



# HEADLINES

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## Patti Ohlendorf - New President Headliners Club Board of Trustees



Patti Ohlendorf has much to crow about – a successful marriage, two grown sons, a dynamic career as the Vice President for Legal Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin - and she remembered her lines at her installment as president of the Headliners Club.

The Tyler, Texas native came to the university in 1971 and, like many others, never left. “I feel like a native Austinite,” says Ohlendorf. The original plan was to return to east Texas after law school and work in the oil and gas business but when Patti met Curtis Ohlendorf, retired IT manager at the University of Texas library and current active Longhorn cattle rancher, plans changed. Even though her first date with the rancher included a broken saddle and being bucked off a horse, Ohlendorf accepted a second date. There have been other agricultural adventures. “I was in a closed pen with 600 plus pound cows, vaccinating them, and decided never again,” she recalled.

During her law school years, Ohlendorf first visited the Headliners at the Westgate Building location. Today she leads the board of the club where she often lunches or joins friends for a drink in the Press Box after work. The club is “a great place to bring people to see Austin and its sophistication, beauty and charm” Ohlendorf says, and to admire the city’s lights at night.

The experience begins with the well trained staff. Sue Meller and people such as Gloria Hill greet everyone nicely and in a heartfelt way. In addition to the excellent food (she is fond of the sea bass), the opportunity to run into members and their guests is wonderful, says Ohlendorf.

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Ohlendorf has several goals for her tenure as club president: retain and enhance the quality of the experience people have at the club, bring in new members, continue to show appreciation to Sue Meller and the staff, provide the best employment opportunity possible so the club continues to run well and, of course, “do whatever Chairman Granger asks us to do.”

Her advice to members? Remember the club is a terrific place to come for dinner during the week. You never know who you will see so “keep coming and come often.”

— by Jane Greig

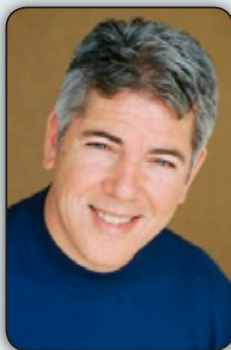
## ◆ PROFILES ◆

### New Headliners Club Board Members

#### James Taylor

Upon visiting with James Taylor it is quite apparent the pride he holds for the pioneer spirit of his ancestors. His family, however, did not load up the Conestoga and head west – in fact they headed south to Mexico. In 1903, his grandparents were among 30 families invited to move to Mexico and begin business ventures. During the Mexican revolution (1910-1920) they, along with their 11 children, were forced to flee the country and return to the United States. In 1927 his grandfather returned to Mexico to reclaim his holdings.

Born in Hale Center, Texas, Pete Laney country, James' family returned to Ciudad Victoria, Mexico when he was 4. Fast forward to today and James' ties to Mexico remain strong. Most of his career has focused on international relations ranging from public relations for NAFTA to establishing an international division for



Public Strategies. Currently, as a founding partner in Vianovo, he helps both US and Mexico based companies understand and address market and non-market barriers in either country. He enjoys bringing his clients from Mexico to the Headliners Club – not only is it a great place to introduce them to interesting people, it reminds him of similar business clubs in Mexico.

James is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, serves as an Advisory Board member for the Woodrow Wilson Center's Mexico Institute and is involved in Austin with CARITAS and the Hispanic Alliance for the Performing Arts. For all his accomplishments, he said, he is most proud of his wife Ingrid and his children Benjamin and Gabriela.

— by Laurie Hall

#### Susan Dawson

San Antonio native, civil engineer, president and Executive director of the E3 Alliance, wife, mother and now Susan Dawson adds board member, Headliners Club to an impressive resumé.

As past chair of the Austin Chamber of Commerce, board member of the Austin Area Research Organization and former board chair of American YouthWorks, Dawson knows something about time management. Before agreeing to serve on the board, she grilled Tom Granger, club chairman, about the time commitment entailed in the job. The club “offers an opportunity to meet and get to know a lot of interesting, excited and exciting, impactful people in the Austin area,” says the Lake Travis resident. With staff members who are as professional as they are engaging adds much to the club's ambiance. Board service will deepen these relationships.

Piloting a regional collaborative using objective data and cross-sector collaboration to change educational systems, this dynamo is a civil engineer from Princeton with a MBA in



Information Systems Management from the University of Texas McCombs School of Business. It surprises most people, therefore to learn Dawson was drum major of the Princeton University band as an undergraduate which “had nothing to do with musical ability but how many people you could drink under the table.” Dawson did not elaborate on exactly what was consumed in this capacity.

Pulling Dawson and her husband away from their Lake Travis home at the end of the day is a struggle but club events like the evening with the Doobie Brothers are exceptions. Members should take advantage of such events as the club is a “great place to meet, discuss and talk to people who want to make Central Texas a better place,” Dawson commented. Look for Dawson lunching with business associates at the club enjoying one of chef John Krone's soups. “I love good soups and they are hard to find at other places. At the Headliners I am never disappointed,” Dawson notes.

— by Jane Greig

## Scott Dunaway

Energy and enthusiasm would best describe new Headliners Trustee Scott Dunaway. As the founder of Dunaway Public Relations and a founding partner in The Monument Group, he represents Fortune 500 companies, non-profits and political figures. And, more importantly, he is the father of 2 year old triplets (WHEW!).

A Ft. Worth native and TCU alumni, Scott began his career in Washington DC working on Capitol Hill. After 3 years on "The Hill" he joined the Bush (George W.) administration serving in many capacities, including press secretary and spokesman at the U.S. Department of Commerce. When it came time to return home to Texas what better place to set up shop than Austin - with its fertile political and business environment it was the ideal launching pad for his company.



Continuing to stay involved in politics, Scott has advised many politicians, including Mitt Romney and Governor Perry, on developing strategies for the Texas political landscape. He says that the Headliners Club is the perfect location for fundraisers, business events and entertaining clients for lunch. Many would agree!

Scott has whole heartedly embraced the Austin community. He and his wife Susan are actively involved with The Seton Fund and Dell Children's Hospital. However, as loyal Horned Frog fans, they do try to get to Ft. Worth as often as possible and actively raise funds for the TCU athletic department directed towards scholarships and facility construction. They are thrilled with TCU's affiliation in the Big 12 and are anxiously awaiting the start of football season.

— by Laurie Hall

## Jolynn Free

In West Texas, it is said that one's legitimacy may be called into question if you do not have two names, says Jolynn Free. The true story behind this moniker is less colorful. With no consensus on a first name, Jolynn is a combination of two middle names her family liked.

Leaving her native Abilene at 17 to enroll at the University of Texas to major in drama, Free did not look back. Soon this investment advisor at RBC Wealth Management began sharing her time and talents with local organizations including Laguna Gloria Art Museum, Conspirare, All Saints' Church, and the Austin Children's Shelter. One additional recipient of her generosity in this litany is the Creek Nation, where she is on the tribal rolls. Free's great, great grandfather, George Washington Grayson, was the chief of the Creek Nation.

Enjoying the club via other members for several years, Free joined the Headliners Club about five years ago. On her first visit to the Headliners Club she was struck with "how high it was off the

ground and what a sense of dignity it had." You will often find her in the Read Room or on the 20th floor. Her menu preference? The fish Pontchartrain and a salad. Free and her husband, Gregory, take advantage of club events. "I love the emphasis on family events such as bring-the-kids nights and July 4," Free noted, as well as events outside the four walls of the club such as the Al Green concert.

In addition, the support the Headliners Foundation gives aspiring journalists attracts Free as an important function of the club. Service on the Headliners Board affords the opportunity to be with people who are "generous with their time and have been friends for decades," Free notes. One of those friends is Sue Meller, who clearly understands hospitality is a basis to allow many things to happen. "I do not know anyone who works harder or cares more about a place of employment," she said.

— by Jane Greig



## Doug Dodds

Doug Dodds, commercial litigation attorney and managing partner of McGinnis, Lockridge & Kilgore, L.L.P. has happily called Austin home for the better part of 30 years. "It was not hard to fall in love with Austin when dad took that job in 1981," the Manhattan, Kansas native reports. (Dad is Deloss Dodds, University of Texas Men's Athletic Director.)

Dodds remembers fondly coming to the Headliners Club many nights with his father and feasting on the infamous Ron Ford platter of 12 fried shrimp 12 jumbo gulf shrimp, a ribeye and onion rings (Note: If you have to ask the price...) After generously footing the bill for years, one evening dad made me sign a napkin as a binding contract to join the club, Dodds said. "I had no choice but it was a good choice."

These days members will probably find Dodds in the casual dining room (corner table, please) savoring the club's fried shrimp or

in the Press Box with friends. The self-described student government and debate nerd is now the father of three who splits his time between work and his children's activities (volleyball, cross country, track). Joining the Headliners Board was an easy decision for Dodds who says fine service, terrific location and good food set the club apart. The fabulous staff is composed of quality people who "take good care of you," Dodds says, and "it is an honor to serve."

Dodds advises members to enjoy the company of other members, take advantage of opportunities to relax in the bar and have a great meal. Dubbing the river city a land of hidden treasures Dodds clearly isn't in Kansas anymore and enjoys all Austin has to offer: "I can hang at the Headliners or at Lala's."

— by Jane Greig





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## ◆ INSIDE TRACK ◆

### John Fainter

## Will the Lights Come On the Next Time You Flip the Switch?



Speaker Fainter asked his guests to think about how many more electrical devices they have now than in 1970?

As the President of the Association of Electric Companies of Texas, Inc (AECT), John Fainter is keenly aware of our State's increasing appetite for electricity. Not only is our population growing at a healthy rate but the size of our houses and office buildings, the number of electric devices we depend on, and the industrial production in the State, have all increased exponentially over the past 60 years. All of which have contributed to enormous increases in consumption of electricity. We are now totally dependent upon a reliable supply of electricity that can expand to meet the increasing demand.

So why aren't we seeing new power plants springing up all over Texas to meet the demand? According to Fainter there are several reasons.

First is an adequate supply of water. Power plants use water to cool the medium that spins the generators to create electricity. Without new lakes to provide cooling you won't see new generating facilities. And you can't create a lake overnight.



Texas State University Chancellor Brian McCall catches up with Dick Brown.



John Fainter with Special Events Committee Chairman Patti Ohlendorf.



Chris Tomlinson of the Associated Press with his wife Shalini Ramanathan.

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## Inside Track John Fainter

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Second, the regulatory requirements to build a power plant are massive and time consuming.

Third, most folks don't want a power plant in their backyard, so right of ways must be acquired and transmission lines erected to distribute the electricity from producer to consumer.



Betsy Christian is all smiles between Texas Taxpayers and Research Association president Dale Craymer and Attorney Will Jones.

Fourth, solar and wind generating capabilities have reliability issues.

Fifth, it costs a lot of money to do all of the above.



Chris Plonsky and Nick Voinis are big fans of speaker Fainter.

Sixth, in most parts of Texas electric consumers enjoy a competitive market which is good for keeping the cost to purchase electricity down but not so good for encouraging producers to put large amounts of capital at risk for long periods at modest rates of return.



Karen Johnson was so happy to be having lunch with her son Hunter Johnson.



Susan Fainter (center) was happy to be at lunch with friends John and Marge Kelley.

All that being said we need to face the fact that we are going to have to adjust to more efficient consumption of electricity in the short run and paying more for electricity in the long run to assure adequate and reliable sources of electricity.

So pray for rain and turn off the electric devices you don't need and reduce the use of those you do need. And talk to your elected representatives at all levels of government and encourage them to address these challenges.

You can educate yourself on [www.aectnet.wordpress.com](http://www.aectnet.wordpress.com) or [www.ercot.com](http://www.ercot.com)

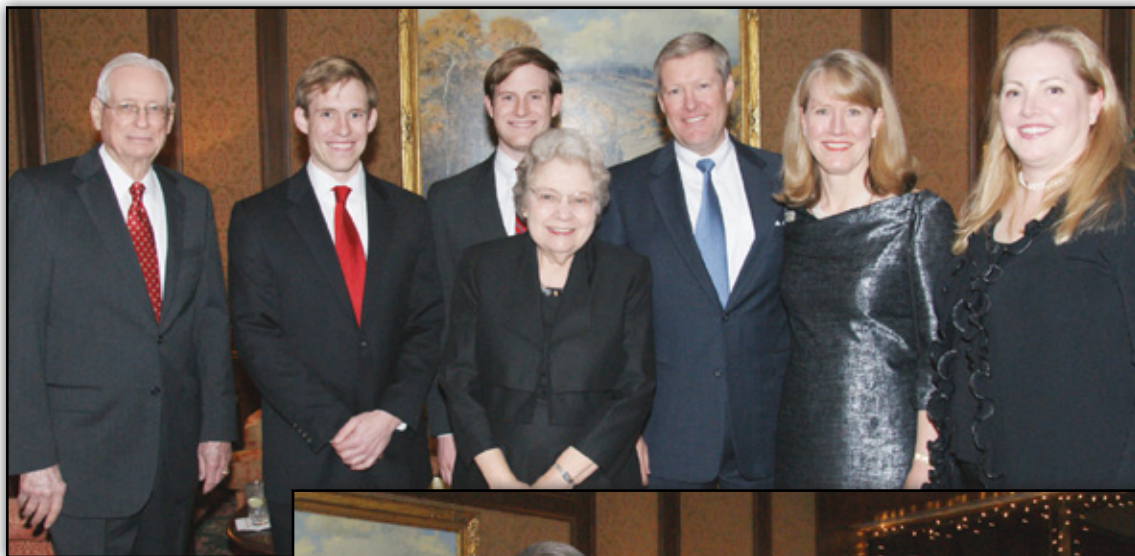
— By Tom Granger



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# President's Party

The Club has come a long way from the small space in the Driskill Hotel in which it first started food and drink service in 1954. However, we still adhere to the tradition of celebrating the service of the outgoing Club President and Trustees and welcoming the in-coming President and new Trustees with a bit of cheer and a fine meal.



President Bauer invited a few members of his family to join him for the celebration: Back row, left to right: Syd Bauer, Louis Bauer, Martin Bauer, and Meade Bauer. Front row, left to right, Dorothy Bauer, Ann Bauer and Kate Thompson.

The past, present and future: President-Elect Sam Sparks and his wife Melinda, New in-coming President Patti Ohlendorf and her husband Curtis, and outgoing President Meade Bauer and his wife Ann.



Under excellent leadership: Chairman Tom Granger and his wife Beth, President Meade Bauer and his wife Ann.

The past, present and future Presidents of the Club gathered with the Board of Trustees and the Headliners Foundation Board of Governors to celebrate the transition from the old Board officers and Trustees to the new ones. Hosted by Chairman and Mrs. Tom Granger and President and Mrs. Meade Bauer, the evening brought friends old and new together for good fun and much reminiscing.



## President's Party *(continued from page 6)*



Past President (2001) Malcolm Cooper with wife Robin welcomes JoLynn Free with husband Gregg as a new board member.



Sharing a funny story are Brian and Jane Greig with Mike McKetta.



The Foundation Board of Governors was well represented by Rod Hart (2nd right) and Kelley Shannon (right). They are seen here with their spouses Michael Pearson and Peggy Hart.



New Board member Scott Dunaway with wife Susan will quickly learn the ropes by talking to Lanette and Wallace Smith.



Ross Ramsey, Greg Curtis and Howard Falkenberg discuss the Headliners Foundation with new Board of Trustees member James Taylor.



## President's Party *(continued from page 7)*



David and Sylvia Minton had a good time with Kathy Taylor.



Harriet O'Neill, JoAnne Christian and JoAnne Midwikis can always find something interesting to discuss.



Gay Gaddis (2nd right) was pleased to have been re-elected to the Board of Trustees. Seen here with Howard and Diane Falkenberg and husband Lee.



The Board officers for the coming year are:

Tom Granger – *Chairman*,  
Patti Ohlendorf – *President*,  
Sam Sparks – *President-Elect*,  
Meade Bauer – *Past President*,  
Dillon Ferguson – *Secretary*  
Wallace Smith – *Treasurer*.

New Board member Susan Dawson (2nd from right) and past president (2009) Elizabeth Christian were delighted to talk about Headliners traditions with husbands Bruce Todd and Ken Mannas.



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## President's Party *(continued from page 8)*

It was a night of appreciation for past Board of Trustees members:



Paul Bury



Kerry Cammack



Tim Crowley



As with all presidents before him, Meade Bauer was presented with a tankard. An identical one is in the Press Box.



New President Patti Ohlendorf's only job for the evening was to declare "let the party continue...!"

Outgoing President Meade Bauer was presented with the traditional President's tankard and a gift in recognition of the many hours and considerable effort he put in on behalf of the Club and its members. He then made some remarks chronicling his Presidency and the fun and challenges he experienced.

The new President Patti Ohlendorf then made her fist official proclamation "let the party continue..." and as always it did.

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## ◆ FAMOUS AUSTINITES ◆

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### Richard Fisher

#### Monetary Policy as Viewed from the 11th District of the Fed

The Club was indeed fortunate to have Richard Fisher, the president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas back to speak to us for the third time in the past six years. As always he was very articulate and entertaining in his talk. But surprisingly, he was also clear and direct, for a central banker, in his thoughts about the present economic conditions and what the future holds.

The man with his finger on the economic pulse of the 11<sup>th</sup> District, reminded us how lucky and/or smart we were to live in our Great State. With 211,600 jobs created in 2011, there are now more people working in Texas than at anytime in our history. Our economy is out performing the nation as a whole as well as any other state and has been doing so for more than 20 years (see the charts at the Fed web-site <http://dallasfed.org>).

It is noteworthy that Texas is not a one-trick-pony when it comes to job growth. While 30,000 jobs were added in the oil and gas sector last year, there were even more jobs created in each of three other sectors; professional and business services, education and health, and leisure and hospitality which all added significantly more jobs than the oil patch. The overall growth in Texas payrolls in 2011 was 2 percent, almost 50 percent greater than the nation as a whole.

Even better news is that Fisher sees job growth in Texas continuing at the same pace for the foreseeable future. So why are we so fortunate?



Dallas Federal Reserve President Richard Fisher makes his third speech to Headliners Club members.



Of course, banker Joe Petet would find this talk of interest. He enjoyed the evening with wife Kathy.

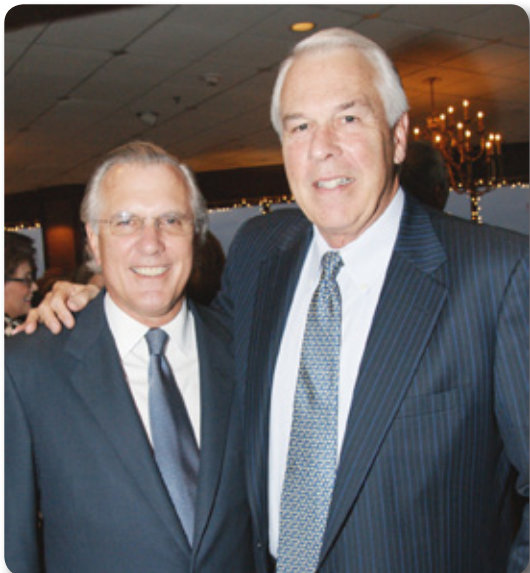


Wade Cooper brought his daughter (center) and her friend to the lecture.



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## Famous Austinites Shayne McGuire *(continued from page 10)*



Richard Fisher was especially pleased to share the evening with his brother Mike Fisher.

While we might like to think that our good fortune is attributable to our *pioneer spirit, get-it-done attitude, and natural good looks*, the Fed Prez gives most of the credit to state laws and regulations, crafted over more than 60 years, that encourage business expansion and job creation. That supportive business environment together with abundant gifts of nature and an industrious workforce support great confidence in the future of our state.

But what is the Fed going to do about *monetary policy*? At the January 2012 meeting of the FOMC, they issued a policy statement stating that it “currently anticipates that economic conditions.... are likely to warrant exceptionally low levels for the federal funds



James Taylor had the perfect seat between Mexican Consul General Rosalba Ojeda and his wife Ingrid.



Having grown up in Mexico, Richard Fisher particularly enjoyed speaking with Grupo Reforma's Alejandro Junco.



Dr. Adam Heller was delighted to share the evening with Nancy and Bob Inman.

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## **Famous Austinites Shayne McGuire**

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rate at least through late 2014". Fisher, who is not a voting member of the FOMC for 2012, said the following concerning the policy statement "I feel that the key should be to calibrate monetary policy according to the state or condition of the economy". This comment together with his observation that he has yet to find any economist or fortune teller that can consistently make accurate forecasts for the future performance of the economy, might lead one to conclude that he feels the FOMC may find themselves making course adjustments prior to late 2014.

Fisher also commented on the FOMC statement that their long-range goals and strategy should primarily focus on inflation (price stability) for establishing monetary policy. The Fed's second mandate, added by the Congress in 1977, is to maximize employment which can only be indirectly and transitorily affected by monetary policy and thus needs to be weighted accordingly. Therefore it would appear that the Fed is returning the responsibility for maximum employment to the fiscal policy makers. For it appears that confidence in the fiscal future and responsible governance of the nation have a much greater impact on job creation than any or all of the components of monetary policy.

Finally, Fisher imparted this civics lesson to his audience. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR



James and Gayle Heath had a delightful time with their daughter Rachel.

THE GOVERNANCE OF THIS NATION, "Accepting the status quo means you are acquiescing to encumbering your children and your children's children with mismanaged fiscal policy, crippling debt and a dismal economic future..... use your talents and resources to force a course correction in the fiscal affairs of our nation."

So, now we are encouraged by the condition of our state's economy, informed of the direction of monetary policy, and challenged to improve the fiscal affairs of our nation.

It was a fabulous evening and everyone present did not want it to come to an end. I hope that in a couple of years the Club will be able to have Richard back to speak to us again and give us an update on the state and national economy and how we have met the challenges he has presented to us.

— *By Tom Granger*



Robert Greenwood discussed banking in Austin with Meade Bauer.



Debby and John Burns loved hearing about the good job growth numbers in Texas.



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# *Are We Safe? Cyber Security Talk with Admiral Inman and Congressman McCaul*

Cyber Terrorism / Cyber Security was raised as a serious concern during Headliners' previous talk with Admiral Bob Inman and Congressman Michael McCaul. As this is such a large and focused subject, the two experts agreed to return to the Headliners Club to discuss this timely and alarming topic. As instances of identity theft and information mining continue to occur, our speakers explained what to do to avoid these violations.



Admiral and Mrs. Inman were pleased son Tom and his wife Marianne and her mother Alice Stidman could join them for the evening.



Two of Austin's most inquisitive women — Teresa Long and Ellen King.



New member Janet Naumann and her friend Jane Greig.

Vigilance was advocated by Admiral Inman in previous programs and again in reference to the Cyber threats we all face. Not opening emails from unknown sources is first and foremost. Using a personal email account to send privileged information presents risks. But as Congressman McCaul pointed out, there are other types of threats that are cause for concern. Computer systems now run our financial institutions, our power grids and our air-traffic control. If any of these systems were to be disrupted, crippled or taken over they could cause major problems for our infrastructure.

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## **Famous Austinites Inmann & McCaul** *(continued from page 13)*

In a video Congressman McCaul presented, a computer was responsible for maintaining a power generator's integrity. As the computer was compromised, it told the generator to shut off its fan and overheated, eventually being physically destroyed. This threat, he pointed out, is not just of cyber security and information, but also a real physical threat to machines that operate with computer systems.



Admiral Inman's enthusiastic response about the mention of his hometown's famous Possum Museum.



Don Kuykendall (left) and Shea Morenz (right) enjoyed the evening with Ben Davis.



Walter Wendlandt and his bride Sonia were delighted to be at the Club.



Richard and Rae Hill with Kent and Melissa Ferguson learned to watch their e-mails carefully.



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## Famous Austinites Inmann & McCaul *(continued from page 14)*



The Director of UT's Energy Institute Richard Orbach with wife Eva, is very familiar with cyber security.



Ann Butler always enjoys Hearing Congressman McCaul's insights.

The program turned to ways our government and our private corporations can insulate themselves from Cyber threats. Physical and virtual walls continue to be put up to keep us – and our information - safe. Headliners and their guests listened intently and followed the program with many questions for our speakers. Admiral Inman and Congressman McCaul promised to come back for an update soon!

— *by McKinnon Morton*



Linda McCaul was glad their friend John Schweitzer could attend the discussion.



JoAnne Christian was thrilled son Bruce from Boston was in town for this evening.



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# Earth, Wind & Fire



"Let's Groove"\* the Heisers (Rob and Becky) said to the Oswalts (Cathy and Chuck).

Another sellout crowd gathered for an evening of singing, dancing and good food! Earth, Wind and Fire played for the second time in the past year at the ACL-Moody theater – Headliners gathered for dinner at the Club and then strolled down to the W Hotel for the concert.



You are my "Shining Star"\* Hill Morrison says to wife Lee.



This group was certainly ready to "Sing A Song"\* Rex and Laura Bohls were guests of Powell and Jodie Thompson.



"Gratitude"\* that's one of Jeff and Miriam Ward's favorite songs!

\*One of Earth, Wind and Fire's greatest hits.



## ♦ FAMOUS AUSTINITES ♦

### Double Bonus—Hatfield and “Rudder”



Dr. Tom Hatfield discusses the topic of his new book — Earl Rudder.

Headliners members and guests of the club’s “Famous Austinites” series got a recent bonus with an evening featuring guest speaker Dr. Thomas M. Hatfield discussing the late Gen. James Earl Rudder, subject of Hatfield’s recent biography, *Rudder: From Leader to Legend*, published by the Texas A&M Press. In spite of rainy weather, a full-house enjoyed hearing Hatfield relate many anecdotes of Rudder’s fascinating and influential life, with special emphasis on the character traits that made Rudder such an effective leader.



Getting ready to introduce the speaker, Dan Bullock (left) talks with Dr. Hatfield’s wife Carol, Louis Brill and Sam Wilson.



New members Bobby and Jan Jenkins with good friends Mary and Will Wilson.

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## Famous Austinites Hatfield & Rudder *(continued from page 17)*

In his introduction of Hatfield, close personal friend and past Club President Dan Bullock noted the similarities between Hatfield and Rudder. They both hailed from small West Texas towns and their lives were shaped and changed by WWII, though in very different ways. They both were college administrators and had/have a strong positive sense of community.

Tom Hatfield is the Director of the Military History Institute of UT's Briscoe Center for American History. He is a former military intelligence officer, college president and is Dean Emeritus of Continuing Education at UT-Austin. His interest in WWII sparked from the war-related death of a Medina soldier whom Tom knew and held in high regard. Tom later made an effort to retrace his friend's footsteps in the war and this experience prompted Hatfield's many trips and research relative to the people, places and events of WWII. And that led to his writing of the Rudder biography which was discussed in Hatfield's presentation.



The Grants (Earl & Diane) were looking forward to learning more about Earl Rudder.



Tom Hatfield reminisces with two people who were recently on his trip to France — Ron Franklin and Boots Willeford.



Even though Earl Rudder was a former Texas A&M president, it was more likely that Patti Ohlendorf and Pam Willeford were discussing all things UT.

Several members of the Rudder family joined Tom's wife, Carol Sutherland Hatfield and the Headliners audience as Hatfield noted highlights from this wonderful book which was named a "Military Book Club and History Book Club Selection" and which in a very short time has become the second best selling book in the history of the Texas A&M Press.

— By Dan Bullock





## ◆ HEADLINERS FOUNDATION ◆



# Headliners Foundation Charges Ahead

## Welcomes New (and Not so New) Board Members

Chairman Gary Pickle has propelled the Headliners Foundation to new heights. In November the Foundation launched its new website showcasing excellence in journalism produced by newsrooms across the State. Scholarship guidelines were revised to decrease the number of scholarships but double the values of those scholarships to better reflect the cost of academics. A new scholarship is currently being created to honor the legacy of former Foundation Governor George Christian. For more information on how to donate, contact executive director, Bergen Casey at [donations@headlinersfoundation.org](mailto:donations@headlinersfoundation.org)

Mark Morrison and Greg Curtis continue as Vice Chairs. Jane Greig also continues as board Secretary. JoAnne Midwikis remains as Treasurer and Dan Herd monitors the Foundation's financial health as chair of the Budget & Finance Committee.

In terms of new faces, Ross Ramsey has joined the Board of Governors to provide insights into the world of digital journalism. Former Governors Wayne Slater has rejoined the board having previously served dutifully on the Academic Excellence Committee and Neal Spelce has returned as Emeritus.

After three distinguished terms, the Foundation said good-bye to Howard Falkenberg who provided communications guidance and Bob Hughes who served on the budget and finance committee.

And finally, we welcome incoming Club President, Patti Ohlendorf as an ex-officio member. And new this year, we also welcome the Club's president-elect, Sam Sparks, as part of the Foundation's commitment to maintaining strong ties with the Club.

— by Bergen Casey



**Ross Ramsey** is executive editor of *The Texas Tribune* and continues as editor of *Texas Weekly*, the premier newsletter on government and politics in the Lone Star State, a role he's had since September 1998. Before joining *Texas Weekly*, Ramsey was associate deputy comptroller for policy with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, also working as the agency's director of communications. Prior to that 28-month stint in government, Ramsey spent 17 years in journalism, reporting for the *Houston Chronicle* from its Austin bureau and for the *Dallas Times Herald*, first on the business desk in Dallas and later as the paper's Austin bureau chief. Prior to that, as a Dallas-based freelance business writer, he wrote for regional and national magazines and newspapers. Ramsey got his start in journalism in broadcasting, working for almost seven years covering news for radio stations in Denton and Dallas.

## ***New York Times* Columnist Frank Bruni Headlines Distinguished Speaker Series**

*New York Times* oped columnist Frank Bruni drew a full-house crowd to the Headliners Club on February 28<sup>th</sup> for the second Headliners Foundation Michele Kay Distinguished Speaker Series.

In a conversation with Ken Herman, *Austin American-Statesman* columnist, Bruni covered topics including the Republican presidential campaign, his assignment as the *Times*' restaurant critic and the rapidly changing landscape of American journalism.

Bruni has filled many roles since joining the *Times* in 1995, and last year was named oped columnist.

A few highlights from his appearance:

### The GOP race:

Spending time on the campaign trail this winter, Bruni said he was impressed by Rick Perry. "He seemed fluent" on the issues; "he seemed commanding."

But he knew the Perry campaign was in trouble when conservative bloggers began writing "withering reviews."



### Life as a restaurant critic:

Bruni didn't use disguises, as some of his predecessors had done, but did employ pseudonyms in an effort to remain anonymous.

Early on, he sometimes struggled to come up with a phony name when he was making a reservation. Once, he blurted out "Ben...umm ... Stiller," realizing too late he had given the name of a high-profile actor. Bruni worried the restaurant really thought Stiller would show up, but was relieved when no VIP treatment awaited him.



### The state of journalism:

"More and more, coverage of politics is coming from people who have declared their allegiance in advance... It's people of like minds talking to each other."

The Internet has spawned a generation of journalists who simply "read a bunch of wire copy and then riff on it," instead of doing their own reporting. "Everyone is drawing from the same well."

It is hugely expensive to produce the kind of high-quality, original, independent journalism that the *Times* is famous for. But Bruni said he thinks the public has an appetite for "unadulterated information" on serious issues.

"I don't think people want to spend 24/7 thinking about the Jonas Brothers."

The Distinguished Speaker Series was created by Robert Schultz in memory of his wife, Michele Kay, a longtime Texas journalist who died in 2011. Tuesday night's audience included Headliners Club members, professional journalists and scholarship students.

Bruni is an award-winning journalist and author of two best-selling books. Herman is a longtime Texas political reporter who got to know Bruni when both covered the first presidential campaign of George W. Bush and the Bush White House.

--Kathy Warbelow, former executive business editor of the *Austin American-Statesman*





Michele Kay Distinguished Speaker Series Committee (l to r): Elizabeth Christian, Kim Cook, Howard Falkenberg, Joanna Hitchcock, Jena Heath, Frank Bruni, Sharon Jayson, Ken Herman, Kathy Warbelow, and benefactor of the Michele Kay Distinguished Speaker Series Robert Schultz.



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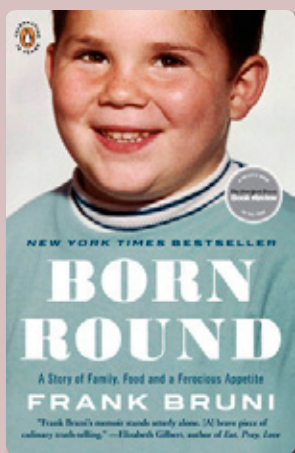
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## Side bar:

*Born Round*, a Story of Family, Food and a Ferocious Appetite by Frank Bruni



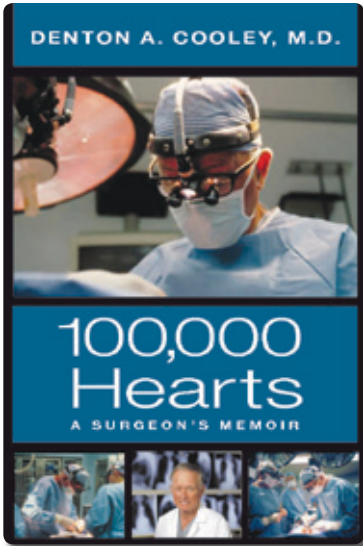
“ . . . By the time Bruni agreed to serve as the restaurant critic for the *New York Times* in April 2004, he was confident that he had won his battle with his hunger. But had he? In this coveted, closely watched job he faced temptation night after night, meal after indulgent meal. It was the ultimate irony, an acid test and a perfect vantage point for reflection on the way eating can shape—or distort—a life.”

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— *Publishers Weekly*

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## ◆ BOOKSHELF ◆



### **100,000 Hearts, A Surgeon's Memoir**

Written by Denton Cooley, Editor and Publisher: Don Carleton

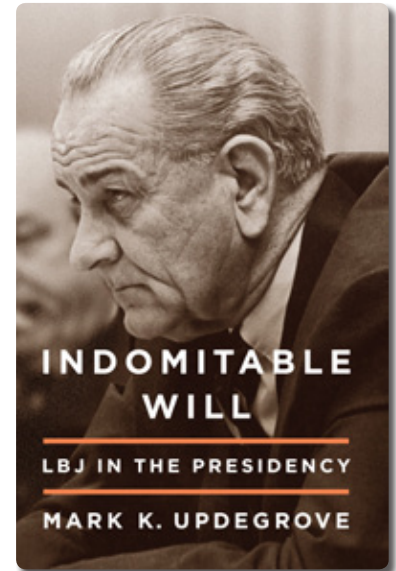
In *100,000 Hearts, A Surgeon's Memoir* Dr. Denton Cooley tells how he performed his first human heart transplant in 1968 and astounded the world in 1969 when he was the first surgeon to successfully implant a totally artificial heart in a human being. Of all his achievements, however, Cooley is most proud of the Texas Heart Institute, which he founded in 1962 with a mission to use education, research and improved patient care to decrease the devastating effects of cardiovascular disease.



### **Indomitable Will: LBJ in the Presidency**

Written by Mark Updegrove

Presidential historian Mark Updegrove offers an intimate portrait of the endlessly fascinating LBJ, his extraordinarily eventful presidency, and the turbulent times in which he served. We see Johnson in his many guises and dimensions: the virtuoso deal-maker using every inch of his six-foot-three-inch frame to intimidate his subjects; the relentless reformer willing to lose southern Democrats from his party for a generation in his pursuit of civil rights for all Americans; and the embattled commander in chief agonizing over the fate of his “boys” in Vietnam (including his two sons-in-law) yet steadfast in his determination to thwart communist aggression through war, or an honorable peace.



### **The Hat**

Written by Babette Hughes

*The Hat* begins with the brief, chilling murder of the godfather of the Jewish bootlegging world. The killer disappears without a trace and then in flashback we meet Kate Brandy who has just been fired from her job at Shapiro's Bakery. With an alcoholic mother and the joblessness of the Great Depression, Kate has little hope for a future until she meets the magnetic bootlegger Ben Gold. After an intense courtship, they marry. Ben's hit man, Sam Ginzberg, and his handsome and decent bookkeeper, Bobby Keane, witness Kate and Ben's wedding. The charged love affair between Bobby and Kate, and their struggle to escape Ben, leads to a startling denouement. Amid the drama of Prohibition, the Great Depression and the birth of the Mafia, the novel ends in suspense, surprise and revelation.



## ◆ A MOMENT IN HISTORY ◆



Bill Clements, Robert Strauss, James Baker, Ann Richards (left to right)



Robert Strauss and James Baker

This year Robert Strauss and James Baker were honored by the Bob Bullock Museum, which brought to mind that magical night in February of 1988 when the Headliners Club gathered for a roast of: Governor Bill Clements, Texas Secretary of the Treasury Ann Richards, US Treasury Secretary James Baker and Former Democratic National Committee Chairman Robert Strauss. The evening was expertly Emceed by Cactus Pryor and a rollicking good time was had by all as numerous good natured barbs were exchanged between all of the participants. *\*See Sidelines - Honors*



Ann Richards, Bill Clements, Cactus Pryor, Bob Strauss, James Baker (left to right) A Ben Sargent cartoon commemorating the evening.

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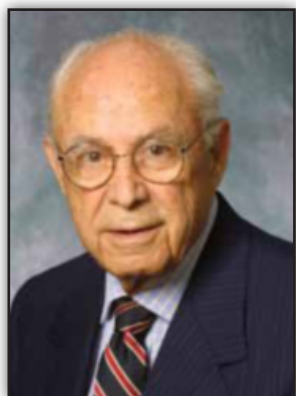
## ◆ SIDELINES ◆

### *Honors*



**Dr. Gregory J. Vincent** accepts the DeWitty/Overton Award from Nelson Linder, President of the Austin NAACP. Dr. Vincent was selected as the DeWitty/Overton recipient this year in acknowledgement of his value and unselfish contribution to causes that affect people not just here in Austin but around the world.

The combination of **Mack Brown's** work on and off the field were just some of the facets that contributed to his being selected for induction into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame. Coaches **Darrel Royal** and **Mack Brown** showed their Longhorn Pride at the induction ceremony.



The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum Foundation presented the *History-Making Texan* Award which recognizes living Texas legends whose contributions to the state and nation have been truly historic and exceptional in scope. **James A. Baker, III** and **Robert S. Strauss**, have had distinguished careers in both the private and public sector, each having served three U.S. presidents. \*See *Moment In History*







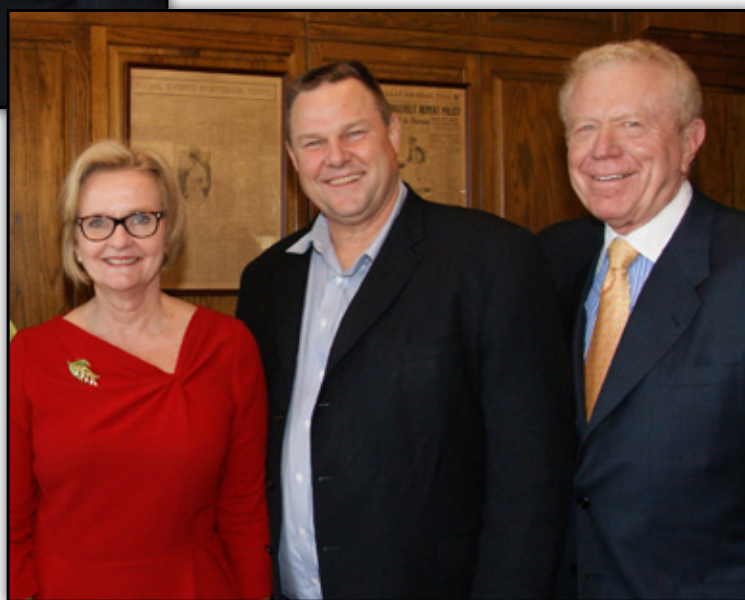
Mental Health America (Texas) presented the Mary Elizabeth Holdsworth Butt Award to **Teresa Lozano Long** and **Joe R. Long** at their 49th Annual Evening of Hope Dinner. Seen enjoying the evening in the back ground are Suzon Kemp, Carlos Zaffirini and Senator Judith Zaffirini.

## *Seen Around The Club*



**Luci Johnson** attended the luncheon hosted by Ambassador **Robert Hutchings** (left), Dean of the LBJ School at UT for the Canadian Ambassador to the US Gary Doer (right) at the Headliners Club.

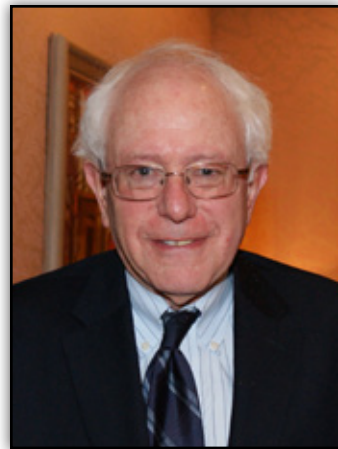
Senator Claire McCaskill (Missouri), Senator Jon Tester (Montana) and former **Lt. Governor Ben Barnes** enjoyed a late afternoon in the Green Room.





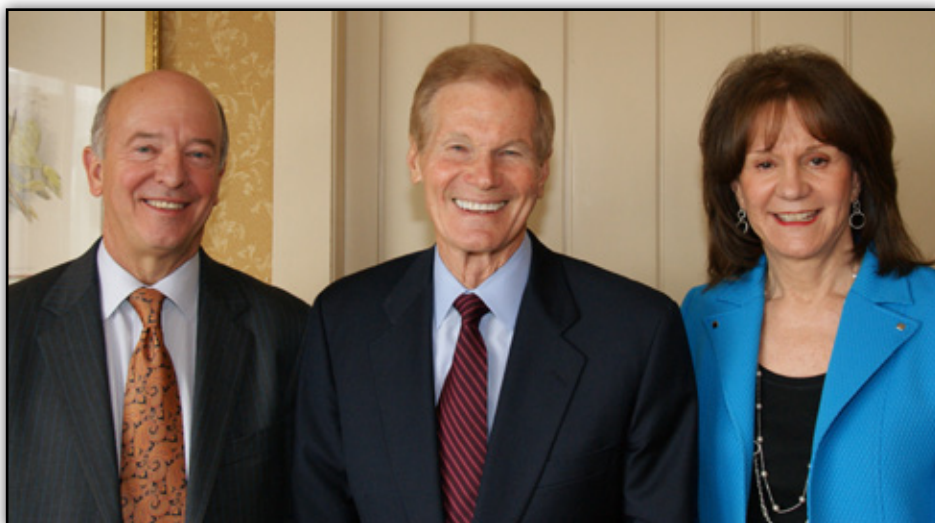
Friends and Former Mayors: Will Wynn (Austin), Senator Mark Begich (Alaska), Marty Chavez (Albuquerque )and Bruce Todd (Austin), were also seen at a luncheon in the Green room.

Senator Bernie Sanders (Vermont)  
made time in his schedule for a  
breakfast meeting at the Club.



Former Senator (Pennsylvania) and  
presidential hopeful Rick Santorum attended  
a breakfast hosted by supporters **Mary Ann**  
and **Luther Parker** at the Headliners.





**Ken Caperton** (left) and **Mary Scott Nabers** (right) enjoyed showing Senator **Bill Nelson** (Florida) around the Headliners Club.



Headliners Members **Tom Granger**, **Tim Taylor**, **Robert Hutchings** and **James Taylor** hosted Former German Foreign Minister and Vice Chancellor **Joschka Fischer** (center) at the Club.

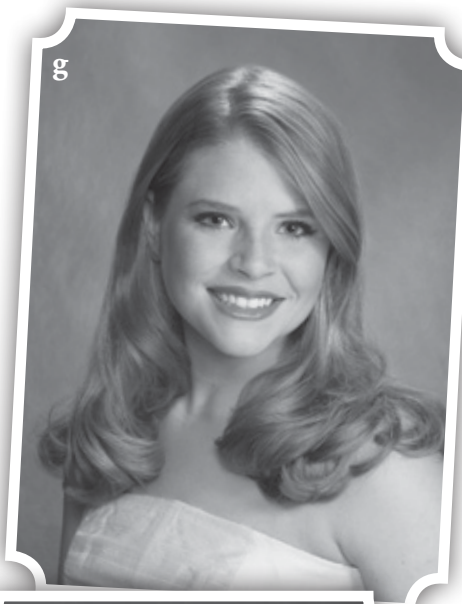
## *Celebrations*

### *Helping Hand Debs*



- a. **Megan Bentzin**, daughter of Ms. Joan Bentzin and Mr. Ben Bentzin  
b. **Beatrice Collins**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Collins  
c. **Katherine Farmer**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Farmer  
d. **Caroline Gaston**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Gaston, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gaston  
e. **Anna Jones**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Jones  
f. **Hannah Minton**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Minton, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Minton





g. **Emily Netherton**, daughter of Mr. Frank Netherton and Ms. Lucy Netherton

h. **Madison Powell**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Powell

i. **Elizabeth Puett**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Puett, granddaughter of Mrs. Ruth Puett

j. **Courtney Richards**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Richards

k. **Martha Smith**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Smith

l. **Mary Elizabeth Taylor**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Taylor

m. **Callie Wendlandt**, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wendlandt



## Headliners Club – Schedule of Coming Events

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

***A Glimpse Inside the LBJ Whitehouse Years:  
Harry Middleton interviews Tyler and Bess Abell***

5:45 Cocktails, 6:16 Seating for Program,  
Buffet Supper to Follow  
*Reservations Required*

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

***Captains of Industry: John Montford—Interviewed by Mark Morrison***

5:45 Cocktails, 6:16 Seating for Program,  
Buffet Supper to Follow  
*Reservations Required*

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

***Dr. Charles Groat – “Fracking” in Oil and Gas Drilling***

11:45 Buffet Lunch and Seating for Program,  
*Reservations Required*

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### **Dinner and A Show Series**

Sign up for your theater tickets through the Headliners Club

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

**Carol Burnett**  
The Long Center  
*Sold Out!*

Saturday, August 18, 2012

**Crosby, Stills & Nash**  
ACL – Moody Theater

Thursday, April 26, 2012

**Al Green**  
ACL – Moody Theater  
*Sold Out!*

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

**Bonnie Raitt**  
ACL – Moody Theater  
*Sold Out!*

Thursday, May 17, 2012

**Martina McBride**  
ACL – Moody Theater  
*Sold Out!*



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John Rodger "Rod" Williams

The Honorable Mary Pearl (Mrs. Jerre) Williams

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