



HEADLINES

WINTER 2024



*Kara, June, Theodore
and Mark Murrell*



*Tanu and Karthik Rejendran
and their son Ari*



*JR Ruiz, Parker Warrick,
Wade Warrick, and Jaxson Warrick*



*Erica Kennedy, Justin Kennedy,
Vivian Kennedy and Burke Kennedy*



*Grace and Jared Pyka with sons
August and Auburn Pyka*



*Allan Williams, Kim Williams,
Dan O'Meara, Rose Betty Williams,
Trevor O'Meara, Emmett O'Meara*



*Larry Faulkner, Susan Henry,
Mary Ann Faulkner, Travis Henry
and Diana Henry*



SPECIAL EVENTS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PREVIEW: LUNCH WITH CED & ED

August 30, 2023



Anne and Bob Shepard, Charlsa and Lee Loftis



Allen and Mimi Smith with Susan and Michael Klein



Jeffrey McDowell, Wyant Wharton, Derek Lewis and Anthony Precourt



Skyler Messina with Brad and Chrissy Compere



Kathy Taylor, Courtney Elliott, Robin Ward Del Conte, Shannon Holley, Sue Bury, Susan Farmer



The Experts: Ed Clements, Bob Ballou, Kirk Bohls



Ben Richards and David White



Tim Taylor and Paul Bury



Ronney Reynolds with a great question!

SPEAKER SERIES: DR. JULIA CLARKE

September 7, 2023



Son Bo Reynolds, Ronney Reynolds, daughter Nancy Michelle Reynolds, daughter-in-law, Carole Reynolds, wife Marry Reynolds and grandson Bo Henry Reynolds.



Ronney Reynolds



Left: William and son Luke Malpica. Right: Greg and son Charlie Kipp



Patrick and Cortney Johnson with Aiden, Adriance and Armour



Amy and William Biard



Clinton and Hilton Culpepper



Charles Kruger with daughter



Dr. Clarke asks Henry Burnett a question while mom Jessica and sister Penny look on.



Headliners' own: Pam Staulcup (membership), Carly Roseman (special events), Matt Evans (former assistant F&B), Kevin Newbolt (GM)



SPEAKER SERIES: MAYOR KIRK WATSON

September 14, 2023

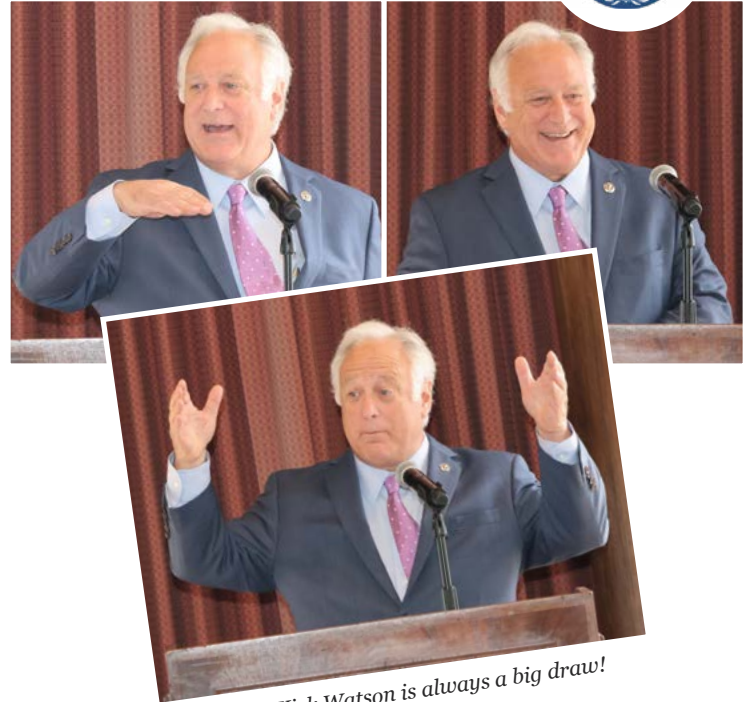
Kirk Watson is upfront about his love of Austin and the job he sought for a second go-round 20 years after he last served the city. So, when The Headliners Club asked him to provide an “Update from Mayor Kirk Watson” in mid-September, there weren’t any empty chairs at the lunch.

Watson’s first stint as mayor was 1997-2001. Between 2007 and 2020, he served as a senator in the Texas Senate. One of his major initiatives was to create a new medical school at the University of Texas at Austin, which became Dell Medical School opening in 2016.

“One of the reasons I ran is I believe that we needed to shake things up at City Hall. I felt like City Hall was not organized in a way that was assuring success. And with the form of government we have, it really does require that there be a lot of people in sync in order for us, as a city, to move the way we want to move,” Watson told the audience.

Watson said he thought the changes needed at the top of city government “would take months,” but he said he did it in six weeks.

“We have shaken up City Hall. We have a different person at the airport. We have a different person



Mayor Kirk Watson is always a big draw!

at Austin Energy. We have a different person in emergency management. We have a different assistant city manager over public safety. I could go on and on. Now, just shaking up things isn’t what really matters, of course, but it’s making a difference,” he said.

“And I will tell you, we’re not where I want us to be. But we are making a big difference and my hat is off, by the way, to Jesús Garza. He and I got to work together the first time I was doing this. He’s a real pro. He knows what he’s doing. And it makes a big difference in the team that he’s brought in.”

The city’s pressing issues of housing affordability, energy, homelessness, public safety and transportation were on the top of minds at the Club. Watson outlined his strategies and took questions.



Matt and Lisa Down, Glenn West and Charlie Betts



Meredith and Jamie Knight



Carl Stuart and Scotty Sayers



Bergan Casey and Peggy Pickle



Missy Parrish with Betsy Hicks



Former Austin Mayors Ron Mullen and Lee Cooke wanted to hear what former and current Mayor Kirk Watson had to say!

Among the questions was what we can expect with traffic on I-35 through Central Austin in the next five to seven years during the I-35 Capital Express Central construction project.

“If I’m honest about it, everything’s gonna be torn up. If I’m successful, you’re gonna hate my guts,” Watson said. “What I’ve told people is, if we get it done, for 10 years they will remember who was trying to lead on it, and they’re gonna hate my guts. And then it’s going to open up and nobody is gonna remember who had anything to do with it.”

— By Sharon Jayson

BOURBON CLUB

September 21, 2023

The Headliners Club was taken over by Redemption Bourbon for a special speakeasy event.



Headliners own: Kevin Robinson



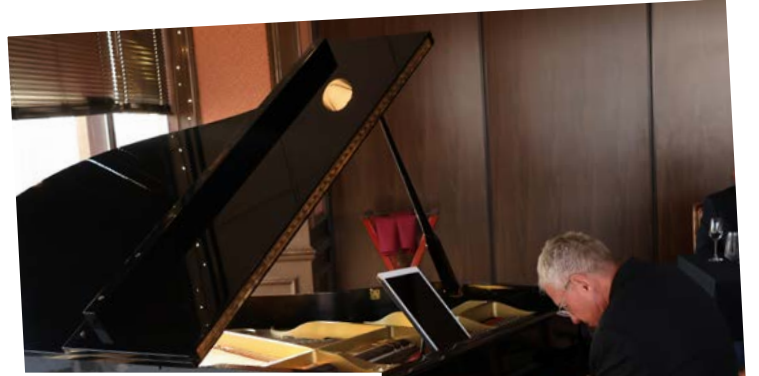


ANTON NEL WINE DINNER

September 28, 2023



The King Family: Pier, Gordon and Alma



Thank you to Anton Nel for another AMAZING evening of wine and music.



Melissa and Jeff Simpler



Janet and Saf Asghar



Ben Bentzin



Surprises at every turn — cast members planted at the table



Patrick Keel, Anton Nel and Jason Schubert



Sterling and Catherine Howry



Jenny Sappington with her mom Susan Fainter



Carol and Joe Cesaro (l) joined Milton and Penny Cram (r)



Sharon Watkins, Nancy Scanlan and JoLynn Free

SPEAKER SERIES: JIM DOLMAS

October 4, 2023



Jan Pickle introducing the program.



Jim Dolmas, economic policy advisor and senior economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas





Hale Umstadd and Ryan Thuma



Derek Lewis and Wick Alexander



Jim and Marisa Bushee



Diane and Donnie Williams



Scott Carr with Grant Barrett



Dan Jackson and Jeremy Guiberteau

BAR CART SERIES: TEQUILA

October 5, 2023



Headliners' Bar Cart series featured Laura Maddox again from Small Victory Bar and the guest of honor: Tequila!



Henry O'Reilly, Tony Matta, Lizzie Tobeason, Savannah Draper, Marisa Midis, Susie Matta, Lily Beveridge.

David Hime and Tracey Hime



Rochelle Cass, Laurie Logue, Jeff Greenberg and Cody Cass

Eugene Sepulveda, Chris Tomlinson and Graham Reynolds

SPEAKER SERIES: ADMIRAL JACKSON

October 18, 2023



Thank you to Bob Campbell for bringing Admiral Jackson to Headliners.



Retired Vice Admiral Mary Jackson discussed National Security with LBJ School Dean JR DeShazo.





Steve and Leslie McConnico



Claire and Carl Stuart



Kay and William Allensworth



Bob and Laura Campbell

SPEAKER SERIES: ANTONELLI'S

October 23, 2023



Kendall and John Antonelli from Antonelli's Cheese Shop



John Antonelli, Sharon Jayson
and Ken Herman



Lee Yeakel introduced the entrepreneurs



Fred and Margy Kennedy



Bill Todd and Mary Scott Nabers



Dianne Bangle and Alina Carnahan



Steve and Ellen LeBlanc



Jay and Diann Watson, Mary Pat and John Schneider

HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 30, 2023



Headliners was extra spooky this year!



Wesley Hughes with Headliners' Jimmy Rojas.



Chrissy Compere and Headliners Director of Membership, Pam Staulcup (above)

Reagan Buchanan (right)



Klipp family (above) – Top Left: Gary Mailman (Father-in-Law). Top Center: Rachael Klipp (wife). Top Right: Sandra Mailman (Mother-in-Law) . Bottom Left: Charlie Klipp (son). Bottom Center: Gregory Klipp. Bottom Right: Lucy Klipp (daughter)



Duck family – Lillyan and Trey Duck with their son Hooper Duck.



Sadie Compere, Maddie Howry and Grayson Howry



Pyka kids – August Pyka (left), Aurburn Pyka (right)



Josh Garza, wife Samantha Garza, kids Avery and Kenley Garza



VETERANS DAY LUNCH

November 10, 2023



Thank you to Thomas P. Palladino, Exec. Dir. Texas Veterans Commission – this year's speaker at the annual Frank Denius Memorial Veterans Day lunch.



Terry Tottenham introduced the program.



Jane Greig, Tom Fraga, Brian Greig



Thomas Palladino with Tom Hatfield



Jerry Converse greets Barbara Guthery



Peggy Foreman with her dad, Dois Webb (LTC-Retired Army), Becky Girard



Scott Nolan



ANTONELLI'S CHEESE TASTING

November 30, 2023



Thank you to Certified Cheese Professional Matt from Antonelli's Cheese for guiding our cheese tasting!



Dave Near, Wick and Kristen Alexander, and Marnie Near



Lara Keel, Dianne Bangle and Alina Carnahan



Tom and Araminta Sellers with Julie and Mike Baselice



Patrick and Katherine Portner



Karen and Paul Miller



MEMBERS OPEN HOUSE

December 22, 2023



Scotty Sayers



Dale and Rose Lovell



Kim Williams and Dan O'Meara



Meade and Ann Bauer, Karla and Chris Bell



Tim Taylor, Gay Gaddis and Amanda Foster



Wallace Lundgren with Jim Whorton



Tim Taylor, Ed Clements and Gary Farmer



Ron and Lynnnda Mullen



Brad and Chrissy Compere, Donna and Davis Baldwin



Dick and Sara Rathgeber



Bergan and Stan Casey



Becky Bray, Ken Blaker, Tim Taylor



Saf Asghar, James Asghar, Janet Asghar, Jonathan Asghar



Chuck and Jane Space



MONTHLY NATIONAL SECURITY BRIEFINGS

September 11, 2023, and November 13, 2023



September's Panel: Laura Thomas, Megan Jaffer and Sue Gordon – Women in the Intelligence Community.



November's program with Asia-Pacific expert: Andre Rivier



Joe Duran and Susan Combs



Jared Pyka



Eva Womack and Elena Goyanes



Kerianne Oliver and Lee McPherson



Sean and Diana Skellenger



Susan Coordt



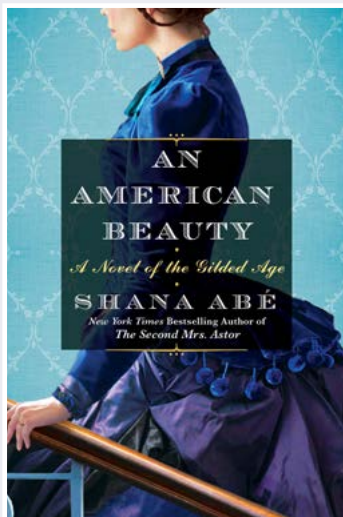
Lee Yeakel and Derek Lewis

BOOK CLUB: MEET THE AUTHOR

SHANA ABÉ

September 6, 2023

Author Shana Abé was interviewed remotely by Rose Betty Williams.



Peggy Dickerson, Ellen Elliott, Lynn Walker, Mary Pitts and Karen Lye



Ginger Harreld and Dianne Bangle



Peggy Pickle, Bergan Casey, Susan Fainter and Anne Yeakel



Shelley Scott, Eunice Erickson, Carl Erickson and Debbie Fisher

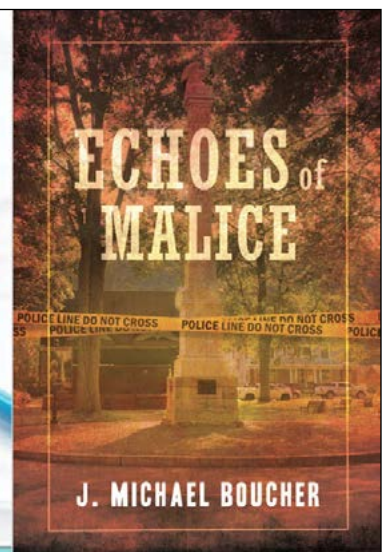
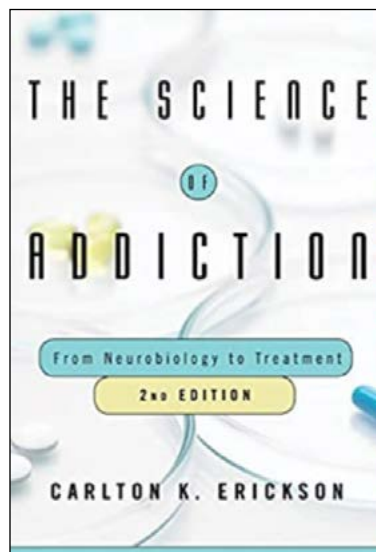


Ann Mobley, Adrienne Watt

J. MICHAEL BOUCHER AND CARLTON K. ERICKSON

September 26, 2023

Authors Carlton Erickson and J. Michael Boucher discussing *The Science of Addiction* and *Echoes of Malice*.





Headliners member Jim Bushee writes under the pseudonym J. Michael Boucher



Carlton Erickson



Terry Tottenham



Dr. Melinda Longtain, Carolyn Biebas, Dr. John Richardson and Dr. Jan Puckett



Thank you to Rose Betty Williams for all the work that goes into making the Headliners Book Club so amazing. Jim Bushee, Rose Betty Williams and Carlton Erickson.



Will Segrest and Melissa Segrest with William Holford

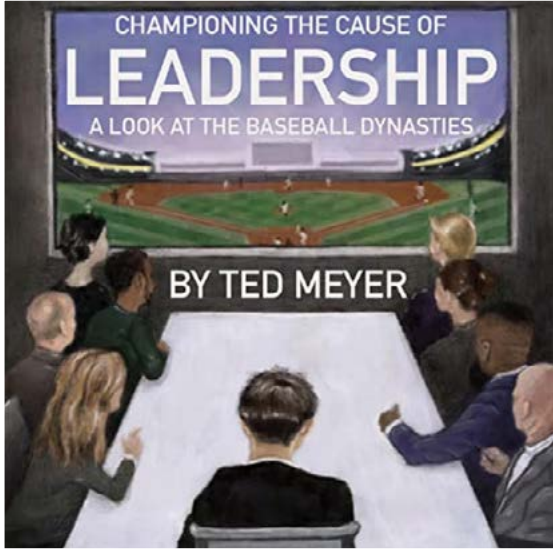


Carolyn Lambiose, Kim Francois, Rennee Kerr and Debbie Fisher



TED MEYER

October 3, 2023



Sarah Meyer, Ted Meyer, Tracy Foreman and Riley Foreman



Lisa Kaufman, Jay Dyer and Mindy Ellmer



Ted Meyer, author of Championing the Cause of Leadership: A Look at the Baseball Dynasties



Tim Taylor, Lauren and Stephen Jeffrey



George and Dale Sumers



Allan Williams, Cynthia Adkins, Rose Betty Williams and John Adkins



Walt Maciborski and Rose Betty Williams

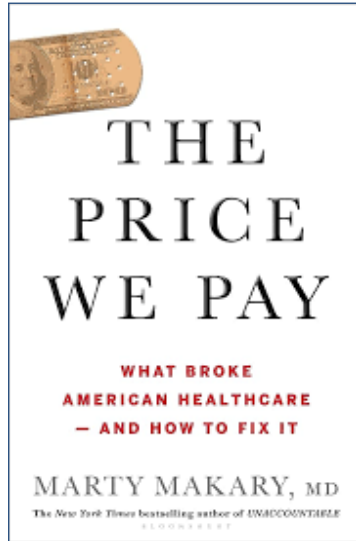


DR. MARTY MAKARY

November 1, 2023



John Griffin



Author and doctor Marty Makary discussing *The Price We Pay: What Broke American Healthcare and How To Fix It*.



Shelley Scott and Rose Betty Williams



Matt McKnight, Pam Muir, Dan O'Meara, Jenniann McKnight and J Gordon Muir



Kathleen and Martin Otto



Allan Williams, Beth and Tom Granger



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2024

3/19 | *Headliners Speaker Series: Dr. Michael A. Belfort*

- From Cape Town to Austin: The Journey of a Fetal Surgeon.
- 11:30 p.m. lunch buffet | 12:00 p.m. program

3/25 | *Book Club-Meet the Author: Mark Updegrove and Mark Lawrence*

- *LBJ's America: The Life and Legacies of Lyndon Baines Johnson*
- 11:30 p.m. lunch buffet | 12:00 p.m. program

3/27 | *Headliners Speaker Series: Justin A. Nelson*

- Artificial Intelligence and Copyright: The Next Legal Frontier.
- 5:45 p.m. cocktails | 6:15 p.m. seating | dinner buffet to follow

3/28 | *2024 MLB Preview*

- 11:30 p.m. lunch buffet | 12:00 p.m. program

APRIL 2024

4/4 | *Headliners Speaker Series: Masters Preview Lunch*

- With Ed Clements and Scott Sayers with former PGA Champion Mark Brooks.
- 11:30 p.m. lunch buffet | 12:00 p.m. program

4/5 | *Old Fitz First Friday*

- Join us in the Press Box for friends, food & fun!
- With new Headliners Club President Mindy Ellmer.
- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. lunch buffet

4/8 | *Monthly National Security Briefing*

- 11:30 p.m. lunch buffet | 12:00 p.m. program

4/10 | *Book Club-Meet the Author: Talmage Boston*

- *How the Best Did it: Leadership Lessons from our Top Presidents*
- 11:30 a.m. lunch buffet | 12 p.m. program

4/16 | *Headliners Speaker Series: Spring Football Preview Lunch*

- 11:30 p.m. lunch buffet | 12:00 p.m. program

4/17 | *Bourbon Secret Society*

- Featuring Milam & Greene Bourbon.
- 5:30-7 p.m.

4/22 | *Book Club-Meet the Author: Hampton Sides*

- *The Wide Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact and the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain Cook*
- 5:45 p.m. cocktails | 6:15 p.m. program | dinner buffet to follow

4/30 | *View from the Bench and Beyond*

- An Evening with Lee Yeakel, interview by Ken Herman.
- 5:45 p.m. cocktails | 6:15 p.m. program | dinner buffet to follow

MAY 2024

5/3 | *Old Fitz First Friday*

- Join us in the Press Box for friends, food & fun!
- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. lunch buffet

5/3 | *Taste at the Top*

- Second annual food, wine, liquor and beer tasting featuring top brands.
- 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

5/13 | *Monthly National Security Briefing*

- 11:30 p.m. lunch buffet | 12:00 p.m. program

5/22 | *Headliners Speaker Series: University of Texas at Austin Chancellor James B. Milliken*

- and AFC General James E. Rainey
- 5:45 p.m. cocktails | 6:15 p.m. program | dinner buffet to follow



JUNE 2024

6/7 | *Old Fitz First Friday*

- Join us in the Press Box for friends, food & fun!
- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. lunch buffet

6/10 | *Monthly National Security Briefing*

- 11:30 p.m. lunch buffet | 12:00 p.m. program

6/18 | *Headliners Speaker Series: Federal Reserve Governor Lorie Logan*

- 11:30 p.m. lunch buffet | 12:00 p.m. program

JULY 2024

7/5 | *Old Fitz First Friday*

- Join us in the Press Box for friends, food & fun!
- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. lunch buffet

7/8 | *Monthly National Security Briefing*

- 11:30 p.m. lunch buffet | 12:00 p.m. program

AUGUST 2024

8/2 | *Old Fitz First Friday*

- Join us in the Press Box for friends, food & fun!
- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. lunch buffet

8/12 | *Monthly National Security Briefing*

- 11:30 p.m. lunch buffet | 12:00 p.m. program

SEPTEMBER 2024

9/6 | *Old Fitz First Friday*

- Join us in the Press Box for friends, food & fun!
- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. lunch buffet

9/9 | *Monthly National Security Briefing*

- 11:30 p.m. lunch buffet | 12:00 p.m. program

9/25 | *Art Show*

- 5:30-7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 2024

10/4 | *Old Fitz First Friday*

- Join us in the Press Box for friends, food & fun!
- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. lunch buffet

10/14 | *Monthly National Security Briefing*

- 11:30 p.m. lunch buffet | 12:00 p.m. program

10/30 | *Headliners' Halloween Trick-or-Treat Party*

- 5:00-8:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2024

11/1 | *Old Fitz First Friday*

- Join us in the Press Box for friends, food & fun!
- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. lunch buffet

11/11 | *Veterans Day Appreciation Lunch*

- 11:30 p.m. lunch buffet | 12:00 p.m. program

11/23 | *Breakfast with Santa*

- 9:00-11:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 2024

12/6 | *Old Fitz First Friday*

- Join us in the Press Box for friends, food & fun!
- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. lunch buffet

12/20 | *Members' Open House*

- A Headliners holiday tradition
- 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

12/31 | *New Year's Eve Kick-off Dinner*

- Start the celebration at The Club
- 6:00-10:00 p.m.



NEW MEMBERS

Daniel Anstandig and Gregory Donnellan

- Daniel: Founder / CEO at Futuri
- Nominated by Mary Scott Nabers and Wick Alexander

Mark Bell

- President at AECT
- Nominated by Wick Alexander and Chris Miller

Karl Bennett

- Account Executive at Neon Century
- Nominated by Wick Alexander and Greg Meserole

Zach and Nicolle Brady

- Zach: Founding Partner at Brady & Hamilton
- Nominated by Wick Alexander and Matt Dow

Nicole and Chris Brennig

- Nicole: Managing Partner at DLA Piper
- Chris: Owner at Austin Vein Institute

Gus Cardenas

- CEO at Austin Healthcare Council
- Nominated by Pete Winstead and Wick Alexander

David and Christy Dauphin

- Nominated by Sharon Schweitzer and Marci Henna

John and Debra Gilluly III

- John: Vice Chairman at DLA Piper
- Nominated by David Parrish and Nicole Brennig

Ben Goodwin

- Branch Manager at Premier Nationwide Lending
- Nominated by Mark Murrell and Tim Crowley

Scott and Megan Haywood

- Scott: Division President at HNTB
- Nominated by Melissa Jackson and Wroe Jackson

Robin Henderson

- Interim Chief at Austin Police Department
- Nominated by Wick Alexander and Tim Taylor

Matt and Caron Hutchison

- Matt: General Counsel at Formentera Partners
- Nominated by Corby Jastrow and Scott Carr

Linda and Rodney Jackson

- Linda: VP, Institutional Advancement at Huston-Tillotson University
- Nominated by Jim George Jr. and Steve Adler
- Nominated by Jennifer Hamlin and David Parrish

Ed and Rebecca Latson

- Ed: CEO at Opportunity Austin
- Nominated by Gary Farmer and Wick Alexander

Lee and Charlsa Loftis Jr.

- Lee: Director of Sales and Carrier Relations at Watkins Insurance Group
- Nominated by Greg Meserole and Wick Alexander

Russell and Tara Lowery-Hart

- Russell: Chancellor at Austin Community College
- Nominated by Tim Taylor and Wick Alexander

Corrie MacLaggan and Oliver Bernstein

- Corrie: Managing Editor at *The Texas Newsroom*
- Oliver: Founder at Steady Hand PR
- Nominated by Ken Herman and Regan Ellmer

Kevin and Shirley Madison

- Kevin: Presiding Judge for Village of Briarcliff, Cities of Horseshoe Bay, Lakeway, Liberty Hill, and Nolanville
- Nominated by Lee Yeakel and Wick Alexander

Clay and Julie McPhail

- Clay: Restaurant Owner
- Julie: Office Manager at Legacy International Development
- Nominated by Tim Taylor and Tim Crowley

Pasha Moore

- Principal at Holland Taucher Consulting Group
- Nominated by Mindy Ellmer and Wroe Jackson

Taylor and Camille Ross

- Taylor: CPA at Cherry Bekaert LLP
- Camille: Co-founder at Whitt Ross
- Nominated by Tim Taylor and Mary Pitts

Rebekah and Hillary Ryan

- Nominated by Rose Betty Williams and Lesa Netherton

Sean and Diana Skellenger

- Sean: Owner / CEO at Skelly Build Construction
- Diana: Owner at Skelly Build Construction
- Nominated by Chrissy Compere and Jeffrey McDowell

Maggie and Hunter Thompson

- Maggie: News Editor at *Austin Chronicle*
- Hunter: Musician
- Nominated by Robert Pitman and Lee Yeakel

Melva and DL Wallace

- Melva: President / CEO of Huston-Tillotson University
- DL: CEO of Success Training Institute
- Nominated by James George Jr., Steve Adler and Diane Land

Marshall and Rhonda Wingo

- Nominated by Greg Meserole and Paul Holubec



The
Headliners
FOUNDATION

A NOTE OF THANKS

from Foundation Chair Patti Ohlendorf

Dear Fellow Headliners Club Members,

On behalf of the Headliners Foundation Board of Governors, I want to thank you all for your continued support of the Foundation's programs, events and initiatives. It's hard to believe we've been working to promote excellence in Texas journalism for four decades. As we look ahead to 2024 and beyond, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on our journey together the past 40 years.

Headliners Club members have a rich history of generous support for the Texas journalism community. Since its inception in 1955, the Club has been rooted in a deep commitment to maintaining a free, strong and independent press, and in 1983, the Foundation was created to formalize that commitment. At the request of the Foundation's first chairman, former Governor Alan Shivers, Club members gave generously to fund the new non-profit organization, and over the years, have donated through monthly Club statements, memorial gifts, named scholarship endowments, and general contributions.

This extraordinary support from Club members has enabled the Foundation to expand the scope of its mission to include additional awards for professional journalists, programs and scholarships for high school and college students interested

in pursuing a career in sports journalism, and a grant program that provides significant funding to organizations that support journalism education and preserve history. Strategic partnerships with organizations like the Texas Association of Broadcasters, the Texas Managing Editors, and the UT Center for Sports Communication & Media make it possible for the Foundation to expand its reach and operate on a larger scale.

Your commitment to the Foundation's work has also allowed us to increase the number of scholarships we provide to student journalists. For the 2023-24 academic year, we awarded a record 22 scholarships, and more than \$96,000 to Texas college students who are preparing for a career in journalism. Your support for the Verne Lundquist Sports Media Institute has enabled us to award an additional \$31,000 annually for expanded programming including scholarships, grants, and an annual sports journalism boot camp for high school students.

None of this is possible without your support. Club members have placed great faith in our ability to execute our mission, and we strive to honor your trust.

As we begin a new year, the Foundation's governors and staff offer our sincerest thanks for your loyal support. We work hard to ensure that your contributions make the biggest impact. Our goal is to provide the journalism community with assistance that is sustainable for another 40 years and beyond.

Those of us privileged to serve on the Foundation

Board, along with our executive director, Alison Unger, welcome your comments and questions and are available any time



*Patti Ohlendorf, Chair
Headliners Foundation
Board of Governors*



if you would like to discuss the Foundation or explore additional ways to support our mission. Some members have included the Foundation in their estate planning or have created endowed scholarships. Others have simply increased their contributions. We are grateful for any additional commitment and are determined to earn your continued engagement. As we look ahead to

further expansion of our efforts to support a strong, independent press in Texas, please know that your contributions mean the world to us.

Best regards,
Patti Ohlendorf, Chair
**Headliners Foundation Board of
Governors**



HEADLINERS FOUNDATION BY THE NUMBERS

- ▶ Founded | **1983**
- ▶ Annual Awards to Texas Journalists | **\$33,000**
- ▶ Annual Scholarships to Texas College Students | **\$93,500**
- ▶ Annual Educational Grants and Special Programs | **\$20,000**
- ▶ Annual Lundquist Institute Grants and Scholarships | **\$31,000**
- ▶ Headliners Club Members Who Donate | **83%**



HEADLINERS FOUNDATION CELEBRATES TEXAS JOURNALISM AT 2023 AWARDS LUNCHEON

Record attendance, an incredible Keynote program, and a solar eclipse made this year's Mike Quinn Awards Luncheon one of our best ever!

On October 14, a record number of Foundation leaders, supporters, journalists, students, faculty and industry executives gathered at the Headliners Club to celebrate the Foundation's 2023-24 scholarship recipients and Texas' top journalists for their outstanding achievements.

Nineteen inspiring student journalists, many of whom brought family members, were on hand

to be recognized as scholarship recipients for the 2023-24 academic year. Foundation Vice Chair and Academic Excellence Committee Chair Patti C. Smith introduced the scholars, who spoke about their interest in journalism and their career plans after graduation. A photo and brief bio of each scholar is posted on the Foundation website at www.headlinersfoundation.org

Foundation Governor and Professional Excellence Committee member Kathleen McElroy presented the Charles E. Green and Showcase Award trophies to journalists from across the state for exceptional work produced in 2022. Thirty of this year's winning journalists were honored as the best of the best in Texas journalism. Their winning entries are also posted at www.headlinersfoundation.org

Tony Plohetski, this year's Charles E. Green Award-winner for Best Reporter in both print and broadcast



Foundation Board Chair Patti Ohlendorf welcomes a record crowd to the 2023 Quinn Awards Luncheon



categories, moderated the keynote conversation with Craig Garnett, owner and publisher of the *Uvalde Leader-News*. In an extraordinary and moving conversation, Garnett shared the challenges of leading his newsroom through the horrific shooting at Robb Elementary in 2022.

Many thanks to Foundation Board Chair Patti Ohlendorf for serving as the emcee, and to Patti Smith and Kathleen McElroy for participating in the program. Special thanks to Craig Garnett and Tony Plohetski, and to the *Austin American-Statesman* for sponsoring the printed program. Our sincerest appreciation to all luncheon attendees, our scholarship recipients and award-winners. We are grateful for your support and hope you enjoyed the event!



Uvalde Leader-News' Craig Garnett and award-winning journalist Tony Plohetski



The 2023-24 Foundation Scholarship recipients



RECIPROCAL CLUBS

Please contact the club to arrange your visit.

Texas

- Petroleum Club of Fort Worth
- Petroleum Club of Houston
- Petroleum Club of Midland
- Crescent Club, Dallas
- Park City Club, Dallas
- Centre Club, San Antonio
- The Fort Worth Club
- Commodore Perry Estate in Austin, Texas — *corporate rates for overnight accommodations available*

Northeast

- Metropolitan Club, New York City, New York
- University Club of Chicago, Illinois
- Harvard Club of Boston, Massachusetts
- The National Press Club, Washington D.C.
- The Union League of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Southeast

- The City Club of Greenville, South Carolina
- Harbour Club, Charleston, South Carolina
- The Palmetto Club, Columbia, South Carolina
- The Tampa Club, Tampa, Florida
- The Crescent Club, Memphis, Tennessee

Northwest

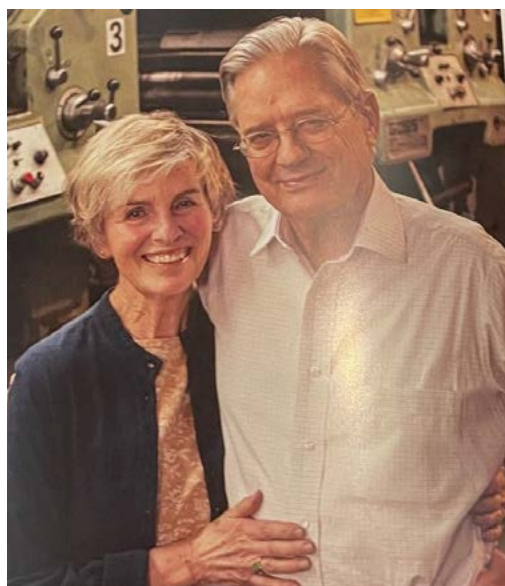
- Sutter Club, Sacramento, California
- University Club of Portland, Oregon

International

- National Liberal Club, London, England
- City University Club, London, England

HONORS

The Cattleman’s Ball, hosted by The Williamson Museum, honored publishers **Clark Thurmond** and **Linda Scarbrough**, who own *The Williamson County Sun* in Georgetown — an independent newspaper owned and operated by their family since 1948. “The whole point is to pick out somebody who’s done really big things for the community,” museum executive director Nancy Hill said. “Oftentimes, those folks go unsung ... Clark and Linda could not be more perfect and we are just so thrilled.”



Linda Scarbrough and Clark Thurmond

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