Chances are if you live in Austin, you already know of Carl Stuart.

You may not know him personally, but his name is out there -- as an arts supporter (think Zach Theatre’s Carl and Claire Stuart Valet drive), an investment advisor (in business almost 40 years) or a local radio personality with a weekly show since 1995 (“Money Talk” on KLBJ).

Now add Headliners President to his list of volunteer and civic efforts.

“Headliners is a significant part of my life,” he says, explaining that it’s been the backdrop for life activities for decades, whether it’s for socializing with friends, working with others on a volunteer project or just doing business.

“I go there for lunch several times a month. I’m on a number of boards and it’s common to have lunch with board colleagues of the organizations and occasionally with a client,” he says. “One of the really big upgrades is our speaker series. It’s just spectacular – both the luncheons and the dinners. I go to the luncheons if I’m available and Claire and I go to almost all the dinners.”

The Stuart family also celebrated the post-California wedding of one of their three children with a catered event at the Club. Two of their adult children live in Austin and one in Hudspeth County, Texas. The Stuart family also includes granddaughter Lucy.

Stuart divides his time among many interests. He works as a Registered Investment Advisor who manages approximately $400 million, primarily on a fee basis. And he plays a host of civic roles. He’s currently treasurer and a member of the Zach Theatre board, a trustee of St. Stephen’s Episcopal School and a board member of KLRU. Past service includes past chair of the YMCA of Austin, past president of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Austin, past president of Westwood Country Club, past chairman of the board of the Texas Presbyterian Foundation in Dallas, past board member and chair of People’s Community Clinic as well as a former trustee and chairman of the investment and finance committee of Pine Manor College in Boston, Mass.

Stuart and his wife have been married 47 years, having moved to Austin from Waterloo, Iowa in 1978 after a two-week summer trip to Austin, Dallas and San Antonio in search of a new life.

“We had decided life’s an adventure and we wanted a change. Claire was responsible for geography and I was responsible for career selection,” he says, noting that’s when he decided to become a financial advisor.

His first visit to the Headliners Club was during an interview for Rotan Mosle, which was in the same building as the Club in a former location. Longtime member Malcolm Cooper, a Headliners past president, took him to the Club for lunch and set Stuart on his own course to the presidency.

At the Club, Stuart is a familiar face and he’s served on the executive committee and as chairman of the investment committee.

Stuart says the Headliners has always taken good care of him, noting the “essence of the Headliners experience.”

“As my friends know, I love Manhattans,” he says. And when he got just the right mix at a restaurant, Stuart “got the bartender’s recipe and gave it to Sue Meller. They immediately prepared my drink with the recipe. That level of personal awareness and personal service is what I find so special at the Headliners.”

-- Sharon Jayson

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Brian Greig
Re-Elected Chairman


Brian Greig has enjoyed every moment of his club chairmanship.

From gala celebrations for 800 to employee machinations to parking conundrums to political intrigues, Greig’s tenure as Club Chairman has been anything but dull.

During the past four years there have been personal milestones - he has celebrated his retirement, wedding anniversaries and birthdays in the club walls which, to his knowledge, happily cannot talk. And yes over more than one Ron Ford special and the occasional dry Rob Roy on the rocks, Chairman Greig has shared stories and photos of fishing trips (catches and releases) as well as a brag or two about three toddling grandchildren.

Following in the steps of experienced chairman Tom Granger, working with the talented staff and the incomparable Sue Meller has made the job more than a joy. The Club is about the members. His calm demeanor is an asset in any situation. The good news is Greig has been elected for four more years. That’s 1460 days of event introductions, problem solving and collaborating – music to the ears of every member. Thank you, Chairman Greig.

New Board Members: Jesus Garza

When Jesus Garza was growing up in Corpus Christi as one of five children in a family of modest means, he never dreamed that he would one day be running Seton Healthcare Family and serving as Senior Vice-President for Texas for the parent company Ascension Health. His father, a WWII vet, and his mother were determined that their children would be exposed to the great thinkers, musicians and artists of western civilization and fostered an environment of learning.

Garza’s first inklng that he might be interested in government came when he began attending City Council meetings for his major at Del Mar Junior College. He actually found them interesting, and was inspired during the 1960s to want to make a difference in people’s lives. Later, he earned his BS from UT and MA from the LBJ School of Public Affairs, interned for Congressman J.J. (Jake) Pickle and, in 1978, became administrative assistant to Austin City Manager Dan Davidson.

During his eight-year tenure as Austin City Manager (1994-2002) Garza oversaw the opening of Austin-Bergstrom International Airport and the development of Brackenridge Hospital as a trauma center. Today he is President and CEO of Seton Healthcare, serves on numerous boards, including the LBJ School Advisory Council and the Catholic Foundation-Diocese of Austin. In 2016 Garza was appointed to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas San Antonio Branch board of directors.

This is Garza’s second time to serve on the board of the Headliners Club. His wife Quen serves as Chair of the Headliners Club. His wife Quen serves as Chair of Strategic Development for The Headliner’s Foundation Board of Governors. They met in 1978 working for the city, and she became a lawyer for Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody. The Garzas were a power couple before we knew there were such things.

For spring break the Garzas are looking forward to relaxing with their daughter Jessica’s family, including three grandchildren, in Boerne, Texas.

-- Donna Shipley
New Board Members: Louis Granger

Active involvement in the Headliners Club and the Austin community is the family legacy of Louis Granger. He is well suited for his new role on the Board of Directors. The two main dining rooms are named for his father, Tom Granger; both grandfathers, architect Charles Granger and former Mayor Roy Butler, were early members.

After receiving his degree in finance from Texas Tech, Louis returned to Austin to begin his career at Wells Fargo as a credit analyst. Several other job opportunities and graduate school at St. Edward’s University to earn his MBA in 2008 have brought him full circle and he is once again working for Wells Fargo as a financial advisor.

Family dinners, celebrations and the speaker events were the norm for Louis and his two brothers as they grew up during their father’s four terms as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Now, as a legacy member, he is using the club for his own business and social life. Upon his engagement last spring, Louis and his then fiancée Kate celebrated their impending nuptials with her parents while enjoying the view from the Club. What better way to impress your future in-laws.

An avid outdoorsman Granger loves to hunt and fish. For exercise, he enjoys going to the gym and jogging on the Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail as often as possible. When there is time he enjoys a round of golf, but he is the first to admit, “I’m not very good.”

Newly married in November, Louis and his wife Kate enjoyed a honeymoon to the Seychelles for some R&R. Then it was on to Kenya for a photographic safari. The high point of the trip? Angama Mara Lodge overlooking the Maasai Mara Reserve which was the backdrop for scenes from Out of Africa.

Community involvement is in Granger’s DNA. He currently serves on the board of the Greater Austin Crime Commission and is a founding member of the Dell Children’s Trust of Central Texas. Previous boards on which he has served include the American Red Cross, Seton Forum and the Bachelors of Austin.

In all aspects, Louis Granger is a fitting addition to the Headliners Board of Directors.

--Laurie Hall

2017 Annual Meeting

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Club was held on January 23. Chairman Greig reported that Jesus Garza and Louis Granger were elected to the Board of Trustees by the Members. The Board of Trustees then elected the following slate of officers:

- Chairman - Brian S. Greig
- President-Elect - Mary Scott Nabers
- Secretary - Franklin Hall
- Treasurer - David Roche

The previous President-Elect, Carl Stuart, assumed his duties as President.
President’s Party
February 9, 2017

Past, present and future Headliners Presidents: JoLynn Free, Carl Stuart, Mary Scott Nabers

Headliners Club leadership - Chairman Brian Greig and wife Jane with Headliners President JoLynn Free and husband Gregg

1999 President David Herndon with former Headliners Foundation Chairman Bud Shivers

2014 Headliners President, Wallace Smith, with board member Amanda Foster and wife Lanette

The women of the club: 2009 President Elizabeth Christian, 2005 President Carolyn Lewis, 2016 President JoLynn Free, and 2012 President Patti Ohlendorf

Current board member Randa Safady with outgoing board member John Schweitzer

Sharon Watkins reviews her part in the program (reading one of JoLynn’s favorite poems) with Chairman Brian Greig

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2000 President Arnold Garcia with wife Vida and board member James Taylor

Chairman Greig thanked Wallace Smith for his many years of service to the club

Headliners Foundation Chairman, Mark Morrison, thanked Jane Greig for years of service to the foundation and journalism

The Club surprised outgoing President Jolynn Free with a beautiful swan photo as a thank you for her year as President.

For agreeing to serve for four more years and for his last four years as Chairman of the Club, President Free presented Brian Greig with a gift and many thanks.

With all the festivities finished President Free turned the club over to Carl Stuart who proclaimed “Let the party continue…”
Although this party is always fun for all—these new members may have had the best time of all:
It was not all fun and games though—the club’s annual meeting was held at 12:17 under the clock in the Press Box with lots of Board Members attending.

Left to right standing: Franklin Hall, Tim Taylor, Brian Greig, Paul Bury, Mary Scott Nabers, Tim Crowley, Carl Stuart, Dan Bullock and Tom Granger
Seated: Bud Shivers, Ramona Jones and Mark Morrison

For everyone else it was a time of friendship and good cheer!

The Crowley women- Carol and Katie

Connie Giles

Janet and Saf Asghar

Nancy Garrison with her mother Margaret Wilson

Coleen and Dick Hardin

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Caught red handed absconding with the shrimp! DeLoss Dodds

New Board Member Louis Granger with his wife Kate

Kathy and Joe Petet

Frances and Mike Cook

Betsy and George Scott Christian

Martie and Ralph Wayne

Melissa Sykes with husband Richard wearing his festive Christmas socks
Teresa Long with her friend Melinda Sparks

Dinah and Barry Barksdale

Michael Kentor and Mandy Dealey

Diana Falkenberg with her daughter Nicole

Susan Erickson with her son Stephen

Brian Greig with Lloyd Lochridge who just celebrated his 99th birthday

Sara and Dick Rathgeber

Teresa Long with her friend Melinda Sparks
Concert Night with Willie Nelson
December 27, 2016

Anabel Zamora, Will Baizer, David Baizer, Caroline Baizer and Quinn Bingham

Carolyn Barkley with the Santa Claus she made for the Club in the mid-1980s

Karen and Charles Matthews

Wade and Terre Hutto, Jerry and Sandra Winetroub with Greg and Katie Wessels

Meredith and George Friedman

Victoria and Milam Newby
UT’s new baseball coach, David Pierce, is very self-effacing.

After being introduced by Bill Little, he told the story of his recruitment as UT’s next baseball coach. He learned that there were five other extremely qualified candidates from major collegiate baseball programs whose current schools all upped their coaches’ salaries to keep them. Realizing he was the only one left, he quipped, “I got the job.” He also feels he can take some credit for the other coaches getting the raises.

As Little noted, “In the coaching business, it can often look like a revolving door.” Thus, when pursuing candidates, UT determined to look for a “grass-roots” kind of guy. Repeatedly, they were told to look at David Pierce. Huston Street, for example, was sold on him. His reasons? Pierce understands and believes in the traditions of the University of Texas and has great respect for those who have gone before, both players and coaches.

For Pierce the job is the pinnacle of his career as he believes UT is the best institution in the nation. He proudly proclaimed, “We have talent.” His philosophy is to coach them hard in the pre-season and then just let them play.

In addition, the development of the student-athlete is a priority to the coach. Recruiting the right type of student, one who is serious about education, characterizes his coaching philosophy. He was proud of his players who maintained a total team 3.0 GPA in the fall.

Pierce introduced the audience to his number one resource - Susan, his high school sweetheart and wife of 31 years. He had kind words for Susan’s brother, Gary Kubiak, whom he said had a great influence on his own coaching philosophy. During Kubiak’s 32 year career in the NFL, he was known to treat people the right way.

Pierce’s team culture has been greatly influenced by his 12 years coaching on the high school level. In 1994, while coaching at Episcopal High School in Bellaire Pierce, a leftie, was selected to pitch at batting practice for the Astros. He learned from the big league guys during this time; he “picked the brains” of talented players and coaches alike. This stint with the Astros organization guided his future as
head coach at Sam Houston State University and Tulane University.

In concluding the evening’s interview, Bill Little described two facility improvements at Disch-Falk Field: new turf and moving the fences. The latter enhances the batter’s ability to hit home runs. The many avid baseball fans in the audience applauded the improvements, noting that the fence change could bring more action for the fans also.

On the night that Astros’ Jeff Bagwell was announced as a Hall of Famer, Headliners enthusiastically welcomed the 13th head baseball coach in the 122 years of UT baseball.

Batter up!

--Debbie Vacek

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**UT Theatre and Dance Review**

January 26, 2017

It is always a pleasure to watch the talented young students from UT’s Department of Theatre and Dance. This year was no exception – except there was a twist.

In her introduction JoLynn Free, then Headliners Board President and Director’s Council member for the Department intriguingly called the evening “a glimpse behind the curtain and behind the classroom door at how theatre really gets made and how students are learning from theatre professionals.” She then introduced Quetta Carpenter, professional stage and screen actress, whose credits include “American Crime” (ABC), “Revolution” (NBC), and “The Leftovers” (HBO). At UT, Carpenter teaches Acting and Movement, Acting for the Camera, and Audition Technique. As if that weren't enough, she just returned from Karachi, Pakistan, where she directed a production of the play, “Proof,” for UT’s South Asia Institute. The audience was on the edge of their seats in anticipation. And they were not disappointed.

What followed was an intimate look at the anatomy of an acting class. Carpenter introduced her students, Sam Kerner and Cat Lozano, both majoring in Visual Fine Arts and acting. She chose a romantic scene from “Proof” and started by asking both students what they needed from a romantic meeting.
There followed a detailed dialog. The result? Kerner’s response of “wanting a sign” that Lozano liked him, and Lozano wanting Kerner to ask her out. Carpenter explained that this was an example of “organic blocking,” because it gets below the script to the characters’ motivations and needs. Members were then treated to a lovely scene in which two young people chat at a wedding, intricately weaving their own stories into the scene, culminating in, literally, a “sealed-with-a-kiss” moment.

After this intimate and fascinating exercise, questions from the audience started a delightful dialog about teaching “tabula rasa” (“It’s life as a crockpot – eight hours later…”), how long it takes to block a play (“Three weeks of eight-hour days”), and the actors’ goals (Lozano said “wherever it takes me;” Kerner focused on “no expectations.”).

The evening provided members with a unique view of what goes on in the Department of Theatre and Dance, as well as the privilege of meeting a very talented teacher and two engaging young up-and-coming actor/students.

--Kay Allensworth
Dean Angela Evans
January 31, 2017

A University of Texas leader who is serious about public policy-making addressed the issue purposefully in late January in her Famous Austinites Dinner remarks to a serious-minded Headliners Club audience. The spotlight was on Angela Evans who was appointed dean of the LBJ School of Public Affairs at UT just more than a year ago. A much-honored clinical professor for more than six years prior to being named dean, Evans chose the Headliners opportunity to deliver intentionally thought-provoking comments concerned with “upending convention in public policy education.” That was a familiar task she already had pursued during 43 years of work with the U.S. Congress, including 15 as deputy director of the Congressional Research Service.

“We live in a nation that has been built thought by thought, argument by argument, compromise by compromise, success by success and failure by failure,” said Evans. “We have succeeded thus far in facing persistent problems (but) we are not going to find or achieve perfection in any policy. We must undertake the challenges in measured and considered ways.”

Describing schools of public policy as squarely in the middle of these challenges, she said they earned their place and for almost 50 years it worked, until things started to shift in important ways. Now, there is a disturbing similarity in most public policy schools, which have not been open to overhaul.

The standard publish-or-perish model is ripe for change. Practical skills to aid policy makers are needed. Clearly a change agent herself, Evans called for exciting students to create new programs, to teach how to introduce innovation and to act with confidence beyond the range of comfortable. The importance of her remarks was underscored by the attendance of LBJ School Professor Emeritus Terrell Blodgett with a group of faculty and students, LBJ Foundation Chair Larry Temple, Luci Johnson and former Dean of the LBJ School Admiral Bob Inman, all of whom Evans acknowledged along with member Jeff Nash, whom she credited for the invitation to speak.

--Howard Falkenberg

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Here’s a test for Texans: Know over which aquifer you were born and raised? Michael Irlbeck does. The Ogallala.

Anyone who heard Irlbeck’s rapid fire luncheon speech discovered that and much much more. “Weather in Texas is like perpetual drought interrupted by periods of intense rainfall,” said Irlbeck. Example? In the late 1960s Thrall, Texas received 39 inches of rain in 12 hours – a national record.

Irlbeck, business development director for EPCOR Water USA and Texas A&M graduate, gave an overview of the Texas water supply and the Central Texas water supply.

The recent drought lasted 51 months from 2011 to 2014. That compares favorably to the famous 1950-1957 drought which was 78 months long. The cycle for minor droughts in Texas is about every 15-30 years; a big dry spell, every 70 years. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) recognizes nine major aquifers in Texas and 21 minor ones.

The robust Texas economy attracts new residents and businesses. Both need water.

What’s a state to do?
Irlbeck recommends Texas diversify its water source portfolio much like individuals and companies diversify a financial portfolio. In descending order of cost Texas water supply should include several sources: surface water, ground water, brackish water use, water reuse and seawater. Conservation is part of a comprehensive plan but conservation does not buy new supply, he said. New pipelines and reservoirs are major parts of the solution.

And take heart, Irlbeck notes, as the nine major aquifers in Texas currently hold hundreds of years of needed water (growth and a base line of half capacity factored in). The trick will be to have the population and aquifer water meet.

--Jane Greig

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One year into his stewardship of UT’s McCombs School of Business, Dean Jay Hartzell briefed attentive Headliners members on developments at the school where the stated goal is “to become one of the most prominent business schools in the world.”

Hartzell said McCombs already “owns the middle of the country (but) how do we become more ‘coastally’ famous?” The school currently competes for faculty and students with the likes of North Carolina, Michigan, Berkley, Duke, Indiana and USC. The dean also noted that 70 percent of his MBA program students are not from Texas, adding “we’re in the talent business, and Austin is a magnet for talent.”

Today’s business school education involves learning about more complex business models taught differently to students who learn differently. And these days “multiple flavors” of MBA programs are offered, including full-time, part-time, executive education,
online courses, and one-year master degrees on top of an undergraduate diploma. Like its competitors, UT is finding new ways to package its offerings and meet demands that include continuing education for business people who “come back to get tech’d up” in order to understand the big data sets and analytics that are part of business today.

A new physical package for the McCombs School is also in the offing as construction moves forward on Robert B. Rowling Hall at the intersection of Guadalupe and MLK, Jr. Blvd. The new home for the graduate business programs will feature a vast open face to the rest of the campus and the existing business school facilities to the northeast. Hartzell is clearly excited at the prospects that Rowling Hall will provide “a hub of activity—a place where students thrive and ideas come to life.”

The challenges the dean and his colleagues face are those also confronting most of his competitors. ‘Taxes’ on business schools are common, with three-quarters of them sending money to their universities. Enrollment in full-time MBA programs in the U.S. is down 11 percent since 2009. Tuition is regulated and there’s a gap in state funding of such programs, while the school’s cost of highly skilled labor in competition with Wall Street continues to rise much faster than the cost of living over the past two decades.

Nevertheless, Hartzell, joined for the evening at Headliners by his wife Kara and daughter Anna, must be doing something right. Announcing the new dean’s appointment just more than a year ago, UT President Gregory L. Fenves commented, “Jay is an outstanding scholar… and I am enthusiastic about his leadership as McCombs continues to be a national innovator in business education and research.”

--Howard Falkenberg
And the Winners Are . . .

The Headliners Foundation annually awards 12 scholarships to outstanding communication students and college journalists attending universities across the state of Texas. These scholarships range from $2,000 to $6,000 annually. We are proud to feature our 2016-2017 winners below.

Marisa Charpentier (Flower Mound) is a senior at UT-Austin studying journalism and Plan II Honors. Marisa is a part of the Creative Writing Certificate program and working toward a Spanish minor. She has worked at *The Daily Texan* since her freshman year. Her main interest is long-form writing, and she hopes to work as a reporter at a major news publication covering a variety of social issues.

Nicole Cobler (Victoria) is a journalism senior at UT-Austin. She is currently an Austin bureau intern at the *Houston Chronicle* covering the 85th Legislature. She spent spring 2016 as a reporting fellow for the Texas Tribune, where she previously served as an investigative reporting fellow for the publication’s “Bordering on Insecurity” project. Nicole was a summer investigative reporting fellow for News21 – a national student investigative reporting project at Arizona State University – and interned for the *San Antonio Express-News* and *Austin American-Statesman*. She will graduate in May 2017 and hopes to pursue a career in print journalism, focusing on politics and investigative reporting.

Rosemond Crown (Katy) is a Sierra Leone native and senior at St. Edward’s University studying English Writing and Rhetoric with a concentration in Journalism. She has worked as a reporter, Viewpoints editor, and online editor-in-chief for *Hilltop Views*, the student newspaper. She worked as an investigative intern with KXAN-TV in Austin. Rosemond hopes to pursue a career in broadcast journalism. She will graduate in May 2017 and plans to attend graduate school while also seeking experience in journalism.

Andrea Czobor (The Woodlands) is a junior broadcast journalism student at the University of North Texas working toward her dream career goal of producing and hosting her own entertainment show. She is producing her own millennial news program and has produced for the Emmy award-winning entertainment show “North Texas Now.” She won the Dow Jones Multimedia Scholarship in 2016 for her Mayborn Multimedia Summer 2015 Workshop news package discussing racial amnesia with award-winning journalists Jeff Chang and Chris Vognar. She serves as President of the UNT chapter of National Association of Hispanic Journalists and as Vice President of Broadcast Education Association.

Amanda Danielle González (McAllen) is a junior at St. Edward’s University, majoring in English Writing and Rhetoric with a concentration in journalism and a minor in Spanish. Serving as the sports editor for *Hilltop Views*, she has been a consistent student-writer for the school newspaper throughout her time at St. Edward’s. She discovered her passion for writing at Pharr-San Juan-Alamo North Early College High School, then continued on her journalism path in college. Upon graduation in May 2018, González hopes to teach high school journalism, while still continuing to report on inspirational athletes.
Anna Herod (Burleson) is a print journalism major and political science minor in her senior year at Texas State University. Anna worked at The University Star, as reporter, senior news reporter, assistant news editor and news editor. Anna was the city council beat reporter for Hays Free Press in Kyle, Texas during the spring of 2016. Last fall Anna served as a breaking news intern at the Austin American-Statesman and is preparing to be a digital reporting intern this summer at the San Antonio Express-News.

Megan Hix (Longview) is a senior at UT-Austin studying journalism and government. She has written for online news website The Horn and interned at Austin Monthly magazine. For the last four semesters, she has worked at UT’s student-run newspaper, The Daily Texan, as a copy editor, Life and Arts writer and editor, and associate managing editor. She is interning at Texas Monthly. Megan will graduate in May 2017 and plans to pursue a career as a magazine writer and editor.

Rae Jefferson (Houston) studies journalism and film at Baylor University. A senior, she has worked for the campus newspaper, the Baylor Lariat, as a reporter, arts and entertainment editor and copy desk chief. Jefferson has worked as a features reporter for the San Antonio Express-News. She serves as the public relations intern at local nonprofit Creative Waco, and believes she can incorporate her experiences in news and public relations to tell stories that better the community.

Sam King (Highland Village) is a communication senior at Texas A&M University. Sam served as the news editor of The Battalion, the student-run, daily newspaper for the 2015-2016 school year and is serving as its editor-in-chief for 2016-2017. She has plans to pursue political reporting. Sam helped start With Purpose-College Station, whose goal is to fundraise for pediatric cancer.

James Rodriguez (Austin) is a Plan II Honors and Business Honors junior at UT-Austin. James works as a student assistant and writer in the UT Athletics Media Relations Department, where he produces feature stories on accomplished athletes for the Texas Sports website. He covered the women’s varsity rowing team for The Daily Texan before joining the Life & Arts section in his sophomore year. He will be interning this summer with the Austin Business Journal through the Dow Jones News Fund.

Jackie Wang (El Paso) is a senior at UT-Austin studying journalism and government. She spent three years with The Daily Texan, serving as managing editor last fall. Jackie also interned at the Austin American-Statesman and the El Paso Times. She works at the Texas Tribune as an investigative reporting fellow, and will be in Phoenix this summer with News21. She plans on a career in investigative or political reporting or exploring magazine and long-form journalism.

Caleb Wong (McKinney) is a Plan II and government junior at UT-Austin. Caleb worked three semesters at The Daily Texan as a general reporter, news desk editor and senior reporter covering the higher education beat before joining the opinion department as an associate editor. He worked at The New York Times as a copy editing intern and served at the White House as a speechwriting intern. Caleb will graduate in December 2018.

--Araminta Sellers
After 12 years of outstanding service and leadership, Jane Greig stepped down from the positions of Governor and Board Secretary of the Headliners Foundation in January. “Jane has been one of our hardest-working and effective governors,” said Foundation Chair Mark Morrison. “She was an enthusiastic cheerleader for the Foundation team and its efforts to promote excellence in journalism. She also speaks up when something needs to be said to help keep us true to our mission. We will miss her wise counsel.”

Jane has always brought special enthusiasm to the scholarship selection committee—and she will continue that role. The Foundation’s scholarship commitment tripled over her tenure to more than $60,000 per year. Jane has helped choose more than 100 scholars and future journalists to receive financial backing.

“We benefit mightily from Jane’s thorough and perceptive screening of candidates,” said Patti Smith, Chair of the Scholarship Committee. “And we are thrilled that she will continue serving in this position beyond the end of her four terms as governor.”

As a lifestyle columnist for four years and the consumer columnist (a.k.a. “answer lady”) at the Austin American-Statesman for more than 14 years, Greig honed her journalist skills and won a Dallas Press Club Katie Award for Specialty Features. She is married to attorney Brian Greig, a native Austinite, second generation Headliners member and Club Chairman.

Fred Zipp, the retired editor of the Austin American-Statesman who is currently a journalism instructor at UT-Austin, was elected Board Secretary. Fred will continue his key role as a member of the Professional Excellence Committee.

Quen Garza is stepping down as Chair of the Strategic Development Committee. Her leadership in recent years has seen major new additions to the Foundation endowment of more than $450,000 and effective new grants to bolster journalism education and forums. “I want to thank Quen for providing tremendous direction and contributing to our accelerated growth,” said Morrison. She will continue to serve as a Governor and member of the Strategic Development Committee.
Howard Falkenberg, a senior communications strategist and president of Staats Falkenberg, a Texas-based marketing communications company, was elected Chair of the Strategic Development Committee. Howard began his professional career as a broadcast journalist in San Antonio and Austin, and has served as an advisor to corporations, institutions and governmental agencies for nearly 40 years.

JoAnne Midwikis, a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Valuation Analyst, was elected Treasurer and Governor Emeritus. She is co-founder of Midwikis & Granger, PC, an accounting firm.

--Mark Morrison

2016—Best year yet for Headliners Foundation

Thanks to the generosity of Headliners Club members Sara and Ernest Butler a new fully funded annual scholarship at the $6,000 level has been added. The scholarship program headed by Vice Chair Patti Smith has doubled in just a few years with the addition of the Butler, George Christian and Stewart Long endowed scholarships. Scholarships now total more than $60,000 each school year and support outstanding college students who demonstrate a talent for and commitment to journalism.

The Professional Awards program headed by John Lumpkin continues to gain stature around the state and added a new award for Commentary Writing last year. Now awards totaling more than $40,000 annually are presented to Green and Showcase winners.

The HF continued to build partnership with the Club in presenting events that keep Foundation constituents and Club members engaged with top news people. Two lively programs during the presidential campaign were co-sponsored.

The annual Quinn Award and Scholarship Lunch attracted more than 90 people to meet and congratulate winners and to participate in a panel discussion with the state’s top opinion writers.

New initiatives were launched including grants to help small market news organizations pay for Freedom of Information requests and to develop a book about the history of the Capital Press Corps.

The Foundation endowment grew to $3.7 million with last year’s Butler and other generous contributions along with a strong performance by our investments—up from $3.2 million a year earlier.

Stay tuned to Foundation activities at headlinersfoundation.org. Sign up for the newsletter on the site.
The Real Estate Council of Austin (RECA) honored Tim Taylor with their Annual Community Service Award. Taylor has been a leader and advocate for numerous nonprofits and charitable causes, including Health Alliance for Austin Musicians, Young Men's Business League, SafePlace, Ronald McDonald House, West Austin Youth Association and Capitol Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Pictured with 2016 RECA Board Chair Brian Cassidy.

Gerald Daugherty received RECA’s Gary S. Farmer Commendation of Excellence, the organization’s top honor. Daugherty has fought tirelessly to curb county spending and improve the region’s transportation infrastructure.

Tomi Winstead, a longtime supporter of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas presented Steve Knebel with the 1st Annual Men with Caring Hearts. The vision behind the award is that with every family touched by Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas there is usually a man, whether it is a father, grandfather, brother or uncle, whose strength and compassion fuels the family while they are going through a crisis. Steve Knebel is both a dad who has experienced how Ronald McDonald House Charities can hold a family together during tragedy and a champion for tens of thousands of families who have been supported since he became involved with the organization.
Dr. Clay Johnston, dean of the new medical school, has been named one of this year’s “Austinites of the Year” by the Austin Chamber of Commerce. He has been instrumental in transforming the Austin region via the creation and opening of the Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin. The prestigious award represents the highest honor of the Chamber.

Bryan Sheffield received the Austin Business Journal’s CEO of the year award. Sheffield is the president and CEO of Parsley Energy, a company he founded in 2009.

The St. Mary’s University Law Alumni Association honored Wroe Jackson at its annual Distinguished Law Graduate Dinner as their Distinguished Young Alumnus. Jackson is the chief of staff for Texas Sen. Joan Huffman of Houston. Before his chief of staff position, Jackson served three secretaries of state as general counsel. (l to r): Law Alumni Association President Peter Hosey, Wroe Jackson and School of Law Dean Stephen M. Sheppard.

The Texas State History Museum Foundation presented award-winning football player Earl Campbell the History-Making Texan Award. This award recognizes living Texas legends whose contributions to the state and the nation have been truly historic and exceptional in scope. Pictured here with fellow award winner Nolan Ryan.
**SIDELINES**

*Seen around the Club*

Joe Duran (left) and Susan Combs welcomed Ambassador Chase Untermeyer to the Club. He was the director of presidential personnel for President George H. W. Bush and the former Ambassador to Qatar.

Willie Roaf, nicknamed “Nasty” was a recent guest of Earl Campbell. Roaf was an offensive tackle for the New Orleans Saints and Kansas City Chiefs. He was enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2012.

**Celebrations**

UT Legend Frank Denius with new UT Head Football Coach Tom Herman.

On January 28th Ted Oakley and Nancy Brazzi's friends planned a lovely engagement party for the couple at the club. They seized on the opportunity and added a surprise “pop-up” Wedding Ceremony to the festivities. A fabulous time was had by all.
Sculptor and Headliners member Charles Umlauf studied at the Art Institute of Chicago in the 1930s. During the Great Depression he was employed by the WPA Federal Art Project. Then in 1941 he accepted a position at the University of Texas School of Art where he taught for 40 years. Farrah Fawcett studied art at UT in the late 1960s before becoming an international sex symbol. One of her favorite professors was Umlauf. They are both seen in this photo with Umlauf sculpting a bust of Farrah and she sculpting her own torso.

The Headliners Club has two Umlauf sculptures— one of John the Baptist in the Green Room and the other a bust of the aforementioned Farrah Fawcett in the main lounge.

Thank you to the Umlauf Sculpture Garden for sharing this photo. Both artists can be seen at the Garden February 16- August 20 at a special exhibition: Mentoring a Muse: Charles Umlauf and Farrah Fawcett.

Homer Thornberry: Congressman, Judge, and Advocate for Equal Rights
By Homer Ross Tomlin

Former congressman and judge Homer Thornberry was a lifelong public servant widely respected for his integrity and championship of equal rights. The only child of destitute deaf-mute parents, he is one of just a few dozen individuals in US history to serve at least ten years in both the legislative and judicial branches at the federal level.

Then-senator Lyndon Johnson and House Speaker Sam Rayburn each considered Thornberry a valuable ally and close personal friend. They constituted part of a small minority of southern congressmen who helped pass watershed civil rights bills amid social upheaval. His membership on the powerful House Rules Committee was critical to advancing President Kennedy’s New Frontier agenda. Thornberry also spearheaded legislation supporting higher education and deaf communities.
**COMING EVENTS**

Wednesday, March 22, 2017  
*Famous Austinites - Sam Gwynne*  
*Author of The Perfect Pass*  
5:45 pm Cocktails, 6:15 pm Seating for the Program  
Dinner Buffet to Follow

Thursday, April 6, 2017  
*Famous Austinites - Paul Hobby*  
*Liberating Texas Monthly*  
5:45 pm Cocktails, 6:15 pm Seating for the Program  
Dinner Buffet to Follow

Wednesday, June 21, 2017  
*ZACH - In the Heights*  
5:15 pm cocktails at the Headliners Club, 5:45 pm Dinner,  
6:45 pm Depart for Zach Theatre, 7:30 pm Show

**REQUIESCENT IN PACE**

Mary Ann (Mrs. Robert H.) Bowman  
Elizabeth Ann “Betty” (Mrs. Jack) Brown  
   Jack R. Crosby  
   Will David Davis, Sr.  
   Robert W. Hughes  
   Harry J. Middleton  
   Dorothy (Mrs. Charles D.) Nash  
   Terri (Mrs. Robert Strauser) Seales  
   Ralph Smith  
   Neal Avery Watt  
   Catherine Thompson (Mrs. Robert Frank) Zelsman
NEW MEMBERS

William B. Decherd
Partner/ McKinsey & Company

Stephen Enniss
Director/ Harry Ransom Center

Lucy Enniss
Administrative Assistant/ University of Texas System

Lisa Gloyna
Professor/ Austin Community College

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President/ Levy Architects

Nicole Levy

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