



HEADLINES

Changing of the Guard



Former Headliners chairman Brian Greig (r) hands off the baton to new chairman Meade Bauer (l).



Stephen and Lauren Jeffrey, Kim and Scott Carr, Karla and Joe Basham



Ed Clements, Tim and Carol Crowley, Linda and Jimmy Balagia



Elizabeth Christian, Kerry Cammack, Harriet O'Neill and Jan Pickle



Former president Mindy Ellmer and new president Wick Alexander



President's Party

Dec. 17, 2024



Neel and Pam White with Becky and David Roche



Rose Betty and Allan Williams



Brian and Jane Greig

Meade Bauer

by Wroe Jackson



A familiar Headliners Club member has a new role: Meade Bauer has started his term as chairman of the Board of Trustees. Savvy *Headlines* readers will remember that Meade has been involved with the Club since his wedding reception in 1982, and he has been a member since the early 1990s. Because of his years of involvement, he has a deep appreciation for the Club's legacy, Club members, and the exciting future ahead.

Meade is quick to identify what makes The Headliners Club truly outstanding: a great membership with strong and diverse perspectives. He notes that all members bring something to the table, which makes the Club what it is and creates good synergy in how the Club functions. Additionally, he cites the Club's long-tenured employees and the loyalty shared between the members and the staff as essential parts of the Club's culture.

It is easy to identify one of the first opportunities of Meade's tenure as chairman: the Club's renovation, a project he calls a "big thing" for the Club to do. He notes that the outcome of the renovation will be a product specifically for the members, which will include evening dining enhancements, places for work meetings during the day, and more spaces for members to use, supporting a better overall Club infrastructure. As a trusted counselor for the Club, Meade notes that Headliners was financially responsible with how it put the renovation together, being "prudent" in all aspects of the project.

Because of this prudence, Meade notes that the Club remains in strong financial shape, with operations running smoothly. This stability, along with the renovation and other enhancements, is key to attracting new members with diverse perspectives, ensuring both short- and long-term growth while maintaining the Club's most important traditions of excellence. In discussing the Club's stability, Meade is quick to express his gratitude to the immediate past chairman, Brian Greig, whom he calls a "great mentor." He acknowledges Brian's steady leadership and his gracious help in making his own transition to chairman proceed smoothly.

For his part, Meade is looking forward to continuing his participation in some of his favorite Headliners events, whether attending National Security Briefings, or enjoying some of the more unique programming offerings of the Club. Of course, when not at the Club, Meade likes to retreat to his Texas farm and ranch operation. He appreciates the ability to get away and be close to his grandchildren. Being at the ranch allows him to spend a relaxed time with his family, while exposing the grandchildren to things that they may not often see while growing up in an urban environment. The Club is in steady hands as Meade begins this new role. His commitment to the Club's tradition of excellence in service to the membership should make all Headliners excited for what is ahead. He made sure to mention that the goal is for members to continue to use and enjoy the Club and its new spaces since, in his words, "it's happening soon!"

Wick Alexander

by Charles Kuger

Readers of the monthly email announcing new members know that Wick Alexander is often a sponsor for people joining The Headliners Club. This is partly due to Wick's previous chairmanship of the Club's Membership Committee, a natural position for someone with his deep passion for bringing what Headliners has to offer to exceptional individuals throughout Austin. After spending six years in this role and many additional years on the Board of Trustees, Wick Alexander is now serving a two-year term as president of The Headliners Club, twice the normal yearlong tenure, to oversee the renovation that promises to be so transformative for our Club.

Wick says he couldn't be more optimistic about the renovation now underway. The opportunity to freshen up the décor, reimagine new spaces, and highlight the role of the Club as a downtown base of operations is exciting. Wick also firmly believes that the history, culture and traditions of The Headliners Club must be preserved in our new surroundings. Retaining the integrity and character of the Club will be a defining aspect of his term. Austin has no shortage of venues peopled by the masses in their cargo shorts, so our new president knows how important it is to have a place where everyone is still dressed appropriately. Balancing relevancy with time-honored tradition is part of Wick's efforts as president that began this year, going back to when he first joined The Headliners Club almost 25 years ago.



It's his view that clubs like ours are hardly out of fashion in 2025, because every community needs a gathering place for leaders in politics, finance, law, medicine, business, and so forth. The benefits for a city having that kind of place to socialize and discuss big ideas are incalculable, and there's no equivalent in Austin to The Headliners Club.

A business plan on the back of a cocktail napkin. That's how Wick describes how he came back to Austin during the mid-1990s. After graduating from UT with a history degree and spending a few years in Washington, D.C., enjoying what a mentor described as a "going nowhere sports job" in the NBA, Wick found his way to Dallas and a meaningful career in financial services. He loved what he was doing, but he didn't love Dallas. After working his way up through storied Wall Street firms such as Smith Barney and Morgan Keegan, Wick, in April 2001, opened the first Austin office for Stephens, where he runs a successful wealth management practice.

Wick and Kristin Alexander have been married for over 30 years, and their adult children are a pediatric speech therapist in Dallas who attended the University of Mississippi, a Merrill Lynch wealth manager in Chicago who attended the University of Michigan, and a college junior who attends the University of Georgia. Wick used to be an avid golfer, though not very good, and the best advice he ever got on the golf course was "you should take up tennis." So he has, playing at Westwood Country Club several times a week. He also loves to travel with family and friends. Park City, Charleston, and Turks and Caicos have been recent destinations. Croatia is next on the list!

Though he is president now, Wick Alexander still has the heart of a Membership Committee chairman, and he would remind all of us that if we have a prospect interested in joining Headliners, the Club will cover their meal and usually yours. With construction underway and a new chapter beginning for The Headliners Club, we are very grateful to have Wick at the helm, preserving the integrity of our 70-year history of deep significance across Austin and leading us into a bright and promising future.

While many board members have belonged to Headliners for many years – some since childhood – Joe Basham is a relative newcomer. He believes he’s been a member for the last five years or so. (Time flies.) However, he is ideally situated to be on the Board. As we start our renovation project, it is good to have a *Texas Monthly* Super Lawyer in Construction Law around to help with the details, glitches, and even triumphs of a major construction project.

Joe is the managing partner at Allensworth Law and has been coming to Headliners as a part of the Allensworth contingent for many years. He and his wife, Karla – also a lawyer – have been married for 20 years this February and have two sons; Joe, Jr., age 16, and John, age 14. Joe and Karla’s presence at many of the social events has established them as “regulars.”

When asked about his dining preferences, Joe called out Will, his favorite bartender, for his superb old-fashioned. He also admits that he is partial to the fajitas. His favorite event, however, is the Christmas Open House. He and Karla have assembled a group of friends who are loath to leave at 1:30, so they saunter over to the Press Box and continue the festivities there, “making a day of it.”

Joe Basham

by Kay Allensworth



Joe’s goals for the Club include getting the construction project in on time and on budget. Not stopping there, he wants to work hard to increase the membership. Joe describes himself as “a young man from a small town* with a very large imagination.” There is no doubt that Joe will use that imagination to keep Headliners dynamic, growing and prosperous.

*Monahans

Headliners’ newly reimagined spaces — a blend of thoughtful design and timeless comfort. As part of the renovation, members and guests will soon experience a refreshed layout, with dedicated dining rooms that elevate every visit.

Accompanying this transformation is the debut of our updated lunch, dinner, and banquet menus, each thoughtfully crafted to reflect both seasonal inspiration and enduring favorites. We’re also pleased to share that the buffet experience so many have cherished will return, reintroduced with refined touches that honor its legacy while embracing the future.

We look forward to welcoming you back to a space both familiar and beautifully renewed.

WHERE
DINING
TRADITION
EVOLVES

Carolyn Biebas

by Will Wilson



Several weeks ago, we had the pleasure of chatting with Dr. Carolyn Biebas, who is a newly elected board member of The Headliners Club. She has practiced medicine as an anesthesiologist in Austin for 40 years and is affiliated with Austin Anesthesiology Group, which is part of HCA Healthcare.

Carolyn recently returned from a medical mission trip to Puebla, Mexico, with Austin Smiles, which provides surgical care to children with cleft lip and palate deformities in Central Texas and Latin America. She has been a volunteer with Austin Smiles since its inaugural mission in 1987. Her unwavering dedication to this cause was recognized in 2003, when she was honored at the 37th Annual Wish Upon a Smile Gala.

Carolyn grew up on a ranch in Lee County just outside of Giddings that she still owns with her sister and brother. She came to Austin to attend the Brackenridge Nursing School, which operated until 1984 adjacent to Brackenridge Hospital. After graduating, she served as a registered nurse in the hospital's emergency department for several years. She attended medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, graduating in 1981.

Carolyn got started at The Headliners Club when she attended meetings of the Journal Club, a group of Austin doctors, and later joined the Tuesday Club.

She married fellow Headliners member Dr. Donald Patrick, a neurosurgeon, lawyer, musician, pilot and leader of state and local boards. (Patrick was recruited to join Headliners by Austin journalist Joe Roddy and Sheriff's Department spokesman Curtis Weeks.) They had their wedding reception at the Club, which she said is her favorite memory of Headliners.

She also remembers watching the Fourth of July fireworks from the Club and loves to attend the Headliners' Speakers Series.

Carolyn enjoys travel, particularly to Antarctica, but she said that watching sunsets in Lee County is her favorite view. The Club is lucky to have her leadership.

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At the age of 45, Stephen Jeffrey is a founding member of the Frontliners Club for members 50 and younger and served on the Membership Committee before becoming a board member. A fourth-generation Austinite who followed in his mother's footsteps when going into the banking industry, he sees the crucial role financial institutions play in affecting how Austin matures.

He believes that the confluence of factors will help him be a bridge builder between members on either side of the half-century mark, as well as newcomers and established legacy families like his own.

While he followed his mother's lead into banking, his side gig as a musician was inspired by his father, who has long managed to balance a traditional job with a great deal of work as a local musician.

"I learned so many things from him, on and off stage, that I carry with me daily," Stephen noted, adding he's inspired by "how he conducts himself. So thoughtful and mindful."

It's also his son who Stephen says he aims to be more like, noting that Colton is "totally selfless, so driven and confident."

Stephen Jeffrey

by Mary Alice Kaspar



Anyone who wants to catch Stephen playing bass guitar can find him performing '80s rock 'n' roll with the Responsible Adults and '90s country with Truckstop Jukebox. And to find him at the Club, join him for his favorite lunch theme, "Fried Friday."

Current Headliners Club members nominate their friends and colleagues to become part of their Club. A prospective new member must be sponsored by at least two current Headliners members in good standing.

If you are interested in membership, please contact [Pam Staulcup](#), Director of Membership.

HOW TO NOMINATE A MEMBER

Dana Pate

by Sam Greer



Among the new members of The Headliners Club Board of Trustees is Dana Pate, director of government relations at Samsung Austin Semiconductor. A native Georgian, Dana is a graduate of Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. After college, she worked for a lobbying firm in Washington, D.C., until 2013, when she moved to Austin. She landed a job with the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce as vice president of federal/state advocacy, a position that routinely brought her to The Headliners Club. In 2021, she moved to Samsung. During this time, she not only joined Headliners at the invitation of her now fellow board member, Mindy Ellmer, but she also got married to Gardner Pate, founder of Hicks Pate Strategies LLC. The couple held their wedding reception at the Club in 2023. At Headliners, Dana enjoys dinners on Fridays, breakfast and lunch events, the Mother's Day Brunch, and more. Her primary goals as a board member are to recruit more young people to join the Club and to participate in the various events, particularly once the remodeling project is complete!

The Headliners Club has arranged with the operators of the parking garage to provide a discounted parking rate of \$10 per car to all guests parking in the garage before 6 p.m. This rate covers 4 hours of parking. For guests that park in the garage at 6 p.m. or later, the rate of \$10 per car is valid for the entire evening.

In the event that the host or hostess would like to pay for their guests' parking, this can be arranged. Special validation is required at the rate of \$11.50 per car.

This includes 3 hours of parking for guests and members that pull into the garage before 6 p.m., no time limit on cars that pull into the garage after 6 p.m. Please [contact the events department](#) in advance for this service.

PARKING AT HEADLINERS

Will Wilson

by David Landry

I recently had the privilege of interviewing Will Wilson Jr. over lunch at The Headliners Club.

Will is something that is becoming rare these days, a true Austin native. He graduated from the old Austin High School, where he played football with Headliners fixtures Darnell Mosely and Chairman Emeritus Brian Greig. In fact, you could say his ties to Headliners go back almost to its inception. His father, Will Wilson Sr., became Texas attorney general in 1957, a few years after the Club's founding, and Will Jr. practically grew up in the Club. One might speculate that part of The Headliners Club's early appeal back in the days when it met in the Driskill Hotel was that as a private member organization, it was one of the only places in the city where you could get liquor by the drink!

Will served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He earned an undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University and a law degree from Southern Methodist University. He served as an assistant district attorney for Dallas County and was a district court judge for Travis County. He founded the law firm Wilson & Varner LLP, which helped pioneer biotechnology law.

Now retired, Will and wife Mary Wilson remain active in the community. Will serves as president of the Wilson Land & Cattle Co. He is a director at Genprex Therapeutics and a deacon at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Mary is a member and former chair of the Board of Regents of Texas Woman's University. When they aren't in Austin, the Wilsons often can be found at their summer home in Castine, Maine, or taking advantage of the reciprocity offered by The Headliners Club with trips to the Metropolitan Club of New York or the Harvard Club of Boston.



Fun Headliners Fact:

The Ron Ford Special (a heaping helping of shrimp served with prime rib) has been a Headliners Club staple since back in the day, and Will says he is proud to have purchased Headliners member Ron Ford his first namesake dish. (He loved it.)

Favorite Club Memory:

Each Christmas, the Wilson family gathers in the Green Room for a family dinner. It's a tradition they've enjoyed for as long as he can remember, and it now includes all three sons and five grandchildren.

As a board member of The Headliners Club, Will says he is proud that the long and storied history of the Club remains relevant today, and he is excited about its future. In fact, shortly after our luncheon, he met with Dr. Carolyn Biebas to interview her as part of his role on the newsletter committee. It truly was a pleasure to visit with him, and I look forward to seeing him at the next event soon.

Farewell to a Beloved Editor - Jane Greig

by Kay Allensworth

After more than 10 years as the preeminent editor of *Headlines*, the Club's popular newsletter, Jane Greig packed up her pens, laptop and visor and retired on January 1, 2025. In stepping down, she joins her husband, Brian Greig, who ended his 12-year term as chairman of the Club's board. Before that, *Headlines* was made up of pictures and a few stories that then chairman Tom Granger had to persuade various staff members to provide.

After Brian started his term in 2013, Jane found herself "just starting to organize" the newsletter. To reward her for her efforts, Brian had "Mr. Jane Greig" business cards made up. These became so popular that another member presented him with a bronze version that became a prized possession of Brian's.

Lest anyone think that Jane's "just organizing" the newsletter was a one-off, it's important to realize that she was a staff member and columnist for the *Austin American-Statesman*. She replaced Ellie Rucker, a well-liked consumer columnist who answered sometimes esoteric questions from Austin readers. When Rucker retired, the *Statesman* initiated a contest to see who readers wanted to replace her – and Jane won. Her column, "Ask Jane Greig," ran from 1992 to her retirement in 2007.

Later, she took on *Headlines* and has crafted it into a much-read publication. Jane credits Brian with adding color and polish, and she built up a cadre of volunteer reporters who stepped up to provide a wealth of articles. To keep this ball rolling, Jane established "Writers Appreciation Lunches" to boost morale – and to keep the words coming.

It's hard not to think of Jane as an institution at *Headlines*. Donna Shipley, a long-time friend and one of the first "reporters," says, "What to say about Jane – the wittiest persons I know." She recalls pre-*Headlines* days, when "Mandy Dealey, Jane and I met for hilarious lunches... and when Beth Granger joined the group, they became hysterical." It would be impossible to imagine that any of her reporters would say differently.

One of Jane's favorite expressions is, "Everyone needs an editor." While anyone who has had the pleasure of serving under her would agree, they would also heartily add, "Everyone needs a Jane." *Headlines*, and her loyal reporters, will miss her.





Jennifer, Jack and John Hamlin



Leslie Castleberry and Laurie Logue



Mike, Franklin's BBQ Pit Master

BBQ Blind Tasting

Sept. 9, 2024



Jay and Martha Webster



Judy and Eric Taube



Tucker and Scotti Hughes



Mallory Factor, Don Featherstone, Elizabeth Factor and Pam Staulcup



One-man show, Tyton Benson



Banana pudding by Headliners culinary team



*Bourbon by the Barrel
Hall of Fame award*



Hal Guggolz and Jared Pyka



George and Pam Willeford



Here at Headliners, we admire the views from the top.



Derek Lewis and Richard Segura

Still Austin Tasting Sept. 18, 2024



*Representative from
Still Austin Whiskey and Co.*



BXTB Welcome drinks



*Susan Dawson and
Ken Mannas*



Christina Hiltcher, director and founder of Unchained.Art.



Artist book display from Unchained.Art.



Leah and Ford Alexander



Arlene Junior, Sandy Rogge, Jorge Najera, Stephanie Hamilton and Kevin Fullen



Jorge Najera, one of many featured artists from Headliners' very first art show.



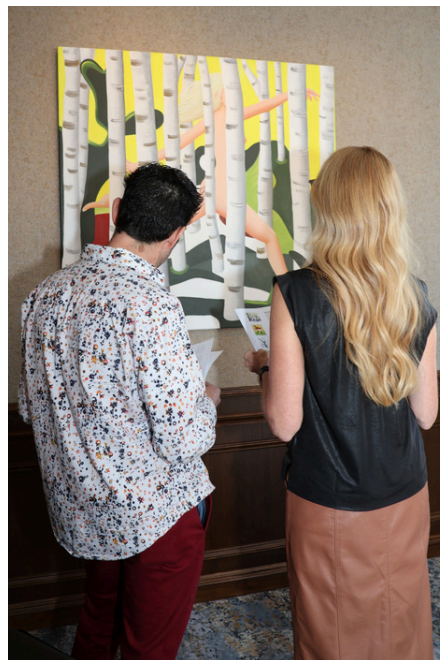
Melissa Crandall, Roxanne Jones and Lorena Moser

Headliners Art Show

Sept. 25, 2024



Sculpture of woman embracing herself



Chris Elley and Cile Splice



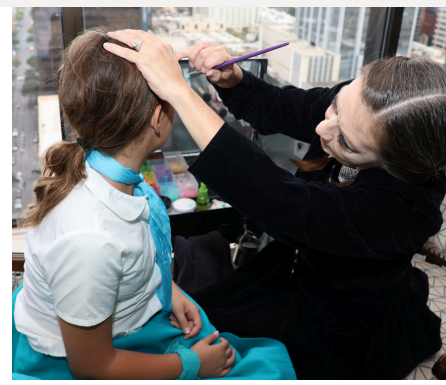
Tucker Hughes and Henry Ordway



Here at Headliners, we let the kids write on the "walls" sometimes!



Chrissy Compere with The Muppets characters Big Bird and Zoe



Face painting



Halloween fun!



Headliners Halloween

Oct. 30, 2024



"Make me a mummy" station.



Skeletons giving lessons on the keys



The Headliners Rockstar



Team dinosaur



Rachel and Greig Klipp



Lawson Magruder and Tom Hatfield



*Thomas P. Palladino and
Laura Koerner*



William and Kay Allensworth

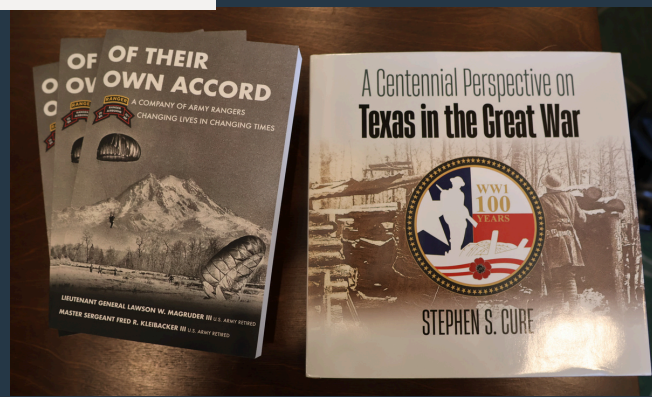
Veterans Day
Nov. 11, 2024



Matt Mathias and Neel White



Peter and Joe Cesaro

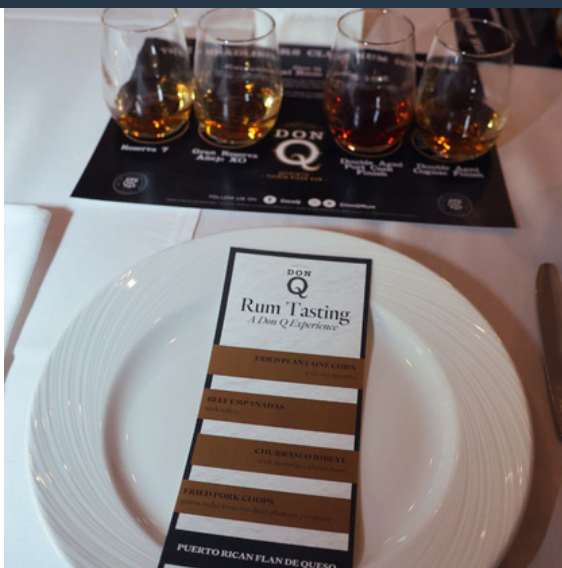


"Of Their Own Accord: A Company of Army Rangers Changing Lives in Changing Times" by Retired Lieutenant General Lawson Magruder.



The Headliners culinary team prepping and plating the Puerto Rican-inspired pairings for the tasting.

Don Q Rum Tasting
Nov. 14, 2024



Don Q Rum and the menu created by Headliners' culinary team.



Tablesides with fellow Headliners members.



One of many food stations set up for the tasting by the Headliners culinary team.



Wick and Kristin Alexander with Julie and Derek Lewis

Tito's Takeover

Nov. 21, 2024



"Spirit in a Bottle: Tales and Drinks from Tito's Handmade Vodka"



The Tito's team shared some of the "making-of" moments from the new recipe book.



Jay and Martha Webster sampling the food and drink stations.



Chad and Stephanie Wiley



Richard Segura and Frank Berlanga Jr.



The Clarkson twins



Margaret Heaton Clarkson and Louise Clarkson with father/grandfather Ted Heaton



Janet, Julie and Logan Emr



The Mackowiak family (l to r) Georgia, Larry, Mallory, Claire, Matt and Amy



Santa letter box getting put to use.

Breakfast with Santa

Nov. 23, 2024

(l to r, back row first) Sean, Diana, Bond, Cleo and Atlas Skellenger



Daniela, Liliانا and Luis Patiño



Alice and Meade Bauer



Headliners elves hardly working.



Wesley, Tucker and Marshal Hughes



Bill Netherton, Carol and Tim Crowley



Clay McPhail



Headliners GM Kevin Newbolt and Meade Bauer



Headliners Holidays Treats



(l to r, top to bottom) Derek Lewis, Tim Taylor, Tim Crowley, Brian Greig, Joe Basham, Meade Bauer, Wick Alexander, Milam Newby, Lee Yeakel, Carl Stuart, Louis Granger, William Allensworth, Carolyn Lewis, Mindy Ellmer

Breakfast with Santa

Nov. 23, 2024



Susan Dawson, Ken Mannas and Brian Greig



Grayson, Catherine and Sterling Howry



Rose Betty Williams



Anne and Lee Yeakel with Chuck Nash



Abdul B. Subhani and Jack Wolfe



Tim Taylor



Marla McClain and Michael Kentor



Katie and Tim May



Jack Wolfe and Carl Stuart

MNSB: Abdul B. Subhani
Sept. 9, 2024



Rob Hargrove and Andrew Maebius



Dan O'Meara and Scott Carr



Mark Hawkins, Todd Martin and Christian Petrou



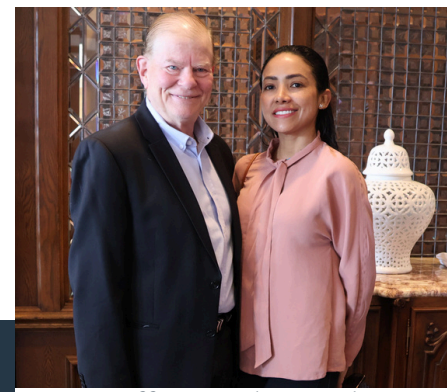
Adam Klein



Byron Wilkinson and Andrew McKibbin



Adam Klein and Jody Ferguson



Jeffrey Dochen and Yasmiris Mesa

MNSB: Adam Klein
Oct. 8, 2024



Nancy Pollard and Sharon Jayson

Ronney and Carole Reynolds

Bob Kahn and Ken Herman



Hayden Baggett and Molly Carr

Gary and Doyle Valdez

Bob Kahn

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Sept. 27, 2024

“Austin Energy 101” with Bob Kahn, (general manager prior to June 30, 2025) gave Headliners a multifaceted look at the country’s third-largest municipally owned utility from the inside out.

Industry wonks were in the audience, but so were plenty of average ratepayers (aka Headliners Club members) who heard what’s in store to keep power on, even as Austin Energy aims at being carbon-free and helping its customers stay safe.

“You know, we are public power. We’re not an investor-owned utility. We do what is best for the community and, obviously, what City Council wants — my bosses,” said Kahn, who had served at Austin Energy earlier in his career as general counsel and vice president of legal services, in addition to a stint as its deputy general manager.

For a “very compact service area of 437 square miles, with half of it outside the city of Austin,” Kahn said Austin Energy counts 550,000 meters and has more than a million customers.

And that means a balance between reliability, affordability and sustainability that will keep the lights on, with rates that people can pay, amid efforts to rely on sustainable energy sources.

“We have a very diverse portfolio,” he said. “We’ve got wind, solar, gas, coal, nuclear, biomass.” (Biomass is a renewable energy source derived from organic materials such as plants and animal waste.)

“The City Council passed a resolution in 2020 saying they wanted us to be carbon-free by 2035, so we are working on that,” he said.

As was evident from his presentation and the audience questioning, Kahn knows his stuff. He was general manager of the Texas Municipal Power Agency and served as president and CEO at the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), where he was responsible for managing the flow of electric power to more than 20 million Texans, as well as the reliability of the electric transmission grid for 85% of the state. Before serving as its CEO, Kahn was an ERCOT board member. He has represented clients in the electric industry and played key roles in the public power industry negotiations and drafting of retail deregulation legislation for Texas.

Prior to when he joined Austin Energy the first time, Kahn was in private practice, advising municipally owned electric utilities, and he served as lead counsel in proceedings before the Public Utility Commission (PUC) of Texas, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Railroad Commission. He previously worked as a staff attorney in the PUC General Counsel’s Office, representing the public’s interest in electric and water utility rate and certification cases.

It’s winter again. And the ice storms and power outages such as those of the recent past now loom. Kahn is quick to remind his audience about Austin Energy crews who work to restore service.

“People have no idea — generally — how hard and dangerous and complicated it is for our field people when they’re out there when these storms occur,” he said.

By Sharon Jayson

Shaking It Up: Liz Carpenter

Oct. 7, 2024

The spirit of Liz Carpenter, who died in 2010, once again filled The Headliners Club on Oct. 7 as her daughter, Christie Carpenter, told club members about her new documentary film, “Shaking It Up: The Life and Times of Liz Carpenter.” Produced in collaboration with accomplished documentary filmmaker Abby Ginzberg, the film profiles the indomitable Liz, from her deep Texas family roots through her remarkable career and spirited “retirement” in Austin.

In his introduction of the program principals (Christie and fellow Headliner Ken Herman), Dan Bullock recalled when the then-president of the mostly all-male Headliners Club received a call from Liz, who informed him, “I’m going to join The Headliners Club. Send me the papers!” In short order, after some hasty backroom footwork, membership invitations to several strong and accomplished Austin women went out, among them, Liz Carpenter.

Born in Salado into a family with a long tradition of forceful female activists, Carpenter always felt herself drawn to the center of the fray and found journalism a way to be on the front row of current events, next to the people who were making the news of the day.

In 1942, Carpenter was 22 years old when she went to live in Washington, D.C., wishing to be “in the room where it was happening.” She provided coverage of the White House and Congress for the Austin American-Statesman, and that assignment furnished her with a press pass, something few women had at the time. Soon, however, first lady Eleanor Roosevelt restricted her press conferences to female reporters only, and Carpenter was there to walk through that door.

In 1960, she covered the Democratic National Convention and shortly thereafter joined the campaign staff of Sen. Lyndon Johnson in his run for the vice presidency. She provided the first draft of the words delivered by Johnson upon his return to Washington after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Soon, she was asked to become first lady Lady Bird Johnson’s press secretary and staff director.

In 1971, Carpenter was approached by Betty Friedan to take an active role in the emerging women’s rights movement, a task she enthusiastically pursued for the remainder of her life, even in retirement.

The documentary film project was three years in the realization, arising from copious research Christie Carpenter had already amassed for a planned book about her mother’s life. When she and Ginzberg began scouring the archival countryside for visual content, they were amazed at the depth of the resource, and how forthcoming various organizations were in providing access to the materials for use in the film.

The production is filled with clips and photos of Carpenter and husband Les, their family, and the events they covered over many years through Carpenter News Service, including moments from Carpenter’s time with the Johnsons and beyond. The narrative is paced with testimonials from her friends and colleagues, including Bill Moyers, Dan Rather, Lynda Johnson Robb, Luci Johnson Turpin and Gloria Steinem.

The audience, which included Liz Carpenter’s longtime friends, supporters and associates, thoroughly enjoyed the easy repartee between Christie Carpenter and Ken Herman as they guided their listeners on a pleasant and informative retrospective of a remarkable personality.

By: Gary Pickle



Gary and Jan Pickle with Louann Temple

Linda McCoy, Jeffrey Dochen and Mesa Serna



Dan Bullock, Christie Carpenter and Ken Herman

TC Broadnax

Nov. 11, 2024



Brian Greig and TC Broadnax

It was readily apparent that the presentation would be a momentous one. The crowd was diverse — Headliners Club members and their guests, along with men and women in uniform, making up a strong contingent of Austin’s public servants, including Austin Police Chief Lisa Davis, Austin-Travis County EMS Chief Robert Luckritz, Deputy City Manager Jon Fortune and City Council Member Ryan Alter.

Brian Greig, chairman of The Headliners Club board, provided an impressive introduction of TC Broadnax, who has been Austin city manager since May 2024. Before his arrival in Austin, Broadnax served as city manager of Dallas and Tacoma, Washington, and as assistant city manager of San Antonio and Pompano Beach, Florida. He received a bachelor’s degree from Washburn University in Kansas, majoring in political science and communications; a master’s in public administration from the University of North Texas; and an honorary doctorate in public service from Washburn University.

While serving as Dallas city manager, Broadnax implemented a racial equity plan, a comprehensive housing plan, an economic development strategy and incentive plan, a strategic mobility plan, and a comprehensive environmental and climate action plan. As Austin city manager, he leads 16,000 employees and handles a nearly \$6 billion budget. As Greig concluded in his introduction, Broadnax “brings skills and experience to the table on target with Austin’s current needs and issues.”

The first question Greig asked Broadnax was, “Why Austin?” He replied that he had always been impressed with how the mayor and City Council have navigated long-term aims well, separate from the state government. Also, he said he has always wanted to manage a capital city, adding that Austin is “a city I love.” He went on to acknowledge that it has been a wild six months. To audience applause, Broadnax complimented Alter for his role in finalizing the police contract, which is expected to stabilize that work force and help recruitment. He said he feels that “it may be expensive but worth it.”

Broadnax discussed the upcoming legislative session. His goals and priorities include preserving Austin’s independence in the energy sector, housing and development, transportation and mobility (with “no more harm in lawsuits due to Project Connect”), and public safety vis-a-vis people who are experiencing homelessness. He revealed that the city’s Homeless Strategy Office is in the process of revamping itself because “we are not hitting the mark.” The priority? “Being sheltered.” The city currently has 8,000-plus housing units involved, with \$121 million going to affordable housing and \$4 million going to people who are homeless.

Having recently accomplished adoption of a two-year balanced budget, Broadnax said he is very excited and believes that “the best days of Austin are in front of us, with less head scratching and more solutions.” He concluded by stating that he “couldn’t be prouder to be city manager or prouder of my team.”

Questions from the audience followed. The first addressed the fact that a city manager has three constituencies — the public, City Council and staff members. How do you balance? Broadnax replied that the key is a good relationship with the mayor and City Council. He also said that it helped that he has felt very welcomed.

Next, Broadnax was asked how the public could help him. He responded that it was important for constituents to share their thoughts with their City Council members. In that way, he can do the best for the community.



TC Broadnax

How is the current office structured.? Broadnax answered that his office had undergone a recent restructuring, with each assistant city manager (ACM) having oversight over five areas, such as human resources or watershed protection. He said he trusts his ACMs and hopes that things don't "bubble up" to the city manager. "I try to empower my ACMs as if I didn't exist," he said.

The final question is always of great interest to Austinites. "How many homeless are there, and how many prefer living on the street?" Broadnax estimated there are 5,000 to 6,000 homeless people in the city, about 1,200 of whom are chronically homeless and prefer living on the street. Right now, there are 1,000-plus housing units in the pipeline, but we are behind and always need help from private and philanthropic sectors, he said.

Broadnax exhibited an upbeat aura, and Headliners members appeared to be receptive to his ideas, sense of humor, and casual (but serious) manner. Judging by the applause, the next six months should be as exciting as the first.



Lisa Davis and Robert Luckritz



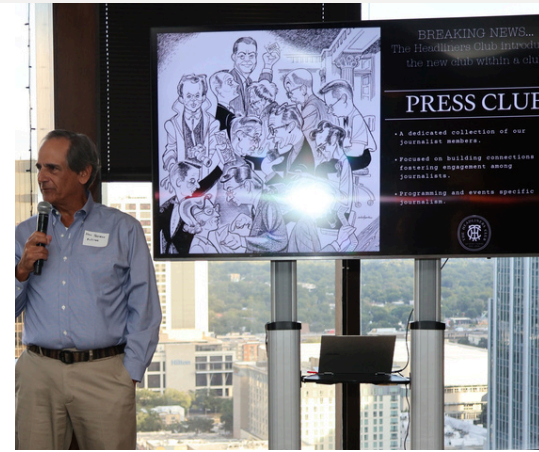
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Neal and Cile Spelce with Harvey Kronberg



Neal Spelce and Ken Herman



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Journalists and their guests.



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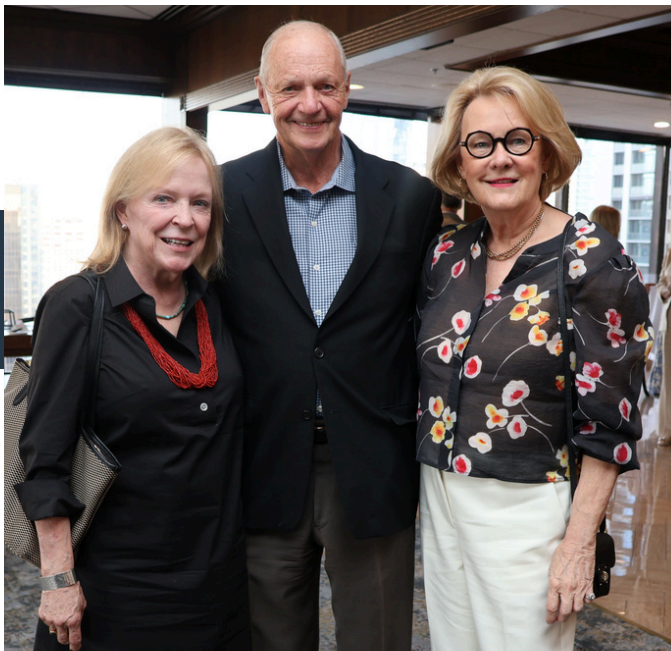
Slug Party
Oct. 8, 2024



(l to r) The Non-Partisan Journalism panel: Kathleen McElroy, Courtney Sebesta, Debbie Hiott, and moderator Ken Herman



Sharon Schweitzer and Amy Villarreal



Myra Crownover and Terral Smith with Vicki Holt



Claire and Carl Stuart with Bettye Nowlin



The ladies from the panel: Debbie Hiott, Kathleen McElroy and Courtney Sebesta

Non-Partisan Journalism

Oct. 10, 2024



Ben Bentzin, Gary Leff and Frontliners' Sean Skellenger



Wroe Jackson and Stephen Jeffrey attending the Andrew Cates Speaker Series "AI in Elections."



Frontliners Speaker and fellow member Bryan Sheffield with his daughter



Speaker Andrew Cates

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Wick Alexander

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University of Texas
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The Headliners Club has reciprocal agreements with the clubs below:

Members should contact The Headliners Club prior to visiting a reciprocal club. Headliners will initiate contact with a letter of introduction. A letter is needed for each reciprocal club visit. In many cases with a letter of good standing, we can make arrangements on a temporary basis with other clubs not listed below.

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Crescent Club, Dallas

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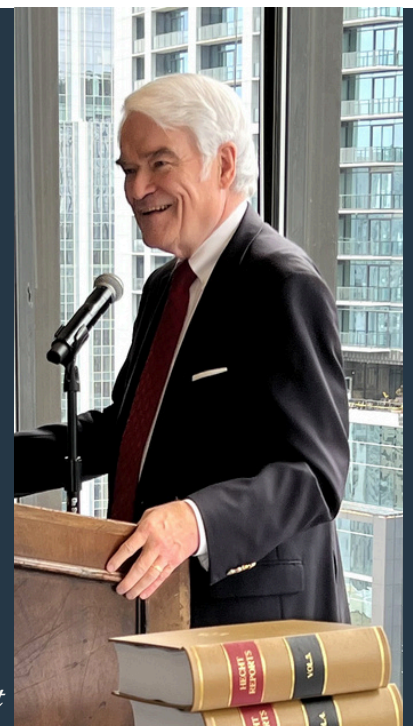
Congratulations to **Tim Crowley**, recipient of the W. Neal Kocurek Commercial Real Estate Special Achievement Award, which was established to honor those who have had a lasting impact on the industry and the community at large.



Tony Plohetski and Courtney Sebesta

Fellow Headliners Members **Tony Plohetski and Courtney Sebesta** won the 2024 Edward R. Murrow Award for shooting rampage coverage.

We were honored to have Headliners Club member and Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice **Nathan Hecht** celebrate his retirement from the bench at the Club after 35 years. Congratulations, Chief Justice Hecht!



Nathan Hecht

2024 Mike Quinn Awards Luncheon is One for the Record Books!



Record attendance, announcement of the Foundation's newest journalism award, and a star-studded keynote panel are just a few of the highlights from the 2024 Mike Quinn Awards Luncheon!



Foundation Vice Chair Patti Smith recognizes the 2024-25 scholarship recipients.

On Saturday, October 5, the Headliners Foundation welcomed a record number of guests to its annual Mike Quinn Awards Luncheon. More than 135 Foundation supporters, scholarship recipients, professional journalism award-winners, university faculty, Board members, Headliners Club members, managing editors, news directors and other industry professionals gathered in Austin for our annual celebration of the Texas journalism community. Foundation Board Chair Patti Ohlendorf, who served as the day's emcee, kicked things off with welcome remarks and recognition of special guests in the audience.

Patti Smith, vice chair of the Foundation and chair of the Academic Excellence Committee, introduced 20 outstanding scholarship recipients from seven different Texas universities, and each one had a moment to shine as they spoke about their college journalism experiences and career aspirations after graduation.



The 2024-25 Ellen and Mark Morrison Scholarship recipient introduces herself to the crowd.



Former Headliners Club Presidents Mindy Ellmer and Elizabeth Christian, also longtime Foundation governor, enjoying the welcome reception.

Twenty-three professional journalism award winners were on hand to accept their award trophies and certificates from Professional Excellence Committee member and Foundation Secretary Kathleen McElroy. Journalists from small, medium, and large media markets across the state were honored for exceptional work produced in 2023. After the presentations, Foundation Board member Tony Pederson announced the creation of our newest journalism award, the Burl Osborne Award. The award honors the memory of Burl Osborne, former executive editor and publisher of the Dallas Morning News. The Foundation announces the first Osborne Award-winner in the spring.

Foundation Governor and former executive editor of The Texas Tribune Ross Ramsey led keynote panelists Manny Garcia, executive editor of The Houston Landing; Debbie Hiott, general manager of KUT; and Matthew Watkins, editor-in-chief of The Texas Tribune through a fascinating exploration of the impact of digital media platforms on the rapidly changing landscape of local media. The insightful discussion touched on a number of issues, including the integration of digital media formats into traditional journalism outlets and advice for young journalists just starting their careers.

Huge thanks to Patti Ohlendorf, Patti Smith, Kathleen McElroy, Tony Pederson, and Ross Ramsey for their hard work and participation. Thanks, also, to the keynote panelists for lending their time and talents to the program, and to all who joined in the celebration of Texas' exceptional journalism community. See you next year!



Board Chair Patti Ohlendorf with the 2023 Star Reporter of the Year Eleanor Klibanoff and Professional Excellence Committee member Kathleen McElroy



2023 Photojournalist of the year Omar Ornelas from the El Paso Times receives his award trophy from Patti Ohlendorf (l) and Kathleen McElroy (r).



Board Chair Patti Ohlendorf presents the Star Opinion Writer of the Year trophy to Nancy Pryor-Johnson from the San Antonio Express-News with Kathleen McElroy.



Foundation Board Chair Patti Ohlendorf welcomes a record crowd to the 2024 Mike Quinn Awards Luncheon.



Longtime Foundation supporters Sarah (r) and Ernest Butler (l) with the 2024-25 Butler Scholarship recipient, McKenzie Henningsen.



Panelists Manny Garcia, Matthew Watkins, Debbie Hiott and Ross Ramsey discuss the changing landscape of local media.

Please visit www.headlinersfoundation.org to access the photo gallery and videos from the event.

Continuing the Tradition - Honoring the Best of the Best in Texas Journalism

In 1957, The Headliners Club began recognizing excellence in Texas journalism, and the Headliners Foundation has proudly carried on that tradition since its inception in 1983. The Foundation is pleased to announce the winners of this year's professional journalism awards for work produced in 2024.

Charles E. Green Journalism Award

To honor the memory of the longtime editor of the Austin American-Statesman and Headliners Club founder, the Headliners Foundation presents the Charles E. Green Awards to recognize Texas journalists who produce the very best news reporting, photography, commentary, and digital reporting. Awardees are selected by a group of judges from across the nation and are presented in partnership with the Texas Association of Broadcasters (TAB) and the Texas Managing Editors.



Best Television Reporter

Bill Churchwell, KIII-TV, Corpus Christi

Best Investigative Report by a Television Station

"Preventing Disaster: Investigating Hospital Crashes"
Matt Grant, Josh Hinkle, Dalton Huey, and
Chris Nelson, KXAN-TV, Austin

Best Breaking News Report by a Television Station

"University of Texas Protests" Jennifer Sanders, Daniel
Marin, Chelsea Moreno, and
KXAN Newsroom Staff, KXAN-TV, Austin

Best Radio Reporter

Nathan Bernier, KUT, Austin

Best Breaking News Report by a Radio Station

"Dallas Officer Shooting" Staff Reporters,
KRLD NewsRadio 1080, Dallas

Star Reporter of the Year

Eric Dexheimer, *Houston Chronicle*

Star Investigative Report of the Year

"In Broad Daylight" Sara DiNatale,
San Antonio Express-News

Star Opinion Writer of the Year

Michael A. Smith, *Galveston County Daily News*

Star Photojournalist of the Year

Smiley Pool, *The Dallas Morning News*

Star Breaking News Report of the Year

"Dallas Police Shooting" Staff Reporters,
The Dallas Morning News

Overall Excellence Across

TAB and TME Organizations

"Juárez migrant detention center fire a year later"
Staff Reporters, El Paso Matters

Showcase Award

The Showcase Award recognizes excellence in investigative and storytelling journalism. Earlier this year, the Headliners Foundation proudly announced its newest award, named for the late Burl Osborne, former publisher of *The Dallas Morning News*. The new award recognizes outstanding reporting on social justice and human rights.



BURL OSBORNE AWARD

Inaugural Gold Award - "A Fatal Fall: The Treysuhr Carter Mystery." Josh Hinkle, David Barer, Richie Bowes, and Dalton Huey, KXAN-TV, Austin

Inaugural Silver Award - "Silent Suffering: How Neglect and Abuse Thrived inside Dallas County's Juvenile Jail." Rebecca Lopez, Charles Carter, and Jason Trahan, WFAA-TV, Dallas

INVESTIGATIVE CATEGORY

Gold Award - "Preventing Disaster: Investigating Hospital Crashes." Matt Grant, Josh Hinkle, Dalton Huey, and Chris Nelson, KXAN-TV, Austin

Silver Award - "Powerless: How Hurricane Beryl devastated the country's fourth largest city and the energy company's decisions that kept millions in the dark." Neena Satija, Mike Morris, Claire Hao, Amanda Drane, and Eric Dexheimer, *Houston Chronicle*

Silver Award - "Toll Tap." Yamil Berard, Tom Fox, *The Dallas Morning News*

STORYTELLING CATEGORY

Gold Award - "The Juror Who Found Herself Guilty." Michael Hall, *Texas Monthly*

Silver Award - "A Hanging on Backbone Creek: Unraveling Texas' Antiquated Death Investigations." Josh Hinkle, Dalton Huey, Arezow Doost, Richie Bowes, and David Barer, KXAN-TV, Austin

Silver Award - "The Lakewood Church shooter had encounters with more than 50 officers. Nobody stopped her." Caroline Ghisolfi, Amelia Winger, and Matt deGroot, *Houston Chronicle*

FIVE CERTIFICATES OF MERIT WERE ALSO ISSUED

"These awards represent the broad scope of outstanding work being produced by Texas journalists," said Fred Zipp, vice chair of the Foundation and chair of the Professional Excellence Committee, which oversees the awards process.

"Texas journalists continue to create extraordinary, high-quality work," said Patti Ohlendorf, chair of the Foundation's Board of Governors.

All winning entries are posted on the Foundation's website at www.headlinersfoundation.org. Please join us in congratulating all of our 2024 professional journalism contest winners!

2025 Lundquist Institute Event Sets Fundraising Record for The Headliners Foundation



(front to back, left to right) Guests of honor Archie Manning, Nancy Lundquist and Verne Lundquist with event committee members Neal Spelce, John Robinson, Tim Taylor, Amy Villarreal, Sharon Schweitzer, S. Griffin Singer, Ed Clements, Mark Morrison



Event Committee member and sponsor Amy Villarreal (r) with CBS News Anchor Walt Maciborski (l), 2023 Lundquist Scholar Drake Toll (center l), and 2025 Lundquist Scholar Foster Nicholas (center r)

On Thursday, April 17, a full house of Headliners Club members, sports fans and Foundation supporters joined legendary sports broadcaster Verne Lundquist and his special guest, former New Orleans Saints quarterback Archie Manning, to raise funds for the Verne Lundquist Sports Media Institute, a program of the Headliners Foundation. KLBJ Radio personality Ed Clements served as the Master of Ceremonies again and shared some highlights of last year's Lundquist Institute programming. Clements introduced the 2022 and 2024 Lundquist Scholarship recipients (the 2023 recipient could not attend the event) and treated guests to a peek behind the scenes of the 2024 Verne Lundquist Sports Media Camp, an annual event hosted by the UT Center for Sports Communication & Media with significant funding from the Headliners Foundation.



Event Committee members and sponsors Sharon Schweitzer (l) and John Robinson (center r) with former Club President Neal Spelce (center l) and his daughter Cile Spelce (r)



Guest of honor Verne Lundquist with Lundquist Institute Chair and event sponsor Mark Morrison and Ellen Morrison

The evening's main event featured Verne and Archie swapping funny, nostalgic, and heartwarming stories of their careers in sports and broadcasting. Archie spoke about his humble beginnings, his famous family, including Super Bowl champions Peyton and Eli, his eldest son, Cooper, and grandson Arch, who is now the starting quarterback for the Texas Longhorns.

A record crowd of 180 guests enjoyed the dinner and program, including Denver Broncos and former UT Longhorn quarterback Sam Ehlinger, former Kansas City Chiefs and UT Longhorn linebacker Derrick Johnson, former UT Longhorn quarterback Jon Aune, former TCU, Houston Oilers, and Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Mike Renfro, former UT Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds, award-winning journalist and author Neal Spelce, CBS Austin Sports Director Bob Ballou, CBS Austin News Anchor Walt Maciborski, Austin American-Statesman sports writer Cedric Golden, and Austin Symphony Orchestra Musical Director and Conductor Peter Bay. The event raised more than \$90,000 to support scholarships and other programming of the Lundquist Institute.

Special thanks to Verne and Nancy Lundquist, Archie Manning, Ed Clements, Scotty Sayers, Lundquist Institute Chair Mark Morrison, Foundation Board Chair Patti Ohlendorf, the Lundquist Institute leadership team, Headliners Club Chairman Meade Bauer, Headliners Club President Wick Alexander, and our generous sponsors for another unforgettable evening!



Christy and David Dauphin enjoy the VIP cocktail reception.



Event committee member and sponsor Tim Taylor (r) at the VIP reception with Sandy Gottesman (l) and former Longhorn quarterback Sam Ehlinger, who currently plays for the Denver Broncos.



(front to back, left to right) Archie and Verne with Neal Spelce and Lundquist Scholarship recipients



Guests of honor Verne Lundquist and Archie Manning swap behind-the-scenes stories of their legendary careers.



Verne, Archie and Ed field questions from the guests.



Live auction donor Scotty Sayers and emcee-turned-auctioneer Ed Clements take bids on a Masters flag autographed by two golf legends: Jack Nicklaus and Verne Lundquist



Auction winner and event sponsor Stuart Shaw (r) with guest of honor Archie Manning (l)

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Ellen and Mark Morrison

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