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Travis County



Medical Alliance



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 23 - Book Group, *The Biggest Bluff* by Maria Konnikova
- March 24 - Saint Louise House meal prep
- April 2 - Party With A Purpose - Palm Springs Cool!
- April 12 - Executive Board Meeting
- April 19 - General Meeting at Star Hill Ranch and Grant presentations
- April 27 - Book Group, *Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles
- April 28-29 - ALLMED in Houston - register now!



Note from TCMA President Jenny Stern

Hello Alliance Friends,

Hooray – we are now in APH **Stage 2** for Covid Risk – and that means for fully vaccinated people at low risk, masks are no longer needed at our gatherings. May this lull in Covid cases last well into the future. I want to let you know that the TCMA board voted last week to slightly amend our Covid policy regarding Alliance meetings as follows: **TCMA and TCMAF in-person events and meetings, including but not limited to board, general, committee, enrichment, and membership meetings, shall follow the recommendations of the most up-to-date CDC and/or Austin Public Health Covid-19 risk safety guidelines.** This change to “and/or” gives us more flexibility when planning events with regard to local Covid conditions. We still strongly recommend all attendees be up to date on their vaccinations.

After missing 2021 due to Covid, the TCMS/TCMA Joint Installation was held March 3 at the Top of the Oasis. It was a wonderful event as we were treated to a beautiful sunset over Lake Travis, a Mexican meal, and best of all, camaraderie in person amongst the members of our two organizations. Our 2022-23 Executive Board was installed (terms starting July 1, 2022) and was well represented. It was great to see so many Alliance members together again! Congratulations and best wishes to the TCMA 2022-23 Board, as well as to Dr. Scott Clitheroe, the 2022 TCMS President!

Thank you to the TCMS staff for planning this lovely evening.

Take care everyone,

Jenny

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TCMA General Meeting

Tuesday, April 19 @ 10am

Star Hill Ranch



Join us for our biggest meeting of the year!
Installation of the 2022/23 Executive Board
Grant Awarding Ceremony



Show off your favorite pair of cowboy boots!

Star Hill Ranch
1500 Hamilton Pool Road
Austin, TX 78738



2022 Party With a Purpose - Palm Springs Cool

Austin Travis County has now moved to STAGE 2 under its COVID guidelines. ([Austin-Travis County moves to Stage 2 of Risk-Based Guidelines | AustinTexas.gov](#)) Infection rates are trending down and we now have even more reason to celebrate at Party With a Purpose *Palm Springs Cool!*

Buy your tickets today at [Party With A Purpose | Travis Cty Med All \(tcmalliance.org\)](#).

We are currently selling party tickets, raffle package tickets, and fund-a-need opportunities. Do this BEFORE your spring break getaway or tickets may be sold out when you return! (Only 56 tickets are currently available.)

Party details:

Saturday, April 2, 2022

6:30 - 10 p.m.

Home of Inga and Richard Ruckman, MD

Whiskey lesson & tasting courtesy of Fighting 69th Irish Whiskey

Palm Springs Cool! theme

Mai Tais, wine, beer and whiskey will be served

Faux international cuisine -you can't wait to see what's included!

Gratitude videos

Introduction of grant recipients

Recognition of generous sponsors

Selection of raffle package winners

and more!!!!

Please join your Family of Medicine friends as we raise money for a great cause and celebrate our work in the central Texas community. It won't be the same without you!

If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact co-chairs Julie Cowan (jscowan@aol.com) or Christina Fenrich (cafenrich@gmail.com).

P.S. Needing ideas for what to wear? Check out J. McLaughlin's new Spring Style Guide and their latest Palm Springs-influenced clothing line for a more casual look.

(jmclaughlin.com)

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Want to promote your business or service to other TCMA members?

It's time to submit your information!

The screenshot shows the website for Travis County Medical Alliance and Foundation. The header features the organization's name and a logo with a red star and blue stripes. A navigation menu includes links for Home, News & Events, About Us, Administrative, TCMA Foundation, Committees, Membership, Contact Us, and Store. The main content area is titled "Member Business Directory" and is divided into two sections: "Realtors" and "Financial Services".

Realtors

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XYZ Real Estate Company
Please call me for your Real estate needs. I specialize in the Terrytown area but can help you find that special home anywhere in town.

Financial Services

MARTIN REED
Wealth Manager
Managing medium to large portfolios with personalized attention to individual needs and goals.

The TCMA Member Business Directory is ready for submissions! If you own a business or provide a professional service, this will be a great way to share your information so that members can use the services or products provided by other TCMA members when they can. The Directory will be located on the TCMA website under the "Membership" tab. There will be no cost associated with this resource, and only members can have listings in the Directory.

**Please submit your information by March 15th
to be included in the Directory by filling out the form at:
<https://www.tcmalliance.org/member-business-directory>**



St. Louise House

What's new? - A volunteer opportunity at Saint Louise House! Beginning in March, Saint Louise House is looking to have volunteers help in their program offices at both locations. As a volunteer, you will help answer phones, greet residents when they come in, help with food bank and other deliveries, and help with some very basic data entry needed in the day-to-day operations. This will be an on-going 8 week commitment. Shifts are Monday - Friday during normal business hours.

Saint Louise House is looking for volunteers who:

- Are 18 or above
- Can commit to working the same shift at the same location every week for a minimum of 8 weeks
- Willing to complete a background check if you have not already done so

There are both daily morning and afternoon shifts at each of their two locations. Sound interesting to you? Or would like more details on the opportunity? If so, please contact Donna Clendennen, Volunteer & Community Engagement Manager at 512.302.0027 ext. 217 or dclendennen@saintlouiseshouse.org.



Membership renewals – target date is March 31st!

TCMA membership numbers continue to increase, but we do have some people who haven't yet renewed. We encourage these valued members to renew by March 31st. Go to the <https://www.tcmalliance.org/> website and look for the "Membership" tab. You'll find instructions on how to renew online, by mail or by phone. Or call the TMA Knowledge Center to speak to someone who can help at 800-880-7955.

Take advantage of the many benefits of TCMA membership. And please be sure to invite qualified friends and associates to join. We would love your support as we work together for a healthier Central Texas!

Lori Benold - VP Membership



Outreach & Support

Wishing Beth O'Farrell a speedy recovery from a recent surgery she required after breaking her wrist.

Former member Sandy Youman passed away Feb. 25. Sandy was married to J. Dudley Youman, MD. Her obituary can be found at [Sandra Youman Obituary - Austin, TX \(dignitymemorial.com\)](#).



AllMed is coming soon – you won't want to miss it! To learn more and to register, click here: [AllMED April 28-29 in Houston](#).

Medical Attairs

taken from TEXPAC email of 3-4-22

Primary Night Results – Wins for Medicine, the Rest to Be Continued

Texas saw nearly 3 million ballots cast this past Tuesday – one of the highest primary turnouts in the state's history! Overall, the night was a huge success for TEXPAC. In this primary, TEXPAC endorsed a total of 136 Republican and Democrat candidates running for statewide offices and in both legislative chambers, including seven endorsements in open seats. TEXPAC *almost* had a clean sweep with our candidates but ultimately, we ended the evening with a 98% success rate. We accomplished our main mission as we were able to protect our champions of medicine and help elect new friends to the legislature.

Redistricting further widened the partisan gap in the general elections, meaning very few (if any) races will be considered “toss ups.” In the primaries, not all incumbent or open seats even saw filings from each political party; thus, in some cases, the winner was decided on March 1. For instance, Texas senators already know who two of their new classmates will be – Rep. Mayes Middleton (R-Wallisville) will represent Senate District 11 and Kevin Sparks (R-Midland) will represent SD 31. Neither candidate will have a general election opponent in the fall. Ten incumbents with more than one challenger were able to secure an outright victory and avoid a runoff.

Medicine's Successes

TEXPAC secured many wins, but perhaps the biggest victory was the message we sent to the candidates. TEXPAC made a pledge to stand by those who stand by us, and that is amplified when these legislators are penalized for supporting physicians. Several legislators were targeted by aggressive and negative attack ads, including scope-of-practice defenders Rep. Reggie Smith (R-Van Alstyne) and Rep. Steve Allison (R-San Antonio). Thanks to TEXPAC and their local physicians, both defeated their challengers with large margins. Here are just a few of the races in which TEXPAC was instrumental in the candidate's victory (or continuing path thereto!):

- Land commissioner – Sen. Dawn Buckingham, MD (R-Lakeway)
- SD 25 – Sen. Donna Campbell, MD (R-New Braunfels)
- HD 14 – Rep. John Raney (R-College Station)
- HD 31 – Rep. Ryan Guillen (R-Rio Grande City)
- HD 42 – Rep. Richard Raymond (D-Laredo)
- HD 53 – Rep. Andrew Murr (R-Junction)
- HD 64 – Rep. Lynn Stucky (R-Sanger)
- HD 75 – Rep. Mary Gonzalez (D-Clint)
- HD 76 – Suleman Lalani, MD (D-Sugar Land)
- HD 83 – Rep. Dustin Burrows (R-Lubbock)

Some of the candidates above managed to fend off as many as three challengers, but that was not always the case. Four House incumbents were forced into runoffs:

- HD 12 - Rep. Kyle Kacal (R-College Station)
- HD 60 - Rep. Glenn Rogers (R-Graford)
- HD 85 – Rep. Phil Stephenson (R-Wharton)
- HD 91 - Rep. Stephanie Klick (R- Fort Worth)

If you want to look at more races in detail, check out these links for the [Republican](#) and [Democratic](#) primary results.

All runoff elections will be on Tuesday, May 24.

In addition to the runoff elections, there will be **two special elections on May 7**. These were prompted by the resignations of already-retiring Reps. Garnet Coleman and Eddie Lucio III. These races are:

- HD 147, in Harris County
- HD 38, in Cameron County

Remember, medicine can succeed in the legislature, but it's up to US to participate in the process. If you weren't registered in the primary, you can still [register to vote for the runoff elections!](#)

If you have any questions regarding whom medicine supports, please contact TEXPAC staff.

Julie Cowan - VP Medical Affairs



Book Group

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



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