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What's Happening:

March 18 - [TMAA Webinar Series](#)

**March 23 *NEW DATE* - Floral Arranging Class with
Flower Social**

**March 26 - [Last day to buy Party with a Purpose
tickets](#)**

March 31 - [Alliance Arts](#)

**April 6 - First Tuesday at the Capitol from your home
([register now](#))**

April 10 - [Party with a Purpose \(buy tickets here\)](#)

April 15 - [TMAA Webinar Series](#)

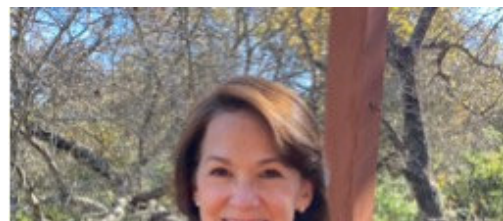
April 20 - General Meeting

**May 4 - First Tuesday at the Capitol from your home
([register now](#))**

May 14 - [TMAF Virtual Gala](#)



**Note from Christina
Fenrich,
TCMA President**





Alliance members continue to volunteer at immunization clinics as more vaccine arrives in Austin. At this time, we have one more TCMS/Code4 1A clinic to be scheduled for second-dose vaccines.

And, teachers are getting vaccinated now!

TCMA volunteers were invited last week to assist Code4 with a vaccination clinic for AISD teachers and staff who work in several schools located in “hot zones.” I agreed immediately, confident that Alliance members would be happy to assist with these clinics. Sure enough, the sign-up list filled with volunteers within hours. The clinics ran last week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at AISD Headquarters where approximately one thousand teachers and staff received their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

Thanks to all volunteers who showed up and worked a longer than usual shift. Special thanks to Cindy Nelson, Loren Gigliotti, Lydia Soldano, Patty Loose (all past-presidents), and Treva Horwitz, who stepped up to be leaders for the clinics.

We are also grateful to Dr. Marjan Linnell and Dr. Conor Hagen, both pediatricians from Austin Regional Clinic, for volunteering with us Tuesday evening. The doctors scribed for the paramedics while vaccinations were administered. See the photos below of Dr. Linnell holding the baby of a young teacher as she was being vaccinated.

It is quite poignant to see how our volunteers give selflessly to assist those outside of the medical community, furthering our mission of creating a healthier Central Texas.

Travis County Medical Alliance was spotlighted in the March TMAA newsletter with an article that highlighted our past and current work

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Thanks to our PWAP committee, we are polishing up plans for a fun Texas Springtime Round-Up! party with an inventive menu and craft cocktail delivered to your home. Join us for our virtual Party with a Purpose event in support of our grant recipients: St. Louise House, Volunteer Health Clinic and TCMS Physician Wellness Program. DON'T DELAY: BUY TICKETS FOR YOU, YOUR SPOUSE, AND EVEN YOUR FRIENDS NOW! Buy tickets at [Texas Springtime Round-up! TICKETS Price per person | Travis Cty Med All \(tcmalliance.org\)](https://www.tcmalliance.org/texas-springtime-round-up)



Working at the AISD/Code4 Covid Vaccine Clinic



Bringing the party to YOU!

Texas Springtime Round-up!

Saturday
APRIL | 10 | 2021

Fabulous meal, craft cocktail, themed gift
& a virtual celebration to bring us together

TICKETS & INFO:
www.tcmalliance.org

7 IN THE EVENING	\$100 per person
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Party Packages to be delivered April 10th



Buy tickets here!

Join the Travis County Medical Alliance on April 10th at our Texas Springtime Round-up! TCMA volunteers will bring the 2021 Party with a Purpose to your home. Included in delivery will be a fabulous catered meal, the makings for a craft cocktail, and a themed gift. We plan to host a virtual celebration via Zoom that evening to bring Alliance members, spouses, sponsors, and friends together so we can learn more about our grant recipients and celebrate a successful year of service, advocacy, and fellowship. Although it won't be our usual Party

with a Purpose, it will certainly be one to remember. So pull on your boots, grab your best cowpoke, and join in on the Alliance's 2021 Texas Springtime Round-Up! It wouldn't be the same without you!

DETAILS: \$100 per person (\$200/couple)

Reservations due by March 26

Vegetarian and gluten-free meal options

available

Meals delivered during the day on April 10

Program scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Order tickets at [STORE | Travis Cty Med All](#)

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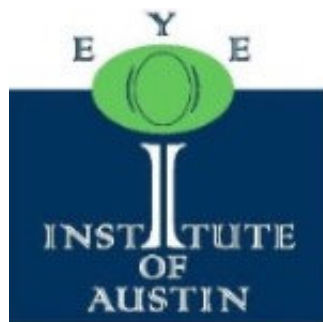
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Flower arranging with
The Flower Social

Tuesday
March 23
10:00 am

If you chose the
Pick-Up Option,
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be delivered to you!

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

Zoom Link



CAPITOL WATCH
FIRST TUESDAYS AT THE CAPITOL
FOLLOW UP

FIRST TUESDAY FEBRUARY MEETING:
REPUBLICAN SENATORS

Five Austin physicians, along with Alliance members Beth O'Farrell and Julie Cowan, met via Zoom with staffers for Senators Buckingham and Campbell Friday afternoon to discuss TMA's legislative agenda. Dr. Rob Cowan led the discussion with a run down of priority issues and bills, starting with funding priorities: Medicaid, CHIP, women's and behavioral health, and graduate medical education.

Julie shared the best way to keep track of specific bills: go to the Texas Legislature's website (capitol.texas.gov) and enter the bill number (e.g. SB 468 or HB 2340) or a key word. Click on the tabs to find out everything there is to know about that bill, including its History, Text and Actions.

Senate Bill 915, authored by Senator Hancock, was brought up as one in particular to watch closely. If passed, this bill would allow advanced practice registered nurses, (APRNs) to independently prescribe drugs and medical devices, and to order and evaluate diagnostic testing, without oversight of a physician.

Watch for updates and Action Alerts in upcoming Vital Signs. OR go to texmed.org to learn more about TMA's legislative agenda and simple ways you can advocate for Medicine.

Beth O'Farrell, Capitol Watch Committee
Chair, bofarrell21@gmail.com



Alliance Arts 2021 Kick-off Event

Wednesday, March 31

9:15 – 11:00 am

Private East Austin Mural Walk,

<https://atxartwalk.com/>

Starts at 2211 East Cesar Chavez, street parking is available.

Ends at 807 E. 4th Street.



11-12:15 pm

Coffee/Food/Giggles & Gab outdoors at Cenote, 1010 E. Cesar Chavez.

Cenote is near end of tour but 1 mile from tour starting point.

Cost

\$25/pp

Venmo Carrie Conner to secure your spot (handle is @Carrie-ConnerCPA).

Space is limited; cut-off is 7 days prior or 3/24; no refunds but please please find a substitute.

Miscellaneous

Guide is wearing a mask and attendees are encouraged to wear masks as well.

Tour does not return to its starting point so a 1 mile walk or uber will be

needed to get back to cars parked at starting point.
Wear comfortable walking shoes!

Contact

Carrie Conner, 210.241.6583 (mobile), carrieconnercpa@gmail.com

This is an extraordinary tour and one guaranteed to “fill up” your cultural bucket!



Here's a great benefit of your TMAA membership: enrichment webinars on the 3rd Thursday of the month at noon, via Zoom.

Upcoming webinars:

Thursday, March 18, 12 – 1 pm

How to Improve Health Through Physical Fitness, presented by Tom Warren, MD

Thursday, April 15, 12 – 1 pm

Pandemic Impact on Mental Health in Our Youth and Adolescents, presented by Maricela Dominguez Gulbronson, MD, FAAP

Click here to register or watch past presentations.

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