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**ALLMED Conference!**

**Registration and more information [here](#).**

May 15-17, 2019  
Hilton Anatole Dallas



## **First Tuesday at the Capitol**

We had our last First Tuesday on May 7 at the capitol. Thank you to all who participated in First Tuesdays this year. It was a lot of fun and a great experience! A special thank you to Patty Loose, Julie Cowan, and Carla Wilkenfeld - our wonderful legislative leaders!



## **April General Meeting Highlights**

The TCMA had their final meeting of the year on April 16 at the Caswell House. It was a great meeting where we handed out checks to our grant recipients, pinned incoming President Wendy Propst, celebrated honorary members, and recognized our volunteer of the year.



Above is TCMA's Beth O'Farrell outside the Caswell House with this year's grant recipients. TCMA gave away more than \$53,000 to our grant recipients this spring. Thank you to Beth O'Farrell for all your hard work with grants, Janet Schneider for all of our fundraising, and every member of TCMA who donated money to our fund drive. The TCMA definitely makes a difference in the lives of Central Texans!



At the meeting we also had the tradition of the pinning of the president! Melissa Smith, outgoing President, pinned the new President, Wendy Propst. Best of luck to Wendy and the 2019-20 board.

Our 6 honorary members were recognized for all the hard work they have done over the years. We also added a new honorary member: Patty Loose. Patty has served as the president at both the county and state levels, plus many other board positions. She is currently involved with the legislative advisory committee of TMAA and is doing great work for the family of medicine. Thank you to Pat Wallis, Ann Morales, and Cindy Nelson for attending the meeting. Eugenia Schoch, Libby Malone, and Sara Butler could not attend but were also celebrated!





Volunteer of the year was Lori Benold. Lori is a new member who chaired Party With A Purpose this year. She will also serve on the board next year as VP of Programs. Thank you Lori for all your hard work in the TCMA! We are lucky to have you in the alliance!

As I exit my year as President, I'd like to thank every member of our organizations. Whether you serve on the board, attend social events, frequent the book club, or just pay dues some years—you are all equally important to our organization. We couldn't do the work we do without all of you as members, so **thank you** for a great year, and I hope you have a wonderful summer! - Melissa Smith



*Here is the roster of incoming TCMA officers for 2019-2020:*

**President:** Wendy Propst

**President-Elect:** Christina Fenrich

**Secretary:** Wendy Kratzer

**Treasurer:** Amy Whited

**Treasurer-Elect:** Janet Schneider

**VP Communications:** Kate Paul

**VP Financial Development:** Tugba McCage

**VP Financial Development-Elect:** Ronsey Chawla

**VP Programs:** Lori Benold

**VP Membership:** Shannon McNeil

**VP Membership-Elect:** Olguita Santiago

**VP Medical Affairs:** Carla Wilkenfeld

**VP Community Service:** Beth O'Farrell

**VP Community Service-Elect:** Jenny Stern

**VP Enrichment:** Lara Norris



## **Book Club Happenings**

All members and prospective members are welcome. You don't have to read the book to join in the meeting. We often have coffee and snacks and time to visit before we begin book discussion.

For addresses of meeting locations, please join the committee or contact Pat Wallis at [patriciaawallis@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaawallis@gmail.com) or 512-327-7505.

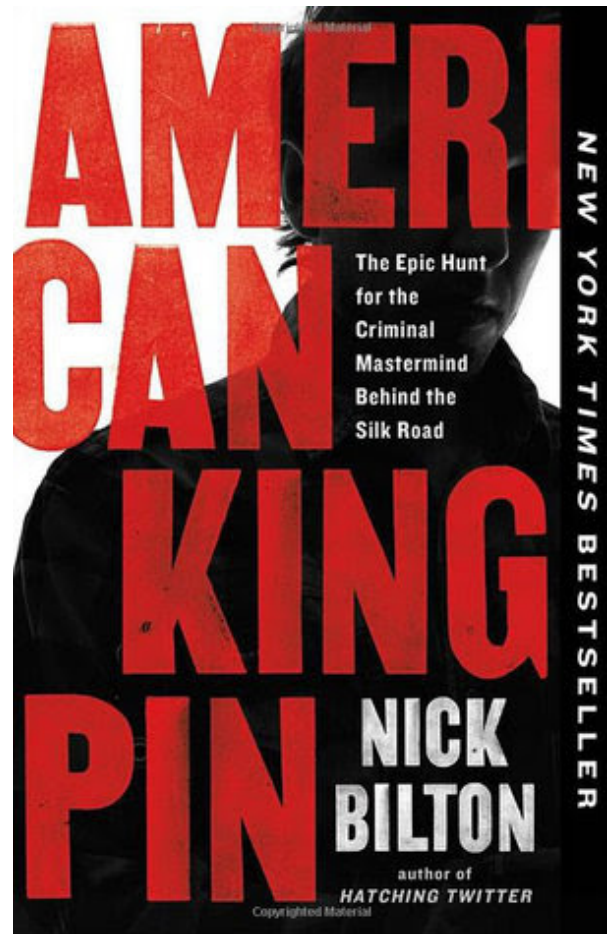
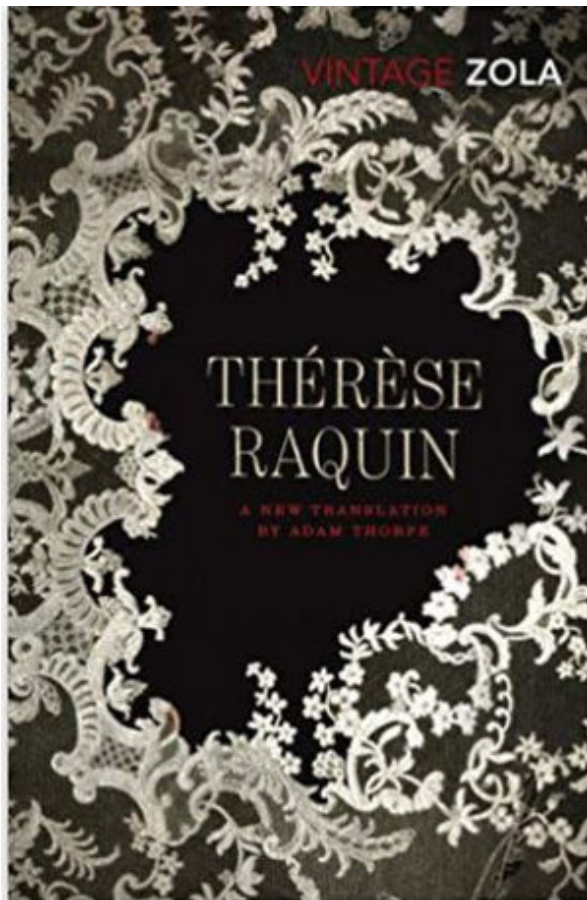


### Upcoming dates, reviewers, and books are:

May 22: Kathy Trizna will review *Next Year in Havana* by Chanel Cleeton. ***New location for this one:*** We will meet at the home of Peggy Seaquist.

August 28: Sarah Butler will lead our discussion of *American Kingpin* by Nick Bilton.  
***Host needed.***

September 25: Pat Wallis will lead our discussion of Emile Zola's *Therese Raquin* (2013 translation by Adam Thorpe). ***Host needed.***



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### Vital Signs Summer Schedule

Vital Signs will publish 3 times over the summer: June, July and August. Please send news, updates, and information for Vital Signs by the following deadlines to Kathy Downie at [Kathy.Downie@me.com](mailto:Kathy.Downie@me.com) :

June publication submission deadline: June 7th  
July publication submission deadline: July 5th  
August publication submission deadline: August 8th

\*\*Vital Signs will resume weekly publication schedule on September 1.\*\*

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### Do you have news to share in Vital Signs?!

Please send in your news by 5 p.m. Fridays for that Sunday's Vital Signs. Email Kathy Downie at [Kathy.downie@me.com](mailto:Kathy.downie@me.com) .

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