



# HEADLINES

Winter 2019

## The Headliners Club is fortunate to have David Roche as President this year.

A native Austinite, David Roche attended The University of Texas at Austin, earning a BBA in Accounting, where he met Becky, his wife of 36 years. After graduation, Roche pursued a career in public accounting for a few years before joining a prominent local real estate firm in 1983 and then transitioning to the Austin Retail Division of Trammel Crow in 1986. Thirteen years later he and four good friends who shared the desire to control their own destinies founded Endeavor Real Estate Group. Today Endeavor has grown to more than 160 commercial real estate professionals, and the company has developed such high-profile Austin projects as The Domain.

When asked what he most values about the Headliners Club, Roche replied, “The people—the fine staff and the club members who have created the friendly and warm environment we all enjoy.” And he notes that at a time when many Austin venues are struggling to hold on to valued staff, Sue Meller has earned great loyalty among the staff with her strong and supportive management style.

Roche officially joined the Headliners Club around the same time he co-founded Endeavor, but growing up in Austin, he had known about the Club and attended many events there throughout his life. “It was just an advantage of growing up here—you couldn’t not know about

this club, because it was so central to our city.” But what about the many accomplished people who have moved to Austin and want to contribute to our community? Roche notes that we have an opportunity to find ways to share the story and the experience of the Headliners Club

with those who could be excellent new members. Today’s challenge is to keep the club relevant, and Headliners Club members, who collectively are involved across so many aspects of our community, can do just that.

David and Becky have two children, son Campbell, and his wife, Katie, who live in Dallas, and son Jackson and his wife, Caroline, who live in Austin. Despite his career and family commitments, Roche has always found time to serve the community. He is Past President of the Greater Austin Crime Commission, the Boy Scouts of America Capital Area Council, and the Austin Commercial Real Estate Society. Roche also formerly chaired the board of Texas Industries for the Blind and Handicapped.

With his hometown background and love of Austin, David Roche is uniquely qualified to lead The Headliners Club on to a great year.

—Pam McIlhenny



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## Jan Pickle



Jan Pickle's decades-long career as a financial advisor has given her the expertise to extend her professional knowledge to the Club, first as a member of the Headliners Investments Committee (of which she's still a member) and now as a new board member. Pickle is Managing Director - Wealth Management for UBS Financial Services.

She and husband Gary are often seen at any number of Headliners events each month, enjoying the camaraderie they've appreciated since joining the Club in 1978.

"For me, it's usually about the people involved," Jan Pickle said. "I think that what Headliners is, is another place in Austin to find community. So, to be a part of that is special

and I'm glad I've been part of it to give back a little bit."

Giving back does run in the family. For several years, Gary Pickle served as chairman of the Headliners Foundation.

She says their family (which includes daughter Lori Pickle Allen, husband Jeremiah, as well as their two children; and son Ben, his wife Dorie and their two children) also enjoy the Club's family gatherings. They attended Breakfast with Santa and last year's implosion "event" for the nearby University of Texas System building.

"One of the most fun things we did was when they had a breakfast and tore down the building," Pickle said. "We took our kids and grandkids. I hate to say I enjoy destruction so much, but it was planned destruction, so it felt OK."

Pickle also spreads her service to the greater Austin community. As a regular theater fan, she's a trustee at Zach Theatre and serves on its executive committee. She's also a trustee and chairs the investment committee for Texas Presbyterian Foundation and she's an elder at Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church. She and Gary Pickle are also members of The Tuesday Club.

Among the Headliners programs she particularly enjoys are the Famous Austinites Dinners and Inside Track Luncheons.

"I want to make sure we continue to have interesting programs that will attract people downtown," Pickle said.

—Sharon Jayson

## Steve LeBlanc



Board member Steve LeBlanc has been a Headliners Club member since 2009 and is a founding partner of CapRidge Partners, a fully integrated office building investor and manager. Headquartered in Austin, CapRidge was founded in 2012 and is currently in nine markets in six states. The company's current project, a Nashville City Center, sits three blocks from Amazon's new operations hub in Nashville.

Before joining CapRidge Partners, LeBlanc was the former senior managing director of private markets at the Teachers Retirement System of Texas pension fund. LeBlanc was in charge of real estate assets, private equity and principal investments portfolios. One of his biggest achievements at TRS was growing the private equity and real estate portfolio from \$5 billion to \$30 billion in four years. Under LeBlanc's management, the TRS was the top performing pension plan in the country.

LeBlanc holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in real estate/finance from the University of Texas where he currently sits as the associate director of

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the real estate program at the McCombs School of Business. A proud Longhorn, LeBlanc helped raise \$10 million to allow the MBA and BBA students to invest directly in commercial real estate and in real estate investment trusts (REITs).

LeBlanc and his wife Ellen have two children, Andrew and Aubrey, and considers his greatest achievement is “to have raised them to be great young adults.” Ellen and Steve are also proud grandparents to Arthur, born in 2016. In his free time,

LeBlanc enjoys skiing and snowshoeing, fly fishing, golf and traveling. The LeBlancs also enjoy riding motorcycles and are heading to Japan this summer for a two-week motorcycle tour.

LeBlanc sees his new role on the board of directors as a way to “help serve the members so Headliners can be around for many decades to come.”

—Courtney Sebesta

## Wick Alexander



Wick Alexander, an Accredited Wealth Management Advisor, comes to the Headliners Board with a unique perspective. He has served on the Membership Committee, recently ascending to chair, which he modestly described as being a “place-holder” on the Board. It doesn’t take long, when talking to him, to put the lie to that assertion, as he will certainly be more than a place-holder.

Alexander has been a member for 15 years and is an enthusiastic supporter of all aspects of Headliners – dining, programming, and general ambience. “I love the Club,” he stated, and added that management does a fantastic job of maintaining the high standards it has achieved.”

While not a native Austinite, he is a native Texan, born in Odessa. His father, an orthodontist, moved the family to Dallas to join the faculty at Baylor Dental School when Alexander was 10. After graduating from Highland Park High School, he headed to UT, graduating with a BA in history, minoring in economics. He then headed to Washington, D.C., landing a job with the Washington Bullets in sales and marketing. One of his clients, who was in investments, liked him and hired

him. Alexander learned that he liked the business, and the rest, as they say, is history.

In 1991, he moved to Dallas to work for Shearson Lehman Bros., Inc. and met his future wife, Kristin, whom he married in 1994. Because Kristin’s family lived in Austin, and because, as many UT grads, he had always wanted to return, they moved to Austin in 1996. The Alexanders have three children - two in high school and one in college. Alexander opened the Austin office of the Stephens Private Client Group in 2001, rising to Senior Vice President. Again, the rest is history.

His favorite memories of the Club are after-parties at the Christmas Party, where “six or eight of us party on until Sue kicks us out,” but it’s the non-Headliners outside group parties, such as the Admiral’s Club and the Family Christmas Dance, that give him an extra dose of pleasure. His favorite spot? The Press Box, where he can consume the incomparable chicken-fried steak. Alexander particularly enjoys having out-of-towners up for the view.

When discussing the Membership Committee, Alexander said the main challenge is the changing demographic downtown. Until recently the main population downtown consisted of lawyers and financial professionals. Today there is a much younger cohort, and they don’t wear business suits – “they are vaping on the corner in T-shirts and cargo pants, and they work for Facebook.” Keeping the ethos of the Club intact is a main concern. Alexander stated that “we, as a Club, have to articulate a value proposition to the younger generation that’s come downtown.” In his new position on the Board, it is apparent that Alexander will uphold those values admirably.

—Kay Allensworth

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# Members' Christmas Party

December 21, 2018

For many years the Club's very own poets would pen something to capture the essence of the yearly Christmas Open House. Below is one of those poems written by Judge Sam Sparks

## *Our Special Christmas Party*

*It is simply the EVE<sup>N</sup> and for many the  
beginning of the holiday season*

*Old friends, fine clothes, good food, great  
spirits may well be the reason*

*Come early, stay late, speak loud and begin  
relationships anew*

*All under the perfect planning and supervi-  
sion of our Santa Sue*

*With drink in hand, shrimp on your plate  
and looking over the Austin scene*

*These moments remind us how fortunate we  
are and how we like to be seen*

*For many, several generations are present  
and, for some, it is the very first time*

*But all, God willing, will return the follow-  
ing year, as these hours are sublime*

*After all it is the Headliners Club  
Christmas party and these is nothing finer*

*When you enjoy food and drink with friends,  
the whole world seems kinder*

*I personally like the Press Box room; close  
to the bar and out of sight*

*Watching certain people "work the crowd"  
hard with all their might*

*Then to make the obligatory walk through  
every room with drink in hand*

*To see the same people at the same table each  
year, still looking grand*

*Oh, I do miss those special people who made  
these hours so glorious*

*Sometimes it seems they are still here, laugh-  
ing and toasting to all of us*

*When all is over and you leave the club, your  
spirits are well and hardy*

*One thing is sure for you, next year you will  
attend the Christmas Party*



Gathering for the Annual Meeting at 12:17 under the clock in the Press Box were: Corby Jastrow, Louis Granger, Scott Carr, Doug Dodds, Lee Yeakel, Joe Holt, Tim Taylor, Brian Greig, Carolyn Lewis, John Strickland and Mary Scott Nabers



**Martie Wayne, Ben Barnes, Julie Sayers, Scott Sayers, Ralph Wayne and Ed Clements**



**Jessica Smith, Santa, and Connie Giles**



**Sarah and Ernest Butler**



**Katherine and Jody Goehring**



**Lisa Gloyna and Barbara Guthery**



**Mandy Dealey, Michael Kentor and Jan Lehman**



**John Spong, Ed Clements, David Courtney, DeLoss Dodds and Doug Dodd**



**Cliff and Marth Ernst with Sharon Jayson and Ken Herman**



**Agee Reed, Sr and Laura Felts**



**Cora Lynn and Bill Wilson**



**Leonard and Janis Smith with Jenny and Brian Gaston**



**Luther and Mary Ann Parker with Charles Mullins and Nancy Payne**



**KVUE's Tim Ryan and Kristie Gonzales**



**Elizabeth and Rob Shands with Katie and Chris Crowley**



**Jeff McDowell, the McCutchins (Brent and Tina) and Adam Goldman**



**Lottie and Sandy Shapiro**



**Colonel William Gregory with his daughter Cookie Ruiz**



**Mike Cook with the Maxwells (Anita and Earl)**



The Judges Corner: Sam Sparks, Robert Pittman, Melinda Sparks, Lee and Anne Yeakel



Glenn and Vicki West with Gerald and Charlyn Daugherty



A yearly tradition for: Ben and Leigh Richards, Donna and Davis Baldwin, with Chrissy and Brad Compere



Tom Smerdon and Susan Henricks

Gayle and Mike Heath with good friend Santa



◆ KIDS' MOVIE NIGHT ◆

December 27, 2018

Charlie Brown is fun for kids of all ages.



George and Donna Shipley with their grandkids



The Firestein family



New member Pam Madere and her crew

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# Mannheim Steamroller

December 27, 2018

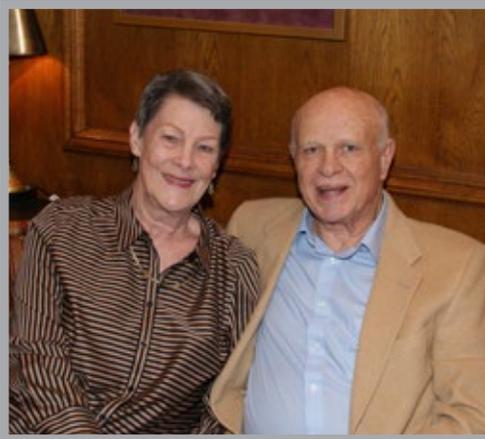
A great way to spend time with family and friends



**Don and Tiffany Willett (left) with family**



**Sam and Marcy Greer (left) with friends and family**



**Peggy and Steve Ryder**



**Stephen and Evins Gibson**

◆ NEW YEAR'S EVE ◆



This year on New Year's Eve  
there was some fun for everyone

December 31, 2018



**The Willie Nelson Concert:** standing: Ethan Green, Paul Green, Wallace Jefferson; seated: Courtney McKendrick and Renee Knake



**Dinner and Drinks with friends in the Press Box:** Tim and Carol Crowley, Bill and Lesa Netherton, Powell and Jodie Thompson

**Cocktails by the Christmas Tree, Dinner and Dancing in the Dining Room:**



**Beverly Gregg (2nd from left) with her family**



**Susan and John Schweitzer with Judy Willingham and John Byram (P.S. Happy Birthday, John!)**



# A Private Room and the gathering of good friends:



**Edmund McIlhenny and Andrew Peacock.**



**Jim and Stanya Owen, Tom Granger, Dillon Ferguson, Lolla Page, Charles Morrison and Cissie Ferguson**



**Beth Granger and Pam McIlhenny**



**Nancy Harper, Penne Peacock and Mary Lou Morrison**

## Andrew Roberts

January 28, 2019



**Charming, witty, brilliant** were some of the adjectives used to describe Andrew Roberts' luncheon speech.



**The program began with an informative and clever introduction by Karl Rove.**

With 1009 books already published on Winston Churchill's life, one might wonder why anyone would want to write number 1010. Justifying adding to the Churchill bios, Andrew Roberts had access to an avalanche of sources which have become newly available. Two sources to which he gained exclusive access include the notes written in the diary of King George VI after his weekly lunches with Churchill during World War II and the love letters of Pamela Harriman who was married to Churchill's son Randolph.

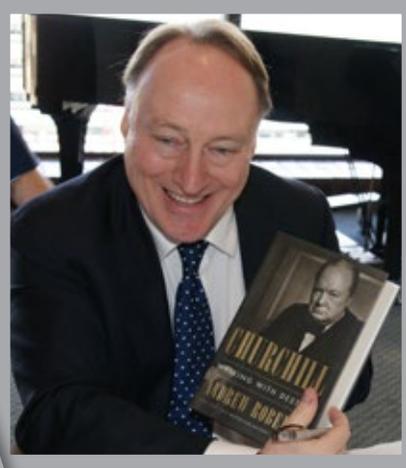
Reflecting upon his appointment as Prime Minister in May, 1940, Churchill wrote, "I felt as if I were walking with destiny and all my past life had been but preparation for that hour and this trial." In his book, *Churchill: Walking with Destiny*, Mr. Roberts tries to investigate this idea of his walking with destiny and to work out the ways in which these experiences infused the man who led England during World War II.

At the age of 16, Churchill told school friends at Harrow, "I

see terrible troubles and upheavals ahead and there will be a time when Britain will be in danger of invasion and I will be called upon to save my country and save London and save the Empire." He had an extraordinary sense of destiny and throughout his life it was added to by the number of times he escaped death – one of which included being hit by a car crossing Fifth Avenue in New York because he looked the wrong way. This belief in his own destiny gave him a calmness during the most perilous moments in England's history.

What has been revealed from these new sources is that Churchill was not a buttoned-up Victorian aristocrat but rather a man driven by his passions and emotions. He had a terrible upbringing. His father, a successful politician, was a cold and disdainful man who never spotted any brilliance in his son. His mother showed no interest in her son until he was 20 and became a signatory on her trust fund. Despite all of this, he loved his parents desperately, wrote his father's biography and quoted him endlessly.

The day started out just right for Professor Roberts as he sold and autographed many copies of his extraordinary book on Winston Churchill, *Churchill: Walking with Destiny*.



Dr. Roberts and his amazing book



Bill Walker with his father



Meg Voelter



Rose Betty and Allan Williams

Roberts describes Churchill's speeches and writings as, "eloquent enough to speak in words, phrases and language that will live as long as our time." Churchill was asked by his private secretary what was his technique to get these words and phrases together. He said there were four things – you need to use short words, you need to use short sentences, make sure each sentence was totally clear and also, if possible, use Old English. For example, in his great "we shall fight on the beaches" speech, in the 140 words of the last paragraph which includes "we shall fight with ever growing confidence in the air" and "we shall never surrender", all the words come from Old English except two – confidence which comes from Latin and surrender which comes from the French.

—Laurie Hall



Also, an historian, Dr. George Scott Christian, treated his daughter Leah to lunch and had fun talking to Mindy Ellmer.

◆ **INSIDE TRACK** ◆



**Matt Mackowiak brought his mother to the Luncheon.**



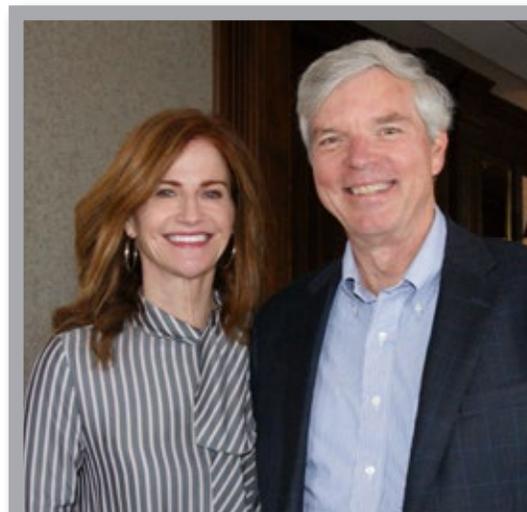
**Kay and Craig Enoch had lots to talk about after listening to Professor Roberts.**



**The University of Texas was well represented by Dr. William Imboden, Dr. Randa Safady and Chancellor James Milliken.**



**Karl Rove and Becky Klein got a chance to catch up.**



**The McClures- Kelley and Gary- enjoyed learning about Winston Churchill.**

# Clay Johnston

January 31, 2019



The University of Texas Dell Medical School Dean Clay Johnston gave an enthusiastic presentation about the evolution of the medical school and then answered many intriguing questions from the members.

## *Dean Clay Johnston Reports on the Dell Medical School*

On an evening when downtown streets were impossibly clogged and getting to Headliners Club was a hassle for almost everyone, Clay Johnston reported that he still did not resort to an electric scooter to arrive at the club even though he had to park “nearly at the Capitol.” Referring to the increasingly well-known safety hazards of the scooters, Johnston said, “I’m a neurologist, after all.”

The dean then turned to the purpose of his remarks: “What we’re trying to do and where we are now” at the Dell Medical School.

The problem is that none of the existing schools training doctors have solved the key problems, he noted. Life expectancy in this country has gone down, not up; we pay more for medical care in the U.S. than does Cuba.

“We really want to be a model for the rest of the country about how to do this right, (so) how do you train doctors to be leaders in the future?” The answer, said Johnston, is selecting people -- and training them -- very differently from any other medical school, including re-designing care with a view to those who need care the most.

As opposed to training focused on fee for service, we have the opportunity to do things differently at Dell Med, the dean said. “We use technologies. We work in cross disciplines and in teams.



Dean Johnston with Headliners President, Mary Scott Nabers. She gave a wonderful introduction of him.



It was good to see Kathy and Tom Johnson out for the evening.

We forget about how we're paid; we just say let's do it right. Our curriculum works very differently from any other medical school in the country."

An additional note: "As a community we're way too hospital focused." At Dell Med, said the dean, "We're interested in thinking about how we focus on prevention and meeting people where they are. Care is not as good as it needs to be, especially in the safety net population. In a program run by our students, they go out to neighborhoods where such people live and they provide care."

Overall, Johnston takes pride in what has happened over the past five years since he became the med school's first dean. One result is that "we're the second most selective school in the country, and we have some of the highest board test scores in the country. And compared to other medical schools, our cost is a darn good deal."

There are now 500 faculty paid by Dell Med, Seton and CommUnityCare and another 500 volunteers from the local medical community. Including the new Seton hospital, there are one million square feet of completed space with another research and administration building planned in the future. And, ultimately, the Erwin Center will come down to provide "a wonderful place for us" without a height limitation.

"We really want to be a model for the rest of the country about how to do this right," concluded Johnston.

—Howard Falkenberg



Susan Dawson enjoyed spending time with her guests, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Clifford.



These three all had a part in making the medical school a reality: Tim Taylor, Patti Ohlendorf and Clay Johnston.



Kim Anderson, Reenie Collins and Austin Anderson had a great time catching up.



Always a good time at the Club for Adrienne Watt, Marion More and Sonia Wilson.



Pam and Neel White enjoyed hearing about the future of medicine.

◆ EVENTS ◆

# Presidents' Party

February 7, 2019



*Ann and Meade Bauer (Headliners President 2011) with Headliners Club Board members Randa Safady and Suzy Balagia*

Every year the Headliners leadership meets to welcome a new president.

L to r: Jane Greig (Foundation Board member and Headlines editor), Chairman Brian Greig, Outgoing President Mary Scott Nabers with incoming president David Roche and his wife Becky.



New board member Wick Alexander and his wife Kristin.



New board member Jan Pickle with her husband Gary (Headliners Club president 1995 and Headliners Foundation Chairman 2011-2013).



Jesus Garza (Club Treasurer), outgoing board member Tim Taylor, Chairman Brian Greig and new board member Steve LeBlanc.



Headliners Foundation Board of Governors Vice Chairman John Lumpkin with his wife Eileen.



Board member Susan Dawson with LaVada Steed (Headliners president 1994).



Board member Greg Marchbanks with his wife Mary.



Carolyn Lewis (Headliners Club president 2005), Mary Marchbanks and JoLynn Free (Headliners Club president, 2016).

Kathy Taylor, Amy Villareal (Headliners Foundation Board member), Becky Roche and Ellen LeBlanc.

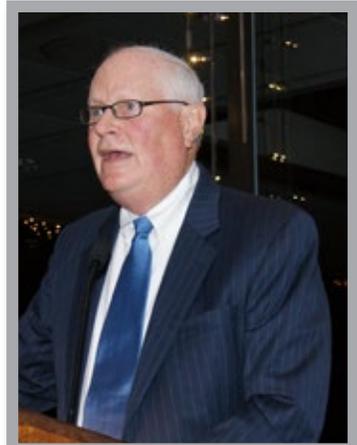


Outgoing President Mary Scott Nabers really enjoyed spending the evening with her son Tim.

## A short program is a nice way to end a lovely dinner.



Brian Greig, on behalf of all the Club members, thanks Mary Scott Nabers for her service as president of the Club.



Headliners Foundation Chairman Mark Morrison recapped a successful year for the Foundation.



A last bit of business is the transferring of the presidency from Mary Scott Nabers to David Roche who announces "Let the party continue....!"



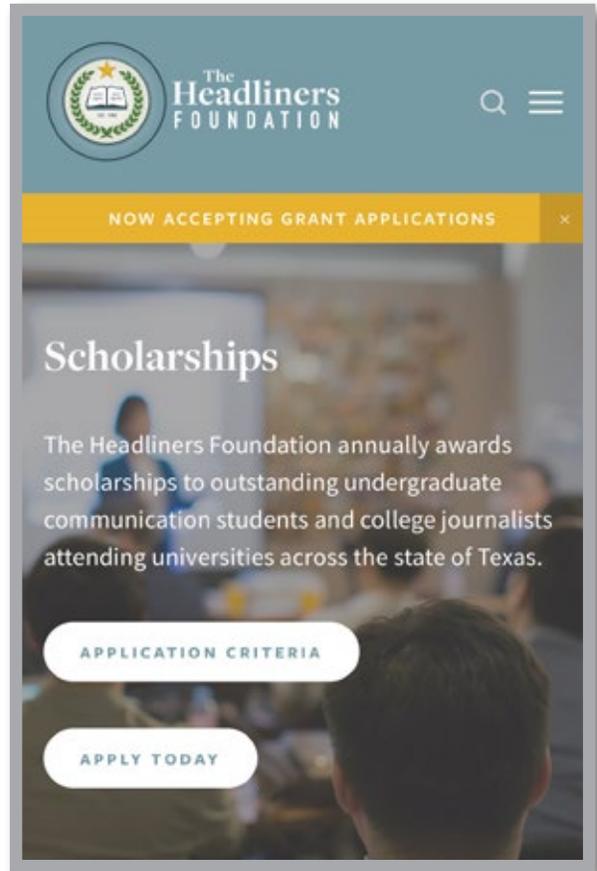
The parting shot goes to Elizabeth and Chuck Nash as they exited in the elevator.

# HEADLINERS FOUNDATION BY THE NUMBERS



## FOUNDATION WEBSITE GETS A NEW LOOK

Last summer the Foundation embarked on a redesign project for its website. Led by a team from the Board of Governors and the firm Black Hat Innovation, the goals were to freshen up the look, make navigation easier, add more content to the landing page, and create a mobile-friendly interface. Mission accomplished! Just a few weeks ago the new site launched at [headlinersfoundation.org](http://headlinersfoundation.org). We encourage you to visit and sign up for our e-mail list in order to learn how your support contributes to promoting excellence in journalism across Texas.



### Thank you, Elizabeth!

At its January 2019 board meeting, the Foundation recognized Elizabeth Christian for nine years of service to the Board of Governors. A Headliners Club member for 21 years, Elizabeth was elected to the Foundation board in 2010. As founder and CEO of Elizabeth Christian Public Relations, Elizabeth has over 40 years of experience in the arenas of



journalism, public relations, and political affairs. Her father, the late George Christian, helped initiate fundraising among Club members in the 1980s, planting seeds for the Foundation's future in the way of scholarships, grants, and professional awards. There is now a scholarship named in his honor. Elizabeth has a long and distinguished career supporting

journalism in all aspects and has been a leader in the Austin community for decades. Elizabeth has selflessly contributed a great deal of time to the Foundation, including production of the Club's 70th anniversary event in 2015 and has been an active board member, regularly attending meetings and supporting events.

"We are so appreciative of Elizabeth's commitment to the Foundation over the past decade, and we know that dedication will continue for many more years," said Mark Morrison, Foundation chair. "Elizabeth will continue this year to be engaged with many of our most important programs, keeping strong the Christian family's remarkable role in the Foundation's success." She will be eligible to rejoin the board in 2020.

### Welcome, Debbie!

Debbie Hiott was elected as the newest Foundation Governor for a three-year term. Debbie was recently appointed as general manager of KUT, Austin's NPR affiliate, and music station KUTX. She also serves as executive director of media operations for the Moody College of Communication at the University of Texas. Previously Debbie

spent 28 years at the *Austin American-Statesman*, where she started as an intern while at Southwest Texas State University. She headed the *Statesman* news operation as executive editor the last seven years. Debbie served twice as a Pulitzer jury member, is currently on the board of the Freedom of Information Foundation



of Texas, and served for seven years on the board of the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors. She lives in Northwest Austin with her husband and two children. "Debbie is one of the most respected journalists and editors in Texas and in the country," said Morrison. "Under her editorship, the *Statesman* won dozens of Headliners Foundation and other prestigious awards with its high-impact investigative journalism. She will be a powerful addition to our organization and its efforts to reward and nurture outstanding journalism."

## The Shivers Imprint on Headliners Foundation



We lost one of our strongest, long-serving leaders, and a dear friend.

Headliners Foundation Governor Emeritus and former Chair Robert Allan "Bud" Shivers Jr. died Jan. 8, 2019. He was 72.

Shivers served as our Chair from 2001 to 2010, longer

than anyone in that position.

Bud's leadership resulted in more effective scholarship and professional awards programs. He modernized governance and imposed financial discipline that positioned the Foundation to expand its positive role in promoting Texas journalism for decades to come. The Foundation's endowment more than doubled to \$2.2 million during his tenure; its current value is \$4 million.

Bud was a giant in public service and philanthropy. He was founder and chairman of the Seton Fund that provides

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enormous benefit to healthcare in Central Texas.

Beginning his tenure on its Board of Governors when the Headliners Foundation was a considerably smaller undertaking, Bud always demonstrated a tenacious dedication to its success. He took great pride in serving the Foundation that was co-founded by his father, former Texas Gov. Allan Shivers, in 1983. Bud's father served as the Foundation's first chairman.

Bud liked to talk about the hundreds of journalists the Foundation has helped educate and the thousands of outstanding journalists it has honored. He was proud that the Headliners Club, whose members established the Foundation and continue their generous support of it, did something so important to distinguish itself from other similar organizations.

“One of Bud's huge contributions was to put us on solid ground financially,” said Elizabeth Christian, a longtime Foundation Governor whose father, former LBJ Press Secretary George Christian, co-founded the Headliners Foundation with Gov. Shivers. “He led with humor and an iron will. He took his familial connection to the founding of the entity very seriously and he was enormously important to its ongoing success.”

Added Foundation Board Secretary Jane Greig “With Bud at the helm the course was sure and true. His enthusiasm for our mission was infectious. We continue to benefit from the high standards that he set and his foresight.”

—Mark Morrison

*Chair, Headliners Foundation Board of Governors*



The year was 1985 and the Shivers family gathered to honor Senator Lloyd Bentsen with the first Governor Allan Shivers Public Service Award.  
I to r: Robin and Bud Shivers, Dillon Ferguson, Brian and Debbie Shivers and Cissie Ferguson.



The year was 1995 and the Headliners Club and Headliners Foundation honored the Texas leadership at their annual gala:  
I to r: Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, Bud Shivers, Governor George W. Bush, Speaker Pete Laney and Headliners Chairman Frank McBee.



Headliners Foundation leadership – past Chairman Bud Shivers (2002-2011) and Mark Morrison (2013-present).

## Honors



**Ray Wilkerson** was named “Austinite of the Year” by the Austin Chamber of Commerce. This award recognizes significant leaders in the local community who are instrumental in making Austin an even-better place to live, work and do business. In 2000, Wilkerson co-founded HeartGift Foundation, an organization that has provided life-saving heart surgery for more than 400 children from 34 countries.

**Federal Judge Sam Sparks** was honored with the Distinguished Lawyer Award at this year’s Annual Austin Bar Foundation Gala. This award was presented in recognition of his outstanding career as a trial lawyer and as a Judge. Shown receiving the award from Austin Bar President Adam Schramek. *photo credit: Nicole Ryan Photography*



**Senator Judith Zaffirini** was inducted into the Texas Women’s Hall of Fame. She is the first Latina senator in Texas, and holds a 100 percent Senate voting record - the national record - for having cast more than 60,000 consecutive votes and passed 1,024 bills. Her priority legislation has saved and changed lives, including by reforming guardianship, Medicaid, nursing homes and welfare; prohibiting texting-while-driving; and improving access to justice, court security, organ donation, and services for Texans with disabilities and mental illnesses.



**Kyndel & Laura Bennett** received the award for Outstanding Philanthropists. (shown with their daughter)

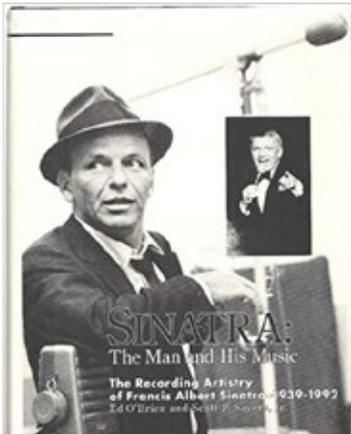
The Association of Fundraising Professionals recognized several Headliners this year. These awards celebrate outstanding individuals, corporations, foundations and organizations whose philanthropic footprint inspires change and empowers good for the Central Texas community.



**Diane T. Land** received the award for Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser.

## ◆ BOOKSHELF ◆

Books by Headliners members that were recently added to the Club's library.



### *Sinatra: The Man and His Music* by Scott P. Sayers, Jr

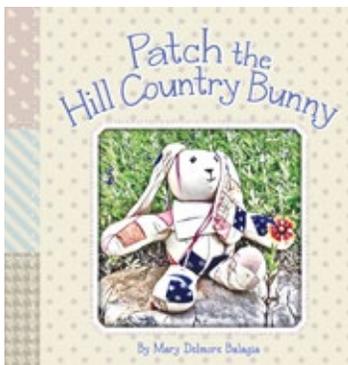
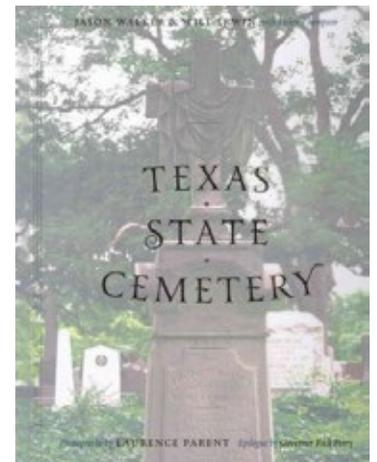
Frank Sinatra holds the record for the longest span between hits on the Billboard charts, first appearing with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra in 1940 with “I’ll Never Smile Again” and again some 51 years later with his 1991 Reprise album “Very Good Years.” The longevity and productivity of the Sinatra career in the recording studio and in the concert arena are unmatched. This is the most comprehensive guide to Sinatra’s recording career ever compiled. Information on his session dates, songs recorded, conductors, arrangers, charted songs, movie recordings, and unissued Sinatra tracks are all included.



Ralph Wayne and Scott Sayers

### *Texas State Cemetery* contributed by Scott Sayers and Ralph Wayne

Those who fought great battles, negotiated historic treaties, and wrote the laws that brought Texas into being lie at rest in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin. So do a host of writers and educators, astronauts and athletes, Texas Rangers and elected officials. Even some rogues and scoundrels have a resting place at the State Cemetery. Texas is the only state with a cemetery dedicated to its heroes and public officials, and all of the State Cemetery’s honored dead helped make Texas what it is today. This book tells the stories of the Texas State Cemetery and of many noteworthy Texans who are buried in its peaceful lawns and hillsides.



### *Patch the Hill Country Bunny* by Mary Delmore Balagia

Join Patch on a Texas Hill Country adventure. A visit to Grandmother Honey Bunny’s house opens this little bunny’s eyes to a whole new world. She even finds some friends along the way to share the fun. As Patch explores the sights and sounds of the hill country, she ultimately makes a big discovery about herself.

## ◆ A MOMENT IN HISTORY ◆

### Remembering Carol Channing (1921-2019)



The year was 1968 when Carol Channing was named Celebrity Headliner of the Year, White House Press Secretary George Christian was named Headliner Newsmen of the Year and Dr. Frank Stanton, President of CBS, was selected as Broadcasting Headliner of the Year.

This was the first of many times that Ms. Channing would visit Austin and the Headliners Club. She was often the guest of Lady Bird Johnson and the LBJ Library. In addition, she performed at the Paramount, so the Headliners was a natural stop for her.



In 1992 a reception was held at the Club for Ms. Channing. Seen here with Liz Carpenter, Ann Butler and Beth Granger.

## ◆ COMING EVENTS ◆

**Thursday, March 7, 2019**

**Famous Austinites: Gary Powers, Jr.**

5:45 pm Cocktails

6:15 pm Seating for Program

Dinner Buffet to follow

**Wednesday, March 27, 2019**

**Famous Austinites: George Friedman**

5:45 pm Cocktails

6:15 pm Seating for Program

Dinner Buffet to follow

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

**Inside Track: Ken Roberts**

11:30 am Buffet Lunch, 12:00 nn  
Program

**Saturday, April 20, 2019**

**Paramount Theatre: Seth Meyers**

5:00 pm Cocktails

5:45 pm Dinner Buffet,

6:30 Depart for Paramount

7:00 pm Show

**Wednesday, May 29, 2019**

**ACL – Moody Theater: Judas Priest**

6:30 pm Cocktails

7:00 pm Dinner Buffet

7:45 Depart for ACL

8:00 pm Show

### Headliners Club Dress Code

Coats and ties are not required.

Business Attire recommended.

(collared shirts, slacks or nice jeans for men)

No athletic attire, shorts, or flip-flops.

### Breakfast Service by Reservation

The Headliners Club offers breakfast  
Monday through Friday by reservation in the private rooms.

Can accommodate 2 people to 200.

FAQ

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*Homemaker*

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