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UPCOMING EVENTS:

This is the final edition of Vital Signs for 2022. The newsletter will be on hiatus until January 9, 2023.

January 4 - Mah Jongg

January 10 - Executive Board Meeting

January 18 - Mah Jongg

January 25 - Book Review

February 7 - Executive Board Meeting

February 14 - General Meeting

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

It's hard for me to believe that this is the last issue of Vital Signs for 2022. I feel like the past year (including the first half of my term as TCMA President) has flown by! I guess it's true what they say about "...when you're having fun." All of you, the members of the Alliance, are what make it fun...and strong...and successful. Please know that your membership is essential to our organization. Thanks to everyone who has renewed their membership for next year, and congratulations to the membership-drive prize winners whose names were drawn at the holiday luncheon. If you have not paid your 2023 dues, it's not too late. You can visit [texmedalliance.org](https://www.texmedalliance.org) or call the TMA Knowledge Center at **(800) 880-7955** where they will take your payment information.

A big thanks to Carrie Conner for planning a fabulous holiday luncheon at Tarry House. And thank you to Ann Morales for her sponsorship. It was wonderful to celebrate the season with friends, beautiful guitar music, and a delicious lunch while continuing our tradition of supporting BookSpring. As reported at the luncheon, our annual fund drive is going well. If you haven't already, please consider making a contribution to support this year's worthy grant recipients. Donations can be mailed or made on our website [tcmalliance.org](https://www.tcmalliance.org) on the STORE page. We are still a little shy of our \$17,000 goal, but I know we can get there! I hope everyone gets a chance to recharge and reconnect with family and friends over the next couple weeks. Wishing you all a joyful holiday!

Shannon McNeil



The BookSpring team was overjoyed to be an honoree yet another year. Funds raised during the event exceeded \$1,000. If you'd still like to donate, click:

[BookSpring](#).

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**2023 WINTER
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Join us for the 2023 TMA Winter Conference on Jan. 27-28 at the Hyatt Regency Austin. In preparation for the 2023 legislative session, the gathering will center around “One Voice: Advocating for Our Patients and Profession.” Register now to reserve your seat.

REGISTER

Mah Jongg Schedule

January 4 - 11:30 at La Madeleine (9828 Great Hills Trail)

January 18 - 11:30 at La Madeleine (9828 Great Hills Trail)

Please contact Kathy Thorstad, kthorstad@austin.rr.com for information or to be added to the group email list. **New players welcome!**



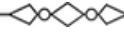


First Tuesdays - Show Up for Medicine in 2023

On the first Tuesday of each month during a Texas Legislative Session, physicians from all over the state descend upon the Capitol in what is called a “white coat invasion.” Armed with a list of bills and TMA’s position on these bills, these doctors, residents, students and Alliance members meet with Texas legislators as lobbyists for the day.

TCMS schedules all appointments with local senators and representatives. During those appointments, the TMA/TCMS legislative agenda is discussed and “asks” are made of the elected officials and their legislative aides for a vote in favor or against bills affecting patients and physicians. Agendas, briefings on legislators and bills impacting medicine will be sent prior to each lobby day. For more information on First Tuesdays at the Capitol, contact Lesley Viner at lviner@tcms.com or 512.206.1245.

**Register for First
Tuesday**



Cares & Concerns

We all experience times in our lives when we could a little extra help. If you or a fellow TCMA member needs care after adopting a child or welcoming a new baby; recovering from an illness or surgery; or are grieving the loss of a loved one, please contact

Vickie Blumhagen (vickieblumhagen@gmail.com).

We want to support our members!



Have you signed up for Directory Spot, our membership directory?

Be sure to add the cell phone app version too - you'll be glad
you did!

Laptop or Desktop Instructions:

Current members can now access the TCMA directory on Directory Spot at www.directoryspot.net. Only ACTIVE members, whose emails are part of the group, can sign in. Login using the email you use to receive the TCMA Vital Signs newsletter.

1. **Please verify your contact information.** (Edits to your profile can only be made on desktop version.)
2. Feel free to **add other information** that you would like to share with the group: children's names, hobbies, other groups you belong to, etc.
3. Please verify that the **committees** listed are those you want to participate in and make corrections, if needed.
4. Don't forget to download the **Directory Spot app to your mobile device.**
You will have access wherever you go!

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