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President's Letter



Dear Friends of The Forum,

"Back to our regularly scheduled programming" has been the theme of this year and we have done so in full force!

Since our last newsletter, The Forum was pleased to host a Spring Lecture Luncheon on March 2nd featuring Dr. Corinna Ross discussing "The Fountain of Youth." Dr. Ross presented to

a sold out crowd that included our first-ever high school Science Education Award Scholarship recipients. Thank you to **Emilie Petty** for this beautifully planned day and to **Kate Rogers** for overseeing our Science Education Awards' transition from educator awards to student scholarships.

On March 24th **Jessica Worth** chaired our inaugural Skeet Shoot in partnership with the Founder's Council. This fun and unique event was an incredible financial success (raising just over \$100,000!) and we look forward to recreating it for many years to come. Thank you to Jessica and her committee for a job well done!

And last, but certainly not least, our wonderful gala, *The Enchantment of Spring*, ended our year of events and programming on a high note on May 7th. **Rebecca Nathan**, **Audra Kerr, Callie Price, Avril Byrne** and the entire gala committee produced a magical evening. I cannot thank them

enough for the incredible amount of time, energy and planning they each contributed. As you well know, the gala is our most significant fundraising event. Our fiscal year ends July 31st and our wonderful treasurers, **Mary Labatt** and **Bonnie Muecke**, are busy crunching the numbers from gala and our other fundraising efforts to finalize our gift to Texas Biomed. We look forward to presenting that check in early August.

As I reflect on the last 12 months, I'm in awe of what we were able to accomplish. What a wonderful and busy year we have had as an organization! Two lecture luncheons, two member special events, a new signature event, a new scholarship program, a sold out gala, 294 members, a beautifully designed new website, \$234,873 in grant donations (as of printing), and priceless awareness raised for TBRI.

It has been my absolute privilege to lead the dynamic group of women who make up our board of trustees. Each and every one of them have contributed to our success in a unique and meaningful way. It was bittersweet to hand the gavel to incoming President Emilie Petty, but no more capable hands to receive it. I am excited to cheer her on and know that the future is bright for our organization under her leadership—and for the years to come. And now, it is my great honor to join the illustrious ranks of our Past Presidents, including Immediate Past President Cynthia Kerby and my dear advisors: Barbara Dreeben, Rhonda Low, Laura Moorman, Jane Satel, and Julie Zacher.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

Gratefully, Amelita Mauzé



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT, EMILIE PETTY

As The Forum heads into our 53rd year, I am honored to serve alongside a strong and dynamic group of women and lead as President. A heartfelt THANK YOU to **Amelita Mauzé** for serving as our 2021 – 2022 President. As a trusted friend and fellow board member, I have served with Amelita for many years in The Forum and I am inspired by her passion and leadership. Moreover, The Forum has been extremely blessed to have her as a key member for more than a decade. From the Board of Trustees and the membership at large, we thank you, Amelita, for all the special touches you have added to our organization throughout your tenure, and we are grateful for the role that you have played in where we are today. I am excited to continue in Amelita's footsteps and look forward to a fantastic upcoming year for The Forum! With an amazing board of trustees, a fantastic group of trusted advisors and our wonderful members, the 2022 – 2023 year is going to be fantastic!



MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Forum members are the bedrock of our organization. The annual membership dues are a significant component of the gift presented to the Texas Biomedical Research Institute each year. By joining, members help to ensure the ongoing success of our organization, and the impact it has on our community and the world. This year, our 2021 – 2022 membership dues generated \$34,865 in income. There were 219 paying members, 35 Lifetime members and 40 Honorary Members.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

This year, our communications team worked hard behind the scenes to bring you all the news and happenings at The Forum. Our team was comprised of the following talented trustees: Katie Fravell, Sarah Hager, Angie Light, Angela Rabke, Katie Rogers, Stacy Schlagel and Emily Sytsma.

The Forum received a brand new beautiful website early this year! **Katie Rogers** spent many hours creating and testing our website. After many updates and uploads later, you can now view everything Forum at www.texasbiomedicalforum.org.

Katie's meticulous attention to detail has ensured that The Forum's communication is fresh and streamlined. We have never looked better!

One part data analyst, one part detective, **Katie Fravell** tended to our growing membership database. Katie spent countless hours updating our membership data, all while fielding many requests and tracking down missing information. We could not have done any of our jobs without her!

The Forum generated 23 social media posts, 24 stories, and 17 e-blasts this year. While this may not seem like a lot, **Sarah Hager** our social media and e-blast coordinator, made sure The Forum was always polished and on-point, sharing information quickly via many formats.

Stacy Schlagel took on the role of correspondence for The Forum. Stacy kept us engaged with local publications and sent condolences and greetings on behalf of The Forum to our current and past members.

Lastly, the very newsletter you are reading along with the Fall and Winter newsletters were created by **Angie Light** and **Angela Rabke**. As our year returned to normal, we had plenty of updates and news to share with you. Angie and Angela worked hard to make sure our newsletters were on time and in our membership mailboxes this year.

SPRING LECTURE LUNCHEON AND SCIENCE EDUCATION AWARDS

The Forum's members and guests enjoyed a beautiful San Antonio day for our Spring Lecture Luncheon and Science Education Awards on March 2nd, 2022. Dr. Corinna Ross, Ph.D. kicked off the event with a lively discussion and presentation on the Fountain of Youth. Dr. Ross presented her research on improving human health and life span.

Following the presentation, The Forum recognized and awarded funds to seven incredibly talented students from Bexar County. The Science Education Awards are generously funded by The Forum and the V.H. McNutt Memorial Foundation and have historically been given to teachers whose proposals demonstrate a strong commitment to the scientific process and activities designed to ignite and inspire student curiosity about science. Beginning in the 2021 - 2022 school year, the awards transitioned to focus on scholarships for students. This the first time that The Forum recognized outstanding students in our community.

The winners were selected with support from the Minnie Piper Stevens Foundation who helped in reviewing the more than 40 applications that were received. A successful applicant must be a senior graduating from a Bexar County or contiguous county High School, must have a GPA of 3.5 or better and must intend to pursue a college curriculum directed towards a degree in Science. Founders of the Science Education Awards Valerie Guenther and Jerilyn Blanchard were in attendance.

At the closing of the presentation, guests and award recipients convened in The Argyle for a wonderful spring lunch and fun raffle for a \$500 gift card, generously donated by Julian Gold. Many thanks to Emilie Herrmann Petty, Vice President Lecture Luncheon; Kate Rogers, Science Education Awards; Dr. Corinna Ross; Susanna Young with Texas Biomed; and Julian Gold for organizing a successful Spring Lecture Luncheon and Science Education Awards presentation.















SCIENCE EDUCATION STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

SILVER AWARD \$2,500:

Laasya Pani Khandavalli Brandeis High School
Laasya is attending University of Texas at Austin to study
Environmental Science. She is the recipient of the AP Scholar
with distinction award, serves as a math and reading tutor
and a yoga teacher and is the co-captain of the Varsity
Debate team. She leads the Climate and conservation
committee of the UNA and enjoys volunteering for the Red
Cross as well as the Food Bank.

Stella Luzmaria Marti MacArthur High School

Stella is attending Johns Hopkins University. She is the salutatorian of her class and a National Hispanic Merit Scholar. She has also received the presidential volunteer service award five years in a row for her work with the Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas. She serves as the president of the Mu Alpha Theta math club and is also an accomplished violinist and Texas Music Scholar.

Kailey Sue Rettmann Byron P. Steele II High School Kailey is attending Texas A&M University to study

Kailey is attending Texas A&M University to study
Oceanography. She is active in the band and the National
Honor Society and volunteers at the RISE Therapeutic
Equestrian Center. She is number 3 in her class with a
combined SAT score of over 1400 who also regularly
competes in Academic UIL, earning over three medals and
four ribbons.

Rodrigo Rosas Alamo Heights High School

Rodrigo is attending Harvey Mudd College to study chemical or biomedical engineering. He is fluent in both Spanish and French and is a member of the National French Honor Society. He is an active community volunteer who also competes on the UIL math team and serves as the treasurer of the Interact Club.

Sarah Jayne Willmann Churchill High School

Sarah is attending Duke University to study general engineering or environmental science. She is the salutatorian of her class and an AP Scholar with Distinction. She has achieved both the gold and silver level for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award and is an accomplished musician who is active in her church and a leader in the band.

GOLD AWARD \$5,000:

Cristina Ada Castilla Judson Early College Academy

Christina is attending the University of Texas at Austin to study chemistry or Environmental Science. She is the Salutatorian of her class who has earned her Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts while in high school. She is a native Spanish speaker who volunteers at both the DoSeum and the San Antonio Zoo and serves as the President of the Student Council along with competing in Robotics.



FIRST ANNUAL TEXAS BIOMEDICAL FORUM AND FOUNDER'S COUNCIL SKEET SHOOT

On Wednesday, March 24th, 2022, The Forum and Founder's Council co-hosted an inaugural skeet shoot benefitting Texas Biomedical Research Institute. In lieu of a traditional VIP Gala Event, co-chairs Jessica Worth and Stephanie Dick collaborated and gathered supporters and shooters together for a competitive and successful day at the San Antonio Gun Club.

The planning committee, comprised of both Forum and Founder's Council members, worked seamlessly together to execute this first-time fundraiser.

Overall, the event raised more than \$110,000, which will benefit Texas Biomedical Research Institute. A special thank you to title sponsor Modern Outfitters, as well as Lewis Energy Group, Mission 3A and Worth SA, for their generous support.

Shooters and spectators were treated to an assortment of Mexican fare from El Jarro de Arturo; enjoyed libations from Mamacitas and Silver Eagle; listened to live music by Ben McPeak; and browsed pop-up shops and bid on silent auction items. Scott Otta, a renowned sommelier, provided a threecourse flight of excellent wines for spectators and shooters to enjoy courtesy of our underwriters Asel & Associates and Paleo Car Care.

Twenty-eight teams competed in the skeet shoot. Winners Bill Ethridge and Rudy Bazan tied for first place and were presented a CZ Redhead Premier Shotgun, generously donated by Modern Outfitters. Once presented the shotgun by Modern Outfitters, winner Rudy Bazan turned around and donated the rifle back to be auctioned off.

A big thank you to Sorella, Sarah Jessop and the SJ, Fraulein Boots, Chap's Chopping Tops, Bad Burros, Nicola Bathie Jewelry, and Dos Carolinas for the pop-up shopping experiences. Thank you to all of our generous silent auction donors including Jeanann Wilkson, John Shima, the DoSeum, Stephen Wilson Studio, Paloma Blanca, Cured, Suhail Arastu, Holt Cat, Papa Johns, Matthew Berry, Steves and Sons, Natural Bridge Caverns, Nicola Bathie, and Dos Carolinas.

Without our army volunteers, this event would not have been possible. Many thanks to our talented and hardworking committee Aaron Asel, Lauren Biegler, Hilary Bridgman, Sarah Conquest, Heather Craig, Gloria and Miguel Dilley, Burkley Fitzsimons, Adrianna Grossman, Lindsay Guenther, Lauren Hawa, Meredith Howard, Andrew Hunt, Audra Kerr, Amelita Mauzé, Muffin Moorman, Bonnie and Mark Muecke, Rebecca Nathan, Ashley Quintanilla, Katie Rogers, Kristin Tips, and Alexis Wiesenthal. The San Antonio Gun Club and Manager PD Parker also played a key role in the success of the event.

As always, The Forum is grateful for the continued support from our partnership with Akudo Anyanwu and her team at Texas Biomedical Research Institute.



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THE ENCHANTMENT OF SPRING

Nearly 500 people attended The Forum's 51st Annual Gala, The Enchantment of Spring, at The Argyle on May 7, 2022. Guests and The Argyle were resplendent in springtime finery despite a record-breaking 102 degrees. A harpist played lovely music to welcome guests into the party as hors d'oeuvres and chilled towels were passed on silver trays. The bars were well-stocked and serving cold drinks thanks to our spirits sponsors, Maverick Bourbon Whiskey; Dulce Vida Tequila; and Tito's Handmade Vodka.

A shining star of the evening was the Ribbon Pull, an interactive and fundraising concept that was conceptualized by the Gala team. Guests purchased the chance to pull a satin ribbon hanging from a beautiful tree to reveal a prize. The grand prize of the Ribbon Pull was a pair of diamond earrings graciously donated by Kelly Wade Jewelers. We are incredibly grateful to all of the local businesses who donated a prize for the Ribbon Pull which sold out during cocktail hour!

Guests then enjoyed a seated dinner that featured a decadent menu prepared by The Argyle that celebrated the abundance and gifts of springtime.

The After Party was full of fun and merriment. The Drywater Band entertained guests in the gorgeously appointed tent while Maverick Whiskey poured tastings at a table on the lawn. Additionally, three artists from Vogue Vignette out of Austin were on-site sketching portraits of couples and guests perused and purchased tickets for incredible raffle packages.

Guests were delighted to receive bean and cheese tacos and a hand-wrapped bouquet of flowers upon departure.

The Gala team is incredibly grateful to Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry for kindly donating all of the crystal party favors that were hand-delivered by the Gala team to every attendee in the days leading up to the event.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a wonderful success!

GALA THEME OVERVIEW

Gala Chairs **Rebecca Nathan** and **Audra Kerr** started thinking about a theme for our Gala just after the winter storm of 2021. We had just experienced an unprecedented amount of snow. Many people had lost power for days on end. It was a dark time in many ways. And of course, there was Covid.

The poetic parallelisms between the bleak winter resulting in the death of our plants and citrus trees and the tremendous number of losses due to Covid were stark. Our emergence into spring and the regrowth of foliage coincided with Covid vaccines becoming readily available – in large part thanks to the scientists at Texas Biomed who conducted the pre-clinical work for the Pfizer vaccine. It was a time full of excitement and anticipation – and a time full of hope. Hope that we were on our way out of the darkness. Hope that we could again visit and hug our loved ones. Hope that we would be safe and well.

Forum Gala is held on the first Saturday of May, as we annually usher in a new season of birth and renewal. It's the rejuvenation after the cold and the darkness. It's a season of revival. Lady Bird Johnson is known for saying, "where flowers bloom, so does hope." It's with this sentiment and joy that The Enchantment of Spring was born.



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JULIAN GOLD SHOPPING EVENT The Forum would like to thank Julian Gold for its continued and generous support. During the week of March 21st – 26th, 2022, Julian Gold donated 10% of sales to The Forum. Additionally, on Friday March 25th, the retailer hosted a special shopping event for our members. Attendees sipped champagne and browsed the latest spring fashions, all while supporting the wonderful research of the Texas Biomedical Research Institute.

TEXAS BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE'S GLOBAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

Global entrepreneur and philanthropist Sir Richard Branson headlined Texas Biomedical Research Institute's Global Health Symposium, which took place April 28 and 29 online and in person in San Antonio.

Branson is the founder of the Virgin Group, which includes more than 40 companies worldwide, and the nonprofit foundation Virgin Unite, which harnesses the power of businesses and partnerships to tackle social and environmental challenges. For the grand finale of the Global Health Symposium, Branson and Texas Biomed President/ CEO Larry Schlesinger, MD, discussed how Branson's entrepreneurial spirit and philosophy of "Screw it, Let's do it!" can inspire scientists and leaders working on global health.

"Sir Richard Branson is a visionary leader with a great depth of experience building cross-sector partnerships to drive transformational change," Schlesinger said.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown how closely the economy is tied to public health and the need to be better prepared for future pandemics, and the Symposium brought together more than 70 speakers from across sectors. including research, healthcare, government, business and philanthropy and thousands of participants to explore innovative approaches to address pandemic preparedness and sustainable global development. "Health and sustainable development are closely intertwined, but the people we need to collaborate on these grand challenges are not often in the same room - we are seeking to change that with this symposium," Anyanwu said.

Other Keynote speakers included Dr. Judith Monroe, President and CEO of the CDC Foundation, who discussed "Partnerships and Philanthropy in Pandemics and Beyond" and Dr. Tony Frank, Chancellor of the Colorado State

"There is no time to waste. Even as we continue to navigate the waves of COVID-19 variants, we must forge new, unusual partnerships to protect people's health on a daily basis and during outbreaks of novel pathogens that have yet to emerge."

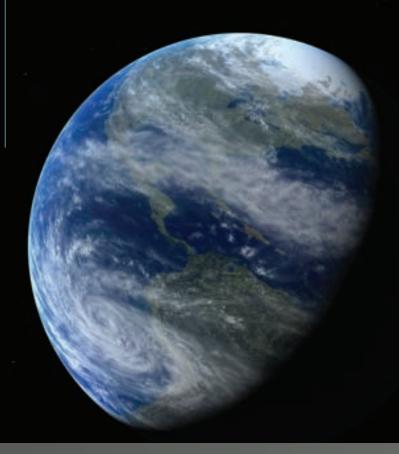
-Akudo Anyanwu, MD, MPH,

Texas Biomed's VP, Development and lead symposium organizer

University System, who shared "A Different Case for the Role of Community in Biomedical Innovation."

The two-day program included panel discussions about mental health, gender inequality, and vulnerable populations in pandemics. Speakers shared the latest advancements and programs in HIV, malaria, tuberculosis, neglected tropical diseases, and non-communicable diseases like cancer and heart disease. Local students shared how the COVID-19 pandemic is shaping the next generation. Experts discussed the role science communication plays in public health education and combatting conspiracy theories. Forum board member Kristin Tips participated in a session called Reimagining Philanthropy in an Era of Pandemics.

Distinguished officials participating included Henry Cisneros, former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff, Bexar County Commissioner Rebeca Clay-Flores, San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg and San Antonio Councilwoman Melissa Cabello Havrda. Texas Biomed will honor city and county representatives for their leadership throughout the pandemic at the event.





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END OF YEAR FORUM BOARD TRUSTEE LUNCHEON & INTRODUCTION OF NEW 2022 – 2023 BOARD MEMBERS

Following the May meeting, former and incoming Forum trustees joined together at The Argyle for a luncheon to celebrate a successful year, all their hard work, many milestones met and a great year to come. We said goodbye to the following trustees rolling off the board roster this year. Although we will miss them at our monthly meetings, we know they will not be absent from our many events. Thank you to all for many years of service and hard work.

Lindsay Bolner
Ashley Friedman
Meredith Howard
Cynthia Kerby
Mary Labatt
Angie Light
Angela Rabke
Katie Rogers
Stacy Schlagel
Jessica Worth

We would like to welcome the following trustees to our ranks:

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We look forward to working alongside these women, and are excited to see what their futures hold with The Forum.

FORUM GRANTS

Gloria Dilley, Grant Chair, oversaw this year's Forum Grant Fund. These 100 percent tax-deductible gifts are specifically earmarked to fund pilot studies for the scientists at TBRI. Due to the generosity of the following individuals, foundations, and corporations, we are pleased to report \$234,873 in grant contributions.

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The Institute has programs in host-pathogen interaction, disease intervention and prevention, and population health to understand the links between infectious diseases and other diseases such as aging, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity. For more information on Texas Biomed, go to www.TxBiomed.org.







