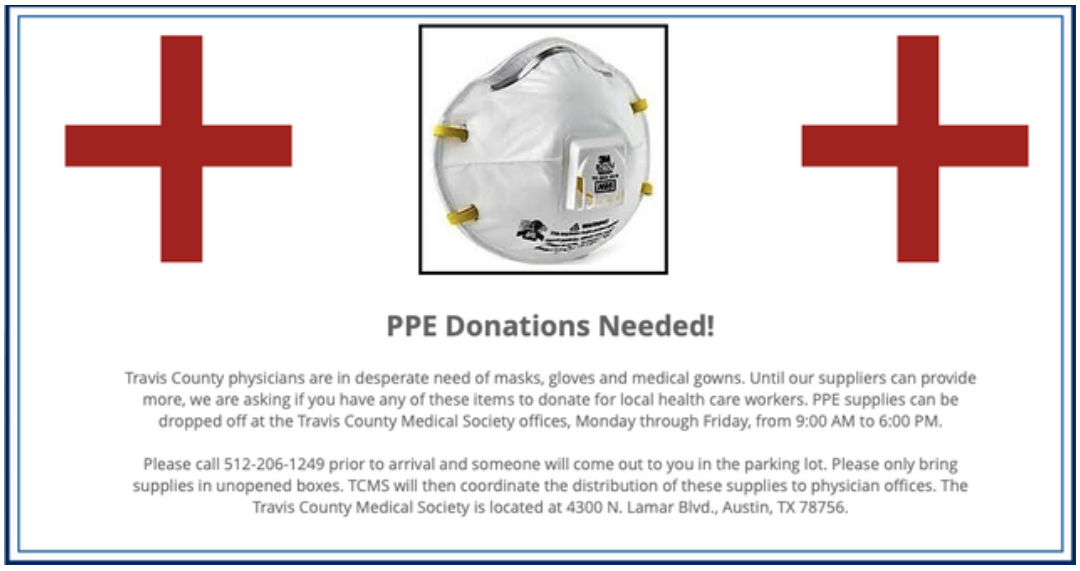
1. Register by Friday, April 24. Registration is completely free, and TMAA staff will provide

instructions on downloading and using Zoom (our video conference vendor) prior to the meeting. You will be able to follow along on your computer screen and vote for the 2020-21 Nominating Committee via an online poll.

Register Here

TCMA Volunteer of the Year!

This year's TCMA Volunteer of the Year is Olguita Santiago! Olguita served on our board as VP Membership-Elect and she also chaired Party with a Purpose, Havana Nights. She didn't get to see her vision come to fruition and was heartbroken as we all were when we had to make the decision to cancel our spring events due to the Covid-19 pandemic. She worked tirelessly to plan what would certainly have been a night full of fun and philanthropy! As if planning one big event wasn't enough, Olguita also planned our family membership event, a Spring Egg Hunt. Her creativity, enthusiasm, and drive to make our organization a success is to be admired! Next year, Olguita will serve as our VP Membership. We are so lucky to have her!!



Another way to support Volunteer Health Clinic

We wanted to give you an update on the gift card drive. We have been able to **give out 20 gift cards with prescriptions** so far! We would love to continue handing out them!

Patients will continue to check in with our healthcare team, and visit the clinic for curbside medication refills. **This is where you can help out, while still observing social distancing!** VHC is collecting $25 HEB or Walmart Gift Cards to be distributed to patients during their medication pickups.

If you are able, donate $25 now using the Donate link and VHC staff will purchase them for you! Be sure to designate your gift to ' Holiday Gift Cards'.

The financial burden of this unprecedented pandemic is a source of stress and concern for our patients. Please consider a donation to our gift card drive and help us keep Austin strong!

Donate Here

TCMA Enrichment Groups that had events scheduled for March and April are cancelled for the Covid-19 prevention and protection/safety of our members.

This includes all Enrichment Groups:

Alliance Arts

Chic Ladies

Book Club

Mahjongg

Matinee Movies

Partners in Practice

Austin Adventures

IMPORTANT UPDATE
Havana Nights - Party With a Purpose Cancellation

In view of the ever-worsening Coronavirus situation, and in the interest of keeping our Alliance members, their families, and the greater community healthy, we have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Party with a Purpose - Havana Nights, scheduled for March 28. We are grateful for our generous Fund Drive donors, our sponsors, and to those who have already purchased tickets to our event. We truly appreciate your support of this year's deserving grant recipients and of our mission: Working for a Healthier Central Texas.

In lieu of purchasing tickets to the party, buying a new dress 👗, and paying for a babysitter, we hope you would consider donating to FUND A NEED, a major fundraising component of our Party With a Purpose. FUND A NEED donations to the TCMAF support our community service programs such as Hard Hats for Little Heads and Project Graduation, as well as supporting the Volunteer Healthcare Clinic and St. Louise House, and our community grant recipients. Please consider making a generous tax-deductible FUND A NEED donation online, via our website at www.tcmalliance.org.

For those of you who have already purchased tickets, you may choose to consider the ticket payment a tax-deductible donation to the TCMAF, or you may request a refund by contacting Amy Whited at amy.whited@ucb.com.
Thank you for your understanding, and see you at next year's Party With a Purpose!

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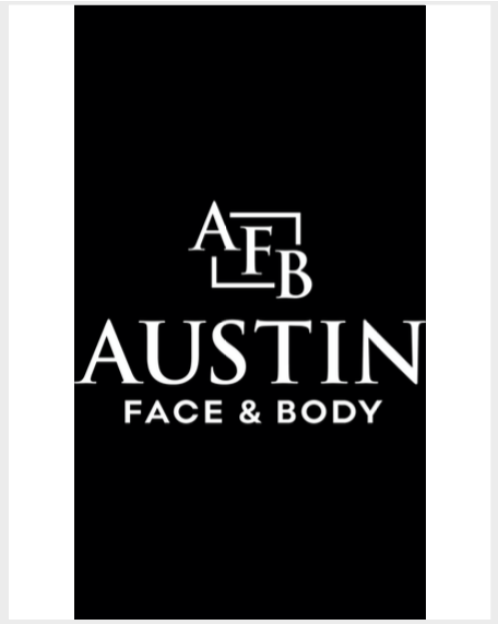

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The Travis County Medical Alliance would like to announce the 2020-21 board.

Thank you to all who said yes to being a leader in the TCMA!

President Christina Fenrich

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Treasurer elect Shannon McNeil

VP Communications Kate Paul

VP Financial Development Ronsey Chawla

VP Financial Development Elect Patty Hernandez

VP Programs Lara Norris

VP Membership Olguita Santiago

VP Membership Elect Lori Benold

VP Medical Affairs Beth O'Farrell

VP Community Service Tugba McCage

VP Community Service Elect Dee Hutchinson

Parliamentarian Wendy Propst

VP Enrichment Verlaine MacClements

Please email Melissa Smith at MelKel2@yahoo.com if you are interested in serving on the board or in leadership positions.

Membership Directory

Do you need to contact a member?
Check out this link to get to Directory Spot — our TCMS membership directory — along with how to log in and update your information.

Contact our Membership chair at vp-membership@tcmalliance.org if you have membership questions.

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Thank you to all Fund Drive Donors!

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Nancy Foster

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Book Club

In the spirit of following social distancing, the TCMA Book Club have cancelled the next several meetings.

Please read these selections on your own and stay tuned for when we gather to discuss books again!

How to Behave in a Crowd by Camille Bordas
The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates
The Daughter of the Daughter of the Queen by Sarah Bird
The Tin Drum by Gunther Grass

2020 Membership Renewal Campaign

The TMA Alliance has launched our 2020 Membership Renewal Campaign with an email renewal notice landing in everyone's inbox. Renew your own membership today, and join the campaign in your county to encourage others to renew, too.

Renew Here

Do you have news to share in Vital Signs?!

Please send in your news by 5 p.m. Fridays for that Sunday's Vital Signs.
Email Kathy Downie at kathy.downie@me.com.

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