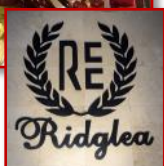


Did Someone Say PARTY? by Sharon Harrelson

Festive and fun, the end-of-semester celebration at Ridglea Country Club was a smash hit! On December 8, over 175 Silver Frogs gathered for our first holiday event since 2019. With photos by the tree, pre-dinner drinks and appetizers, a luscious buffet, and a brief program by President **Jim Godfrey** and **Julie Lovett** — with prize drawings, of course — this was a great return to our annual tradition.

Congratulations to our prize winners: **Lou Ladd**, **Sharon Cooper** and **Betsy McDaniel** won themed baskets; **Lowell Bryan** picked up a Spring Silver Frogs membership. Thank you to our amazing Extended Ed team for making this event happen!



Top: Julie Lovett; Jim Godfrey. Bottom: Claudia Blalock; Adrienne Rosen, Janet Minke and Crystal Barth; Lowell & Kathryn Bryan; Katie & Leo Bray; Ed Furche.

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Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree!

Top to bottom and left to right: Luke & Terri Ellis; Mary & Joe Dulle; Bette & Dick Ramsey; Sarraine & Tony Krause and Sonja Durando; **Silver Frogs #2 & #3**; Mike & Barbara Kearney; Trisha Obregon, Julie Lovett and Lindsay Cadenhead; Jim & Abbey Brewer; Steve & Jamie Luebbehusen; Bill & Terry Marquardt; Nikki & John Hatley; Cindy Vandersleen and Darcy Sety; Chris Shahan, Ann Shelton, Kit Van Nostrand and Jean Godfrey; Tom & Diane Morton; Sharon & Art Harrelson.



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Top to bottom: Judy & Bill Griewe, Lynn Yarbrough; Ron & Karla Tamada; Lisa & Jeff Winter and Trish & Clay Geran; Linda Tindall and Debbie Maddux.

Top to bottom: Susan Frymire, Nancy Caudill, Chris Shahan, Judy Gryzch; Pam Gantz and Jean Moulder; Dianne & Ben Fisher; Tom Clark and Diane Morton; Cathy Sunkel, Susan Howell and Ann Baldree.

Top to bottom: Mike & Linda Mitchell; Lynn & Jeremy Main; JoAnn & Roland Haedge; Linda & Dave Rodjak.

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Top to bottom, left to right: Betsy McDaniel and Kay Phillips; Siân Borne and Nancy Caudill; Sherri Glaser and Leola Curtis; Myra & Joel Crenshaw; Diane Griffin, Ann Bracey; Mary Lou Froh and Nancy Fitzhugh; Karen Rimbey and Judy Griewe; Elaine & Larry Klos; Ron & Evelyn Gantz, Dennis Gantz; Andi & Randy Smith; *Silver Frog #10*, Penny Davis and Penny Dickerson.

Special thanks to the evening's photographers:

Tom Clark, David Rodjak, Randy Smith, and Lynn Yarbrough

If you'd like to download a copy of a picture you see here, or see even more pictures from the party, [click here](#).

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Wishes for 2023

Attendees at the End-of-Semester Gala were invited to write down their wishes for 2023. Here's what Silver Frogs are wishing for the upcoming new year:

FAMILY

New granddaughter (2)
More family get-togethers
My retired husband to find a hobby
30 more years with Jean



HEALTH

Good health in 2023 (30)
No more COVID
Start walking everyday
A new knee

PEACE ON EARTH

Unity for our country (2)
Our country to come together (5)
Peace in Ukraine/Peace in the world (28)
Peace
Respect
For all of us to be kinder to one another



IDEAS FOR SILVER FROGS ACTIVITIES

Tour Dickies Arena
Get Jamie Dixon and Sonny Dykes to speak at SF luncheon (2)
Tour Globe Life Field
Get Mattie Parker to speak at SF luncheon
Luncheon on Stockyards development
Silver Frogs night at the rodeo
Special Events featuring musical, bands, etc.
To take more Silver Frogs classes
Peace, Joy and Adventure for my Silver Frogs Family

TRAVEL

Safe travels (4)
Private Plane to fly around world
Silver Frogs take trips
One more cruise
Walk to Camino in Spain



SPORTS

TCU National Championship (5)
Argentina win the World Cup
A top 10 TCU basketball team
Texas Rangers to have a good season
Go to the Indy 500
Go to the Kentucky Derby
Play golf at LaJitas

EVERYTHING ELSE...

Carpet for the house
FDA to determine BBQ is a health food
More charity work
Boyfriend/List of single Silver Frogs (5)
\$10,000,000
No more Zoom
Decision about future housing that would be fun
Clean out the storage shed

Happy Holidays

We Love Our Volunteer Instructors

Thank you to these Fall 2022 Silver Frogs instructors – whether it was your first class or your tenth, whether you taught in person or using Zoom (or both!), we appreciate your enthusiasm, generosity and expertise...and we look forward to seeing many of you again in the spring.

Lee Ancona	Michael Erwine	Elizabeth Jones	Wes Shannon
Anne J. Bailey	Richard Fahy	Karen Kaigler-Walker	Ann Sheets
Shari Barnes	Dianne Fisher	Larry Klos	Randy Smith
Crystal Barth	Hank Fitzhugh	Linda Lanctot	Doug Stillwagon
Linda Bertram	Jeff Frazer	Larry Lauer	Elaine Stoltz
Larry Borne	Robert Frey	Wayne Ludwig	Joseph Tarride
Sian Borne	Judy Furche	Lynn Main	Susan Turner
Kathy Bowser	Zelda Gilbert	Buddy McIntyre	Judith Van Hoof
Donna Burnette	James Godfrey	Nancy McVean	Bud Walker
Joseph Cecere	David Grebel	Kerri Menchaca	Diane Weaver
Jaime Cobb Tinsley	Julianna Greer	Thomas Morton	Tim Wendt
Barbara Crotty	Sharon Harrelson	Roger Norman	Richard Wolf
Jack Crowder	Maxine Harrington	Jim Parr	Lewis Woodard
Jerry Davis	Jim Hodgson	Richard Ranc	Lynn Yarbrough
Virginia Dias	Polly Hooper	JonAnna Reidinger	Zim Zimmerman
Mary Dulle	Jonathan House	Ken Seeling	
Laura Dyson	Boglarka Huddleston	Richard Selcer	
Liz Endsley	Donald Jackson	Joe Shannon	

From Your Curriculum Committee by Randy Smith

The spring 2023 schedule has been completed and instructors have been notified of their assigned date/time/classroom periods. Hopefully this will be acceptable for all. We had 128 proposals, a record high; fitting everyone in while honoring their submitted availability was a challenge – but we did it. Note: in the future, it would be extremely helpful if instructors could provide several dates/times when they could teach. Most classes will be in Secret-Wible, but we were allowed in the Kelly Center a couple of days a week in the first and third sessions; the second session was already booked. Eleven classes will be presented on ZOOM, at the instructors' request.

Some interesting statistics:

- ◆ 128 proposals
- ◆ 49 four-session courses
- ◆ 79 one-time lectures
- ◆ 24 (19%) are new
- ◆ 104 are returning favorites

To see the details of our class offerings for the spring, visit the Silver Frogs website for [the full catalog](#).

Course and lecture requests will be accepted in the system January 10-16, with allocation/notification happening shortly afterwards. On January 23, all open seats will be available for registration at 9am...until they're gone! Spring members will see an email reminder with more details in early January.



Course Evaluations: They Matter!

Following each Silver Frogs course, lecture and event, a short survey is emailed to everyone who was registered for that activity. This is an opportunity to anonymously provide helpful feedback to the Curriculum Committee and your instructor. By filling out the survey, you let them know what you liked and didn't like, what you want to see more of, and even make suggestions for future classes you'd like to take. Please take a moment to respond when you receive these requests; it means a lot to your instructors! Here is a sampling of the comments from this semester (responses to the question about what students liked best about the class):

Killed in Vietnam – Died in Florida. The Continuing Tragedy of the Vietnam War (Jim Godfrey) This was an outstanding presentation about an American tragedy. Jim's presentation of the physical and psychological effects of war was brought into the spotlight through his personal connection and experiences. A well-researched and insightful presentation.

Buttress Your Memory (Julianna Greer) Best class I've ever attended on memory. The presenter was very knowledgeable & expressed herself clearly. She made the class comfortable in her manner of presentation. She was funny & seemed to enjoy sharing her information. I think everyone in this class enjoyed hearing her. This was one of the best classes ever taken for Silver Frogs

A Legal Perspective on the US Supreme Court and the Cases That Defined American Jurisprudence (Judith Van Hoof) Her fair-minded and reasoned approach to the topic. It's not easy in these fractious times to discuss divisive topics, but the instructor walked a fine line with grace and eloquence.

Witches: Cultural Scapegoats in Times of Peril (Karen Kaigler-Walker) Such an interesting topic for October 31. Learned a lot about world situation at the time of the Witch Trials. Excellent course!!

The Cullen Davis Murder Case (Joe Shannon) Fascinating part of Fort Worth history told by a man right in the middle of events. Great, informative teacher who delivers his lectures with intelligence and fairness. Such a great guy.

The Electric Grid (Jerry Davis) This class definitely needs to be repeated in future semesters. Every electric customer (i.e., all of us) should get this information.

The Professional Organizer's Guide to Having the Most Organized House on the Block (Elizabeth Jones) The energy and humor of the instructor and her ability to get class participation. She had some good photos and tips for organizing particular parts of your house. Elizabeth is delightful, entertaining, and knowledgeable. This is my second time enjoying the class. I needed to be re-inspired to get organized.

Stained Glass – Have You Ever Wanted To Make a Project? (Judy Furche) Judy's personal reason for getting started on this project and seeing her first attempts and then how wonderfully she has grown. Truly impressed by her ability to learn a new hobby and thankful that she shared it so well with us. Judy has found something she loves -- stained glass. She wants to share that love and knowledge with us. That is what Silver Frogs is all about.



A Shout Out to all the Silver Frog instructors but especially **Jim Godfrey** and **Randy Smith**. Those guys are everywhere, their classes are informative and interactive and they love to help people. Maybe I see them more because we have the same interests but they do get around. If I had similar instructors when I began college perhaps it wouldn't have taken me 7 years to graduate.

—Jeff Murray

Spring Membership Registration

During the week of December 5, members were able to renew their memberships, and new members were able to join, for Spring 2023.

524 (of 600) memberships have been claimed as of 5pm on 12/9.

That means **there is still room for your 50+ friends and family members** who have been wanting to join our organization—whether they're into lifelong learning or social activities (or both), this is the place to be!



Silver Frogs enjoying a game during our class "Let's Play Some 42!" which met on Thursdays at 11:00 during the 2nd session. Next semester, I will be offering classes for both **Beginning 42** and **Intermediate 42**. I hope everyone will come join us!!

—Jeff Frazer

Luncheon Salutes Veterans and Aviation



The November 18 Luncheon Lecture opened with a slide show tribute to our Silver Frogs who are also veterans. Photos of these members “at their fighting weight and with all their hair” (as requested by coordinator Randy Smith!) were shown along with their branch of service. The slide show was followed by the posting of the colors by the TCU ROTC Color Guard and the singing of our national anthem.

We then welcomed Jim Hodgson, Chairman of the Fort Worth Aviation Museum, as our featured speaker. His talk, “Vietnam, A Place to Remember,” informed members about the [Tarrant County Vietnam Memorial Foundation](#), a non-profit organization dedicated to building a Vietnam-era memorial in Fort Worth. The groundbreaking ceremony was held in 2020 in Veterans Memorial Park on Camp Bowie Boulevard. Their website includes more information about the memorial, as well as an Honor Roll of veterans who will be remembered (names can still be added).

Jim also spoke about the [Fort Worth Aviation Museum](#), located next to Meacham International Airport. A must-see for aviation enthusiasts, this museum focuses on education and is a destination for school field trips as well as other events.

We’re grateful to Jim for his willingness to participate on short notice, as our previously-scheduled speaker was unable to be there. (We will reschedule the Commemorative Air Force presentation for a later date.)

The Luncheon Lectures Committee has already lined up our Spring Series, which will be announced at the beginning of next semester!

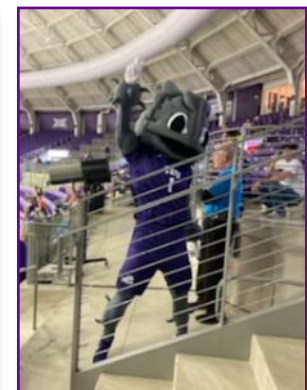


TCU Volleyball’s Silver Frogs Event



A group of spirited Silver Frogs got to see very a high-energy TCU Women’s volleyball match in Schollmaier Arena against Oklahoma on October 21. Our very own vice-president Kay Phillips sang the National Anthem. Super Frog, the TCU mascot, stopped by to say “Hey!” We all cheered on the ladies and enjoyed much comraderie.

– Lisa Winter



Glass with Class by Carol Stanford

Two Silver Frog Special Event classes – one at 11am and one at 2pm – met at the [Contempo Art Glass Gallery](#) in Arlington on October 27. The classes were coordinated by Carol Stanford who is a fused glass artist. No one in the class had ever worked in glass before and they all made very artistic plant stakes with instruction from owner/instructor Kathy Barnett. When their pieces were assembled, they carefully took them to the kiln to be fired. Carol picked up the fired pieces a few days later and brought them back to TCU (Secrest-Wible).

Everyone said they had a good time and might even want to go back and do more!



Left to right: Carol Taylor, Carol Stanford, Judy Grzych, Wanda Murphy, Darcy Sety, x, Kathy Farrell, x, Algeria Brown.



The photos show various stages of the project – creation, fired pieces, and use as a plant stake!

Bakers Rise to the Challenge

by Sharon Harrelson

On November 16, bakers, tasters and judges convened at the Kelly Center for the second-ever Great Silver Frog Cookie Challenge.

The 13 entries were all beautifully baked and presented, and it was no easy task for the judges to determine the winners. They rated each based on appearance, taste and texture, and the final results were close. Each judge had his or her personal favorite, just as our members did as they voted for the People's Choice Award. Winners took home baskets of baking supplies and tools. THANK YOU to everyone who participated!



The judges had a tough time rating all the delicious entries, but somebody had to do it! *Below*, celebrity judges TCU Vice Provost **Susan Weeks** and TCU Head Football Coach **Sonny Dykes** compare notes.



Far left, members gather samples. Left, **Lowell and Katherine Bryan** and **Betsy McDaniel** prepare to sample and vote!



The judges' votes awarded (pictured left to right):

First Place to **Laurie Mikitka's** White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Cookies, **Second Place** to **Elaine & Larry Klos'** Hamantaschen, and **Third Place** to **Kathy Farrell's** Chocolate-Dipped Peanut Butter Sandwiches. They voted **Linda Lancot's** display the award for **Best Presentation**.

The **People's Choice Award** went to **Kerri Menchaca's** Cherry Almond Christmas Cookies.

Ready to bake? All the recipes are available online in the [Cookie Challenge Commemorative Cookbook!](#)

Line Dancing: A Silver Frogs First! by Susan Turner

On November 19 a great group of Silver Frogs enjoyed a wonderful evening filled with laughter and visiting, delicious Tex-Mex food and some very lively boot scootin'. As we were welcomed into Vince and Mona Puentes's beautiful home, the warmth and hospitality of this gracious couple were immediately felt. And, as always, when you get this many Frogs together, the decibel level was high as we enjoyed one another's company.

The super tasty fajita dinner was catered by Enchilada Olé, and there was no shyness as the Frogs went back for seconds! The food was oh so delicious! After dessert and coffee, we made our way upstairs to Mona's dance studio where she patiently taught us a few fun line dances. Not a Frog suffered from two left feet. (That's my story and I'm sticking to it!) While we may not be quite ready for a dance competition, we looked pretty darned good as we strung dance steps together to deliver success!

What a great evening we had. Thanks to everyone who participated. Happy boot scootin', Frogs!



Special Interest Groups

Pickleball Keeps Members Active



The **Silver Frogs Pickleballers** SIG, formed following the success of Jack Crowder's pickleball "lectures" this fall, has been meeting on Wednesdays for fresh air and exercise at the TCU Tennis Center.

—photos by *Sharon Harrelson, Carolyn Kirkland and Jane Swanson*



Lunching Ladies Enjoy Holiday Party



The **Ladies Lunch** SIG had their Holiday Party at Blue Mesa. We each brought a gift under \$5, and everyone opened theirs at once! We had an "ugly sweater" contest...but our judge, Virginia Dias, had an emergency and couldn't be there. The group voted and we awarded the prize to Lori Whitnell.

—*Carol Stanford*



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Art of Fort Worth: A Public Library, a Private Home, and an Innovative Gallery

We had the privilege of visiting the [Reby Cary Youth Library](#), with leaders Marilyn Marvin from Fort Worth Public Library administration and Brian Glass, project manager in the city's architecture department. We learned how "architecture is

problem solving" and how city departments work together throughout a building project.

Notice the interactive light installation on the ceiling. "Hidden" buttons for kids to find throughout the stacks control a light show. Sorry to say, but no adult can visit the magical library without a kid in tow.



Ariel Davis, owner of [Love Texas Art!](#) (center right, in white sweater), welcomed us to her innovative gallery/art lounge/shop/studio in Sundance Square, at 501 Houston Street. Colleen Blair (far right) introduces our program.



Artist-in-residence Bernardo Vallarino gave a spirited presentation.



Mary and Joe Dulle honored their lifelong friend, artist Ken Holder, with a tour of the 37 works of his they have displayed in their beautiful home. The snacks created a festive occasion. What an honor for their friend. What a treat for us.



—Penny McAdoo
Photos by Penny McAdoo and Dave Rodjak

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Special Interest Groups *continued from page 13*

Women & Wine Toasts the Holidays

The two **Women & Wine** SIGs gathered for the holidays. The first was at the home of Kathy Farrell on November 17, and the second was on December 1 at the home of Wanda Murphy. Both groups enjoyed a lovely time celebrating holiday wines and delicious snacks.

—*Siân Borne*



Top row, L to R: Jane Swanson, Jackie Brewer, Kathy Farrell, Susan Turner, Lori Whitnell, Sheila Carlson, Michelle Gagne and Sharon Harrelson.
Bottom Row: Connie Ivy-Swanson, Katie Bray and Penny Dickerson.



Susan Howell, Adrienne Rosen and Andi Smith.



Leslie Dell, Yvette Holaway and Donna O'Brian.



Sue Smith, Judy Grzych, Barbara Kearney, Nancy Caudill and Jerre Gibbins.



Terri Ellis and Lou Anne Mauldin.



Wanda Murphy, Gail Stephens and Judith Tarvin.



Lisa Duhamell, Leola Curtis, Sarah Cowan and Cathy Sunkel.

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Special Interest Groups *continued from page 14*

It's Cookie Season!

What happens when you bring together 13 Silver Frogs with a love of baking AND the holidays? You get an afternoon filled with conversation, recipes, tips and sampling! The **Bake Anything Better** SIG met at Mary Dulle's beautiful home on December 12 to share visions of sugarplums and a whole bunch of cookies.

— Sharon Harrelson



Barbara Hayman, Kit van Nostrand, Marybeth Guenther, Sherri Glaser, Donna Burnette, Laurie Mikitka, Lori Whitnell, Barbara Crotty, Sharon Harrelson, Margie Deutsch, Carolyn Stephens, and Mary Dulle.



[Click here](#) to see the full descriptions of all of our Special Interest Groups on the Silver Frogs website.

If you don't see YOUR special interest represented there, you are welcome to lead your own SIG for the spring semester! [Simply send in a proposal.](#)

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



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 loves to read and travel. For Silver Frogs, she has served as Advisory Board President, is the SIG Chair as well as an instructor, 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; she also spends time cooking/baking, gardening, and learning to parent twin college freshmen.



Richard Ranc is 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. She co-chairs the Luncheon Lectures Committee.



Carolyn Stephens came to Silver Frogs five 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.



Lisa Winter, a Silver Frog since 2016, has served as Special Events Chair and President of the Advisory Board. She is a new grandparent and is quick to pull out a picture of her adorable grandson. Her hobbies include reading, knitting, cooking, traveling, and Wordle.

THANK YOU, CONTRIBUTORS

All contributions to the Silver Streak (both the newsletter and magazine) are very much appreciated.

Thanks to everyone who shared your experiences, photos and advice with our readers this semester.

Spring 2023 Dates to Remember

December 21—January 3
TCU Closed

January 10-16
Course & Lecture Request Period

January 18
Course & Lecture Allocation

January 20
Course & Lecture Confirmations sent

January 23
Open Registration for Empty Seats

January 31 2:00-3:30pm
In-Person Meet & Greet

February 6—March 3
Session I

March 6—April 6
Session II

March 13-17
TCU Spring Break

April 17—May 12
Session III

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