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What's Happening:

April 6 - First Tuesday at the Capitol from your home
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April 10 - [Party with a Purpose](#)

April 15 - [TMAA Webinar Series](#)

April 20 - General Meeting

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**



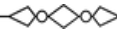
I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our Virtual Springtime Round-Up Party with a Purpose Celebration on Saturday, April 10th! I

can't wait to thank our generous sponsors who have joined us to support our grant recipients.

A heartfelt thanks to all members who volunteered during our Code4/TCMS/AISD vaccination clinics this week benefiting 1A healthcare workers and AISD teachers and staff.

Once again, thank you to all who contributed to our Annual Fund Drive earlier in the year. [Click here to see the list](#). Thank you, Dr. Todd and Melissa Smith, for your recent donation in memory of Kathryn Kern, MD, mother of President Elect-Jenny Stern.

Stay involved in our Alliance, friends! Volunteer for a committee position for President-Elect, Jenny Stern's upcoming year. It is a great way to get the most out of your membership, meet new friends, learn more about how a non-profit works, and serve our community. Contact js Stern17@gmail.com.





Texas Springtime Round-up! Update

Howdy, friends!! Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets and will be attending our *Texas Springtime Round-up!* We are so excited to come together for a good cause and for a good time! Many Alliance volunteers have been busy with final party preparations.

Please check your email on Monday and again on Friday for reminders regarding party package deliveries. If you have any questions or additional instructions for delivery, feel free to contact Julie Cowan at jscowan@aol.com or 512-659-8593.

Support Party with a Purpose through "Fund a Need"

Ticket sales have closed for Party with a Purpose, 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

St. Louis House, and Volunteer Healthcare come 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. The PWAP Committee is so grateful for everyone's support through the planning process, and we're looking forward to a fun celebration on April 10!

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



Party with a Purpose 2021 Sponsors

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CAPITOL WATCH

87th Legislative Session

April 6 * May 4



Registration is FREE. Sign up below for all First Tuesdays at the Capitol events.

Tuesday, April 6 |

Register [HERE](#)

Tuesday, May 4 |

Register [HERE](#)

**For questions or more information, contact
Beth O'Farrell, Capitol Watch Committee
Chair: bofarrell21@gmail.com**



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 is. 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, 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!



Save the Date



**General
Meeting
April 20**



Volunteer Opportunities!

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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.



Austin Opera Guild presents
SERENATA WINE DINNER & AUCTION
Honoring Sarah & Ernest Butler

Our Past President, Sarah Butler and her husband Dr. Ernest Butler are being honored by the Austin Opera Guild with an outdoor fundraiser on May 15 at the Four Seasons.

Click here to learn more or buy tickets!



Alliance Arts

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

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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.



Yoga at Umlauf Sculpture Garden
Tour

ACL Live

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