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Medical Alliance

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

November 9 - Executive Board Meeting

November 12 - VHC Envelope Stuffing

November 16 - Alliance Arts – Texas State Cemetery tour & lunch - rsvp needed!November 17 - Book Group (*Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China* by Jung Chang)

December 1 - Book group pot luck luncheon

December 10 - Holiday Luncheon at Westwood Country Club, supporting BookSpring

February 15, 2022 - General Meeting at Collectic Home

April 2, 2022 - SAVE THE DATE for the PWAP!



Note from TCMA President Jenny Stern

Today I was looking at the history section on our Alliance website (<https://www.tcmalliance.org/about-us>), and found that 30 years ago, the Alliance funded the first ever endowed scholarship that Austin Community College had ever received! It was established for students in their School of Nursing, and the scholarship is still awarding funds to deserving ACC nursing students every year. Another significant historical note to be proud of is that the Alliance has financially supported the Austin Energy Regional Science Festival since 1955 – that's 66 years of support for school-aged students' science education! Today, we are continuing this tradition of philanthropy through our community service projects and grants. I am so grateful to our members who have been generously supporting these efforts, both monetarily and with countless volunteer hours, and to our medical practices, hospital authorities, and local businesses who have supported our grants through Party With a Purpose sponsorships.

I hope you all have a wonderful week. Jenny



Remember Amazon Smile for your holiday shopping!



Don't forget to support the TCMA by doing your Amazon shopping through **Amazon Smile**. It's easy – go to www.smile.amazon.com, choose to support the Travis County Medical Alliance Foundation, then do your shopping as usual. The TCMA will receive 0.5% of eligible purchases as a donation from Amazon. Amazon Smile is also available on the Amazon app. Keep shopping and supporting the TCMA!



ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!!

The VHC needs our help! VHC needs to get their annual appeal mailings out the door! They would like us to come address, fold, and stuff envelopes next week! Let's meet on **Friday, November 12 from 11:30 - 1:30 at the VHC**. Feel free to come even for just a little bit! If you can not attend at that time VHC says they will take volunteers anytime between 9:30-4:30 all next week! It's so exciting to be able to start volunteering again so let's support the VHC and help them to raise money for all the good work they do for the medical community! You can sign up on Sign up genius for Friday or any other day if that works better for you!

Contact Melissa Smith if you have any questions! melkel2@yahoo.com, 512-470-9210

[Click here to volunteer for VHC!](#)



The Holiday Luncheon



Holiday Luncheon Tickets

BookSpring is so grateful that TCMA is doing another book drive at the TCMA Annual Holiday Luncheon. The need is **Spanish Only Childrens Books Ages 8 & Under**. Spanish/English books are not a need. Delivery, storage, and other factors have shifted in last year or so. Cash contributions payable to BookSpring are also appreciated. Contact Carrie Conner with questions about BookSpring at carrieconnercpa@gmail.com.

This link will make purchases fast and easy:

[Amazon Prime Spanish Only Books 8 & Under](#)



TCMA's Annual Fund Drive is Underway!

Many thanks to all of you who have already given to the Annual Fund Drive! Your contributions support the Alliance's community service endeavors and our grants to worthy local non-profits, which this year include Saint Louise House, TCMS Physician Wellness Program, Volunteer Healthcare Clinic, Austin Black Physicians Association, half Helen, Hope Clinic, and NAMI of Central Texas.

You can donate by mail using the remittance envelope from the fund drive mailing, or you can go to our website www.tcmalliance.org and donate online. Any amount is greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

-Inga Ruckman, Annual Fund Drive Chair

2021-2022 Annual Fund Drive Donors

Foundational Believer (\$1,000+)

Dr. Ernest and Sarah Butler
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Deneitra and Jeffrey Hutchinson
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Kay McHorse
Ann and Hector Morales
Shelly and Erol Ozdil - *in honor of Cindy Nelson*
Maryann and Brian Sayers
Barbara Tindel - *In memory of Jerry R. Tindel, M.D.*



Outreach & Support

Heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Tana Taylor. Tana passed away this week while she was in Houston for medical care. Tana served the TCMA as president in 1986-87. Her gentle spirit will be deeply missed. Her obituary can be found at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/austin-tx/tana-taylor-10430514>.



Member Spotlight: Verlaine MacClements

[Click here to read the article from the TCMS Journal!](#)

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"Someone who lives life to the fullest, finds the silver lining in every dark cloud, and treats others as she wants to be treated," is how Verlaine MacClements' friends describe her.

Born in Durban, South Africa, Verlaine appreciates the diverse beauty of the world. At age 18, she spent a year as a Rotary Exchange student in British Columbia, Canada. Upon returning to South Africa, she met Jonathan, her future husband, who would bring her back to North America with only 5 suitcases and aspirations for a new life in Tyler, TX.

Nearly 30 years later, Verlaine is a proud American citizen. In her free time, she enjoys camping, hiking, flying a small plane with her husband (who also has his pilot's license), and bike racing—in the Copper Triangle, Hotter than Hell 100 (miles) and the Grandfondo Vancouver to Whistler races to name a few.

When she's not travelling or spending time outside, Verlaine works for Principle Financial Group. She is also Mom to Victoria, a current Teach for America corps member, and wife to Jonathan, a family physician, and Associate Dean at UT Dell Medical School.

An active and involved past member of the Smith County Medical Alliance, Verlaine is excited to be a part of TCMA.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

After a couple of postponed dates, TCMA volunteers Julie Cowan, Christina Fenrich, Deneitra Hutchinson and Beth O'Farrell gathered to assemble dinner for about 30 families living at the Saint Louise House apartments. In addition to the meal, including three types of sandwiches, chips, fruit, and cookies, the October 29th Trunk-or-Treat event featured a door decoration contest for residents, Halloween-theme decorated vehicles, goody bags and lots and lots of CANDY! Judging by their Facebook post, it was an overwhelming success.

Deneitra Hutchinson
VP Community Service



**TCMA ALLIANCE ARTS
Tour & Lunch
Tuesday, November 16, 2021**

11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Texas State Cemetery Tour,
909 Navasota St, Austin, TX 78702

Join us for a guided tour of the [Texas State Cemetery \(TSC\)](#), a space rich in history and beauty, of Texas size proportions. Barbara Jordan, Ann Richards, and Dr. Red Duke are buried at TSC, plus lots of other Texans with incredible legacies. This is in one of the most scenic spots in Austin. It is upbeat, popular with school age children, and will be glowing with fall foliage in November.



12:30 – 1:30 pm
Lunch Outdoors at Paperboy
1203 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78702

After the tour we will walk around the corner to [Paperboy](#) for lunch on the patio of this popular East side restaurant, that has no flash on the drive by, but is lovely inside and popular with hip Austinites.



Parking

Parking on the west side of Navasota, by the TSC ENTRANCE, is free to the public. Parking on the east side of Navasota requires \$3 in quarters for 3 hours. Watch for neighborhood permit requirements.

RSVP

Kiddos are welcome. Send RSVP by **Thursday, November 11** to Carrie Conner, Alliance Arts Committee Chair, at carrieconnercpa@gmail.com.



TCMA presents

Party With a Purpose 2022

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More details to come!



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Book Group

November 17, 2021 *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China* by Jung Chang
Lynn Langley will review

December 1, 2021 Annual book group pot-luck brunch

January 9, 2022 - evening meeting - *The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore
Sharon Kronberg will review

GUEST NIGHT: bring a friend, partner, spouse for a light dinner, cocktails and talk.

To join the Book Group, visit tcmalliance.org and click on the Book Review tab, under News & Events.



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