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Dillon Ferguson Headliners Club's New President

You know the old joke: In the dictionary, next to the word (fill in the blank) is a picture of (whoever). In this version – and it's no joke – next to the definition of leadership, are the words, "quiet competence, intelligence, good judgment" ...and a picture of Dillon Ferguson, Headliner's new Board President.

Ferguson started his career as a petroleum landman after graduating from the School of Business at UT. He worked for Getty Oil and was sent by the company to South Texas College of Law, where he attended at night, and eventually taught. He joined the firm of Butler Binion Rice Cook & Knapp and in 1979 moved to Washington, DC, with his wife, Marialice (Cissie). He loved living in the nation's capitol but found it a "difficult place to practice law." He recalled the classic comparison of government and sausage being made – "neither of them are very pretty." So, in 1981, the family moved back to Houston, finally relocating to Austin in 1994, in part because Cissie's mother, Marialice Shivers, was in poor health. Cissie's father was former Texas Governor, Allan Shivers, prompting the remark that joining Headliners was kind of a legacy. Ferguson laughed, and said, "not even 'kind of!'" The Fergusons have been in Austin ever since, where he is a senior partner at Andrews Kurth, LLP, specializing in oil and gas law, and focusing on both transaction and litigation matters.

Ferguson is proud of his three grown daughters. The youngest, Kate Ferguson, lives in Austin and holds a Masters Degree in Nursing from UT. The older two both live in Jackson Hole, WY, with their respective husbands. The oldest, MariAllan Hanna, is writing her Masters thesis in municipal planning, and the middle daughter, Lizzie Heineken, is in the

culinary field. His wife, Cissie, is "self-employed" and is active in many community affairs.

When asked about his favorite memory associated with Headliners, Ferguson recalled the "bachelor lunch" his father-in-law had for him. There was a satisfied-sounding pause, and then he stated that no more details were forthcoming.



More recently, he enjoyed the post-election rundown with Ken Herman, and as always, the Christmas Party. At the President's party in February, Ferguson toasted with a glass of his preferred drink, a full-bodied Merlot.

He said that he was looking forward to being President, and hopes that members will feel free to make suggestions. He stated very positively that, "this is the best run club I've ever been associated with." He feels that Sue Meller is a "brain trust", and one of his main goals is to "keep the chair warm for the next President."

Others feel that he will do much more than warm the bench. Brian Greig, Chairman of the Board, said about Ferguson: "Dillon is a quiet strong force on the Board. When he speaks,

his ideas, questions, or comments are right on point. I felt he would be a great leader for the Club in the coming year. When I approached him about being President, he was his usual reserved self, and was most gracious in accepting the offer." Tom Granger, former Board Chairman, called Ferguson "a very fine attorney and all round smart guy."

It looks like it will be a great year, both for the Club and for Dillon Ferguson.

— Kay Allensworth

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◆ NEW BOARD MEMBERS ◆

David Roche

Real estate and a history with the Headliners Club are a few of the things that CPA David Roche brings to the table as a new member of the Board of Directors.

His uncle Mike Roche is a long time member and the two enjoy having lunch together at the club as well as attending some of the speaker's series events. Commending much about the club, Roche saluted the staff: "In the main dining room Martin and Rodolfo are always a pleasure to be around." Look for Roche there or in the Press Box after work meetings. "My favorite time in the club is bringing out of town UT exes to see how the city has changed since they were here last. Our downtown is beautiful and I am always happy to point out the new buildings and those that are coming," Roche said.

This native Austinite has witnessed the city's changes. Roche takes pride in being, "in the last class to graduate from the 'old' Austin High School on Rio Grande." He then made his way across Lamar Blvd. to attend the University of Texas where he earned his degree in accounting. While at UT he interned for Lady Bird Johnson

at her private office in the LBJ Library and "was crazy about her", in his senior year, Roche met his wife Becky in an advanced accounting class. Both are CPAs. After a brief stint in Dallas working for an accounting firm, the Roches returned to Austin to put down roots and raise their two boys, Campbell (age 28) and Jackson (age 25). His career in Austin has included work at Neiman, Hanks and Puryear and Trammell Crow. In 1999 he became co-founder of Endeavor Real Estate where he continues today as managing principal.



Roche is active with the Boy Scouts of America, serving as president of the Capital Area Council in 2009. His two sons are Eagle Scouts. He has a passion for "anything outdoors", especially hunting. He has travelled twice to Africa where he has hunted and climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro. In addition, he recently returned from a trip to the Northwest Territory of Canada to hunt Dall sheep. He and Becky love to travel with their sons. Telluride and Cabo are two of their favorite destinations, but really "they just love to be together."

— Laurie Hall

Chuck Nash

Along with Bud Shivers and select others, Chuck Nash may be one of the real legacy members of Headliners. After all, when one of the club's rooms is named for your dad, joining is de rigueur. The club is excited to add Chuck as a member of the Board of Directors. "My dad asked me to join the club in 1976 or a year thereafter," says Chuck, but this is his first year on the board.

What did his dad, Charles Durham Nash, teach him about the club? "Just to treat it respectfully and honor the history. I can remember sitting at the Old Fitz Table with dad and hearing great discussions on both sides from members. I also remember going to the club when it was at the Driskill and members used a special key to get into Headliners."



This successful automobile dealer has enjoyed many honors such as a nominee for Time Magazine Dealer of the Year since buying his San Marcos dealership at the age of 25 (as a graduate of the GM Dealer's Sons School with Louis Henna, Jr.). Nash estimates three-quarters of his visits to the club are business meetings. "The view in any direction always elicits a 'wow factor' reaction from my guests and sets the tone for a whole meeting," says Nash. He also appreciates the special feeling of a club where "everybody knows your name."

Nash's roots at the Headliners Club run deep. Among other accomplishments his father was President of the Headliners Club (1978) and Chairman of the Board (1982-1988). The family's involvement with the club is assured.

New Member Profiles

Katherine Nash Goehring, Chuck and Elizabeth's second is a legacy member of the club. He is still working on the other two girls.

Nash feels that in addition to his children, he is most proud of his service as a member of the National Parks Advisory Board, but especially, having been chosen by Governor Clements to chair the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission. The creation of the Wildlife Expo and Kid

Fish were highlights but more importantly, the friendships he made. As his father taught him to appreciate the great outdoors, he hopes to share this love with his grandchildren.

And yes, as a final resting place for some former Headliner's members, you will one day find both Charles Nashes and their wives, who were each appointed to state boards, at the State Cemetery. But before that, lots of tight lines and tailing redfish!!

Paul Bury

Shaping the landscape of Austin has been central to Paul Bury in his career as president of Bury, the engineering firm he started in 1984, and in his civic endeavors. Now this past chairman of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce and former president of the Real Estate Council of Austin is turning his attention to the Headliners Club serving as a member of the board for a second time.

The resume of Bury's firm is impressive and decorated with highly visible projects like the Domain, Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Redevelopment, W Hotel and Seaholm. For him, no one project stands out above others, but he is "proud of the environment they have helped create in Austin". Personally, it is the pro – bono work of which he is the most proud; two projects in particular, the Ronald Mc Donald House at Dell Children's Hospital and the Mobile Loaves and Fishes Community First! Village, which Bury describes as, "a game changer for the homeless in Austin."

A native of San Antonio, Bury received his degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M and upon graduation, took his first job with an engineering firm in Victoria – which he describes as "not the ideal location for a single,

23 year old." Fortunately for him, the firm had an office in Austin and he was able to transfer and quickly realized this was where he wanted to put down roots. Bury has two daughters. Merritt is a graduate of Vanderbilt and is currently working in financial services in the Austin office

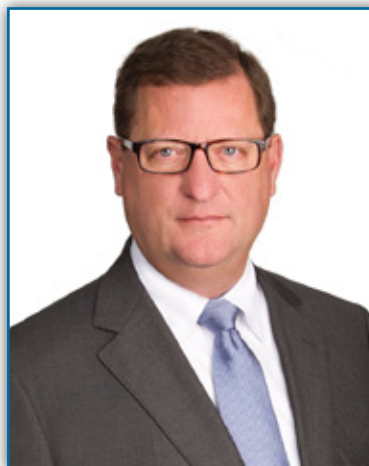
of GL Group. His younger daughter Emily, who was just presented as a Bachelor of Austin debutante, is a junior at Vanderbilt and, following in her father's footsteps, majoring in civil engineering.

With his office located just a few floors below the Headliners Club, Bury says there are many things he enjoys about the club. First and foremost is the comradery of the members. He has met so many fabulous people that he might possibly have never had the opportunity to get to know. The exceptional staff is also high on his list. They know how to cater to everyone, whether you want full service or just have a drink and be

left alone - they seem to know your needs, he noted.

"Paul is often in the Press Box with his clients and fellow engineers," says Chairman Brian Greig. "It's great to see such a strong business leader enjoying the club. "

— Laurie Hall



Your new officers for 2015 are:

Brian S. Greig, Chairman

Dillon Ferguson, President

Doug Dodds, Secretary

Demetrius McDaniel, Treasurer

JoLynn Free, President-Elect

Wallace Smith, Past President

Tom Granger, Chairman Emeritus

In addition, elected to serve a second term on the board are

Susan Lilly, Demetrius McDaniel and Tim Taylor.

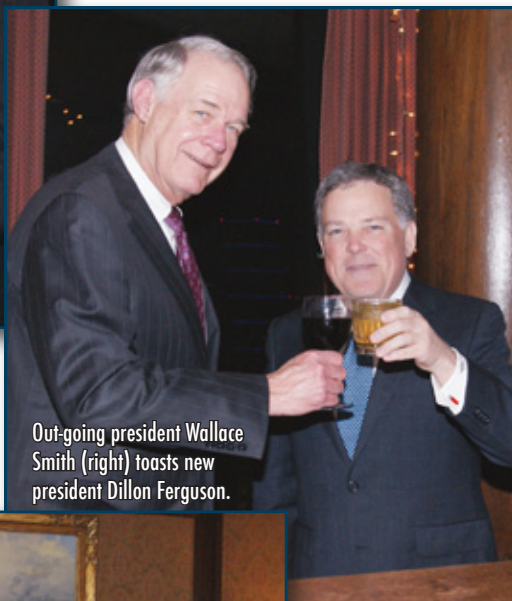
◆ EVENTS ◆

President's Party

February 12, 2015



The program starts with a big thank-you from Chairman Brian Greig for those who are going off the board including Meade Bauer.



Out-going president Wallace Smith (right) toasts new president Dillon Ferguson.



President Wallace Smith is thanked with a faux gun (the real thing is on the way).



The Smith Family: Noble, Martha Lauren, Lanette and Wallace.

Sam and Melinda Sparks enjoyed the night with good friends.



President Dillon and Cissie Ferguson with Chairman Brian and Jane Greig.



Events: President's Party



Treasurer Demetrius McDaniel with Elizabeth Nash and new board of Trustees member Chuck Nash.



Mark Morrison with Foundation Board Member Bruce Hight.



Gay Gaddis, Martha Lauren & Lanette Smith, and Diane Love enjoyed the evening honoring President Wallace Smith.



The Headliners Foundation is in good hands with these board members: Rod Hart, Chairman Mark Morrison, John Lumpkin, Gary Pickle and Terry Tottenham.



New Board member David Roche with Becky Roche and Laurie and Franklin Hall.



Ann Butler with her daughter Beth Granger.



◆ EVENTS ◆

Member's Christmas Party

December 23, 2014



Santa and his friend Patrick Keel.



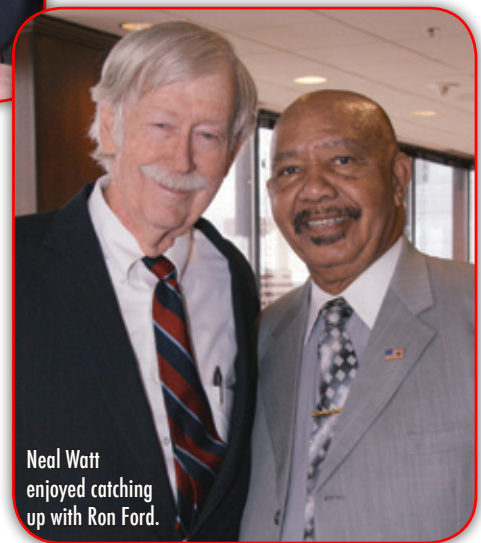
Headliners own Father Christmas - Lloyd Lochridge.



Jane Greig (right) thanks McKinnon Morton for coordinating the gorgeous Christmas decorations.



Tom Granger introduced new member Irish Consul General Adrian Farrell to fellow members.



Neal Watt enjoyed catching up with Ron Ford.



Mayor Lee Leffingwell enjoyed the lunch with Trey Salinas.



The Headliners Christmas party is the best place for good friends to meet - Julian Read and Terry Young.

Events: Christmas Party



Santa makes everyone smile - Linda Ball and Forrest Preece.



Caught leaving the party early: Ellen Read, Ben Barnes and Mary Scott Nabers.



Kevin Robinson and Rob Pedersen really enjoyed seeing fellow employee Ron Ford again.



Sue Decker, Lanette Smith, Suzy Balagia, Leslie McConnico and Amanda Foster got the holidays started right.



It was time (12:17) for the board to gather: (l to r) President Wallace Smith, Tim Taylor, Suzy Balagia, Chairman Brian Greig, Carl Stuart, Dillon Ferguson, Tom Granger, Franklin Hall, Meade Bauer, Rob Bridges, Tim Crowley and Amanda Foster.



Events: Christmas Party



Don Jackson and Milton Guiberteau were clearly looking forward to a happy holiday season.



Marjann and Michael Cooper loved the Club's Christmas tradition.



Even these young Headliners enjoy the tradition: Steven Butter, Jeff McDowell, Andrew Maebius, Derek Lewis and Louis Granger.



Brian McCall and Mindy Ellmer took a break from their hectic schedules for some holiday cheer.



New members, Andrea and Jordan Reber were delighted to meet new friends.



There is nothing better for Ardy Zwiener than spending time with her grandson and santa!





◆ EVENTS ◆

KIDS MOVIE NIGHT - FROZEN

December 29, 2014



Four generations at the movies: (l to r) Martha Jo Massengill, Martha Small Dyess, Kate Dyess (in Frozen costume) and Pamela Small.



The Inman family: Tom, Katie, Thomas, Nancy, Bob and Marianne.



Lynda Brown with granddaughter Ava.



Deborah Bynum and friends, the Duckworths.



The Stowell Ladies: Shannon Horton, Parker Elizabeth Horton and Kay Stowell.



The Metschan Family "cheers" to Frozen: Margot, Liam, Adaire, Shelly and Brent.

Events: Kid's Movie Night

FROZEN



Donna Thomas with her grandchildren Vivienne and Durham... and Elsa.



An extra Christmas present for Bonnie and Ken Moyer was going to the movie with their granddaughter Meeghan Moyer.



Jameson at his second movie night with his grandmother Melissa Garza.



The Patiño Family: Daniela, Andres, Liliana and Luis.

The Garrett girls Mollie, Ruby and Sophie with their mom and dad John and Jennifer.



Lolla Page (standing left) with Barbara Moate (standing right), with (seated) Marly Page, McKean Page, & Annelise Page

◆ EVENTS ◆

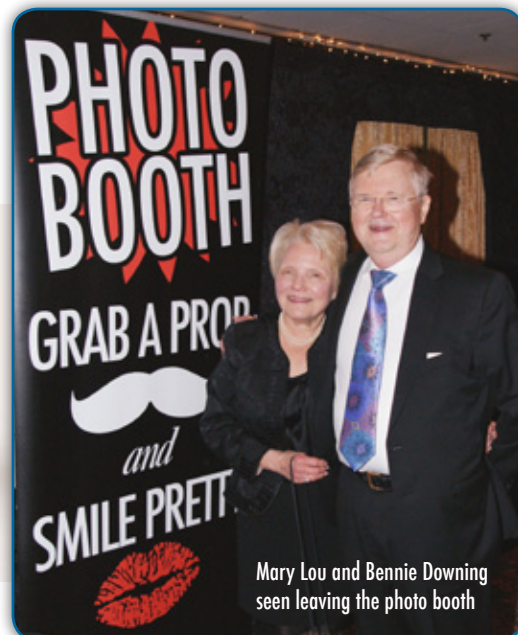
New Year's Eve

December 31, 2014

Happy New Year
2015



Ken and Candice Corby all dressed up to ring in the new year.



Mary Lou and Bennie Downing seen leaving the photo booth



Dudley and Saza Dobie with Sally and Tom Brorby caught leaving just before midnight.



New Year's regulars Al and Kay Stowell with Rene and Eddie Butler

Fun Times in the Photo Booth!!



Ed and Pat Harris



Dan and Patty Gillean

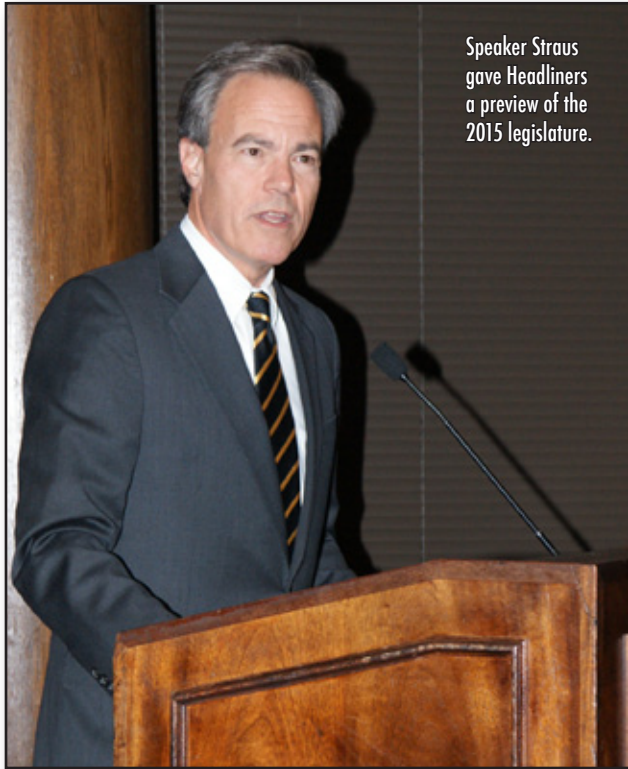


Richard and Martha Coons

◆ SPEAKER EVENTS ◆

Speaker of the Texas House: Joe Straus

November 19, 2014



Speaker Straus gave Headliners a preview of the 2015 legislature.

The 84th Texas Legislature is in full lawmaking mode, but when Texas House Speaker Joe Straus appeared at the Headliners Club in November, he was already thinking about January as he offered a special pre-session briefing for members.

“It’s good to be with you here in this historic club where I know it was once referred to as the place where people who make the headlines get together with those who write them. Today, though, we call that place Twitter,” Straus said as he greeted attendees.



A delightful evening was had by Bergan Casey, Becky Klein and Stan Casey.



Speaker Straus was happy to spend the evening with friends (l to r): David and Dealey Herndon, Bob Campbell, Patti Ohlendorf and Terry Tottenham.

Speaker Events: Joe Straus



New member Nan McRaven was pleased to visit with Speaker Straus.



A gathering of buddies is always fun at a Headliners event (l to r): Dan Madru, Chuck Brady, Jeff Jeter, Michael McCormick

A fifth generation Texan from San Antonio, Straus last fall was re-elected to a fourth term as Speaker. He said he believes the House set “a very cooperative tone” in the 2013 session and he was optimistic that attitude would continue throughout the 2015 session.

Among his overall thoughts about government, Straus was clear. “My philosophy is that government should be limited. It should be efficient. And it should work,” he said.

He also explained how the state’s “tremendous” growth impacts all facets of life here.

“We’re now 26.5 million people of Texas. Our population has been growing twice as fast as the country as a whole for a very long time. Demographers are suggesting that’s not going to change anytime soon. We have over 5 million kids in our public schools today. Five million is more than the total population of 28 of the states in the United States. It’s as many kids in our public schools in Texas as Canada has in their entire country. And every year, our public school population is growing

by 80,000 students. So Texas is growing by an Austin Independent School District every single year,” Straus said.

“Our schools aren’t the only place where this growth is felt,” he said. “We have more cars and trucks on our roads and we have a lot more demand for our water supply. As Speaker, I’ve been trying to focus the House on these core issues that really relate to the kind of life we’re going to have in Texas in the decades ahead.”

In his preview, Straus also expressed some wishful thinking.

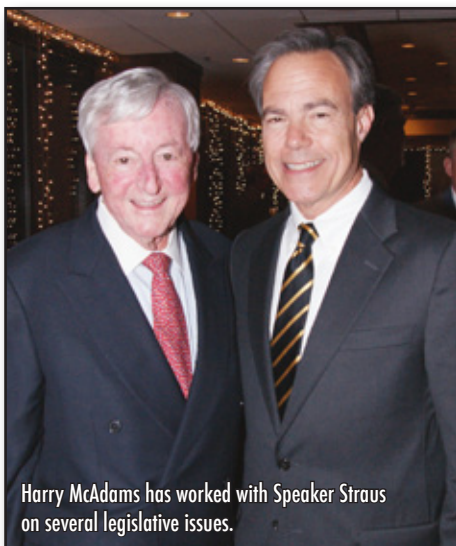
“I’m hoping for a really boring session,” he said, quickly adding. “I think we’re going to get a lot done.”



Pete and Tomi Winstead with Alan Geistman.



Brandon Janes, Charlie Betts and Matt Dow enjoyed some pre-program conversation.



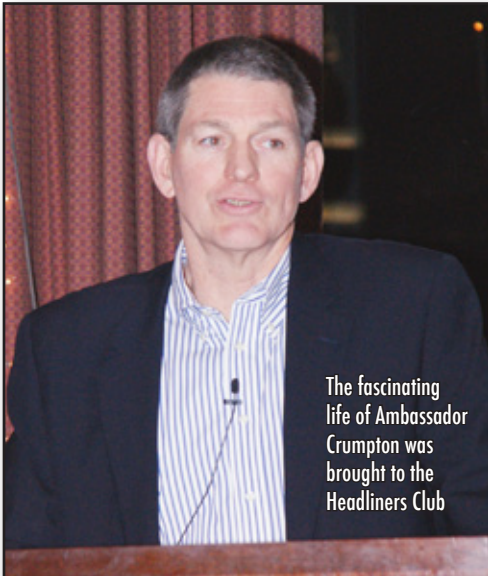
Harry McAdams has worked with Speaker Straus on several legislative issues.

— Sharon Jayson

◆ SPEAKER EVENTS ◆

Tough Talk About U.S. Intelligence Concerns from Ambassador Hank Crumpton

January 12, 2015



The fascinating life of Ambassador Crumpton was brought to the Headliners Club

A large collection of former U.S. ambassadors from the Central Texas area and a full house of other Headliners members gathered in January to hear Ambassador Henry A. (Hank) Crumpton present the club's first dinner program of 2015.

Introducing Crumpton, club Chairman Brian Greig noted the guest speaker's designation as ambassador-at-large when he was appointed in 2005 as Coordinator for Counterterrorism at the U.S. Department of State. Crumpton worked directly for Secretary Condoleezza Rice in managing our nation's counterterrorism policy in Washington and abroad.

Previously, Crumpton had been a member of the CIA. He first tried to join the agency at the age of 10, only to be told by a kindly agency officer that he needed to mature more and get his education. He applied again at age 21 but again was denied. Finally, at 23, he was admitted as the youngest trainee in its 1981 Clandestine Service class. Subsequent postings included serving as a chief of station for 24 years and then leading the agency's Afghanistan campaign in 2001-2002 following 9/11. Among his honors? Crumpton received the highest medal awarded by the CIA for achievement.

Now an author, business consultant and an executive producer on the television show "State of Affairs," the ambassador brought stern warnings about the need to support our intelligence services in a world with broadly-based terror threats. His hard-hitting, sober report to club members argued that our intelligence in relative terms is weaker now than it was in 2001 as we deal with a war that he described as "more like managing a disease."



Brian and Jane Greig enjoyed talking to Ambassador Crumpton about his overseas postings.



Cathy and Rick Coneway were ready for an interesting discussion.



The Ambassadors Peacock had a fascinating dinner with Ambassador Crumpton.

Speaker Events: Hank Crumpton

Crumpton detailed the “ground the enemy has gained in the Middle East,” and not just in terms of geography. He said they have metastasized, with major and minor safe havens closer to Europe. He said terrorists also have grown in capabilities, social interconnectivity and size and noted the U.S. Terror Watch List now carries the names of 800,000 persons.

An additional problem is the perception of U.S. weakness and lack of clear strategies, which Crumpton believes has discouraged allies and eroded our global network of supporters. He cited the Snowden disclosures, which he said have done enormous damage and undercut trust with our allies and our own private sector partners.

Two final concerns: the partisan political gridlock in Washington which has stopped U.S. investments necessary to keep up with the enemy and some U.S. political leaders who, for their own selfish purposes, have betrayed the CIA. Crumpton particularly called out for criticism Senator Diane Feinstein’s recent report on CIA interrogation methods.

“This is first and foremost an intelligence-driven war, and our intelligence officers are handicapped by a weak and at times abusive political leadership,” Crumpton said.



Mollie and Dean Davis were fascinated with the speaker



Jeff and Melissa Simpler seemed delighted to spend date night at the club.



Marion and George More with their friend Eva Womack

Offsetting the gloom settling on the Headliners crowd, Crumpton concluded, “We still have some great advantages. American citizens and the intelligence professionals who serve us will stand up when the country needs them, even at the risk of betrayal. They will not forsake us.”

— Howard Falkenberg



Stephen and Polly Barbaro connected with Deborah and Larry Peel.

◆ THEATER EVENTS ◆

Curtain Up: An Evening of Broadway Music by the UT Department of Theater and Dance

January 28, 2015



Student performer Dylan Gibson entertained Alma and Gordon King.



Allison and Susan Klein look forward to an up beat night.

To lovers of Broadway musicals, there is no more thrilling call than “Curtain up!” And, save that Headliners has no curtain, the evening of January 28 did not disappoint. Neither did the presence of fresh, enthusiastic, and talented students from UT’s Department of Theater and Dance. Staged and choreographed by UT faculty member, Natasha Davison, the show opened with “Magic To Do” from *Pippin*, which set the stage (so to speak) for songs from *Little Women*, *Vanities*, *Rent*, *Dream Girls Songs for a New World*, and *Beautiful: The Carol King Musical*. The professionalism and dedication of the performers really seemed to capture the audience, which ranged in age from nine to...well, the other end of the demographic. The encore, “Hard Work”, with the lyric “I’m alive and I will survive” from *Fame*, served to convince everyone there that this great group of performers would indeed survive in the world of musical theater.



The Student performers.



Thank-you Russ Sartain for making this evening possible and sharing it with your son Langley.

The multi-talented Leslie Ann Leal.



Lyn Koenning and Emily McIntyre.



Phillip Ingram had two cute companions: daughter Avery and her friend Aislin Lyman.



Emily McIntyre really enjoyed having supper with Marion Dozier.



Ellis and Lindsey Sartain with Sydney Langley. Three generations enjoyed the performers.

Dr. Brant Pope, chairman of the Department of Theater and Dance, described UT's program as "world-class" and urged club members to attend the many performances on campus, lending their support to a dedicated group of young people. After the usual delicious buffet, students joined diners at the tables, and shared their stories and dreams, convincing one and all that the musical theater program is one worth supporting. Bravo!

— Kay Allensworth

◆ SPEAKER EVENTS ◆

George Friedman's Flashpoints

February 11, 2015

Before a sold-out crowd, Chairman Brian Greig briefly introduced Stratfor Founder George Friedman, who for many there needed no introduction. As the Chairman of the world's largest private intelligence company, Friedman, who lives in Austin, spoke about "Flashpoints", his most personal volume to-date. In it he describes his parents' experiences as Hungarian Jews born before 1914 and their survival during the 31 years spanning the two world wars which took 100 million lives. It is a remarkable story, including his father's retreat from Stalingrad as a part of the Hungarian army, the arrest of both his parents in concentration camps, and the escape of their small family from Soviet-dominated Hungary in August of 1949 (he was 6-months old). After such a history, it is no surprise that Friedman takes a dim view of Europe's ability to remain peaceful.



A healthy Pete Winstead with a very happy Tomi Winstead!



The Moores (Alan and Martha) enjoyed their first Famous Austinites event as new members.



George Friedman, the author of *Flashpoints*, brought his personal story and predictions about Europe to the Club for a fascinating evening.



Carol Nelson and Lil Loewenbaum had a few moments before the speech to catch up.

Speaker Events: George Friedman

Already we are seeing signs of fracturing that in Friedman's eyes could lead to war. These are the flashpoints described in his book. One of these is Russia and its border nations, especially the Balkans. In the 1990s we saw conflict between Serbia and Croatia; today we see it in Ukraine. Friedman says Russia's need to retain Ukraine as a buffer nation---especially now that the Baltic states and Poland are independent--- will trump its need to do business with the West. Another flashpoint is between western Europe and immigrants from its colonies, who are not integrated as they are in America society and remain ghettoized within wealthy European communities. As Europe suffers economically, Friedman sees "balkanization" of Europe leading to terrorist attacks, and the proliferation of nativist political movements that in the past have lead to war. And Turkey, a borderland between Europe and the Islamic world, has its own flashpoints with Kurdistan and Armenia.

More of George's good friends came to support and listen to him discuss Europe - Anton Nel, George and Bill Jones.



Julie and Tushar Shah were so pleased to spend the evening with Don and Daphne Kuykendall.



Good friends Harriet O'Neill, Meredith Friedman and Kerry Cammack.



Autographed books in hand, Greg Talley and Matt Sjöberg enjoyed looking forward to hearing George Friedman.

Speaker Events: George Friedman



Young George Christian, with his mother Betsy, was particularly interested in learning about Dr. Friedman's prognostications.



Matt Berry, Dachiell Rowdon and Don Cook were so pleased to be able to share this evening together.



Dr. Friedman travels around the world, but particularly enjoys spending an evening with his friends John Schweitzer and Harriet O'Neill.



New members Susan Combs and Joe Duran (right) were delighted to have George Friedman autograph their book and to catch up with Meredith (left).

According to Friedman, the survival of the European Union is crucial to peace, though it faces many challenges---not the least of which is economic pressures on its southern members whose economies find it difficult to compete now that the euro is the economic standard. Greece, especially, has been in the news with its new government in a standoff with its European lenders. Yanis Varoufakis, the new Finance Minister (and former LBJ School visiting professor), was quoted in the New York Times recently as saying, "In the history of the European Union, nothing good has ever come out of ultimatums." Perhaps they will work it out. They have to. And we will all eagerly await Dr. Friedman's take on the next step!

— Donna Shipley

◆ SPEAKER EVENTS ◆

Ambassador and Mrs. Joe Stafford

February 25, 2015

Ever dreamed of someone making a movie of your life? Ben Affleck made a movie (ARGO) of Ambassador and Mrs. Joseph D. Stafford's experience as diplomats who escaped capture in the 1979 Tehran Embassy hostage-taking. How intriguing to hear of that experience "in their own words."

Ambassador Stafford related that in 1979 President Jimmy Carter allowed the Shah of Iran to enter the U.S. for medical purposes. Insiders like Joe and Kathleen Stafford at the American Embassy in Iran had pondered what reactions the Iranians might have regarding the Shah leaving Iran for the U.S. Nothing? The seizing of the embassy? Something in between?

The result of the Shah's departure was the seizing of the U.S. embassy. The Ambassador described exactly how the events began to unfold. The saga began with a sit-in by Iranian students that evolved into a mob of thousands of Iranians outside the Embassy, wielding sticks and clubs. Ambassador Stafford and his wife Kathleen were among the six diplomats who evaded capture, finding an alley passageway which no one knew about.



Ambassador Joe Stafford set the historical stage for his and his wife Kathleen's adventure in Iran which would eventually be made into the movie *Argo*.



Jennifer and Chris Brandt were looking forward to hearing about this fascinating piece of American history.



Ambassador Stafford (left) and Kathleen Stafford (right) enjoyed reconnecting with Ken Herman who had written a profile on them. They were also happy to meet Ken's wife Sharon.

Speaker Events: Ambassador and Mrs. Joe Stafford

Through a series of remarkable occurrences, the Staffords and four others managed to escape first to the British Embassy and then to the home of Canadian diplomats. As Kathleen explained, “In the early days we were secretly hidden in various locations.” During their three months of concealment, Ambassador Stafford studied Farsi with the cook at the Canadian Embassy as a teacher and Kathleen spent time devouring novels.

CIA operative Tony Mendez (played by Ben Affleck in the movie) briefed the six Americans holed up in the Canadian Embassy on three possible escape scenarios. They could pretend to be oil company employees, teachers or a Canadian film crew. Kathleen, an artist, noted that she could see herself as the graphic designer of the faux film crew. Eventually they were smuggled out of Iran under the guise of being a Canadian film crew.

Ambassador Stafford fielded several questions following the presentation. Asked if he felt that the movie was an accurate representation of the event, he noted key differences. First, there were many days of sheer boredom for the six; their lives were far less dramatic than Hollywood’s embellishments. Second, he noted there was no visit to a bazaar the day before they were smuggled out (that would have been far too dangerous). And he concluded by saying the movie doesn’t do enough to give credit to the Canadians who harbored them.

A charming couple, Joe and Kathleen are indeed a power couple. He is fluent in Arabic, French and Italian. He has received the State Department’s Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards as well as the Award for Valor. Kathleen, an accomplished watercolor artist and printmaker, has many works displayed in foreign embassies, museums, centers of art and culture and private homes around the world.

Amazing story. Amazing couple. And, if you have not seen the movie, rent it soon!

— *Debbie Vacek*

Lucy and Stephen Butter made Famous Austinites into a date night.



The McClures - Kelley and Gary - were happy to meet up with good friends.



Pat Hayes, Ed Berger, Judy Corder and Jan Berger enjoyed an evening together at the club.



◆ HEADLINERS FOUNDATION ◆



Headliners Foundation Transitions

- Long-time Headliners Foundation governors Greg Curtis and Randa Safady stepped down in January as their terms expired.
- Curtis served 12 years on the Board of Governors and made numerous contributions to the Foundation, particularly service as vice chair of the Board and as chair of the Academic Excellence committee overseeing the Foundation's scholarship program.
- Safady, in nine years as a Governor, provided the Foundation with important advice on program development.
- New governors have been elected to the board — Bruce Hight, John Lumpkin, Terry Tottenham and R.B. Brenner.
- Bruce Hight is a senior vice president with Hill + Knowlton Strategies, as well as senior advisor with Public Strategies Inc., an entity of Hill + Knowlton. He joined Public Strategies in 2009 after a 37-year career as a newspaper reporter and editorial writer. His current work with clients focuses primarily on media relations and public affairs. At the *Austin American-Statesman*, where he worked for 32 years, Hight covered a variety of beats and issues, but most involved government and politics, including city, county, state and federal government elected bodies, agencies and elections. He also served on the *Statesman's* Editorial Board. He and his wife Mary, a retired R.N., are club members.
- John Lumpkin retired as the Director of the School of Journalism and Strategic Communication at Texas Christian University's Bob Schieffer College of Communication in August 2014. Previously, John was Vice President of the Associated Press, where he worked for 37 years. He was a reporter for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* before joining the Associated Press. As a new vice chair, Lumpkin will be heading up the professional excellence committee.
- Terry Tottenham is a retired partner with Norton Rose Fulbright. A partner since 1978, Tottenham's practice encompasses complex litigation in both federal and state courts throughout the United States. Terry formerly was head of the firm's pharmaceutical and medical device litigation practice group and Partner-in-Charge of the Austin location. Terry was certified in Personal Injury and Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in 1987. He also is certified in Civil Pretrial Practice and Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. For more than 25 years, he has taught Pretrial and Trial Civil Litigation Strategy at the University of Texas School of Law. He and his wife Sue are club members.
- R.B. Brenner, Director, UT School of Journalism at Austin Moody College, is also serving as Ex-Officio member of the Board of Governors. Brenner was the former editor at *The Washington Post*. At the *Post*, Brenner held several jobs, including Maryland editor, metropolitan editor, Sunday editor and deputy universal news editor. He was one of the primary editors of the newspaper's coverage of the Virginia Tech shootings, awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 2008.

Headliners Foundation – Promoting Journalism Education in Texas

The scholarship season is underway! The Headliners Foundation is accepting scholarship applications from journalism students in the state of Texas and will soon be considering outstanding journalists for the Charles E. Green awards. For details visit the Foundation's website.

Scholarship Applications were accepted through March 2 for our substantial scholarships that are available to undergraduates who are demonstrating potential in and commitment to journalism.

NEW scholarship - the Headliners Foundation of Texas will administer the Stuart Long Memorial Scholarships for Aspiring Journalists starting with the 2015/2016 school year. Scholars will receive as much as \$7,000 annually. This scholarship honors the memory of Stuart Long, who died in 1977 after a journalism career that began during the early 1930s. Long founded the Long News Service, a state capital news agency, in the mid-1940s and operated it until the time of his death. He and his wife Emma were club members.

The Foundation is accepting grant applications for journalism-related projects and events that support the Foundation's mission to promote excellence in journalism through training and education.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit 501(c)(3) entities, trade associations, newsrooms and schools. Although projects or programs must have journalism as the focus, the audience may include the general public as well as entity staff, members of the media, industry associations and students.

The Showcase Award for Enterprise and Innovation in Journalism was established in 2013 to recognize outstanding journalism that makes a significant impact on government, public policy or the conduct of a business, nonprofit or other organization. All professional Texas-based news providers — print, broadcast and digital — are eligible for this award.

The Foundation received 30 entries for the 2014 awards. They are posted on headlinersfoundation.org. The first-place winner receives \$2000. Winners will be announced in the spring and recognized at the fall Mike Quinn Awards event.

The Foundation will also select 11 Charles E. Green contest winners, and present nearly \$30,000 to the Green and 33 division winners selected by the Associated Press broadcast and print partners for outstanding work in 2014 by journalists at Texas media outlets.

Listings of past Showcase and Green winners and interviews with many of them may be viewed at headlinersfoundation.org.

Foundation Scholars



Katelyn Gough
*Senior studying journalism,
 political science and theatre
 Southern Methodist University*
Founder's Scholar

Bio by Katelyn Gough

My education in journalism during the past four years has provided me opportunities for real world, “real life” experiences reaching beyond my own borders and into the neighborhoods of people around the world.

A two-year multi-media project on undocumented immigrants from Mexico and Central America living in Tucson, Arizona, exposed me to the melding of—and distinctions between—two cultures, ways of life and daily “norms.” Several months spent reporting on the Syrian refugee crisis from Jordan immersed me into a critical region often dominated by stereotypes and blurred understandings of the working relationships between religion, politics and security to instead see it first-hand in context.

While the themes of both projects—migration for the sake of safety from threat and economic hardship—relate them on a large scale, the Tucson Project and the Jordan Project are interwoven more closely by the stories of the individuals making up the larger, statistical numbers.

The threats driving an individual from his or her home differ greatly; the reason for leaving on the day he or she did could stem from 100 different factors. It's the fact of a person making that final decision to leave his or her home and seek an unknown situation, which ties them together. As a journalist, I have had the opportunity to dig deeper and explore this decision making process, contextualizing it with the government, economic and security situations in the home states of these refugees and immigrants.

The Headliners Foundation scholarship allowed me to report on the stories happening beyond my country's borders, each of which has a very real impact on decisions being made inside the U.S. As a journalist, my job is to understand all sides of a story, and there is no better way to gain that understanding than to live amongst individuals whose experiences encompass those other sides. Journalism serves as one of the most prominent connectors between continents, nations and cultures, and I plan to continue to learn the ins and outs of journalism as a bridge between peoples after I graduate this spring.

Katelyn's portfolio of work from the fall 2014 can be found at <http://katelyngough.com/category/mid-east/>.



Daniela Párraga
*Undergraduate Journalism Student
 College of Media and Communication
 Texas Tech University*
**Texas Associated Press
 Broadcasters Scholar**

Bio by Daniela Párraga

It wasn't an easy decision transferring to Texas Tech University going in to my third year of college because of the distance and the cost. I transferred from a very small university in Laredo, Texas, and I didn't really know what to expect. My first semester was not easy for me, but I never had a doubt in my mind that I had made the right decision. By my second semester, I felt right at home. I was also ready to really get my hands on the journalistic field. I wasn't going to wait until I graduation.

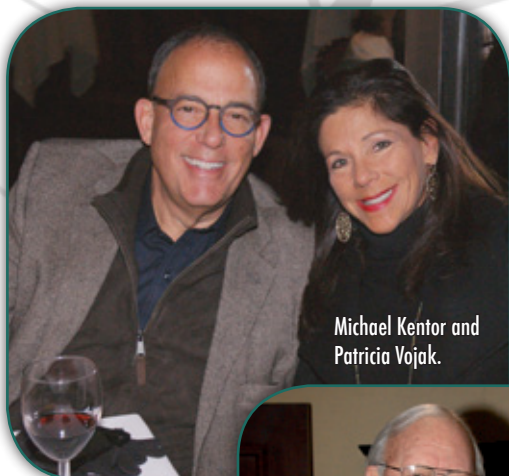
I met my news director, Jeff Klotzman, in the fall of 2012 during a job fair. I told him I was interested in one day interning or maybe working with the Telemundo affiliate. I could tell he was hesitant because I was still two years away from graduating, but the moment I told him I spoke Spanish he immediately asked me for my resume. Long story short, two months later I cold-called the Telemundo producer, Gabe, and the rest is history.

I started working for Telemundo Lubbock in the spring of 2013 as associate producer. Within a few months I started producing my own segment, and just a few weeks later after that I started anchoring the evening show once a week or whenever it was needed. Six months before I graduated, I signed a contract and worked-full time my last semester while going to school full-time. Now I am full-time anchor, producer and weather anchor for both Telemundo New Mexico and Telemundo Lubbock.

It was stressful enough to figure out how I was going to work full-time and go to school full-time, but I was also trying to figure out how I was going to finance my last semester. Thanks to the Headliners Foundation's generous scholarship I received, that was one less thing I had to worry about, was able to complete my last semester and finally get my diploma.

I will continue working for Telemundo for a while to get better and grow as a producer and anchor and hopefully from here I can make the jump to a bigger and better market.

◆ CONCERT SERIES ◆



Michael Kentor and Patricia Vojak.



Gayle and Mike Heath with Jon Blazier and Jodi Bennet Cabler.



Carter and Marilla King.



Richard and Erin Donoghue.



Marcus Whitfield and Nikelle Meade.



Grant and Deborah Willson.



The Cone Family: Jim, Rix, Mary Elizabeth, Quatro and Kim.

◆ CONCERT SERIES ◆

Justin Dunlap and Greta Goldsby with new members
Elizabeth Buchanan and Rob Shands



Billy and Shelia Busch



The Taylors: Charles,
Mary Elizabeth,
Claudia and Tim.



DeLoss and Mary Ann Dodds



◆ A MOMENT IN HISTORY ◆

Three is a charm!

1974, quite a year!

- Austin's population was 279,500.
- A 55 mph speed limit was imposed to save gas usage.
- President Richard Nixon resigned.
- A little show called Austin City Limits debuted.
- The Headliners Club moved to its current location in the then-named American Bank Tower.

Neal Spelce, 1974 Headliners Honoree Leslie Stahl (currently on 60 Minutes) and Cactus Pryor.



Lady Bird Johnson, Ann Butler, and Mrs. Richard Slaughter with 1974 Headliners Honoree Danny Thomas.

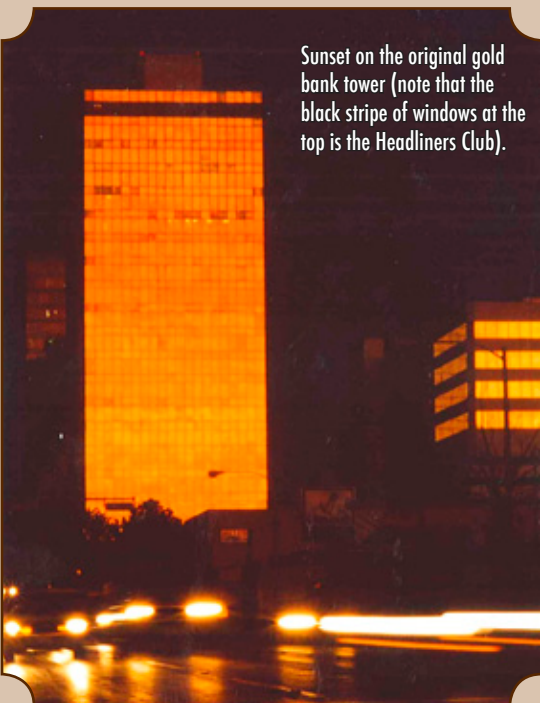


James Parker, Tom McCrummon, Louis Southerland, and Club President Richard Seaman reviewing plans for the move to the American Bank Tower.

The Green room with a lovely view of the Capitol Building.



Sunset on the original gold bank tower (note that the black stripe of windows at the top is the Headliners Club).



The Club's nascent days were in the Driskill Hotel and later, the Westgate Tower. In 1973 the Board under Chairman Dick Brown made the decision to move the club from the Westgate Tower to a bank tower under construction. You remember the building's original old façade, perhaps? The move was attractive for many reasons: 9,500 plus square feet of space, a kitchen of its own, sufficient parking and an "express elevator" topped the list of pros for the Board.

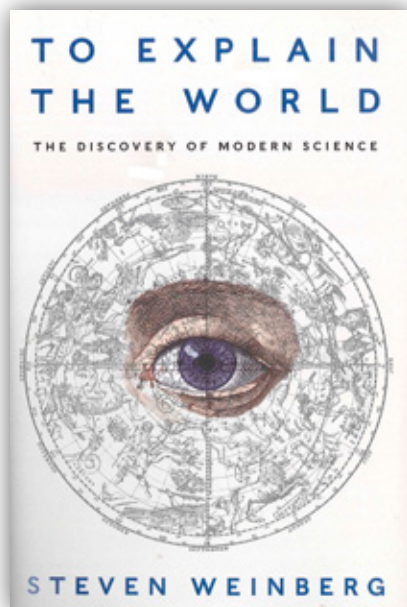
The gold façade is gone as are several names of the building. The report card on the decision to move? A+ Parking is available albeit a bit snug on occasion; the kitchen continues to impress (have you sampled the crab cakes?!?); the elevator is almost an express. Yes, 41 years, one flood and one major bar renovation later, the Headliners members enjoy an unparalleled city view atop the Chase Tower.

Well done!

— Jane Greig

◆ BOOKSHELF ◆

New to the Headliners Library Authored by Headliners Members

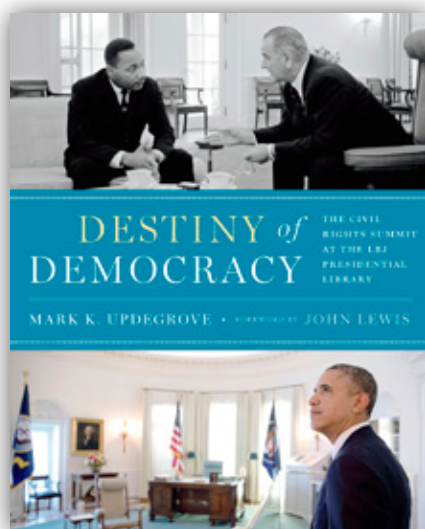


To Explain the World by Steven Weinberg

A masterful commentary on the history of science from the Greeks to modern times, by Nobel Prize-winning physicist Steven Weinberg—a thought-provoking and important book by one of the most distinguished scientists and intellectuals of our time.

Flashpoints - the Emerging Crisis in Europe by George Friedman

A major new book by *New York Times* bestselling author and geopolitical forecaster George Friedman (*The Next 100 Years*), with a bold thesis about coming events in Europe. This provocative work examines “flashpoints,” unique geopolitical hot spots where tensions have erupted throughout history, and where conflict is due to emerge again.

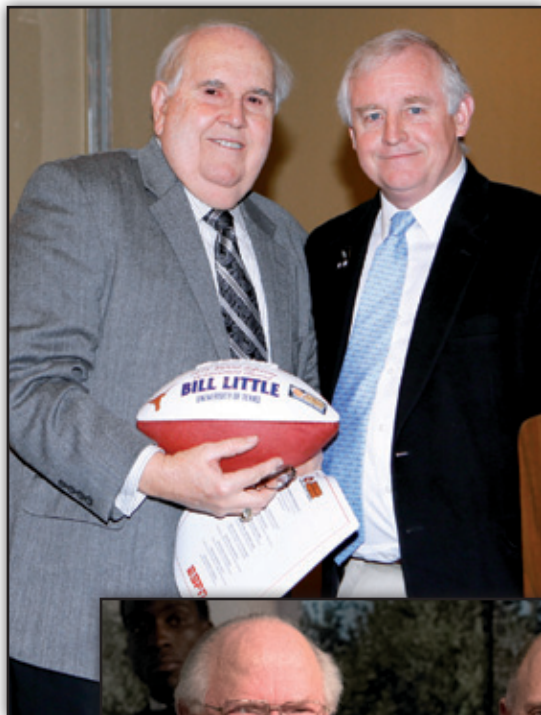


Destiny of Democracy by Mark Updegrove

Destiny of Democracy reflects on President Lyndon B. Johnson's legacy of civil rights and commemorates the historic 2014 Civil Rights Summit hosted by the LBJ Library to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Civil Rights Act.

◆ SIDELINES ◆

Honors



Bill Little was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Football Writers Association of America. Shown with FWAA President Kirk Bohls.

photo by Melissa Macatee



Susie Ellwood was named Texas Businesswoman of the Year by the Women's Chamber of Commerce of Texas. The award recognizes business leaders who exemplify inspiring leadership, success, community service and support of other women.



Verne Lundquist was presented with The Walter Camp "Distinguished American" award which is given each year to an individual who has utilized his or her talents to attain great success in business, private life or public service and who may have accomplished that which no other has done. Shown with Rob Kauffman, President-elect of the Walter Camp Foundation.

photo by Catherine Kiernan

Former Mayor **Lee Leffingwell** was named Austinite of the Year for 2014. The "Austinite of the Year" award is the highest honor awarded by the Austin Chamber of Commerce.





Nancy Nash Harper was recognized as the 2015 Community Leadership Award recipient at the Settlement Home for Children Shining Star Gala. Shown here with her family (l to r): Will and Mary Harper, Nancy Harper, Dorothy Nash, T. and Taylor Harper.

Seen Around the Club



Elizabeth Nash was thrilled to host Jessica Fellowes - niece of Downton Abbey writer Julian Fellowes and author of the beautiful companion books to the series - at the Headliners Club on behalf of KLRU.



Dr. Don Carleton with Former Governor Bill Richardson of New Mexico.

Celebrations



Araminta Everton and **Tom Sellers** were married and celebrated with a reception at the Headliners Club.

Val and **Sam Dunnam** gathered family and friends together for dinner at the club to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.



photo by Forrest Preece



Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary to **Coleen** and **Dick Hardin** .



Congratulations to **Ramona Jones** (Headliners Board of Trustees) and **Bill Barton** on their February 15th wedding.



Lolla and Billy Page celebrated their 45th anniversary at the Club with lots of family (and good friends).

◆ NEW MEMBERS ◆

Harry M. “Sonny” Berry, III, *President/ Berry Aviation Inc.*

William F. Burnett, *Partner/ Owner Resource Group LLC*

Susan Combs, *former Comptroller/ The State of Texas*

Adrian Farrell, *Consul General/ The Republic of Ireland*

Christopher C. Gillan, *Regional Director/ SoftServe, Inc.*

Justin Haynes, *Chairman/ CEO/ Big Bend Telephone Company*

Clay Johnston, *Dean/ Dell Medical School*

Sanjeev Kumar, *Principle/ The Kumar Law Firm.*

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Todd Staples, *President/ Texas Oil & Gas Association Insurance*

◆ REQUIESCANT IN PACE ◆

Mrs. Clyde (Cherie Belle Brown) Copus

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Mrs. William (Betty) King

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Mrs. Donald G. (Ronna Walker) Martin

Mrs. Ford (Shawn) Smith, Sr.

Albert Bryan Spires

Ted Stewart

Mrs. Linc (Jane L.) Williston



HEADLINERS PARKING

Many of you have noticed that parking in downtown Austin has become increasingly challenging. With the city growing at a rapid pace in terms of both population and new construction, the downtown area has lost much of the street parking and surface parking that used to be available. The parking garage in our building is being affected in the same way as others around us. Many people are looking for parking and fewer parking spaces available. As a courtesy to our members and guests, the Chase Bank parking garage in our building is working hard to manage who uses their precious parking spaces. The parking attendants will be asking anyone parking in the garage during busy times if they have business in the building. Anyone that says they are coming to the Headliners Club will be given priority to park as long as the garage is not full. Although the Headliners Club cannot validate for any other parking garages, there is nearby parking at a few garages around us, and the parking attendants can direct you to other parking garages when needed.

We encourage to you to let your guests know and plan accordingly. Here are a few suggestions to help you get to the Club in a timely manner:

- If you are in the downtown area, consider walking to the Club.
- Leave early to give yourself time to find parking.
- If you find parking within 5 blocks of the Club, don't pass it up!
- Carpool with others coming to the Headliners Club.
- If you have an Uber account, consider taking advantage of that service.
- Arrange to be dropped off in front of the 6th Street entrance.

We have heard your concerns and will continue to work on making the parking more convenient. We look forward to seeing you and your guests here very soon.

Please note that evening and weekend events do not face the same challenges - there is plenty of parking after 5:00 pm.

Thank you,
The Headliners Club

Sunday, November 1, 2015

*Headliners Club
60th Anniversary*

Mark Your Calendar!

*Headliners Foundation
30th Anniversary*

**Save the Date and Get Ready to
Celebrate!!**

➔ *Details to follow* ➔

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