

# SILVER STREAK



CONNECTING AND INFORMING TCU'S SILVER FROGS

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WELCOME FALL!

## Getting Back in the Swing of Things

by Susan Turner, Special Events Coordinator

**I**t is proving to be SO much fun to get back together in person not only for classes and SIGs but also for special events. Based on the great feedback we received from the survey that was sent out in August, we've got several wonderful events lined up for this fall so be sure to check your email to learn how you can participate.

**A** great group of Silver Frogs had a delightful time at the **Fort Worth Zoo** on October 15th! As you can see from the pictures, we thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful weather, feeding the giraffes, marveling at the new Elephant Springs exhibit, watching the penguins do a happy dance for their feeders and so much more. We then moved on to the **Blue Goose Cantina** for a delicious lunch and lots of fun conversation. I think all of us also enjoyed making a new Silver Frog friend or two—the added bonus of participating in our planned special events!



A wild time was had by all who attended the October 15 trip to the Fort Worth Zoo

**O**ur next event is going to be at **Reata** on November 10 where we are going to enjoy a five course meal and brush up on our fine dining skills during a thoroughly entertaining evening. The invitation was in your email on October 18 (info is also on page 2). The evening's fun will be limited to the first 40 people to register so don't delay! The food will be divine! The laughter will be contagious!

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# Events *continued*

**T**hen, on December 5, we are excited to ring in the holiday season by attending ***Scrooge in Rouge*** at Stage West. After the show the plan is to transition to Sundance Square to view Fort Worth's magnificent Christmas tree and enjoy dinner at one of our delightful downtown restaurants. While this event is sold out (that happened fast), be on the lookout for one more event before TCU takes off for the holidays!



Photos from the Fort Worth Zoo outing and lunch on October 15



**What:** Dining in Style at Reata  
**When:** Wednesday, November 10 beginning at 5pm  
**Where:** Reata Restaurant 310 Houston St. in Sundance Square  
**Cost:** \$61.00  
**More information:** [CLICK HERE](#)

This event is limited to 40 participants. Register and pay [HERE](#) or call 817-257-7132. Registration closes October 27 or when all spaces are filled, whichever comes first. Self-parking available in garage #3 at no charge; valet parking is \$21 (cashless and paid via phone app). Detailed parking info [here](#).

*Brought to you by your TCU Silver Frogs Special Events Committee*

## TCU OFFICE OF EXTENDED EDUCATION PRESENTS

**Four Decades Behind the Scenes in College Athletics:  
 An Evening with Eric Hyman**

Thursday, October 28, 7-8:30pm (on campus)  
 Click [here](#) for registration and location information.

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# What Will You Teach?

Our industrious Curriculum Committee is already collecting proposals for Spring 2022, working hard to ensure that our catalog is filled with intriguing and thought-provoking classes.

Have you considered becoming a volunteer instructor? Teaching credentials are not required (although we love that). What you need is a passion for your subject and a willingness to share that. Fear not! If creating a Power Point presentation or handout isn't your forte, we have help available. History and Science courses/lectures have always been popular with our members, as well as Art and Travel. Hobbies, Nature and Crafts appeal to many of us. If a subject interests you, some of our 600 members may find it fascinating too!



And there are many different ways to offer a class—include a field trip relevant to your subject, or assign a book to read or a video to watch in advance for group discussion. Think about clever activities to inspire students to learn more. Team-teach with a friend.

Just not your thing? Another way you can help guarantee that we always have new courses and lectures offered is to recruit your talented friends—whether or not they are members—to become volunteer instructors. They don't even have to live in our area, since we offer online courses. Think of it: your sister the college history professor in California can teach! So can your best friend from college who has discovered a passion for presidential libraries! The possibilities are endless.

**Proposals are due by Friday, November 5th.** Instructors have two formats to choose from: in-person programs presented on campus in our Secrest-Wible classroom, or programs delivered via Zoom. If you don't have a preference, please indicate that on the proposal form. We are still experiencing a campus space shortage so flexibility is greatly appreciated! If you've got the time and interest, the committee can schedule multiple sections of your course throughout the semester—just indicate that on your proposal too!

[Here's the link to create your proposal.](#)




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## The Curriculum Committee is seeking a couple of new members.

This committee has the responsibility for recruiting instructors, vetting the class proposals, developing the class schedule, and editing the course catalog. They also support instructors in preparing presentations, if requested. The committee receives student critiques and works with instructors, when required, to improve the quality of presentations. Student feedback is invaluable in selecting future presentations.

We particularly need members with Excel skills, elementary statistics, and basic catalog editing. If you are interested and feel you can aid in any of these areas, please contact committee chairman, [Randy Smith](#). A couple of comments about your specific experience/talents would be helpful.

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## Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

On September 15, the **Art of Fort Worth** SIG was treated to a tour of the art at AT&T Stadium. Our enthusiastic and knowledgeable guide, Phil Whitfield, who has been with the Cowboys organization for years and who was instrumental in arranging for the installation of the art, had a story to tell for every step of the tour.

If you would like to see the art for yourself, take a look at [this PDF](#) that shows the collection. Or to go on the stadium art tour in person, [learn more here](#).

—Penny McAdoo



Phil Whitfield regales the artful frogs with a story as Kathie Bruce listens.

### NEW SIG! Photography



This special interest group will provide a social and instructive forum for Silver Frogs members to learn more about photography, the operation of their equipment, and share their artistic work with others. A goal is to improve everyone's photographic skills and possibly capture photos of Silver Frog activities for the *Silver Streak* newsletter.

The SIG will initially meet monthly, but additional activities will be added as the members wish. Initial membership will be limited to 30, but may be expanded based on our capability to offer a meaningful program to a larger group. Meetings will be held at various locations appropriate to that month's theme/activities. Each meeting will be hosted by a volunteer SIG member who will be responsible for determining the location, arranging the facility, and conducting that activity. Each month's activity will provide for social interaction of the members and offer an instructive presentation and/or shooting opportunity.

Questions? Contact Randy!

—[Randy Smith](#)

On October 15, the **Bake Anything Better** SIG held its first meeting for the fall semester via Zoom. Mary Dulle shared her recipe for German Plum Cake, and demonstrated putting it together in her kitchen studio.



Roving reporter and SIG member Carolyn Stephens dropped by Mary's house to capture this behind-the-scenes look at our meeting. The delicious final product is shown below. If only Zoom could share aromas in addition to audio and video!



—Sharon Harrelson

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## SIGs *continued*

### CULTURE

**Art of Fort Worth** – contact [Penny McAdoo](#)

**German Conversation** – contact [Helga Gerlinger](#)

### FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

**Bake Anything Better** – contact: [Sharon Harrelson](#)

*Meeting virtually in our kitchens with Zoom.*

**Ladies Lunch Out** – contact [Virginia Dias](#)

**Men's Breakfast Group** – contact [Gary Harrell](#), [Jim Box](#)

**Positive Aging** – contact [Anne Carlson](#)

**Women & Wine** – contact [Sian Borne](#)

### SPORTS AND GAMES

**Classic Canasta** – contact [Virginia Dias](#)

**Liverpool Rummy** – contact [Polly Hooper](#)

**Silver Frogs Fly Fishers** – contact [Ken Bowers](#)

### WORKING TOGETHER. DEVELOPING SKILLS

**American Sign Language** – contact [Lisa Winter](#)

*Meeting virtually with Zoom.*

**Give Me A Break** – contact [Roger Norman](#)

**Photography** – contact [Randy Smith](#)

For details about a group, or to inquire about joining, click on a name above to contact the organizer. [Click here](#) to see the full descriptions on the Silver Frogs website.

When your SIG meets, be sure to take a few pictures! Then [send them to Silver Streak](#) to be featured.

If you don't see YOUR special interest represented here, you are welcome to lead your own SIG! [Simply send in a proposal](#) — it's just a short form where you can describe your proposed group — and you'll be contacted when it has been approved.

## More Ways to Get Involved

You've already read about some of the many ways to make the most of your Silver Frogs membership — besides taking our wonderful classes. Take advantage of special events, teach a class, or join/start a SIG. In our last issue we talked about joining a committee or the advisory board. Would you believe that's not all? If we haven't hit on the "thing" that you'd like to help with just yet, maybe one of these ideas will appeal.

Would you like to make in-person Silver Frog courses and lectures even better? **Volunteer as a Classroom Host** for a program you're registered for! It's a big help for the instructor and a great way for you to put some names to (masked) faces. Here's what a Classroom Host does:

- ◆ Arrive 15 minutes in advance to help prep the room
- ◆ Help members feel welcome
- ◆ Check people in on the roster
- ◆ Assist the instructor with handouts, etc.
- ◆ Keep the class running on time

That's it! Extended Ed sends out an email at the beginning of each session, asking for volunteers. Simply respond to that and let them know which of your classes you are volunteering for (you must already be registered for the class).

### **How about contributing to the *Silver Streak* Newsletter or Magazine?**

Maybe you like to write or take photos; perhaps you have recommendations to offer or opinions to share; or you are ready to show off a completed project? Consider submitting a contribution and you may see yourself in our publications.

# Silver Streak Staff



**Siân Borne (SIGs)** 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, serves as Advisory Board President, is the SIG Chair, and is active in several Silver Frogs committees.



**Mary Dulle** joined Silver Frogs in 2020 when the pandemic abruptly halted her travels and classes went virtual. She retired after a 25-year career in public relations and now enjoys gardening, reading, cooking, baking and playing with her cat, Sparky.



**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)** 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-school seniors.



**Richard Ranc** came to Silver Frogs following an affiliation with Senior University in Georgetown. He's a retired VP of Investments at Wachovia Securities. He is a Silver Frogs 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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## BE A CONTRIBUTOR!

The *Silver Streak* team produces three newsletters each semester, reporting on Silver Frogs activities.

We also request member contributions to three themed magazines each semester. These publications include creative writing, how-tos, pets, travel, reading recommendations, TV and movie reviews, and other human interest stories. Here's what we need for the November issue:



## DATES TO REMEMBER

October 11  
**Beginning of Session II**

November 5  
**Session II Ends**  
**Spring 2022 Proposals Due**

November 8  
**Session III Classes Begin**