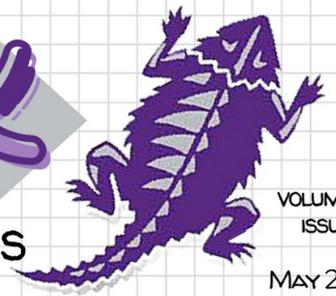


# SILVER STREAK

CONNECTING AND INFORMING TCU'S SILVER FROGS

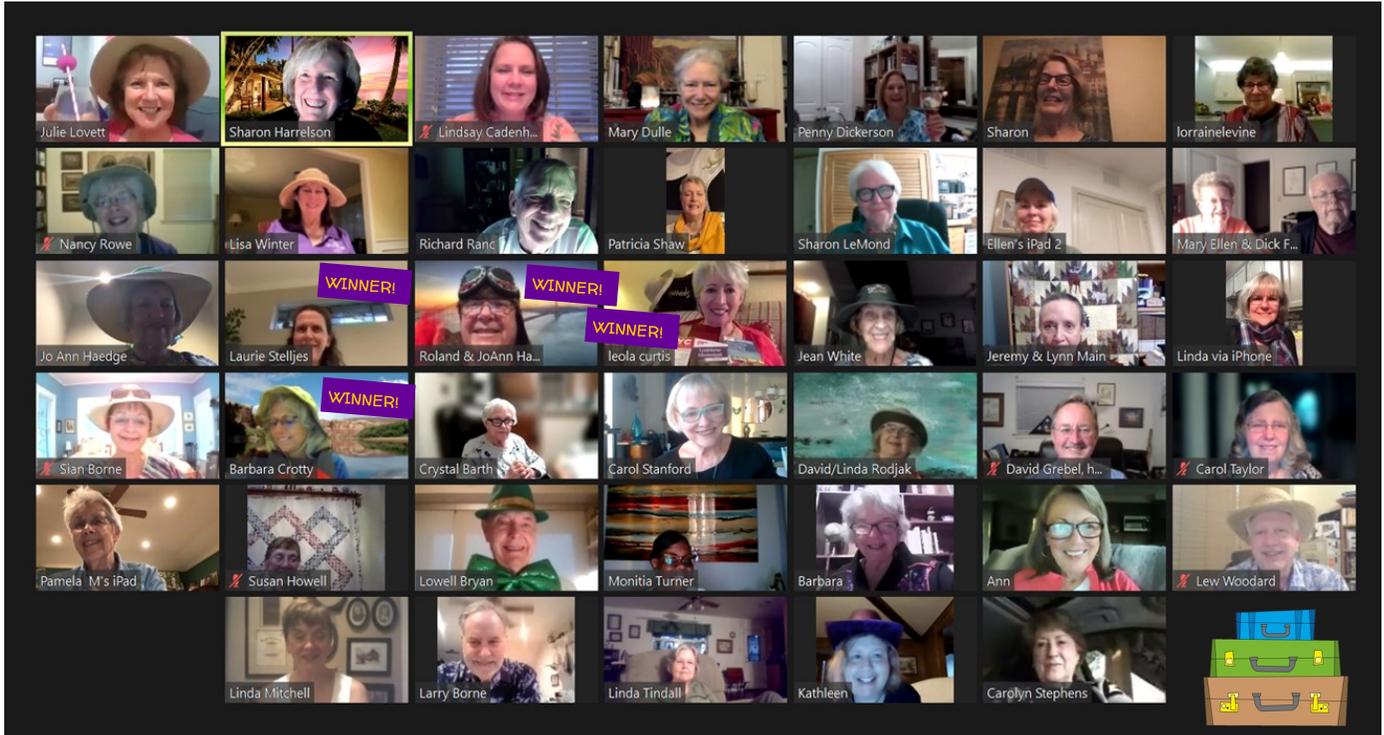


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## WRAPPING UP THE SPRING WITH ONE LAST ZOOM

Over 40 Silver Frogs and Extended Ed staffers, many dressed for an imaginary trip to somewhere, met up on May 18 for (what we hope was) the final Zoom party for Silver Frogs. Julie Lovett thanked the Advisory Board and instructors for their diligence throughout the spring semester, and incoming president Siân Borne thanked Extended Ed for all their support. This was followed by a brief update regarding the fall semester and reminders for all current members to renew their memberships on June 2-4 for a guaranteed place in the fall program. With a hybrid class model, we expect there will be some (limited and distanced) in-person opportunities, as well as virtual ones—which is really exciting to look forward to.



Members mingled in three different breakout sessions, discussing their most memorable vacations, what travel spots are on their bucket lists, and lastly three words to describe their overall Silver Frogs experience.

Finally, Julie randomly selected door prize winners from the list of RSVPs for the party; since the winners had to be present, there was some excitement as each name was pulled to see if that person was on the call... and a few times they were not. But the winners were ultimately selected and thrilled with their wins. **Barbara Crotty** and **Roland Haedge** both won a Silver Frogs “swag bag” with all sorts of SF memorabilia; **Leola Curtis** and **Laurie Stelljes** both won an all-expense-paid Fall Membership. Congratulations!

It was delightful to see everyone and we all agreed the best trip will be back to campus this fall.





It's time to send a HUGE thank-you to all of our spring semester instructors, who braved the often-challenging world of Zoom to bring their expertise to the Silver Frogs schedule. Whether Zoom-teaching for their first or second semester, everyone improved their skills and tried new things! We're always grateful to our team of volunteer instructors and look forward to your continued involvement with Silver Frogs.

Lee Ancona  
 Randi Anderson  
 Anne Bailey  
 Shari Barnes  
 Crystal Barth  
 Siân Borne  
 Kathy Bowser  
 James Brittain  
 Tena Burrell  
 Joe Cecere  
 Tom Clark  
 Jaime Cobb  
 Jerry Davis  
 Mary Dulle  
 Maynard Dyson  
 Mary Eads  
 Richard Fahy

Mae Ferguson  
 Dianne Fisher  
 Hank Fitzhugh  
 Ronald Flowers  
 Andrew Fort  
 Robert Frey  
 Judy Furche  
 Zelda Gilbert  
 Jim Godfrey  
 Sharon Harrelson  
 Polly Hooper  
 Jonathan House  
 Elizabeth Jones  
 Karen Kaigler-Walker  
 Kent Knudson  
 Wayne Ludwig  
 Lynn Main

Darren Middleton  
 Thomas Morton  
 Roger Norman  
 Jim Parr  
 Sara-Jayne Parsons  
 Cy Rowell  
 Ken Seeling  
 Richard Selcer  
 Randy Smith  
 Elaine Stoltz  
 James Stripling  
 Joseph Tarride  
 Susan Turner  
 Diane Weaver  
 Lew Woodard

**AND THANK YOU!**



None of our Silver Frogs activities would be possible without the friendly, dependable support of our amazing TCU Extended Ed department led by Julie Lovett.

From sending out course handouts and Zoom links to answering our questions about the technology, Extended Ed was there with us the whole way!

Our instructors were greeted prior to every class meeting by an Extended Ed host, who ensured that everything was working properly before turning things over to the instructor.

Our Extended Ed team helped us feel comfortable, followed up on missing materials, set us up in the conference room if necessary, and kept the whole program running smoothly.

**Thank you Julie, Trisha, Sheri, Denise and Lindsay!**

## FALL COURSES AND LECTURES by Randy Smith

As the fall schedule is being assembled, I want to let our members know what an excellent semester we have to look forward to:

- We've received a total of 109 proposals and have accepted ALL of them (this compares to 81 classes this spring semester).
- You can look forward to 46 four-session courses and 63 one-time lectures.
- Many returning favorites and quite a few new topics will be on the schedule.
- Instructors of 48 classes requested to teach hybrid on-campus/virtual, while 21 requested Zoom only, and 40 were okay with either. The good news is, we were able to schedule all who wanted hybrid AND all who would have been happy with either into our Secret-Wible classroom. Only the instructors who requested the Zoom-only format will not be on campus.
- We added a new 5:00-6:30pm class period, but had to schedule only very few at this time.

Thanks to all the folks who have volunteered to teach this great selection of classes next fall.



### ABOUT FALL 2021 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

DON'T FORGET!!

SUPER IMPORTANT!!

**Current Members** (guaranteed seat during this time):  
Wednesday, June 2 at 9am through Friday, June 4 at 5pm

**Public Registration:** Monday, June 7 at 9am, until sold out

**Maximum Number of Memberships:** 600

**Fall 2021 Membership Fee:** \$125 with a \$30 discount for members teaching this fall

Additional membership information has been sent via email.

Please mark your calendars now for June 2-4. Don't lose your spot!!

We anticipate a return to "sold out" memberships and look forward to seeing you all again!

**Questions? Email [lifelong@tcu.edu](mailto:lifelong@tcu.edu) or call 817-257-7132.**

## 2021-22 ADVISORY BOARD TAKES THE REINS



(Left to right) Jim Godfrey, Siân Borne, Susan Turner, Carol Stanford, Jo Ann Haedge, Dick Fahy and Judy Furche at the May 14 Advisory Board meeting. Not pictured: Tony Krause and Darcy Sety.

At the final (and first in-person) Silver Frogs Advisory Board meeting of the school year, new board members were introduced following their election in April.

Joining second-year Board members **Judy Furche** and **Jo Ann Haedge** are charter Silver Frogs **Dick Fahy** and **Tony Krause**, along with **Darcy Sety** and **Susan Turner**.

Officers for the coming year are President **Siân Borne**; Vice President and President-Elect **Jim Godfrey**; and Secretary **Carol Stanford**.

Outgoing President **Lisa Winter** thanked retiring members **Dan Calvin**, **Virginia Dias**, and **Elaine Klos**. Lisa will remain on the board as a non-voting member along with TCU Liaison **Julie Lovett** and the committee chairs, **Nancy Caudill** and **Betsy McDaniel** (Classroom Hosts), **Randy Smith** (Curriculum), **Judy Gryzch** (Luncheon Lectures) and **Sharon Harrelson** (Newsletter).

And a friendly reminder...you can also be part of this group if you'd like to chair the Special Events Committee because that position is open!



### WHAT'S NEXT?

**O**nce you renew your membership for the fall, you'll be on the email list for all the information you'll need to request your courses and lectures. You can expect an email with the dates for requests, along with a specific timeline for when you'll know which classes you're in.

**Y**ou'll also be notified about the fall Meet & Greet, which will impart useful information about things like parking and on-campus protocols. This is important for returning members as well as new ones, since procedures will be different from the last time we were in the Secret-Wible classroom (can you believe that was over 14 months ago?).

**B**ottom line: keep an eye on your email; as always, that's where you'll receive Silver Frogs communications from TCU!

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

### SIÂN BORNE by Sharon Harrelson

Since joining Silver Frogs in 2017, Siân Borne has enthusiastically participated in every aspect of the organization – not only attending classes lectures and events, but also as a committee member, chairperson, leader of the Women & Wine SIGs, advisory board member and instructor. For the 2021-22 school year, she will serve as our advisory board president.

As you may have noticed from her recommendations in previous issues of Silver Streak, Siân is an avid reader who also enjoys a wide variety of television shows and movies. She has lived in Fort Worth for over 48 years, but her story really begins in Winchester, England, where she grew up and which provided the inspiration for her popular lecture on that area.



**Silver Streak:** What originally brought you from the UK to the US, and why did you choose Fort Worth?

**Siân:** I trained as an RN in England and had wanted to come to America for as long as I can remember. Several factors influenced this – living next to an American Air Force base as a child, an American exchange teacher in high school whom I adored and lots of US students that my brother befriended who were visiting the cathedral in Winchester. I applied for a nursing position when the shortage was going on in the US in the 1970s and the three states that were advertising positions were New York, Texas and Florida. I dislike cold weather so New York was out and I picked Texas, as it was central and warm. It was a choice between a hospital in Dallas or one in Fort Worth, and the reason I picked Fort Worth was because I knew about Casa Manana from a 1952 postcard that I had been given by a family friend (I still have it). I did not intend to stay in Fort Worth this long and had actually accepted a position at Stanford in California, but found a new opportunity to open a hospital here in Fort Worth. I accepted the offer in Fort Worth and then a few years later met Larry, who was born here. Now, 48 years later, I am still here and would not live anywhere else.

**Silver Streak:** Before the pandemic, you had a number of trips planned. Now that things are opening back up, how anxious are you to get back to traveling, and do you have any reservations (no pun intended!) about that? Where's your first stop going to be?

**Siân:** Yes, we had planned several trips, including a Grand European River Cruise through four countries that would have also enabled us to make a break in the journey on the way back to visit my mother and family in Winchester. We had hoped to go this June, but again the trip was cancelled, so we are now scheduled for next July/August. I had also planned a trip to Italy with Sister Cities and some of the ladies from the Wine SIG, and this is now scheduled for next April. I am hoping that we can schedule a visit in the Fall to see my mother, as she is 94. Other than talking with her on FaceTime, I have not been with her since October of 2018. Our first trip that we have reservations already made is to visit our daughter and her husband and our grandchildren in Olympia, WA this August. I am excited to see them, as like many other Silver Frogs, it has been two years since we were there. (It will be a wonderful birthday present also, as we will arrive the day after my "significant" birthday!!!!)

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While I am hopeful that we can get to England in the fall to visit my mother, two of my four brothers and their families, I am sad that we will not have the opportunity to visit my sister in Melbourne, Australia as she has planned to return to the UK before we are able to get there. We will try to get there at some point as I have other relatives who live there, but am disappointed to not be able to visit her there.

**Silver Streak:** As we get “back to normal,” are there any practices from this past year that you think you’ll continue? Anything you’ve accomplished during this time that you’re particularly proud of?

**Siân:** One of the things I have enjoyed is the ability to read as much as I want without feeling like I needed to be doing something else – giving myself permission to read or watch movies without feeling guilty!!

When the pandemic hit, I was determined to find things to be positive about and that I could continue. I gave up my excuses for not being physically active and set about walking everyday with two of my best friends in the neighborhood - we were determined to walk everyday and keep each other sane!! I always need a goal and so I set mileage goals for myself, recorded my purposeful walking every day and to date have logged over 1,000 miles. I would never have thought I could accomplish this and am determined that I will continue this, as well as find other ways to stay physically fit.

**Silver Streak:** What has been your favorite part of sharing your home town with Silver Frogs? Do you plan to offer any other lectures in the future?

**Siân:** I hope that my lecture has given others a chance to see that there are such historic and beautiful places to visit in England outside of the usual places that you think of. My favorite part of sharing my home town has been renewing my love for the city and also learning facts that I did not know or had forgotten. Two of my brothers have looked at my PowerPoint and asked me to share it with them and it has been quite a fun thing to do, as they have offered suggestions or recalled things that I had forgotten. They also

asked if they can share the presentation with other groups that they are involved in, so it has almost become a family project. I am constantly updating it and adding new photos or facts. I hope that I can develop it into more of a class, as I really only hit the high points and could go into so much more detail. I am not sure that I can put together a trip to show folks around, as some have suggested but it would be fun to try.

**Silver Streak:** You’ve participated in so many areas of Silver Frogs. Do you have a favorite?

**Siân:** I have loved everything I have been involved with, particularly getting to know the ladies in the Wine SIGs, working on the Silver Streak newsletter and meeting and getting to know so many other Silver Frogs during classes or lectures.

**Silver Streak:** We’re heading into our summer break, but I’m sure you’re already looking ahead to the fall. As the incoming president of the Silver Frogs Advisory Board, what do you foresee for the coming school year?

**Siân:** I am excited that we will be back in person in the fall, but think that the semester will still present some challenges as we adjust to our new normal of having only one classroom available to us and working with the hybrid model. One of the positive aspects of Zoom has been that we have realized that some of our classes/lectures actually work better with Zoom and I expect that this will be something that we continue, even when we are fully back to normal. I think that we will not be able to have luncheon lectures and some of the other larger group activities until the spring semester, but we will have to wait and see what TCU advises. The popularity of Silver Frogs has been proven with the number of returning Frogs over this crazy pandemic year and I don’t see this changing. I hope that we can find new and innovative ways to bring other opportunities for learning to our organization and would encourage folks to think outside the box, so that we can continue to grow and improve. I am excited to see what the 2021-2022 year brings. 

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS: LOOKING AHEAD

It's been an especially tricky year for our Special Interest Groups (SIGs), whose goal is to foster fellowship and allow members to engage with others who share a common interest. That's a difficult mission during a global pandemic — some SIGs have continued to meet virtually while others have been “on hold” until it is safe to meet in person. Most groups will be on summer break until September.

SIGs are open to current Silver Frogs members only. Membership or participation in specific SIG activities may be limited and a waitlist may be in place. These groups are member-driven and under normal (non-pandemic) conditions they meet at various locations on a regular schedule according to what the group members decide.

If you've joined a SIG but are not planning to rejoin Silver Frogs this fall, it's easy to let your SIG leader know — just email them. Spring memberships expire on June 30; fall memberships are active starting on July 1.

For details about any of these groups, or to inquire about joining, [click here](#) to see all of the descriptions and contacts on the Silver Frogs website. Don't see “your thing” there? Use the same link to access the proposal form to start a group of your own.

The **Women & Wine** SIGs both met in person in May. W&W1 convened at the home of Cathy Sunkel on May 20, and W&W2 met at Penny Dickerson's home on National Wine Day, May 25. It's been wonderful to once again share wine and appetizers with such a delightful group of friends!

—*Siân Borne*



The **Bake Anything Better** SIG held its final meeting of the semester on May 17 via Zoom. Instead of the usual “baking lesson” provided by a member, we held a Chocolate Chip Cookie Roundup, sharing our favorite recipes with the group and discussing what makes the perfect chocolate chip cookie (which, as it turns out, is a little different for everyone!). It was a fun way to wrap up the year and we look forward to many new baking adventures when we reconvene in the fall.

—*Sharon Harrelson*





## SILVER STREAK MAGAZINE WRAPS UP ITS FIRST YEAR

Want to read more? You'll find special-interest stories written by our members in the newest edition of Silver Streak Magazine. Take a look below, and click on the links to access just the stories you want.

Here's what we've got inside the May 2021 Silver Streak Magazine:

- ◆ It wouldn't be summer without reading! And [Shari Barnes](#) has packed some great travel reads for you;
- ◆ [See what members have been reading and watching](#) — you may want to try out their recommendations!
- ◆ [One traveling troupe of Silver Frogs](#) has already been on the road, making memories without masks;
- ◆ How does your vegetable garden grow? With all the rain, you may be raising a bumper crop! [Carolyn Stephens](#) has some ideas for how to use that bounty (even if you've found it at the farmer's market);
- ◆ Take a quick poetry moment with [Penny McAdoo](#);
- ◆ [Richard Ranc](#) is keeping an eye on legislation of interest;
- ◆ And [Buddy McIntyre](#) provides perspective on this month's wet weather.

If the links above are not working for your computer, phone or tablet, or you would like to read the magazine cover to cover, you can [use this link](#) to access the entire Silver Streak Magazine.

**IF YOU'VE EVER THOUGHT, "SILVER STREAK LOOKS LIKE THE PLACE FOR ME!" THEN WHY NOT JOIN OUR COMMITTEE OF COMMITTED REPORTERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS AND EDITORS THIS FALL?**

TO JOIN OUR STAFF, YOU'LL NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF SILVER FROGS (EASY) AND [SEND AN EMAIL TO THE EDITOR](#).

MEMBERS OF THIS TEAM WORK TOGETHER TO CHOOSE THEMES, COLLECT AND WRITE ARTICLES, AND EDIT THE PUBLICATIONS. WE LOVE ENTHUSIASTIC WRITERS, IDEA PEOPLE, AND FOLKS WHO ARE PICKY ABOUT PUNCTUATION.

# SILVER STREAK STAFF



**Siân Borne** A Silver Frog since Spring '17, Siân came to Fort Worth in 1973, after moving to the US from England. She has two daughters and five grandchildren. She loves to read and travel, and is active in several Silver Frog committees, serves on the Advisory Board and is the SIG Chair.



**Diane Griffin** has enjoyed Silver Frogs since Spring 2016 and is an enthusiastic advocate for lifelong learning. She is a retired business owner who loves reading, writing, listening, travel, theater, volunteering, and frequent interaction with family and friends.



**Sharon Harrelson (Editor, etc.)** is a Fort Worth native who's been editing various publications for work and fun since middle school. She's delighted to be a Silver Frogs instructor as well as a student; she also enjoys cooking/baking, gardening, games and being a band mom to twin high-schoolers.



**Polly Hooper** is a native Texan and is passionate about all types of photography. Her hobbies include travel and reading. She also loves to play games and is in a neighborhood book club. Her grandsons keep her very busy as well.



**Richard Ranc** came to Silver Frogs four years ago following an affiliation with Senior University in Georgetown. He's a retired VP of Investments at Wachovia Securities. He is a Silver Frog instructor who serves on the Curriculum Committee in addition to writing for Silver Streak.



**Ann Shelton** is a charter member of Silver Frogs. She retired after many years as an Administrative / Executive Assistant, and now enjoys being a grandmother, playing tennis and volunteering.



**Carolyn Stephens** came to Silver Frogs four years ago following a career in journalism, public relations and crisis communications. She loves the concept of lifelong learning and enjoys reading, cooking, gardening and new adventures.

What do you enjoy about Silver Streak?  
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## SILVER FROGS DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2-4  
**Fall Membership Registration  
for current members!!**

June 7  
**Membership Registration  
opens to the public**

Watch your email!  
**Course/Lecture Requests**

Watch your email!  
**Fall Meet & Greet**

September 14  
**Fall Semester Classes Begin**

## THANK YOU!

**To everyone who has  
contributed to the Silver  
Streak Newsletter and  
Magazine in 2021.**

**Thank you for your stories,  
recommendations, and  
pictures. You've made these  
publications fun to assemble  
and enjoyable to read.  
See you in the fall!**

