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Travis County Medical Alliance

What's Happening:

March 23 *NEW DATE* - Floral Arranging Class with Flower Social
March 26 - Last day to buy Party with a Purpose tickets
April 6 - First Tuesday at the Capitol from your home (register now)
April 10 - Party with a Purpose (buy tickets here)
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

Once again, Alliance members volunteered to assist our medical society with another Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic. It was particularly fun to see new "old" members assisting and have the opportunity to catch up with them.
The clinic took place this past weekend and benefitted TCMS members and their staff who still needed both doses.
Another clinic for second doses will follow soon.

The Party with a Purpose committee has been busy this week planning a wonderful *Texas Springtime Round-Up* themed gala that includes a fabulous catered meal, craft cocktail, and a virtual program. A big shout out of thanks to Lori Benold and her team for their time, hard work, and attention to details. Tickets go on sale soon, so look for Lori's note below to learn more.

Stay safe, friends, and remain diligent.

Covid Vaccine Clinic Volunteer Opportunity!

The Alliance is excited to announce a new volunteer opportunity.
We are invited to assist Code4 in vaccinating AISD teachers!

We need volunteers to scribe for Code4 paramedics as they administer vaccines on the following dates:

Monday, March 8,
Tuesday, March 9, &
Wednesday, March 10,

from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

at the AISD Clinic at

at the AISD Clinic at
AISD HQ,
4000 S IH 35 Frontage Rd,
Austin 78704

Thanks for your support in keeping our community healthy!

Sign up here

Buy tickets here!

CAPITOL WATCH

FIRST TUESDAYS AT THE CAPITOL FOLLOW UP

The TMA's lobby team presented another excellent First Tuesdays at the Capitol virtual event last week. Now that the session is well under way, the discussion included many more specifics about bills filed and TMA's "legislative asks," i.e., issues and bills they need our help in either supporting or opposing through contact with our legislators. Priority issues include:

- funding for Medicaid, CHIP, women's and behavioral health
- strengthening regulation of tobacco and e-cigarette products
- ImmTrac reform
- limiting prior authorization requirements by health insurers
- limiting scope of practice expansions (APRNs, optometrists, psychologists

Click here for more details on First Tuesday Follow-up

Bookmark this TMA webpage to follow their efforts throughout the session: www.texmed.org/legislature.

Join our Capitol Watch Committee to be sure to receive Action Alerts.
Contact Beth O'Farrell at bofarrell21@gmail.com.

We have a new date set,
after the delays from the
winter storm, for our
floral arrangement class
with

The Flower Social

Tuesday
March 23
10:00 am

If you chose the
Pick-Up Option,
<u>your flowers will</u>
<u>be delivered to you!</u>

We are looking forward to a
beautiful spring day
with our members and learning

how to make a
festive floral centerpiece!

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

Zoom Link

Party with a Purpose 2021 Sponsors

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FIRST TUESDAYS

AT THE CAPITOL

Goes Virtual

April 6 * May 4

Participation in First Tuesdays has never been easier! No fighting morning rush hour traffic, no searching for a parking spot, no sore feet from hours on your feet! Simply register at texmed.org/FirstTuesdays/, FREE of charge, and join the webinar from the comfort of home or office. Learn from TMA's lobby team the issues important to medicine and actions you can take to make a difference.

Contact Beth O'Farrell, VP Legislative Affairs: bofarrell21@gmail.com

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Alliance Arts

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

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.

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