**CONCERT SERIES**

Don and Kellie Kendrick with Jodi and Tama Williamson

Gail and Bob Hughes with her mother Wanda Anderson

Lauren, Susan and Gary Farmer with friends Merritt Bury, Sue Decker and Paul Bury

Rodney and Roxanne Varner

Kay MacIntyre, Nancy Harper, Carolyn Kirlin, Lolla Page, Cassie Townsend, and Gail Williams

J.B. Goodwin, Doug Maund, Marilyn Goodwin, Bill Netherton, Lesa Shaw, Marsha and John Lanchart with Janis Maund

Paula and Bob Boldt
CONCERT SERIES

Martha and Richard Coons

JULIO INGLESIAS

Elena and Evvy Goyanes

Catherine Parks, Jennah Granger and Sharon Schoch Hubbard

Happy Birthday to Tom Forbes with his wife Shelley

Suanne and A.J Waight, Judy and Doug Moss with Lynn and Steve Matthews

Sadi Sparks and Lucy Hammett

Dealey Herndon, Mary Lou Morrison, David Herndon and Jennah Granger
CONCERT SERIES

Martha and Richard Coons

Tracey and David Hime

Tom Jones

Don and Daphne Kuykendall with David and Sylvia Minton

Mark and Colleen Klingseisen, Rebecca Rooney, David Honeycutt, Carmen and Troy Gielseiman, with Cecile and Julian Bott
Arianna Huffington was cut, bruised and bloodied when she realized that the success she had as cofounder, president and editor-in-chief of the Huffington Post Media Group had also left her so exhausted and sleep-deprived she collapsed in her home office seven years ago.

That event and the injuries she suffered would change her outlook and set her on a personal crusade that brought her to the Headliners Club for a very lively evening about a very snooze-inducing subject.
“I’m a sleep evangelist,” Huffington told her audience.

“For me, the first thing to change was sleep,” noting that she increased her typical 4-5 hours to a much more rested 7-8 hours.

Huffington has written 14 books, including her latest, *Thrive: The Third Metric to Redefining Success and Creating a Happier Life*, in which she details how all the multitasking, stress, burnout and being connected to our devices 24/7 isn’t really the best formula for a successful life.

“People are ready to have the conversation,” she said.

— Sharon Jayson
From his unique perspective as chairman of the U. S. House Committee on Homeland Security, our own Congressman Michael McCaul reviewed the horrific Boston Marathon bombing for Headliners members in a Famous Austinites program almost one year after the tragic event.

A few months following his assumption of committee leadership McCaul was returning to Washington from Austin and was met upon landing by staff members alerting him to the April 21, 2013 explosion of two bombs 12 seconds apart near the marathon finish line on Boylston Street.

Headliner member McCaul reviewed his preliminary belief that the pressure cooker bombs were an act of terrorism by Tamerlan and his brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. He described bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev’s travels to the Russian Republic of Dagestan, where Tamerlan interacted with local extremists prior to the Boston attack.

“We get it right most of the time but not in this case,” said McCaul, reviewing presumed failures of the FBI and the Department of Justice to act on intelligence in advance that might have prevented the tragedy. McCaul’s congressional committee subsequently spent months studying what went wrong and identifying four key areas for continued improvement in counter-terrorism efforts contained in a report issued in March, 2014.
McCaul said he’s pleased that federal officials are instituting improved sharing of negative information with state and local authorities and noted, “Now, we are seeing tremendous cooperation from the FBI.”

The timing of the Famous Austinites presentation was particularly noteworthy because it fell on the exact date of the 2014 Boston Marathon, the 118th running of the race.

“Boston won today with the success of this year’s race,” said McCaul.

A full house of Headliners members and guests listened raptly to the chairman’s remarks, aided by clips from numerous national television news programs in which he appeared.

Very special members of the audience included Linda McCaul, the congressman’s wife and mother of their five children, as well as his own mother, Frances Lott McCaul, who also is an Austin resident.

— Howard Falkenberg
What would you do with 125 billion dollars? The answer to that not-so-rhetorical question was ably given by Britt Harris and Steve LeBlanc during the Captains of Industry Luncheon on May 7. Harris is the Chief Investment Officer of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS), and the former CEO of Bridgewater Associates, the then-largest hedge fund in the world. LeBlanc, the former Managing Director of Private Markets for TRS and a founding partner in CapRidge Partners, provided a corresponding view of what it was like to have the responsibility for the financial future of Texas teachers.
Captains of Industry LeBlanc/Harris

Moderated by Mark Morrison, former managing editor of BusinessWeek and current chairman of the Headliners Foundation, the discussion was lively and, even more welcome, positive, especially in the aftermath of the 2007-2008 “global meltdown.” At that time, the TRS fund dropped to $66 billion. Harris recalled that a retired teacher friend called him and asked, “Am I going to get a paycheck next month?” Happily, the answer to that was “yes.” Harris went on to relate that the fund got into the warehouse and mall business in September of 2008. Those businesses more than doubled in value in the ensuing 18 months. Today, of course, the fund has rebounded, and is at the above-mentioned $125 billion.

Investing for a retirement fund is much different from individual investing, and both Harris and LeBlanc gave perspectives on that. According to Harris, the “time horizon” for a fund like TRS is 25 years, and should yield an 8% return. Individual investors will usually see a 2-3% lower return, and it may be over a shorter horizon. LeBlanc stated that alternatives are good for individual investors and he offered the advice, “Invest locally; borrow locally.”

Other topics included interest rates, portfolio allocation (LeBlanc – “the most important decision to make”), and being in the know (Harris – “I know the return of my fund to three decimal points”). On the subject of asset allocation, which appeared to be of great interest to the audience, LeBlanc noted that the old formula was 60% stocks and 40% bonds. Today, Harris believes, it was better to have 60% global equity, 20% in hedges against inflation, and 20% in hedges against deflation. He feels the times are “modestly favorable for equity investment.” When looking for good companies in which to invest, LeBlanc related three keys to making good investments – trust, track record, and transparency.

In the end, being able to learn from the men who steer the future of Texas teachers was a privilege that members attending the luncheon won’t soon forget.

— Kay Allensworth
Seemingly nothing draws a crowd in Austin these days like talk of our traffic problems. At least that’s the conclusion to be drawn from the large and high voltage audience attracted to the McBee Room recently for Robert Goode’s discussion of the current state of our transportation system and plans to improve mobility.

As Austin’s assistant city manager for infrastructure services, Goode has a full plate, heading up not only the transportation department but also several other major core city service components. However, it was traffic that club members and guests were primed to hear about on May 28 following former Headliners president Tim Taylor’s introduction of Goode.

It’s not just that we’re already the eleventh largest city in the U.S., with a population of almost 1.7 million in the metro area, but that we are going to grow to a community of four million persons by 2040 “and we have to find ways to solve problems,” Goode suggested.

“What do we need to do to reduce congestion? Focus on all the strategies, both build and non-build,” said Goode. “We need to change travel patterns, diversify land development patterns to make alternative travel modes more available, and make our existing system as effective as possible via traffic management, signal timing, intersection improvements and the like.”

And we also need to build transportation capacity – both automobile and transit, noted Goode, which led to his discussion of current consideration of a major fall bond issue to fund the Project Connect plans formulated by the City of Austin in partnership with Capital Metro and Lone Star Rail.

The $1.4 billion plan outlined thus far might be financed with 50 percent funding from the federal government and the other half from Austin, said Goode. He added that projected annual operating costs of $23 million would be supported mainly by Capital Metro’s sales tax money, with some additional city tax revenues.
The very well-spoken city executive’s remarks were followed by questions from the audience, with Mayor Lee Leffingwell and City Manager Marc Ott occasionally joining Goode in responding. Also in attendance: Cap Metro CEO Linda Watson and Travis County Commissioners Bruce Todd and Gerald Daugherty.

In one answer, the mayor made it clear that he will not support a trail system unless the federal government chips in 50 percent of the capital cost. His Honor also firmly stated that both road and trail spending proposals will be presented together to the public in one ballot issue if there’s a vote on transportation this fall.

Pointed questions from some audience members suggested that matters are far from settled and that a lot more discussion of our congestion problems can be expected between now and November. The attendance at the luncheon of the deputy city manager and two assistant city managers, in addition to Goode, Ott and Mayor Leffingwell, underscored the importance also attached to the issue by city leaders.

— Howard Falkenberg
Former Special Events Committee Co-Chair Randa Safady kicked off a delightful evening by introducing “the new UT chancellor . . . errr . . . the music scene great, Ray Benson.”

“Give without expecting to get.” That is the life song of Ray Benson, front man and founder of the world-renowned Western swing band - Asleep at the Wheel. Austin’s own, Philadelphia-born Grammy award winner is a music giant. To be more precise, Benson opined to Headliners members and guests, “I am the only Jewish country and Western singer – ever.”

Mark Morrison, former Managing Editor of BusinessWeek and Chairman of the Headliners Foundation, interviewed Benson on a variety of points spanning his career- from his early days (playing music at 6 years old) to his roller coaster years (voicing national commercials with signature lines such as “eatin’ good in the neighborhood”) to present day accolades (2011 Texan of the Year, 2011 Texas Medal of the Arts Award for Multimedia, Lifetime Achievement Award from the Americana Music Association).

As a very tall youngster (now a towering 6’ 7”), Benson thought his future would be either in basketball or filmmaking. “What happened to the budding basketball career?” Morrison asked. “Brown v. Board of Education,” Benson quipped. And the filmmaking? Movies take a while to make and “Well, I have been called a poster boy for ADHD.”

After a year at Antioch College, Benson and friends began a musical odyssey in West Virginia where music making began in earnest and then travelled to the Bay area before finding a home in Texas. As relationships with music legends such as Van Morrison, Commander Cody and his Lost Planet Airmen and of course, Willie Nelson, grew, so did Benson and his band’s fame as THE Western Swing talent. Moving to Austin in its “pre-slacker days” Benson fondly remembers meeting great Texas writers such as Bud Shrake and Gary Cartwright at a time when you could rent an apartment in South Austin for $100.
Captains of Industry Ray Benson

Musicians face financial challenges (“Know what you call a drummer without a girlfriend? “Homeless.””) and Benson is no exception. The 1980s with its disco and Urban Cowboy vibe found traditional country player Benson in debt. (Side bar: Benson turned down appearing in “Urban Cowboy” to do a cult classic, “Roadie”). Benson was convinced he needed to take command of his fiscal future. Gigs in Reno and Lake Tahoe helped set the financial house in order. Recognizing the impending marriage of technology and music, Benson made an early and lucrative partnership with iTunes and believes he was the first to use a computer on a tour bus. The music industry continues to change. “It’s the Wild West out there,” said Benson. Streaming music (Pandora, Spotify) is “the big bugaboo now.”

Working as a producer as well as a performer, Ray Benson has made music with artists such as Willie Nelson, Aaron Neville and Suzy Bogguss. Getting and giving? Benson built a variety of long-term relationships with musicians which have proved fruitful. He pulled a 10 year old Kacey Musgraves on stage at the Bush presidential inaugural and some of his former band members now play with Van Morrison. Benson is the founder and former member of the Rhythm and Blues Foundation, an organization that supports aging R&B artists from the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s, and serves on the board of the Health Alliance for Austin Musicians. Spare time? There is not much as Benson continues to tour, composes songs, has his own recording studio, is writing an autobiography and is very active in “brushfire” management.

The night closed with a three song concert from his latest album, “A Little Piece.” Benson’s voice and lyrics charmed the audience, but there was nothing little about the man, the songs or the evening.

— Jane Greig

The smiles say it all - Joe Flores, Robbie and Tom Ausley and Kelly Ausley Flores.

Headliners events are a perfect place for good friends to meet - Karen and Charles Matthews with Randa Safady.

Jeffrey Dochen and his wife Yasmin Serna had a lovely evening.

Thanks to Randa Safady for coordinating the speakers and for giving the introduction.

Special events chairman Suzy Balagia (right) with friends Frances Kurio and Laura and John Beckworth.
KIDS MOVIE NIGHTS

Is there anything more fun than a night out at the movies with macaroni and cheese, chicken tenders, cupcakes and Shirley Temples? Just ask these attendees at Headliners Movie Night!

Beauty and the Beast
June 11, 2014

Kate and Scott Flack came with daughter Brynn and son Hank.

Adaire Metschan brought her dad Brent as her special date.

Katherine (in pink) brought her mom and dad Jenny and Morgan Stone and her friend Millie Dean.
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Lilly and Gunnar Forgey with their grandfather Forrest Roan.

Jack and his mom Katherine Goehring.

Ellis had a grand time with her grandmother Becky Heiser.

Audrey and Gracy were excited to watch the movie with their mom and dad, KC and Mandy Willis.
Stormy and Mary John Maebius were totally engrossed in the story.

All of the Scardinos came to movie night: Gretchen, Robinson, Gus, John and Daniel.

This is the second year that Flora Harper brought her grandmother Nancy.

Clary and Callie McDowell both thought being with Dad was really special.

Gray Douglas had fun with his Dad Craig at his first movie night.

Anne and Lillie Granger with Heidi Korth had fun with their grandparents Beth and Tom Granger and Penne Peacock.
The Lion King
June 24, 2014

Gene and Carole Francis brought part of their family for some special fun: daughter-in-law Emily and grandkids Wylie and Elena.

Diane and Bill Love thought this was a perfect time to introduce grandkids Meredith and Luke Gilbert to the Club.

Tim Brown had a pretty in purple date with Ava Ellmer.

Anne and Lillie Granger with Heidi Korth had fun with their grandparents Beth and Tom Granger and Penne Peacock.

Young Jameson Adams had such a fun night with his grandparents Melissa and Rudy Garza.
Westgate Tower: The Headliners Club
Controversial Second Home

As the first “high rise” to grace the Austin skyline, the Westgate Tower was embroiled in a political battle from the start. In 1965 the Texas legislature entertained a resolution to prevent the construction and emphasized “the importance of preserving the beauty of the historical landmarks in the state from the encroachment of commercialism forced upon us as a result of living in the 20th century.” It was defeated by two votes.
Named for its location, just west of the Capitol gates, the 26 story building was completed in 1966. Designed by New York architect Edward Durell Stone, who also designed the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the project was managed by the local architectural firm of Fehr & Granger. Promoted as a “vision of modern living”, the building was to cater to downtown dwellers who wished to be surrounded by amenities and relieved of the “unnecessary burdens and inconveniences of the single family home”.

In the fall of 1964 the Headliners Board of Trustees was actively searching for a new location due to the sale of the Driskill Hotel, the club’s original home. By written ballot the members approved a move to the top floor of the Westgate Tower at a cost of $165,000. The Headliners Club moved into its new location in November, 1966. Members were treated to an open house where they found a much more spacious and elegant facility, designed by Page Southerland and Page and decorated by Jack Revell. The new location near the Capitol made it perfect for lawmakers, lobbyists and bureau chiefs, to retire when deadlines were met.

An article in Preservation Nation described the significance of Westgate Tower, “As contemporary planners and architects continue to look for ways to design sustainable, high-density, mixed-use development, it’s worth remembering the mid-twentieth century’s legacy of experimentation with high-rise apartment living.” In 2010 the building was nominated and placed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

— Laurie Hall
I first met Gilbert when I was a little girl. I loved coming up early on Saturday mornings, “helping” my father and my grandfather with their projects at the Headliners Club in the late 1980s and early 1990s. I thought Gilbert was in charge of the whole building - which is almost true.

In 1984 Gilbert Gallegos had worked exactly one week for the Headliners Club because his construction job was rained out. He thought the Headliners Club was “too clean,” and he quit, going back to construction. When the job was again rained out, he learned he was still welcome at the Headliners Club. Since then Gilbert has made himself totally indispensible to the Club's staff and membership. Officially he is the supervisor of the Nash Room Staff and the Housekeeping and Maintenance Staff. Unofficially Gilbert is also the remodeling coordinator, electrician, painter, plumber, furniture repairman, maintainer of the carpets and floors, upholsterer, woodworker, co-captain of the Christmas decorating squad and fashion consultant (at least for the employee uniforms). When a belt goes out on the air compressor - call Gilbert. When the dishwasher doesn’t run properly - call Gilbert. When the hot water heater is on the fritz - call Gilbert. If a phone rings funny - call Gilbert. Essentially the Headliners Club “works” because of Gilbert.

Over the years, Gilbert has made countless lasting memories and friendships through the Club. Many of his favorite memories involve Sue McBee. Mrs. McBee mentored Gilbert and was the driving force that pushed him to earn his GED, become a US citizen, learn English, go to upholstery school, become a certified welder, learn about computers and attend classes at ACC. Gilbert and Mrs. McBee would walk around the Club and she would tell him where and how to hang a painting, where a chair might look better, what wall covering they should use in a room, or how to arrange the books in the Green Room library. He confesses that he thinks about Mrs. McBee all the time - her presence can still be seen and felt all over the Club. It was this special relationship that inspired Gilbert to be the mentor he is to many of the younger Headliners staff members. He pushes them to learn, to set goals, and reach them - just like Mrs. McBee did for him.

Celebrities, politicians, royalty and foreign dignitaries have all crossed paths with Gilbert at the Headliners Club - A favorite Headliners’ moment that stands out for Gilbert was a luncheon when then Vice President Al Gore came to Headliners to have lunch with a group from Dell. Gilbert remembers that the gentlemen from Dell were wearing blue jeans - he couldn’t believe it!

In the past 30 years Gilbert has seen too many changes to count at the Headliners Club… but to name a few: Women are now allowed in the Press Box bar, a suit and tie are no longer required, the view of the Austin skyline (which is still changing!), adding on the 20th floor to the Club, multiple remodels, and generations of Headliners following in their parents and grandparents footsteps - making the Headliners Club their own. Getting to know the members, and their families, is Gilbert’s favorite part of his job.

While at the Headliners Club, Gilbert has also become a husband, father of three and grandfather. Now his young children look forward to the Saturday mornings when they get to come to the Headliners Club and “help” their father with his projects.

— By McKinnon Morton
**BOOKSHELF**

Under Fire: The Untold Story of the Attack in Benghazi, by Fred Burton and Samuel M. Katz

On the night of September 11, 2012, the American diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya, came under ferocious attack by a heavily armed group of Islamic terrorists. Benghazi had become a hot-bed of terroristic activity, both because of fundamentalist fanaticism and the unstable atmosphere generated by the Arab Spring. Into this hot-bed came Ambassador Christopher Stevens and his staff, with the resultant tragedy of the deaths of four Americans, among them Ambassador Stevens.

The terrifying 12-hour ordeal has been ably recounted and analyzed by Burton and Katz with the exclusive cooperation of eyewitnesses and confidential sources within the intelligence, diplomatic, and military communities. The result is a minute-by-minute account of the incident and an inspiring testimony to the bravery and selflessness of the men and women who put their country first while serving in one of the most dangerous regions in the world.

— By Kay Allensworth

**Ghost: Confessions of a Counterterrorism Agent**, by Fred Burton

In this hard-hitting memoir, Fred Burton, a key figure in international counterterrorism and domestic spycraft, emerges from the shadows to reveal who he is, what he has accomplished, and the threats that lurk unseen except by an experienced, worldly-wise few. Plunging readers into the murky world of violent religious extremism that spans the streets of Middle Eastern cities and the informant-filled alleys of American slums, Burton takes us behind the scenes to reveal how the United States tracked Libya-linked master terrorist Abu Nidal; captured Ramzi Yusef, architect of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing; and pursued the assassins of major figures including Yitzhak Rabin, Meir Kahane, and General Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq, the president of Pakistan—classic cases that have sobering new meaning in the treacherous years since 9/11.

**Austin’s Waller Creek: Promise for Tomorrow**, Edited by Phillip Fry and Carolyn H. Wright, Dedicated to Walter Wilkie

When Walter Wilkie came to town from New York City in 2011 he brought with him his civic interest, curiosity, enthusiasm and philanthropic spirit. To learn of his new city, Walter regularly read the *Austin American-Statesman* and was intrigued by Michael Barnes’ review of a 1982 book by Joseph Jones, *Life on Waller Creek*. After reading *Life on Waller Creek*, he was inspired to fund and gently guide a current snapshot and peek into the future of life on the creek. Walter thought a coffee table picture book would assist the Waller Creek Conservancy in its goal of building a chain of urban parks along the banks of this downtown creek.

*Mr. Burton’s books have been translated into several languages - these are just a few on display in the Headliners Library.*
Showcase Award

In April, the Headliners Foundation of Texas announced the *Austin American-Statesman*’s Andrea Ball as the gold award winner of the Foundation’s new Showcase Award for Enterprise and Innovation in Journalism. Her watchdog reporting exposed questionable practices in state-run care agencies and resulted in investigations, management changes and new safeguards.

Ball’s gold award includes a $2,000 prize. The Foundation also announced other Showcase award winners: Three silver winners ($1,000 to each) to journalists at *The Texas Tribune, The Dallas Morning News* and KENS 5–TV in San Antonio and honorable mentions to reporters at the *San Antonio Express-News* and *Victoria*.

The Foundation is currently accepting submissions for the 2014 Showcase Award for Enterprise and Innovation in Journalism. For more information about the 2013 winning submissions and how to submit an entry for consideration for the 2014 Showcase Award for Enterprise and Innovation in Journalism visit [http://headlinersfoundation.org](http://headlinersfoundation.org).

Student Scholarships

The Headliners Foundation awards scholarships to outstanding communication students and college journalists attending universities across the state of Texas. The following scholarships are awarded annually: Headliners Foundation Founders (up to $6,000 scholarship to each recipient per school year), George Christian ($6,000 scholarship per school year to a University of Texas student), Sam Wood ($3,000 total per school year to a Baylor University student) and the Texas Associated Press Broadcasters ($2,000 scholarship per year to a journalism/communications student in the broadcast category).

The Headliners Foundation scholarship recipients who received nearly $50,000 in scholarships for the 2014/2015 school year are:

*Founders Scholarships*

**Emily de Santos**, El Paso, Texas--Texas Tech University  
**Zahra Farah**, San Antonio, Texas--Texas State University  
**Tracy Frydberg**, San Antonio, Texas--University of Texas, Moody College of Communication/College of Liberal Arts  
**Katelyn Gough**, Jacksonville, Florida--Southern Methodist University, Meadows School of Journalism  
**Cassandra Jaramillo**, Port Neches, Texas--University of Texas, Moody College of Communication  
**Allyssa Parrish**, Crowley, Texas--Southern Methodist University, Meadows School of Journalism  
**Kristen Stuck**, Beaumont, Texas--Lamar University

*George Christian Scholarship*  
**Edgar Walters**, Houston, Texas--University of Texas, College of Liberal Arts

*Sam Wood Scholarship*  
**Kate McGuire**, Waco, Texas--Baylor University

*Texas Associated Press Broadcasters Scholarship*  
**Daniella Parraga**, Laredo, Texas--Texas Tech University

Applications were received from students attending the following universities: Baylor University, Lamar University, Southern Methodist University, Stephen F. Austin State University, Texas State University, Texas State University-Round Rock, Texas Tech University, University of Houston and University of Texas at Austin.
In April 2014, the Headliners Foundation of Texas, in partnership with the Texas Associated Press Broadcasters and Texas Associated Press Managing Editors (newspaper) organizations, announced the winners of its 2013 Charles E. Green Awards. The 11 Charles E. Green contest winners, winning $1,000 each, were selected by nationally-prominent journalists serving as judges and 33 division winners, winning $500 each, were selected by the Associated Press judges. Collectively, the contest winners received nearly $30,000 for outstanding journalism in 2013.

This year’s Quinn Luncheon features R.B. Brenner, Incoming Director, University of Texas at Austin School of Journalism a part of the Moody College of Communication. The winners of both the Showcase and Green awards will be honored and scholarship recipients recognized at the luncheon this fall at the Headliners Club in Austin.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**TWO EVENTS THIS FALL**

**Saturday, Sept. 13th:**
**Annual Mike Quinn Awards Luncheon**
11:30 am preceded by morning panel and breakfast at 10 am
Headliners Club | 221 West Sixth Street, 21st floor

Plan to attend a dinner and a rousing discussion featuring Austin American-Statesman columnist Ken Herman and a panel of political reporters with a timely analysis of the fall election results. Created in memory of the late journalist Michele Kay, this popular series presents speakers with insights on current media coverage and issues. Go to the Headliners Foundation web page and click on the “Events” link for more details.

**Thursday, Nov. 6th:**
**Michele Kay Speakers Series Dinner**
5:45 pm
Headliners Club | 221 West Sixth Street, 21st floor
Sidelines

Honors

Annually the Women of Distinction Luncheon, hosted by the Girl Scouts of Central Texas, celebrates women who make an impact on their communities through leadership. They honor women who display the qualities that the Girl Scouts program promotes: engaging and empowering the leader within, helping young girls discover their own potential, connecting with others to make the world a better place. Carla McDonald and Gay Gaddis were both honored this year - shown above at the ceremony. Additionally, Gay Gaddis was awarded one of the four Central Texas EY Entrepreneur of the Year Awards. This global business award encourages entrepreneurial activity among those with potential and recognizes the contribution of people who inspire others with their vision, leadership and achievement.

The American Red Cross of Central Texas’ Annual Gala “Luminaria” celebrates the generous donors and partners who make the work of the Red Cross possible in Central Texas, while garnering support and funding to continue disaster response efforts, safety training and military services across the region. This year they recognized many amazing leaders in this community that have been instrumental in implementing their mission in the Central Texas Community including Admiral Bobby Ray Inman (USN Retired) who was presented with The Lady Bird Johnson Humanitarian of the Year award by Red Cross Board Member Robert Reeves.
Bryce Miller, one of the founders and co-principals of Endeavor Real Estate Group, was honored by the Austin Business Journal as the 2014 recipient of the W. Neal Kocurek Commercial Real Estate Special Achievement Award. Miller is being recognized for his leadership within one of Austin’s most successful real estate companies and for his influence in the area’s larger business sphere. Endeavor Real Estate Group’s Bryce Miller (center) with past recipients of the W. Neal Kocurek Commercial Real Estate Special Achievement Award, Gary Farmer, Pike Powers, David Armbrust, Larry Peel, Pete Dwyer, Paul Bury and Sandy Gottesman.

University of Texas President Bill Powers received the University of California Berkeley Alumnus of the Year award, in recognition of his work as a champion for public higher education, legal scholar and university leader. (l to r) UT Provost Gregory Fenves, Cynthia So Schroeder (President of the Cal Alumni Association Board of Directors) President Powers, and Jefferson Coombs (Executive Director of the Cal Alumni Association).

This year’s University of Texas Moody College of Communication annual Honors Day Ceremony included a special address by Dan Rather, the recipient of the College’s 2014 DeWitt Carter Reddick Award, shown here with Dean of the College Rod Hart.
Sidelines Honors (continued from page 25)

Austin’s Teo Espresso and Gelato won third place in the North American Gelato World Tour competition, which means owner Matthew Lee will move on to the finals in Rimini, Italy this September to compete for the title of best in the world. Their winning flavor was “Nuts,” a peanut butter and chocolate hazelnut combination.

University of Texas President Bill Powers recognized five leaders from business, academia, law, public service and philanthropy with Presidential Citations this year. Two of those are Headliners Members: Charles W. Matthews, Jr., (left) former vice president and general counsel at ExxonMobil; and Shannon Ratliff (right), a leading attorney and former member of the University of Texas System Board of Regents. The university created the citations in 1979 to recognize the extraordinary contributions of individuals who personify the university’s commitment to transforming lives. They salute those whose service exemplifies the values shared by the university community.

During a trip to Normandy to commemorate D-Day’s 70th anniversary, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst was presented with a special honor to celebrate his outreach and advocacy efforts on behalf of veterans. The French government presented Dewhurst with the French Legion of Honor, Chevalier Rank, in recognition of his years of support to the Utah Beach Museum and ongoing dedication to educating the world about World War II and Veterans issues. Photo: Governor Dewhurst visiting with Jack Port, 4th Infantry Division of D-Day and fellow recipient of the French Legion of Honor.
Headliners congratulates our members for these very special celebrations:

Mark and Amy Updegrove married on March 8.

On May 31 Jenny and Brad Sappington were married.

Carlos and Audrey Zaffirini said “I do” on April 26.

Richard and Geri Buck celebrated their 70th anniversary with a dinner at the club.
Seen Around the Club

U.S. Senator Al Franken from Minnesota and Kent Caperton attended a lunch hosted by Ben Barnes.

Nan McRaven, Admiral William McRaven, Randa Safady and Molly Beth Malcolm.

You never know who you will run into in the halls of the Headliners Club: Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Former UT Quarterback Colt McCoy, and Senator Al Franken.
Sidelines

Kerry Cammack, U.S. Senator Marco Rubio from Florida and George Seay (Grandson of Governor Clements)

Susan Lilly, Texas Congressman and Mrs. Carter, U.S. Congressman Paul Ryan from Wisconsin, Merritt and Paul Bury.
NEW MEMBERS

Michael Cooper, Vice President Marketing/ Heritage Title

Candice Corby, CEO/ Cobra Legal Solutions

Richard S. Donoghue, Jr., Attorney/ Partner/ McCall, Parkhurst, Horton

Gene Francis, Owner/ Carolina Capital

Milton J. Guiberteau, Professor/ Baylor College of Medicine

Shannon Elliott Harvey, First Grade Teacher/ Eanes ISD

Joseph Llamas, President/ Generational Commercial Properties

John C. Minter, Jr., Managing Director & Market Manager/ JPMorgan Private Bank

David Redding, Executive Vice President/ Frost Bank

Karl Scheible, President/ Market Sense Inc

Ted Shaw, President & CEO/ Texas Hospital Association

Thomas Suehs, Principal/ Texas Star Alliance

Vernon “Trey” R. Wattinger, III, CEO/ Wattinger CO. Inc.

James T. Willerson, President & Medical Director/ Texas Heart Institute

Phil Wilson, General Manager/ Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA)

Stephen Yurco, III, Partner/ Clinical Pathology Associates
Mrs. Matt (Eleanor Gammon) Berry, Sr.

Mrs. Fred W. (Elizabeth McCelvey “Libba”) Day

Mrs. Ronald R. (Ira Jean Fields) Ford

Mrs. John (Elizabeth “Bitsy” Graham) Hill

Mrs. Jens (Henrietta) Jacobsen

Mrs. Malcolm (Beryl Buckley) Milburn

Kenneth Martin Nuhn

Mrs. Louis (Jewell “Julie” Katherine Buchanan) Pirkey

Dick Reynolds

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