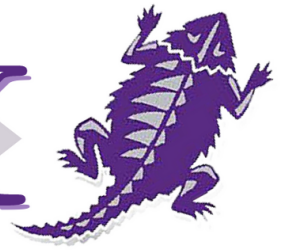


SILVER STREAK



CONNECTING AND INFORMING TCU'S SILVER FROGS

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Understanding Your Membership by Julie Lovett

Whether you've been a TCU Silver Frog for a long time or you're brand new, you may be wondering about how your membership fees work and how things have evolved, especially in recent years. TCU's goal is to provide you with an enriching experience through programs, events and community—at the most reasonable cost. We learn more and more each semester about how to best do this. While we have deliberately chosen not to charge a fee for each individual course or lecture (many lifelong learning institutes do), there are administrative costs for everything we do. The courses and lectures alone are well worth the price of your membership, but because such a large portion of the Silver Frogs program is social and about building community, our member fees do much more.

Every special event is underwritten by your membership fees. So you're not paying full freight for your End-of-Semester Celebration at Joe T's—your registration fee is covering a portion of it. This is also true for other events, including large lectures (which we plan to bring back in the fall!) and smaller events offered to interested members with an extra charge. Have prices gone up? Yes, they have, not only for us but just like everything these days. Do we think an evening with fellow Silver Frogs at an iconic Fort Worth location is worth it? Yes, we do.

We sincerely hope that you find value and joy in being a TCU Silver Frog. Some things have had to change over the last six years, but one thing remains the same: we're glad you're here.



Additional information about membership and its benefits can be found on [the TCU Silver Frogs website](#). You can also see descriptions of upcoming classes, read past issues of the Silver Streak, and get contact info for SIGs and committees.

End-of-Semester Celebration!

It's baaaack — the end-of-semester event we've all been missing (our last one was in December of 2019).

Fajitas on the Patio (weather permitting)

Joe T. Garcia's
Tuesday, May 10
6:00-8:30pm
Cost: \$25



A few seats are still open; [sign up today](#) if you'd like to be part of this special event.

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Looking Ahead to Fall by Randy Smith

After a slow start, we have received 100 proposals for Fall 2022, over one third of which are new, never-presented classes. The official due date was April 11, but I'll take proposals until I build the fall schedule at the end of this month.

Thanks to all the instructors who have stepped up to offer a great selection of classes for the fall.

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 it. Fear not! If creating a PowerPoint presentation or handout isn't your forte, we have help available. New, more in-depth instructor training opportunities were offered this semester and will continue for the fall.

Instructors have two formats to choose from: in-person programs presented on campus in our Secret-Wible classroom (or occasionally in other campus facilities) or programs delivered via Zoom. No preference? Please indicate that on the proposal form. Flexibility is greatly appreciated! The committee can also schedule multiple sections of your course throughout the semester—just indicate that option when you make your proposal.

[Here's the link.](#) See you at the head of the class! 



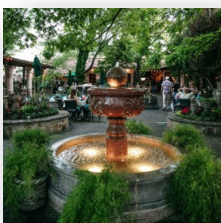
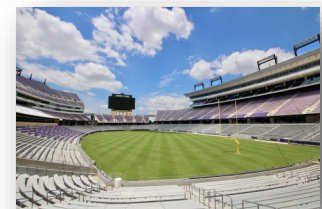
Special Events Are So Much Fun!

Silver Frogs are once again getting together for learning experiences outside the classroom and all over the metroplex. Sometimes, they even gather just to have fun, and what a joy that is! Seeing each other's faces while visiting new places and old favorite haunts is something we have all missed for the last two years, and it's evident that we're anxious to get back to it. We'll report on these upcoming events in the next – and final – newsletter for the spring semester.



George W. Bush Presidential Center "Liberty & Laughter" – Saturday, April 23 – SOLD OUT – trip includes transportation and box lunch.

Tour of TCU Athletic Facilities – Tuesday, April 26 – FREE! – [check for availability here.](#) This popular walking tour is back! Get a peek behind the scenes where Horned Frogs play.



End-of-Semester Celebration at Joe T's – Tuesday, May 10 – \$25 – [check for availability here.](#) Fajitas with friends on a beautiful evening. What could be better?



SIG News

Photography in the Great Outdoors

The **Photography SIG** visited [Chandor Gardens](#) in Weatherford in March. This is a beautiful estate just west of the Parker County courthouse, a perfect setting for our group of amateur photographers to get some great photos. We accepted a three-part challenge: water feature, floral setting, and closeup portrait of another group member. Our next activity will most likely be to shoot downtown Fort Worth architecture.

We are still a small group with room to grow; if any Silver Frogs would like to join us, [contact Randy Smith](#).

—Randy Smith



(Starting top right and moving clockwise): Clay Geran, Randy Smith, Don Ware, and Roger & Jennifer Gilley.

Baking Biscotti

In our ongoing quest to **Bake Anything Better**, members met via Zoom on April 1 to learn from and bake along with Kathy Farrell as she shared her recipe and technique for making light, crisp and deliciously giftable chocolate chip biscotti.

Thank you, Kathy, and we look forward to meeting again at the end of the month with Barbara Crotty sharing her secrets for perfect scones.

—Sharon Harrelson



SIG News *continued*

Positively Lovely!

The **Positive Aging** SIG had a special guided tour of the Fort Worth Japanese Garden at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. It was a beautiful day in the beautiful gardens!

—Anne Carlson

Pictured, left to right: Lilia Briseno, Sharon Cooper, Sharon Ward, Anne Carlson, Laura Adcock, Judy Gryzch, Melanie Rosen and Colleen Blair



Ooh La La

The **Women & Wine I** SIG held their April get-together at the home of Virginia Dias, enjoying wines from France.

—Virginia Dias



Special “International” Group

Women & Wine Visits Italy!

Ten ladies from the **Women & Wine** SIG traveled to Italy April 1–12 as Fort Worth Ambassadors in partnership with Sister Cities International, finally taking the trip we had initially planned to take in the spring of 2020 to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the twinning of the cities.

On April 2 we arrived in Reggio Emilia, which became the first Sister City to Fort Worth 37 years ago. We were based in Reggio for five days and thanks to some wonderful guides, we toured the city, attended an official welcome at City Hall, visited Sarzano Castle and Marola Abbey and attended a wine tasting in our first two days.

We toured the marvelous Theatre Valli on our fourth day and then were driven by bus for a tour of Agriturismo Cavazzone, where we learned the history of the balsamic vinegar they produce. We were treated to a special lunch and tasting of the vinegar, as well as a tour of the spectacular grounds. Day five was a tour of Bologna and a farewell gathering in the evening, before we left the following morning for La Spezia and a boat trip to Cinque Terre. The two villages we visited were charming and the food was delicious.

On day seven we departed by bus for Florence, stopping on the way to enjoy lunch in the Tuscan countryside. A guided tour of Florence was in store for the next day, with a couple of tastings as we walked the city. The afternoon was a visit to Accademia Gallery to view the statue of David—it was magnificent! On our eighth day we were driven through the countryside to tour the Ruffino winery, where we had a wonderful lunch and delicious wines.

The next day we were treated to a tour of Pisa and Lucca, where we took lots of photos of the stunning architecture and views. A farewell dinner was held that evening, as several of our larger group were leaving to extend their travel to other parts of Europe. The remaining group met very early the next morning to travel to Rome, our departure point for the return to Texas. On the way, we took a guided tour of Assisi; the town was beautiful and the churches incredible.

We were up early on our last day and it was a smooth flight home. Overall, our group of ladies had a delightful time. We got to know each other better, met some new travel friends and enjoyed the spectacular Italian countryside and cuisine. Several of us are already planning our next trip!

—Siân Borne



Travelers included: Siân Borne, Katie Bray, Judy Coolidge, Penny Dickerson, Sherri Glaser, Judy Gryzch, Cindy Johnson, Lou Anne Mauldin, Wanda Murphy, and Andi Smith

And...Even More from Our SIGs

Focused on the Kimbell

The **Art of Fort Worth** SIG gathered at the Kimbell on April 20 to explore the permanent collection with docent Deborah Reed. The tour focused on what was innovative at the time various famous works were created. We considered everything from Michelangelo's first known painting (1487) to the Picasso (1911) shown in this photo. The Picasso was described as an "interactive" work because the viewer must find the **Man with a Pipe**, which is the title of the work. [Check it out for yourself](#) at the Kimbell.



Local author Tim Madigan presented a talk about his book *Of the First Class: A History of the Kimbell Art Museum* especially for the Silver Frog Art of Fort Worth SIG. Madigan tells the fascinating story of how Kay Kimbell willed his estate with the "vague but compelling mandate to build a museum of the first class." There were many setbacks, along with heroes and victories, along the way to making that instruction come true. Madigan's book can be purchased in the Kimbell's Kahn Building bookstore. Highly recommended.

Tim Madigan generously took time for book signing, including the copy held here by Linda Rodjak.

—Penny McAdoo, with photos by Dave Rodjak

Fun and Food

The **Canasta** SIG met two weeks ago in my house, where we mingled, played and ate yummy snacks. We will continue to play during the summer too because it is very relaxing and a lot of fun.

On April 21, the ladies from **Ladies Lunch Out** met in person again (for the second time after Covid) at the tea room at The Mercantile.

I am happy to announce that more members are joining our SIG groups.

—Virginia Dias

The **Men's Breakfast Group** just enjoys meeting monthly and carrying on about 20 different conversations.

—Gary Harrell

Current Special Interest Groups

CULTURE

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

German Conversation — contact [Helga Gerlinger](#)

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Bake Anything Better — contact: [Sharon Harrelson](#)
Meeting virtually 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](#)

WORKING TOGETHER. DEVELOPING SKILLS

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.

Silver Streak Staff



Siân Borne, a Silver Frog since Spring '17, 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.

BE A CONTRIBUTOR!

The *Silver Streak* team produces three newsletters each semester, reporting on Silver Frogs activities and need-to-knows.

We also ask for contributions to our themed magazines, which highlight recommendations and creative pursuits by our members.

One magazine and one newsletter remain for this semester; magazine contributions are due by **April 29** and newsletter contributions by **May 13**.

[Email your items to Silver Streak](#) or [use our handy survey](#).

Dates to Remember

April 23
Excursion to
Bush Presidential Center

April 26
TCU Athletic Facilities Tour

May 10
End-of-Semester Celebration
Joe T Garcia's

May 13
End of Session III

June 1-3
Renew Your Membership!

June 6
Remind Your Non-Member Friends
to Join Silver Frogs for Fall

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