



HEADLINES

Spring 2021

The Headliners Club Welcomes Lee Yeakel as President this Year



U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel says he “couldn’t refuse the Club” when asked to lead a place he has visited since he was a teenager -- and where he has been a member 46 years.

Yeakel, the Headliners’ Board’s new president, recalls his father, Dr. Earl L. Yeakel (a Headliners member) bringing him to the Club’s original location at the Driskill Hotel for his first visit when the judge was in high school.

“Headliners has served five generations of Yeakels,” he said, noting that his grandmother visited there with her son (his father), as well as Yeakel’s two children and three grandchildren.

“I felt was great honor to be asked to be on the Board,” he said. “The honor was multiplied when I

was asked to be president.”

Yeakel and his wife Anne have celebrated major family events at the Headliners Club during their 54 years of marriage, including anniversaries, wedding receptions and family birthday parties.

Yeakel, an Oklahoma City native, came to Austin in 1963 to attend the University of Texas, where he earned his bachelor’s and law degrees. He also has a Master of Laws degree from the University of Virginia. He was appointed to the Third Court of Appeals in 1998 by then-Gov. George W. Bush and was later elected to a six-year term in November 2000. Yeakel’s move to his current post as a U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Texas -- also a Bush appointment -- was confirmed in July 2003. He was named outstanding 50-year lawyer in 2020 by the TBA.

Yeakel is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Law Institute and American Bar Association. He is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and a Sustaining

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Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. Other leadership roles over the years include serving as a past president of the Austin Young Lawyers Association, past president of the Austin Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and past president of the Rotary Club of Austin. He is also a recipient of the Samuel Pessarra Outstanding Jurist Award from the Texas Bar Foundation.

In his new role at Headliners, Yeakel said it is unclear how the Club will proceed with pre-pandemic activities, such as hosting luncheon and evening programs that were so popular before Covid-19. Small gatherings and reduced capacity, as well as Zoom speaker presentations have attempted to fill in some gaps, but Yeakel says the board is working on broader plans for 2021.

“We have to see what happens when we start coming out of it and see what people’s comfort level is,” he said. “The world we lived in the day before Covid got here is not going to be the world we’re in the day after Covid leaves.”

-- Sharon Jayson

Amber Cardin



By age 21 Headliners Club new board member Amber Carden had lived in 17 places in Georgia, Florida, and Texas. While at Baylor University she took an internship with Austin National Bank and has been in Austin now for 37 years. (It appears that she likes it.) Some 21 members of her family are Baylor University alumni, and she holds both BBA and MBA degrees from that university. Not only did Carden come and stay in Austin, but she stayed at the same bank beginning with Austin National Bank, now known as Bank of America. Currently Carden is a Senior Vice-president and private client advisor.

This new board member brings significant community experience and involvement to the table. While in Austin, Carden has had serious and varied philanthropic interests, serving on the boards of Caritas, the E3 Alliance, Helping Hand Home Foundation, Ronald McDonald House, Dell Children’s Hospital Foundation Council, Les Amis de Hospice, the Junior League, AARO, Leadership Austin, and the National Charity League of Austin along with chairing any number of fundraisers. Her favorite Headliners moment? “Occurs every July 23 when Gloria Hill (front desk) and I give each other birthday hugs. We were both born on that day in the same year . . . 90 miles apart down IH 35!” Carden said.

With two adult children (neither of whom attended Baylor), Carden enjoys her family most of all. Beyond that she likes jogging and snow skiing, and, well, reading. What you’d likely not find out elsewhere? Her secret ambition was to be the drummer in a girl band . . . ahem ...

--Kathleen Niendorff

Scott Carr



Active involvement in the Austin community both professionally and volunteering make native Austinite Scott Carr well suited for his new role on the Headliners Board of Directors.

After his graduation from Westlake High School, Carr made the short commute to the Forty Acres to earn his college degree. The newly minted Texas-ex was then off to Houston to cut his teeth in commercial real estate with Cushman & Wakefield where he focused on tenant representation and real estate consulting services. While in Houston his life flourished both professionally and personally as he met his future wife and fellow UT alumna

Kim. Carr said he feels certain that their paths must have crossed at some point while at UT, but, as they say, timing is everything. To cement their relationship, they became engaged at the Headliners Club.

In 2003 Carr made his way back to Austin and joined his father in the family business, Carr Development, Inc. Now serving as President, he is responsible for initiating and overseeing real estate transactions and developments in Central Texas.

Carr's involvement in the community ranges from Young Men's Business League and Big Brothers Big Sisters (he is a former Big Brother) to the Real Estate Council of Austin and the Greater Austin Crime Commission. One organization he enjoys the most is the Austin Breakfast Group which meets monthly at the Headliners Club. He and four others founded the group which is patterned after a similar group in Houston which his grandfather started and it is still meeting to this day.

The Carrs have two children, Jack (16) and Caroline (14). Through the years much of Carr's spare time has been spent coaching and watching his children play "every sport there is." As an avid outdoorsman he enjoys hunting and fishing and is a member of Austin Woods and Waters Club, Coastal Conservation Association and Ducks Unlimited.

In all aspects Scott Carr is a fitting addition to the Headliners Board of Directors.

-- Laurie Hall

Derek Lewis

How does one get from Paris to Washington, DC?

For Derek Lewis, new 2021 Board Member, the journey started on a farm in Paris, Texas where he was born and raised, and ended in DC in 1987, via a degree in Government and Political Science from The University of Texas.

Lewis actually moved to the capital to work for a brokerage firm but admitted that he “always had a political bug.” That “bug” was recognized by President George H. W. Bush when he appointed Lewis to the Department of Commerce where he served in the International Trade Administration. After the change of administrations in 1992, Lewis moved to Austin and did some lobbying and public policy work as the Executive Director of the National Council of Contractors Association (NCCA). This opportunity was ideal because he “wanted to build something for myself.” Lewis eventually served as a Partner and Managing Director of Stream Realty Partners and in 2016 joined Lincoln Property Company. His impressive career in commercial real estate has shown him that Austin is “still a unique place.”



Lewis has been a member of Headliners Club since the early 1990s, and credits Paul Bury with recruiting him. It was a few years before he met his wife, Julie Karp, who is “the best thing that ever happened to me.” They married in 2000 and have two high-schoolers at Austin High. Julie is the COO of Jackson Walker. She likes to joke that “no one likes a buffet more” than Derek does at the Club. Lewis considers the programs with speakers that benefit “us civilians” one of the strongest advantages of membership. He remembers two Inside Track luncheons in particular – one with Ben Crenshaw and the other with Vern Lundquist - as among his favorites.

Lewis’ main goal for his tenure is for the Club to continue, at a minimum, as it is. With an exemplary staff and wonderful programs, he wants to see it last for many years. Austin is changing however, and it is important to “get the next generation to embrace it as we have,” he said. Lewis proved that he will be a force on the Board by sharing his ultimate goal – “I want to look back and say I’m glad to take the steps we did to maintain” the Headliners Club.

-- Kay Allensworth

Kyle Parks



Among the new members of the Headliners Club board in 2021 is Kyle Parks, Leading Partner of Maxwell Locke and Ritter, a prominent accounting firm in Austin. Parks and his wife of 22 years, Catherine, have two children: Hannah, a junior at Austin High School and Andrew, an 8th grader at O Henry Middle School. He grew up in Lancaster, Texas in the DFW area, graduated high school there in 1989, then studied economics at UT Austin before graduating in 1992. Parks attended Texas Tech University and received a Master of Science in Accounting before joining a large firm. He stayed there for ten years before moving to Maxwell, Locke, and Ritter's tax department in 2004. Parks became the Leading Partner of the firm in January 2019.

In addition to his family, Parks enjoys volunteering as the treasurer of the West Austin Youth Association, the finance committee of Ronald MacDonald House, and the UT Chancellor's Council. He says his four main passions include his four-year-old lab, Lucy, UT football, golf, and skiing in the Rockies.

Parks was introduced to the Headliners Club by his ML&R partners, Tom Locke, Earl Maxwell, Mark Ritter, and Steve Knebel. Because the ML&R office is located at Fourth Street and Congress Avenue, Parks and his partners frequently have lunch at Headliners and regularly gather in the Press Box.

Parks is thrilled to be on the Headliners board with a great group of people. His priorities? To continue the traditions of the club and to drive new membership.

-- Sam Greer

Gary Farmer



Gary Farmer, the esteemed and much decorated President of the Heritage Title Company, has re-joined the Board of Directors of the Headliners Club. Farmer previously served two terms on the Board and has served both as Secretary to the Board and Chair of the Membership Committee. His goals for this term? To continue the Headliners legacy of fine dining and excellent service at a reasonable price in a place that will nurture family and professional relationships and to and prepare the Club for the next generation of Austin's civic leaders and decision makers.

Farmer has been a member of the Headliners for more than 25 years and has many fond memories of friends and business leaders. For example, he well remembers golden events such as the late Lowell Lebermann's performance at the Club's 50th anniversary gala, as well as family birthday dinners in the Green Room, cocktails with friends in the Press Box, and a chocolate pecan ball or two through the years shared with the movers and shakers of our town.

A proud son of West Columbia, Texas, Farmer notes his hometown was the original capital of Texas. (Waterloo, which became the City of Austin, became the capital of Texas in 1839.) He is happy to say that when he came to the University of Texas his residence hall, Jester Dormitory, had more students than West Columbia had people. Farmer and his wife Susan are graduates of the University of Texas and have three daughters. His community participation is impressive and includes the Greater Austin Economic Development Corporation, Children's Medical Center Foundation of Central Texas, Caritas of Austin and Boy Scouts of America, Capital Area Council among many many others.

Few people have had more to do with today's Austin skyline as well as the legacy of the Headliners Club than Gary Farmer. Thank you, Gary, for agreeing to serve again.

-- Will Wilson

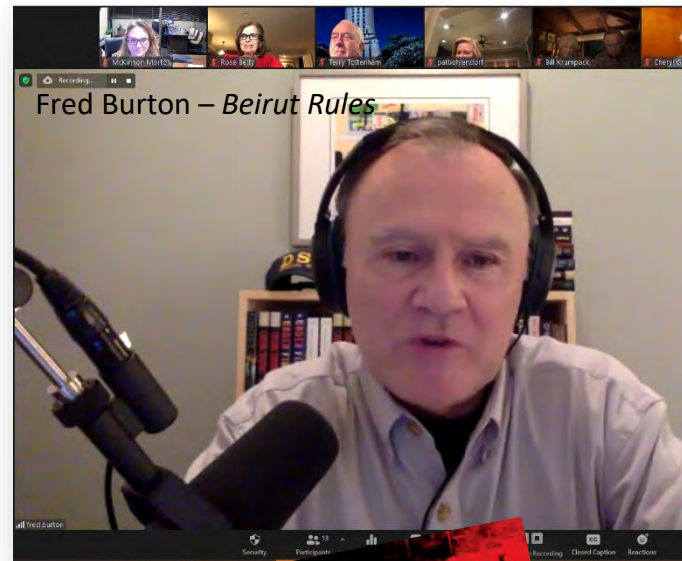
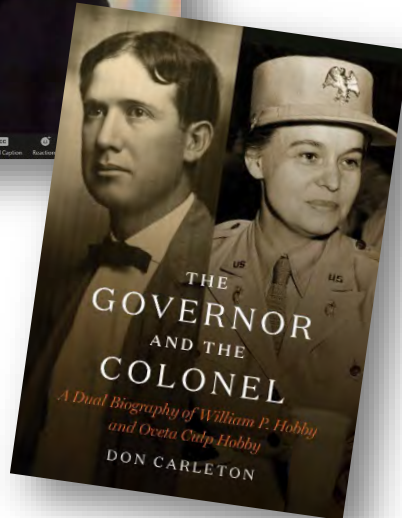
HEADLINERS BOOK CLUB

Thank you to **Rose Betty Williams**, chairman of the Book Club for continuing this incredible new club within the club. Book Club meets once or twice a month, depending on author availability. Headliners can sign up for each of the sessions as we announce them. Make sure to sign up right away when the invitations hit your inbox, these exclusive events are capped at 25 participants.

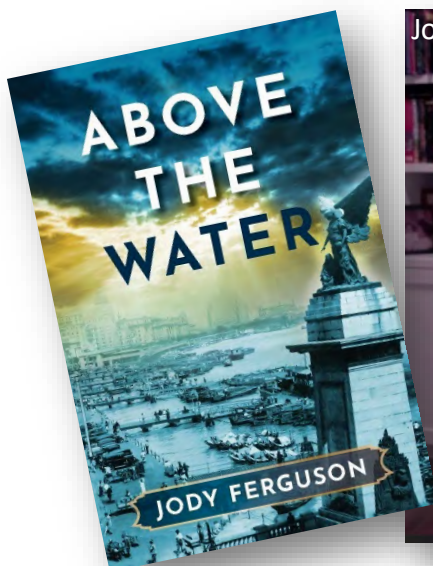
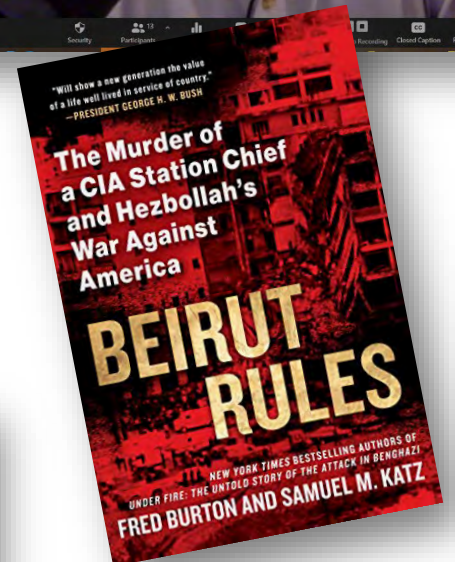
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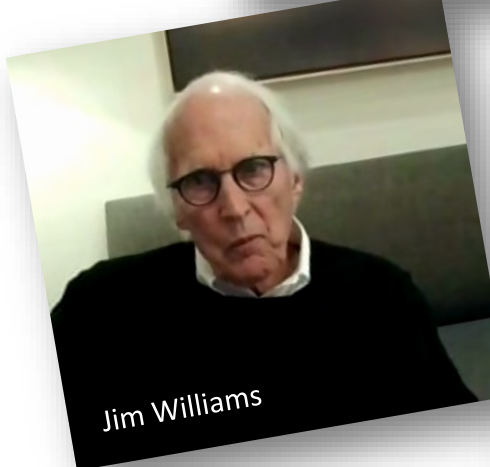
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Rep. Michael McCaul February 2, 2021



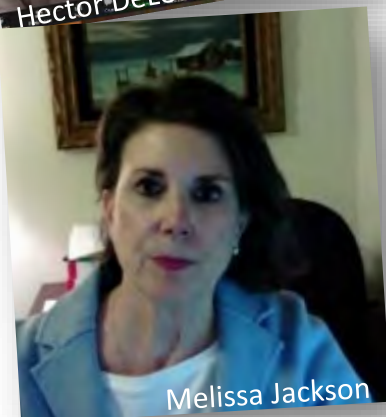
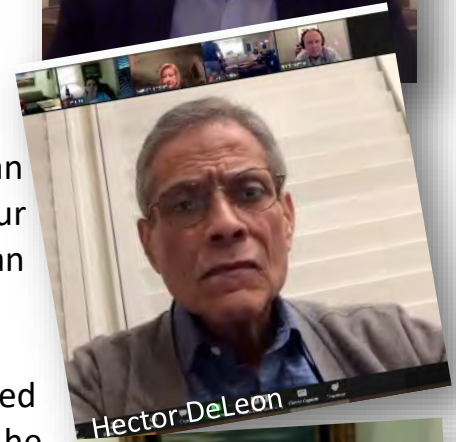
In a sobering discussion Rep. Michael McCaul of Austin met with Headliners members to discuss issues of national security. He described January 6 as the most profound day of his entire career - a dark day - and described those who attacked the Capitol as domestic enemies and domestic terrorists. McCaul said the enraged

mob screaming “Hang Mike Pence” had been incited by rhetoric and lies about election rigging. The idea that Congress can overturn an election is abhorrent to the US Constitution said McCaul leaders of our nation, including the sitting president at the time, lied to the American people and caused this awful situation.

During the riot, the congressman barricaded himself in his office armed with nothing more than a baseball bat. However, McCaul stated that he is proud that once the danger subsided congress went back to work and certified the election results that night. He said that the insurrectionists were targeting the entire political apparatus of the republic as pipe bombs were found and diffused at both the Republican and Democratic Party headquarters in DC. His hope? The nation heals and returns to an era of civility.

What can be done to increase security against domestic terrorism? After 9/11, the focus was naturally on foreign terrorist threats, McCaul said. There was no domestic terrorism charge in the legislation that established the post-9/11 security safeguards. With the support of the FBI, Rep. McCaul has proposed legislation that expands the definitions to terrorism include it. The legislation includes life imprisonment and the death as penalties.

What about QAnon? And Marjorie Taylor Green? The GOP does not equal QAnon, Proud Boys, or white supremacists. The party must



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defend Liz Cheney, stand for its core values, and reject right wing extremists.

Admiral Bobby Inman asked what are acceptable limits on social media where the insurrection planning took place. The blame for the insurrection lies with the leaders who spread the lies and created the conspiracy theories, responded McCaul. Twitter and other social media platforms have a long history of taking down posts meant to incite terrorist activities - the sermons of Anwar al-Awlaki are an example. There are certainly First Amendment issues, but the problem must be addressed.

Is there going to be a GOP accountability project? The GOP is at a crossroads, Mc Caul said. Trump squandered his goodwill and party leadership. He succeeded in bringing the working man to the GOP, but his lack of empathy and poor temperament fractured the party. Citing the 2020 election, Mc Caul concluded the nation likes GOP policies, but not Trump. The Georgia Senate elections turned into a referendum on Trump and the GOP candidates lost.

The discussion then switched to McCaul's familiar field of foreign intelligence. McCaul, Chairman Emeritus on the House Homeland Security Committee, said the Chinese are very actively engaging in espionage including the theft of NASA, medical, and energy secrets. One technique is the hacking of



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consumer-based DNA sites such as 23andMe. The Chinese are abusive of their minorities and neighbors, and fearful of their own

people. McCaul hopes President Biden will be tough on China and address these issues.

Like China, Russia's authoritarian leader, Vladimir Putin, is also afraid of his people. The massive protests resulting from the sudden imprisonment of Alexei Navalny are his worst nightmare. McCaul is certain that the massive cyberattack on the US government came from Russia and supports a proposed Cyber Diplomacy Act to set international norms and create an ambassador-at-large position to address these issues.

The talk shifted to the Middle East and the impact of Biden's presumed foreign policy shifts. McCaul lauded the recognition of Israel by the United Arab Emirates which will put pressure on the Palestinians and Iran to temper their behavior. His concerns in the region? The return to the JCPOA (Iran nuclear deal) and Iran's continued nuclear program development.

McCaul briefly mentioned the US Army Futures Command in Austin and his confidence in their research into machine and cyber warfare. He closed with a warning about the evils of partisanship from George Washington who in his Farewell Address urged placing the interest of the nation over political affiliations.

-- Sam Greer



Sue Meller Commemoration

Thank You Sue Meller!!

Thank you does not fully express our gratitude to Sue Meller.

In Sue's 40 years with the Headliners Club, she has worn numerous hats - management, leadership, logistics, diplomacy - while making the club a home away from home for multiple generations. We are so incredibly grateful for Sue Meller and her dedication to the Headliners Club.



We thought about ways to recognize Sue in a manner meaningful to her and to honor her impact on the club and its members. We are very excited to share how the club is saying "Thank you, Sue Meller."

During her tenure, the Headliners Club has hosted a magnitude of well-known individuals to speak, honor or roast. Sue used her photographic skills to capture many of those moments and preserve them in her Headliner's Club album. We have selected many of her outstanding photographs from those albums and created a coffee table memory book for her to keep and to enjoy. Next time you are in the Press Box peruse a copy of this album.

As you know, Sue Meller made a point to be visible around the club to meet and visit members and their guests. Her perch? Definitely the club's lobby. It is only fitting that we have officially named the club lobby the "Sue Meller Lobby." While she will not be there regularly to greet us anymore, she will be remembered every time we arrive at the Club.

Sue has a strong and long relationship with the School of Human Ecology at The University of Texas at Austin and serves on that school's advisory council. Because the school is close to her heart, we have established the Sue Meller fund aptly named 40 Years for the 40 Acres. These funds will help support multiple programs and initiatives within the School of Human Ecology such as the UT in NYC Program and the UT Nutrition Institute, both unique endeavors by the school. If you are interested in contributing to this fund in honor of Sue's 40 years of dedication, please visit txsci.net/meller or you may contact Sara Santiago at the UT College of Natural Sciences, (937) 244-8185.

-- Suzy Balagia

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Headliners Foundation Scholarship Applications Now Open for the 2021-22 Academic Year

The Headliners Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2021-22 academic year. Fifteen scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding undergraduate communication students and college journalists attending Texas universities who demonstrate talent for and commitment to the field of journalism.

Awards range from \$750 to \$6,000 and are competitively judged by the Foundation's Academic Excellence Committee. We encourage all qualified students to apply now for the

opportunity to share in more than \$70,000 that will be awarded later this spring.

In addition to the 15 annual Foundation scholarships, the \$3,000 Bess Whitehead Scott Scribes Scholarship will be awarded to a non-traditional student who is seeking education in fields related to journalism and writing. When reviewing the BWS Scholarship applications, the Headliners



Scholarship recipients are recognized at the Foundation's annual Mike Quinn Awards Luncheon

Foundation's Academic Excellence Committee will give strong preference to applicants with 10-15 years of professional work experience in journalism, nonfiction writing or a related field. (Please note, this is a separate application from our standard scholarship application for undergraduate students pursuing a degree.)

Scholarship applications are now being accepted through Friday, March 19th, 2021.

Applications are submitted via the Foundation's website at

<https://www.headlinersfoundation.org/scholarships-1>. The application and criteria for the Bess Whitehead Scott Scholarship can be found at www.headlinersfoundation.org/bws.

For more information, please contact aunger@headlinersfoundation.org, or call (512) 445-4520.



HEADLINERS FOUNDATION ISSUES CALL FOR SHOWCASE AWARD ENTRIES TO TEXAS JOURNALISTS

The Headliners Foundation of Texas is issuing a call for entries for its annual Showcase Awards for Enterprise and Innovation in Journalism, the only cross-media competition to honor exceptional work by Texas-based journalists.

The current contest period is for journalism produced from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2020. The deadline for entries is **March 22, 2021**.

The Showcase Awards, first introduced by the Foundation in 2013, recognize outstanding journalism that has made a significant impact on Texas government, public policy, culture, or the conduct of a business, non-profit or other organization.

Contest rules were changed last year to widen the competition and allow contest judges better opportunities to study entries closely. The revised rules are posted on the [Foundation's web site](#).

Last year, for the first time, Texas-based journalists who work for news organizations with permanent bureaus in Texas can enter, in addition to journalists who are on the staffs of news media headquartered in Texas. For example, the new rules now permit entries from Texas bureaus of national wire services, national newspapers and broadcast networks.

Journalists and news organizations are encouraged to choose up to three entries from their 2020 work. A maximum of three entries is allowed, and each entry can contain up to 10 separate elements.

There is no cost to enter the Showcase competition, which provides cash awards directly to individual journalists. The top Showcase Award pays \$2,000, part of more than \$30,000 in annual award prizes.

Last year's winner of the top Gold Award was a team of *Houston Chronicle* and *San Antonio Express-News* staff members for "Abuse of Faith," which exposed sexual abuse allegations in the Southern Baptist Church. Silver Awards went to KXAN-TV of Austin and WFAA-TV in Dallas. Certificates of Merit were awarded to the *Victoria Advocate*, *Austin American-Statesman* and *Dallas Morning News*.



Past Foundation Chair and Governor Emeritus Mark Morrison with the recipients of the 2018 Showcase Silver Award at the annual Mike Quinn Awards Luncheon

This year's winners will be announced in the spring. They will be recognized in person at the Headliners Foundation's annual Mike Quinn Awards Luncheon in the fall.

In 1983, the Headliners Foundation of Texas was formed as a tax-exempt organization to formalize the Headliners Club's awards program into an organization dedicated to promoting excellence in Texas journalism. In addition to awarding scholarships for promising students, the Headliners Foundation recognizes media talent and sponsors unique journalism projects. In 2019, it made a significant expansion of programs by creating the Verne Lundquist Sports Media Institute.

For further information, visit www.headlinersfoundation.org or contact [Alison Unger](#), executive director.

Headliners Foundation Welcomes New Governors, Bids Farewell to Old Friends

At its January Board of Governors meeting, the Headliners Foundation held its annual election of officers and Board members. Two longtime Governors are stepping down, including John Lumpkin, who served as Vice Chair of the Foundation and Chair of the Professional Excellence Committee from 2015-2020. Lumpkin's leadership helped establish the Showcase Award for Enterprise and Innovation as one of the most prestigious journalism awards in Texas. He was also instrumental in the continued evolution of the Charles E. Green Awards program, strengthening the Foundation's partnerships with the Texas Associated Press Broadcasters and Texas Associated Press Managing Editors organizations. We are grateful to him for his many contributions to the Foundation and wish him well on his next endeavor. Lumpkin is succeeded by current Foundation Governor Fred Zipp, who has served on the Board since 2013. As a longtime member of the Professional Excellence Committee, Zipp is a natural choice to take over management of the Foundation's professional journalism awards, and is already leading the group through a smooth transition.

Also leaving is Ross Ramsey, who has served as a Foundation Governor since 2012. Ross has been an active member of the Academic Excellence Committee, which administers the Foundation's scholarship program. He has generously agreed to continue serving in that role as an outside judge for the scholarship selection process.

Wayne Slater, who has also served as a Governor since 2012, will move into the role of Governor Emeritus, and will remain a voting member of the Foundation Board.



Fond farewell to Doug Dodds, Immediate Past President of the Headliners Club, who served as an ex-officio Governor during his term as Club President. We are pleased to welcome incoming Club President U.S District Judge Lee Yeakel who will take over that position for 2021.

As we say goodbye to some extraordinary leaders and thank them for their service, we are excited to welcome four new faces to the Foundation's Board of Governors: Ed Clements, Diana R. Fuentes, Judy Oskam and Tony Pederson. Their collective experience and knowledge will be a great addition to our programming, and we look forward to working with them.

Ed Clements

Austin radio personality Ed Clements is a member of the Headliners Club and has served on the Headliners Foundation's Verne Lundquist Sports Media Institute Committee since 2018. He was the emcee for the Institute's inaugural fundraising event in 2019, An Evening with Verne Lundquist. Clements has spent more than 30 years as a talk show host at KLBJ-AM in Austin. He is also the host for "Crenshaw on Golf" on SIRIUS-XM PGA Tour Radio. Clements is the starter for the Dell Technologies Match Play Tournament and was honored in 2018 by the Southern Texas PGA and the First Tee of Greater Austin for his contributions to the sport of golf. He is currently on the Boards of Texas Alzheimer's, United Heritage Charity Foundation, the ARC of the Capital Area and the Save Muny Conservancy.



Diana R. Fuentes

Diana R. (Dee Dee) Fuentes has more than 30 years of journalism experience, rising through the ranks at several newspapers, from police reporter to publisher to her current position as Deputy Metro Editor at the *San Antonio Express-News*. Fuentes is past president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas and Texas Associated Press Managing Editors and continues to serve on those boards. She also is a member and past president of the San Antonio Association of Hispanic Journalists. Fuentes is currently in the Master of Arts in Mass Communications program at Texas State University. She was the Foundation's first Bess Whitehead Scott scholarship recipient.





Judy Oskam

Judy Oskam is a professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Texas State University. She has served as Director since 2012 and was formerly Associate Director for Round Rock programs at the Texas State University Round Rock campus. Before joining Texas State University, Oskam was an associate professor at Texas Tech University. Earlier in her career, Judy worked in public affairs/outreach positions for Oklahoma State University as well as The University of Texas System and was a television journalist for stations in Oklahoma and Texas.



Tony Pederson

Tony Pederson holds the rank of professor and is the Belo Distinguished Chair in Journalism at Southern Methodist University. In that position he chairs the Division of Journalism in the Meadows School of the Arts. Before assuming the Belo chair in June of 2003 he was senior vice president and executive editor of the *Houston Chronicle*, where he worked for 29 years. He is a longtime activist in First Amendment issues and international press freedom issues, especially in Latin America. He was president of the Inter American Press Association in 1999-2000.



Welcome Ed, Diana, Judy and Tony!

◆ HONORS ◆



Terry O. Tottenham of Austin has been selected as one of four recipients of the 2021 Texas Bar Foundation's Outstanding 50 Year Lawyer Award. The award recognizes attorneys whose practice has spanned 50 years or more and who adhere to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession and service to the public.

Charles Butt sets the pace in philanthropy, pandemic response to earn his place as a "Texan of the Year" finalist. Each year H-E-B donates 5% of its pre-tax earnings to nonprofit organizations and causes. Perhaps more important has been the response of his company to the Covid-19 pandemic. Before many of its competitors responded at all, H-E-B implemented many measures to ensure safety and maintain an effective supply chain.



Susan Dawson – 2020 Austinite of the Year. The prestigious Austinite of the Year Award represents the highest honor from the Chamber of Commerce. "Susan Dawson exemplifies what it means to be Austinite of the Year," said Chamber Board Chair Craig Enoch. "Throughout her career, she has been dedicated to serving our business community, transforming the economy, and reshaping our education system."

Ben Crenshaw & Tom Kite – History-Making Texan Award. The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum presented The History-Making Texan Award at its annual Texas Independence Day Dinner. This award recognizes living Texas legends whose contributions to the state and the nation have been truly historic and exceptional in scope and nature. Honorees are selected for extraordinary accomplishments within their field and community. **Ben Crenshaw** and **Tom Kite** will both be honored with the award this year.



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