

SILVER STREAK



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Your Silver Frogs Advisory Board at Work

[The Silver Frogs Advisory Board](#) – comprised of nine voting members plus our TCU liaison, the committee chairs and past president – meets monthly to assess aspects of the program and to plan for the future. Each meeting includes an update on happenings at TCU, reports from the various committees, and old and new business. Minutes are taken by the secretary. This group of Silver Frogs works together to come up with new initiatives while preserving the aspects of Silver Frogs that are working well for our members.

Each Spring, some members of the Board complete their two-year terms and new members are elected. A call for nominations has gone out to all Silver Frogs, and those are due by March 31. The Nominating Committee will then go into action, reviewing those nominations to present a slate of candidates to the Board at their April meeting. This year, six of the nine voting seats are available; current board members who have served just one two-year term are eligible for the ballot, but a person can only serve for four consecutive years as a voting board member.

This is “last call” for nominations! If you’re interested, [apply by March 31 using this form](#).

Here’s a recap of some of the latest projects the Advisory Board has been working on:

New Recognition Committee/Program

Starting in Fall 2023, Silver Frogs will be able to nominate current and past members and instructors for special recognition. **Gary Harrell** is chairing this new committee and you’ll see a formal announcement – along with information about how to nominate someone – in your email when nominations open. We think this program will be a valuable and welcome addition to Silver Frogs!

Donations

Have you noticed the [new option on the Silver Frogs website](#) for donations and gifts to the program? After receiving inquiries from some members, **Julie Lovett** was able to get this set up through TCU’s Advancement department. All gifts designated for Silver Frogs (simply follow the instructions on this web page) will go directly toward Silver Frogs needs.

Enhancements to Course Options

Responding to feedback from instructors, **Randy Smith** and the Curriculum Committee have expanded the ways that our classes are structured to include – in addition to one-time lectures and four-week courses – a new two-time “mini course” for those topics that an instructor would best be able to cover in two class meetings. In the Fall 2023 catalog you’ll find all three class sizes!

Ongoing Improvements

President-Elect **Kay Phillips** has been looking to the future, and as part of that initiative a group of Silver Frogs will be taking a road trip to Denton in

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Get Your Fall Proposals In by Randy Smith

The Fall 2023 Request for Proposals (RFP) has been posted, and while we have received some course and lecture proposals, we have not yet reached our goal!

We were fortunate to offer 134 classes (four-week or one-time) this spring and hope we can continue this variety in the fall. In addition to the many long-time favorites, we are always seeking new topics and first-time instructors. If you have a hobby or area of interest that may intrigue our members, please consider sharing it. The core of the Silver Frogs program is the volunteer instructors who step up and share their passions. Remember, you do not need any teaching experience or professional credentials to teach in our program. Unsure? Additional information about serving as a volunteer instructor can be found [here on the Silver Frogs web page](#). The link to the RFP form is on that page, as well. The Curriculum Committee is ready and willing to provide assistance with presentations, handouts, or whatever questions you may have. Or you can ask your favorite instructor what it's like to teach Silver Frogs.

The Advisory Board and the Curriculum Committee are pleased to announce a new class format for the Fall 2023 semester. Based on student and instructor feedback, instructors may now offer two-session mini-courses, in addition to the traditional four-week and one-time classes. These mini-courses will be on consecutive weeks within one of the semester's three sessions, similar to the current four-week courses. This new option may complicate class scheduling, so instructors are asked to please offer as much flexibility as possible in their availability.

You can also 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. Forward the newsletter to them or hand them one of your information cards, and let them know what a great audience they'll have when they teach for Silver Frogs.

Please submit your proposal(s) TODAY! The first deadline has passed and you don't want to miss the opportunity to teach this fall.



Know Where You're Going!

Be sure to check your class reminder email to verify the location — Secretst-Wible or the Dee. J. Kelly Center — where your class is scheduled to meet. On occasion, the room will change between the time you registered and the day of class. You don't want to be running late, then find yourself on the wrong side of campus.

And before you leave the car...remember your parking pass and name badge!



Advisory Board (Continued from page 1)

April to visit with the team at [UNT's OLLI program](#). They've got all kinds of interesting things happening! The visit will give us an inside look into how they do things and perhaps we'll come home with some new ideas for making Silver Frogs even better.

In addition, Julie Lovett and three advisory board members will be traveling to Clemson University this summer for the 2023 OLLI Lifelong Learning Conference. It's been a few years (guess why?) since TCU has participated, but we're looking forward to getting lots of great ideas and sharing ours at this event.

The Silver Frogs Advisory Board meets monthly on the second Friday in the Secretst-Wible classroom. Any member can attend. Contact President [Jim Godfrey](#) with questions regarding meetings or topics for the agenda.



Celebrate End of Semester in Style

If you have fond memories of your own high school prom, then you've probably already signed up...and if you don't, we can assure you that this event will have ALL the fun elements with NONE of the teen angst! If you haven't attended one before, know that our end-of-semester parties are always great fun and true celebrations.

[Get your ticket by April 22!](#)



Dancing Through the Decades!
Silver Frogs Prom 2023

Saturday, May 6th TCU BLUU Ballroom
 7pm - 10pm 2901 Stadium Drive

Attire: Dressy Business to Formal
 Light Hors d'Oeuvres, Dessert & Cash Bar
 \$25 per person

Wall Flowers Singles Friends Couples

To help us get "In The Mood," Andi Smith has written an entertaining and informative story about the history of the high school prom and its fashions over the years (it's on the next page). Share your own fashion memories by emailing a photo of yourself "from those days" to [Trisha Obregon](#) by April 16.



Join the TCU Opera for the **Stars of Tomorrow Concert and Private Reception** with the cast on Saturday, April 22nd at 7pm in the beautiful new Van Cliburn Concert Hall at TCU.

The TCU Opera Studio will present music from stage and silver screen as they perform audience favorites from *La Traviata*, *West Side Story*, *Les Misérables*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *The Pearl Fishers* and more. The concert will feature 27 vocalists and 3 pianists.

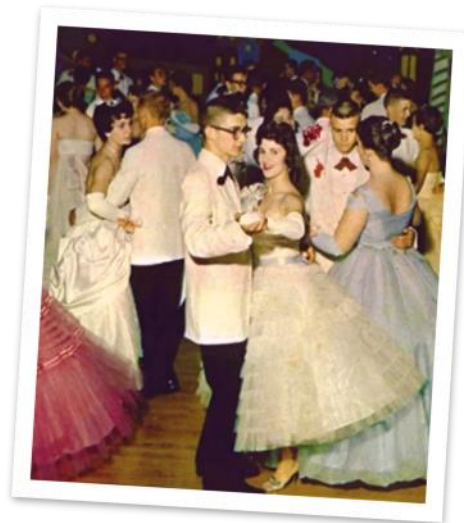
This is a wonderful opportunity to support the amazing TCU Opera students and enjoy selections from beloved favorites. The reception with cast and crew follows the performance will be held in Orchestra Rehearsal Hall in the Concert Hall and will include a beer or wine drink ticket and refreshments.

[Tickets are \\$25 and seats are limited. Get yours today!](#)

Take A Trip Down Fashion Memory Lane

by Andi Smith

You are never too old to have fun! Get ready for our end-of-semester party – an evening of music, socializing, and dancing through the decades at the Silver Frogs Prom! It will be held on **Saturday, May 6th from 7-10pm at the ballroom in the TCU Brown Lupton University Union (BLUU)**. Your Prom Committee has been hard at work planning a fun time for all. Even if you don't dance, come enjoy the great music from the 50s, 60s & 70s that Rick Selcer and Colin Plante have put together for us. Enjoy looking at Silver Frog pictures from our high school years. Have your prom picture made by our fabulous Photography SIG members in the professional photo station. Enjoy cash bar (one free drink ticket) and light hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Come one, come all – **this is not a "couples only" event**. Have fun with your friends and bring a guest if you wish (registration required for all attending). Dress for the prom can range from dressy business to formal and you can wear contemporary or, if you want some extra fun, dress in retro style from your high school decade. [Tickets are available here!](#)



To get us in the prom mood, I did a little research into the history of prom and the styles of our prom decades. The word "prom" is a shortened version of the French word promenade meaning to walk or stroll and refers to the march of guests at the beginning of a ball or formal event. The first proms in the US were held in the late 1890s at colleges as a way for wealthy young men to demonstrate newly found manners and social standing in an acceptable highly chaperoned event. By the 1930s proms had moved from the wealthy-only college students to the high school level and were usually held in the school gym. Parents and educators thought that a (heavily chaperoned) formal dinner and dance would instill social skills and etiquette in young adults.

By the 1950s the prom was strongly rooted in American life and with the post-war booming economy the dances began to be moved from the gym to banquet halls, hotel ballrooms, and country clubs. In 1963 President John Kennedy planned a \$1000-a-plate fundraiser and had to give up the large ballroom at the Beverly Hills Hilton because a high school had booked it for their prom two years earlier. He graciously took a smaller room and even made an appearance to the prom much to the delight of the students. In another presidential twist, in 1975 Susan Ford, daughter of Gerald Ford, held the prom for her class at the White House.

Unfortunately, the dark side of proms was segregation and proms were "white-only" especially in the south. For a time, black students and parents held "black-only" proms in response. The good news is that now proms are open to all. Prom is now an over-the-top, expensive undertaking for today's parents with formal "promposals" (asking someone to prom in an extravagant, creative, and visual way for Instagram and TikTok posting). Expenses for prom dresses, tux rentals, limos, corsages, fancy restaurant dinners, and the pre-prom picture taking appetizer party at parent's homes are all par for the course.

Let's have fun reminiscing at the prom styles of our "dancing decades."

1950s

Fussy, frilly, and utterly feminine was the theme of the tea-length dress popular in this decade. Curves and waists were accentuated with bigger poofy skirts. Endless layers of crinoline, nylon, lace, or paper net petticoats



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Fashion Memory Lane *continued*



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were added under dresses for volume. Dresses were usually strapless and in a pastel shade. Gloves were essential for the perfect and proper young lady. Toward

the end of the 1950s people started moving away from tulle skirts and went with sleeker designs. Shorter dresses with a full, trimmed skirt, dubbed the “bubble hem” dress became popular. Young men wore the traditional tuxedo usually with white or black jacket.

1960s

In the early 1960s dresses slimmed down in the skirt from the very full style of the 1950s. Shorter, knee-length dresses became more popular with some daring girls even wearing sheath dresses. While dress styles were becoming more subtle, the hairstyles were becoming bigger, with the 1960s beehive and bouffant all the rage. By the middle



of the 1960s long dresses became popular again and the empire (raised) waist with A-line or soft gathered skirt. The strapless dress was no longer popular and sleeveless dresses with a ribbon and a bow under the bust or at the waist was the height of fashion. Long gloves also became popular as the dresses became slimmer. Hair was often piled high with sausage curls or ringlets. In the late 60s small bouquets of flowers (nosegays) became popular in place of wrist or dress corsages. Young men continued to wear tuxedos in white with pale blue jackets also becoming popular.

1970s

Dresses in this decade were softer and flowing compared to the more structured 60s style. Influenced by a more casual “peasant” or bohemian look. Long dresses with ruffles hems and sheer long sleeves became popular along with gathered off-the-shoulder styles. Patterns and bolder colors were popular in gowns. Synthetic flowy fabrics were also popular as the disco dance style influenced prom styles. For young men, the 70s was the time for wild boldly patterned suits, ruffled shirts, wide lapels, platform shoes, and long hair. Couples often coordinated their looks with men wearing a tux jacket the same color as their date’s dress.



Want to get further into the “prom mood”? Check out these movies with prom scenes and lots of teenage angst: *Grease*, *Pretty in Pink*, *Footloose*, *Back to the Future*, & *Sixteen Candles*.



University Drive Construction Update by Darcy Sety



If you travel on University Drive between Farrington Field and the Zoo, you are aware of the City of Fort Worth Street and Transportation Construction Project impacting the area. The project is funded at \$5.7M and according to the city website: "This project proposes the addition of a median to improve safety, and will improve pedestrian and bicycle access and transit facilities. A new traffic signal will be constructed at Collinsworth Street and the existing signal at Old University Drive will be replaced. University Drive pavement will be resurfaced. Restriping of Old University will provide for bike lanes and a parking lane."


Construction began February 13, 2023 and will continue for one year. The City is sensitive to the needs of the area and all six lanes will remain open during special events (Fort Worth Zoo Spring Break, Fort Worth Zoo Run, Mayfest, Colonial Golf Tournament, TCU Home Football Games, Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo).

Mark McCoy, manager of the project stated in an email: "The outside lanes of University Drive will be closed from Riverfront to Old University starting March 20 (after Spring Break) to continue work on the new sidewalks, pedestrian ramps, traffic signals, and street lights."


He added that the city sewer replacement was completed February 24 and the lighting portion is just getting started.

When asked if businesses like Ol' South and the University Park Village will continue to be impacted he said: "Minimizing impacts to businesses is always a priority. The biggest impact to Ol' South was the three lane closure for the sewer replacement, which also closed their driveway on University Drive and rerouted customers to Old University. The sewer work is complete and all driveways are now open. Going forward, all businesses will have direct access off of University Drive."

According to Fox News, The Ol' South Pancake House at its University Drive location supports the changes. "If it's for the betterment of the community and Fort Worth in general, we're all for it," said Dustin Riddle with the restaurant.

During normal construction operations, it is anticipated that one lane in each direction will be closed. Traffic delays should be expected. All work is expected to take place within the city right of way. No work is expected to occur on private property. Completion is anticipated in February 2024. 

The Can Awaits by Ken Bowers

Just a reminder for those Silver Frogs that travel: The Can is still accepting donations of the amenities that you might find in your hotel, inn, motel or B&B — those small bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash and lotion. Or, your dental appointment's encouragement of good oral hygiene with toothbrushes, mouthwash, toothpaste and dental floss. The donations are collected and taken to support the work being done by Safe Haven and the Presbyterian Night Shelter. Items should be unused; the caps and seals should not have been broken. The Can is in the front office at Secrest-Wible, across from Trisha's desk. Just put your donations in the Can and they will be collected and distributed during the semester. Your help and consideration are appreciated by the people that are using the services of these two charitable organizations. 





INSTRUCTOR PROFILE: Meet Ann Sheets by Carolyn Stephens

Ann Sheets is an East Texas native who loves to delve into Texas history and share some of the state's lesser-known stories with her fellow Silver Frogs. Her lecture this semester is about Texas' World War II internment camp in Crystal City.

"There's a great book called *The Train to Crystal City* by Jan Jarboe Russell, which sparked my interest in this bit of Texas history," she says. "I have discovered that I enjoy researching some of the little-known stories about Texas history and sharing them with others."

The first class Ann taught for Silver Frogs was about Kristenstad, a community in Hood County just across the river from Camp El Tesoro, a Camp Fire resident camp where she was director during her early career. "I had heard many legends about Kristenstad over the years and decided to do a little research, which eventually led to thinking it would be an interesting presentation for Silver Frogs.

"Some called Kristenstad a 'Texas Utopia,' but the best description is that it was a cooperative," she explains. "Unfortunately, it was only in existence from 1928 to 1938, but it's a captivating story and

includes some interesting tidbits related to the history of Fort Worth, as well."

Her next topic for Silver Frogs was the New London School Explosion of 1837, which she explains was an event not far from her hometown of Henderson, Texas. Few people know about this sad story, she believes, but over 300 people were killed in the explosion (most of whom were children). It led to having an odor that is now required in natural gas. "This has probably saved thousands of lives since that time," she believes.

While Ann completed her undergraduate degree at East Texas State University (now Texas A&M-Commerce) and her master's degree in camping administration at George Williams College of Aurora University (Illinois), she still has ties to TCU. "My husband was a TCU graduate and my daughter, Katie, graduated from TCU and is now on the athletic department staff as a social media specialist/video producer," she is proud to say. Plus, she lives not far from TCU.

Katie is engaged and planning her wedding date next year around the TCU's soccer season since she is heavily involved in covering soccer for TCU. Her son Patrick is a tax attorney in Houston and the father of Ann's two-year-old grandson Max.

"Horned Frogs have always been a part of my life, and I became interested in Silver Frogs before retiring from Camp Fire, hearing of all the interesting classes from friends who were already a part

of the program," Ann states.

She is already thinking ahead to another topic for a Silver Frogs lecture. "I volunteer as a Citizen Forester and, through them, have learned that the City of Fort Worth tree farm (as well as some of the Tarrant County College South Campus property and Fort Worth Independent School District athletic fields) is located on what was known as the Fort Worth Narcotics Farm. This was a 1930s era attempt at rehabilitating persons addicted to drugs," according to Ann. "Not much has been written about this, but I hope to find enough to share the information about this interesting property."

Besides researching history, Ann claims an interest in woodworking and being creative with a laser/engraver. "I have probably made several thousand Christmas ornaments over the years, among other things. I also teach woodworking to campers at El Tesoro de la Vida, a camp that Camp Fire operates in the summer for children who have had a death in their family."

When asked what she enjoys most about being a Silver Frog, Ann says it's the camaraderie with others and learning about new things, from weather to history to cyber currency. "I've enjoyed every class I've attended and look forward to whatever comes next. There are always a wide variety of interesting topics.

"I would recommend participation in Silver Frogs to anyone – it's a blast! It's enjoyable to not only take classes, but to teach a few as well."



Meet & Greet Events Welcome New and Returning Members




The spring semester kicked off with a pair of "meet and greet" events designed to answer questions and ease the transition back to school.

Our 100+ new members were invited to a New Member Coffee on January 26, bringing our newest Silver Frogs together to learn more about the organization.

And after a few reschedules due to icy weather, the Meet & Greet was held on February 6. Silver Frogs picked up their member packets and enjoyed the opportunity to sign up for committees and special interest groups. Information about parking and more was shared by TCU's Julie Lovett (left) and Silver Frogs president Jim Godfrey (above). Both events were well attended!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Luncheon:
May 19**

[Educate, Inspire & Honor: The Commemorative Air Force's Golden Thread](#)

Join fellow Silver Frogs for this Luncheon Lecture with Hank Coates of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF). Established in 1957, the CAF is the world's largest flying museum. Comprised of more than 180 vintage military aircraft, the collection is used to educate, inspire and honor through flight and living history experiences.

Box lunches will be served.

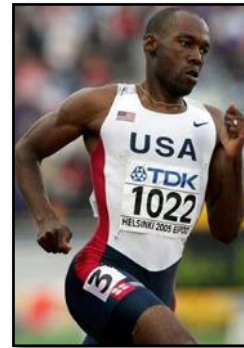
Luncheon Lectures Inspire and Inform



On Friday, February 17, Spring's first luncheon lecture brought Silver Frogs together in the BLUU for **Life Lessons From 2-Time Olympian & TCU Track and Field Director Khadevis Robinson**. Entertaining and inspiring, Robinson talked about growing up in Fort Worth (he graduated from Trimble Tech and TCU) and his experiences in making – and not making – the US Olympic Track & Field team. We were treated to video from several key races, but his talk was about so much more than running track. While he competed in Athens in 2004 and London in 2012 (at age 35!), he learned important life lessons when he did not make the teams in 2000 and 2008. We also learned about his passion for mentoring the young athletes he now coaches.

His message – that it's never too late to find your passion and share it with others – was particularly suitable for our group. His enthusiasm was contagious and left the audience smiling and energized.

For more information about Robinson's inspiring life and career, check out [this 2022 press release](#) and his [Wikipedia profile](#).



Robinson in 2005 (left) and at the end of his presentation in February.

Then on Friday, March 10 we met another member of TCU's faculty. **Can We Afford to Save Africa's Rhinos?** with Dr. Michael Slattery of TCU's Institute of Environmental Studies took us South Africa where we learned about the threats endangering the rhinoceros population there, as well as initiatives to protect their future.



Dr. Michael Slattery speaks to Silver Frogs. He is holding a collar used to track rhinos.

There are five species of rhinoceros; South Africa is home to 80% of the world's [white and black rhinos](#) (the names are not related to the color of the animals). While the white rhinos are "grazers" and more docile, the black variety are "browsers" and more aggressive. The black rhinos are critically endangered. Both types are brutally poached for their horns; demand comes from Southeast Asia, primarily Vietnam and China, where the horns bring a high price.

Dr. Slattery, who hails from South Africa, shared heartbreaking pictures and video of rhinos who had been killed or mutilated by poachers. He also told us about the **TCU Rhino Initiative**, started in 2014, which includes opportunities for students from TCU to spend time in South Africa to take part in activities such as de-horning, collaring and caring for rhinos that could be saved. These trips provide a "study abroad" opportunity for students in many different fields of study. The initiative focuses on rhino management and protection practices. Every rhino counts!

For more information on the TCU Rhino Initiative, click [here](#).

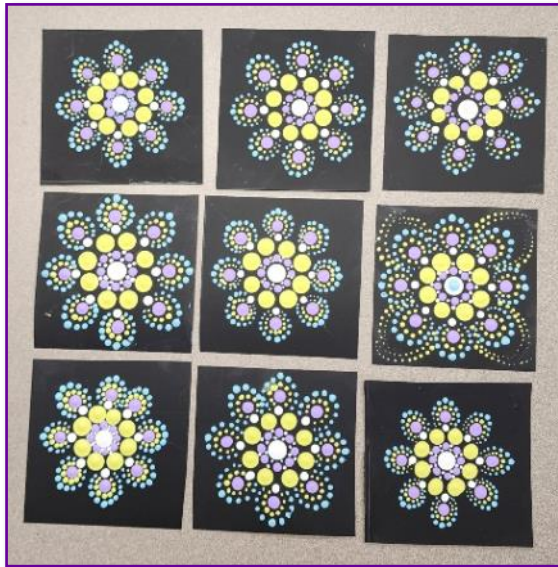


Silver Frogs enjoying the presentation and the company!

Top: Robert and Susan Whittaker, Margaret DeMoss, Janet Minke, Jo Ann and Roland Haedge

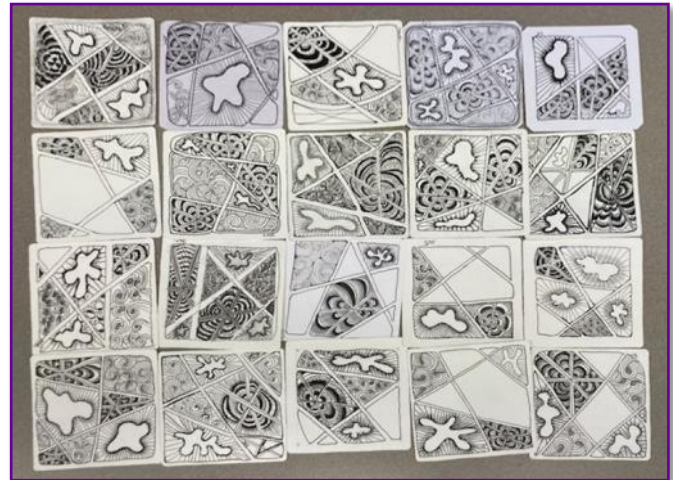
Bottom: Marsha and Rod Farrell, Kit and Reeve VanNostrand

Classes Spark Creativity



Introduction to Dot Mandalas was a first-time class this semester. All Supplies were provided. The objective is to create a beautiful pattern using various sizes of tools ranging from an unsharpened pencil to a tooth pick. And also to relax and have fun.

—Darcy Sety, Instructor



Zentangle is a popular class which debuted last fall and is enjoying its second series. This semester instructor Laura Dyson is teaching different tangles, and has added a color version of the class as well. It's fun to see how varied everyone's projects are following each lesson.

— Sharon Harrelson, photo by Lisa Winter



Two groups of Silver Frogs met at Contempo Art Glass on March 16 to create works of glass art, this time making pendants in the shape of boots.

— Carol Stanford



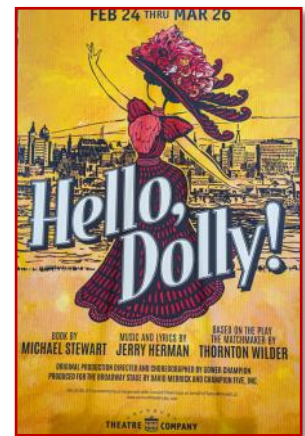
Well, Hello, Dolly!

by [Susan Turner](#), Special Events Committee Chair
 Photography by Tom Clark

Saturday, February 25 was mighty grey, cold and dismal outside but inside a bunch of carpools, restaurants and the Granbury Opera House it was warm, vibrant and filled with color! A group of 35 Silver Frogs had the best time ever having lunch on the Square, with half dining at Christina's and half at Farina's. Fortunately both restaurants sat us in private areas because there was a LOT of laughing, loud chatter and FUN going on. You'd think we'd never seen each other before!

After a delicious lunch, we made our way over to the Opera House for a truly outstanding production of *Hello, Dolly!* The show was fantastic – with a very talented cast and a Dolly who could belt those songs like nobody's business! As always, the BEST part of the day was all the new friends we made. Silver Frogs is filled with the most interesting, delightful people and I continue to feel incredibly blessed to have this opportunity through which to get to know everyone.

Folks - participate in the SIGS, excursions and events. They are loads of fun and such a great opportunity to get to know people!



Restaurant photos: Left column, top to bottom—Jim & Jean Godfrey, Abbey & Jim Brewer; Lee Wimp, Ann Bracey, Jane Swanson, Janice Marut, John & Fran Leiss, Jane Reinert, Tom Swanson, John Marut; Susan Frymire, Deb Burbridge, Susan Turner, Judy Grzych, Virginia Dias, Willie Streetser. Above—Laurie Mititka, Debbie Griffin, Rose Steeg, Donya Leeman, Amy Smiley, Lynn Hayes, Patricia Hall, Leslie Rogers, Mary Ann Talioferro, Sally Olmstead, and Barbara Shaver. *Under marquee:* Leslie Rogers, Susan Turner, Ann Bracey, and Rose Steeg.

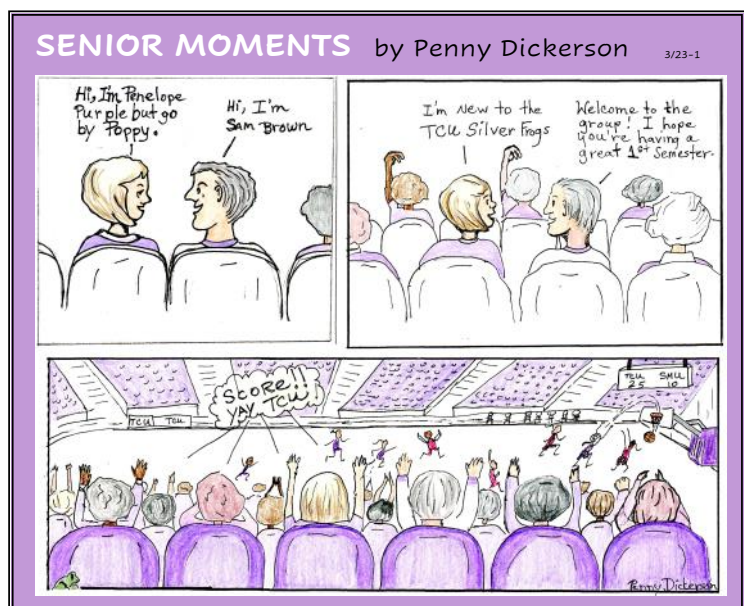
Silver Frogs Score Fun at TCU Basketball Event

by Lisa Winter, Photography by Tom Clark

At Schollmaier Arena on March 4, Silver Frogs enjoyed the TCU Women's Basketball game versus the Kansas Jayhawks. We witnessed Raegan Pebley's last regular season game as head coach. Tom Clark was wandering throughout with his camera and press pass. Alas, TCU lost 84-61, but it was fun for us Silver Frogs seniors to watch the TCU seniors' final home game.



Photo by Lisa Winter



Pictured starting at top right and moving clockwise: Jeff & Lisa Winter; Judy Coolidge, Lenelda Pennington; Superfrog; Linda Lawson, Patsy Cipolla, Shary Anderson, Nancy Regan; Penny Dickerson, Joan Mason, Chuck Mason; Debbie Maddux, Betsy McDaniel, Resa Payne.

SIG News: Art Abounds in Fort Worth

— Penny McAdoo,

with photos by Dave Rodjak unless otherwise noted



The Art Frogs leapt into the spring semester with a January visit to "Modern Masters," an exhibit showcasing works contributed to The Modern by one of its greatest patrons over a nearly 50-year period. Here, a few of the participating SIG members concentrate on a sculptural piece along with docent Sheryl Levy.

When the Art Frogs visited Billy Hassell's Fairmont studio, it was a huge treat to see his vibrant works in the space where they were created. Go to billyhassell.com to find out more about this exciting Fort Worth artist, who has been called "Mother Nature's Stylist" by the New York Times. (One can even order note cards.)



"[I'll Be Your Mirror: Art and the Digital Screen](#)" at The Modern is definitely ground-breaking. It examines screen culture through a range of media, such as paintings, sculpture, video games, digital art, augmented reality, and video.

Exhibit curator Alison Hearst introduced the show for our group, and then we enjoyed a tour with a Modern docent. The exhibit is open through April 30, so you can pay a visit if you wish.



Alison Hearst talks about one area of the exhibit which may look familiar to those of a certain age. Image: Fort Worth Report



SIG News: Ladies Are Lunching All Over Town



At Rise in Clearfork



At Lucile's on Camp Bowie



The Ladies Lunch Out SIG has had some great get-togethers this semester! In January we met at Rise, in February the lunch was at Pulido's, and in March we had lunch at Lucile's. As you can see, there's a good turnout every time we go.

— Susan Frymire

SENIOR MOMENTS by Penny Dickerson 3/23-2

Panel 1: "I'm glad I joined the Ladies Lunch out S.I.G.. It's nice to meet new members."

Panel 2: "yes, it's nice to meet you Poppy. There are several other S.I.G.'s you might want to join."

Panel 3: "I agree Susan. There's Bake Better, Arts, Canasta, Afternoon Tea S.I.G.'s and more." "You're right Mary Women and Wine is a fun gathering too!"

Panel 4: "How fun. I'll be sure to look into it."

Penny Dickerson

SIG News: A Special Interest...in Wine

And if you have an interest in special wine, you may want to [check this out](#).



Left to right: Sharon Harrelson, Leslie Dell, Siân Borne, Donna Babineaux.



Wine I, from top left: Susan Whittaker, Judy Coolidge, Patsy Cipella, Carol O'Connell, Cindy Johnson, Mary Eads, Deborah Banks; Gail Roberts, Judy Grzych; Jamie Luebbehusen, Lou Anne Mauldin.



The two **Women & Wine** SIGs met in February (on different nights) at the Borne home to kick off the spring semester. Wine I then met at my house on February 23 and the Wine II group met at Lori Whitnell's home on February 28 (both focused on California wines).

—Siân Borne



Wine II, clockwise from top right: Darlene Householder, Earla Houser; Melissa Daigle, Nancy Stahl, Margaret Humphries, Lori Whitnell; Sara Cowan, Connie Ivy-Swanson, Katie Bray, Linda Mitchell, Penny Dickerson, Carolyn Knott.

SIG News: Are You a Sport?



Photo by Lisa Winter

Come out and join us for **PICKLEBALL!**

We play every Wednesday at the TCU tennis courts at 2pm. Parking is free and open to the public, just go to the clubhouse and pay the \$5 court fee. We usually play for two hours, but you can play as long as you like. Bring a family member or a friend. We have all levels playing. If you want to be put on our email list (for weather and other updates) just send me your email address.

—[Jack Crowder](#)

Class Act

Silver Frogs who attended *Selling as David in a World of Goliaths: Renfro Foods* were happily surprised with a complimentary jar of salsa as Doug Renfro, President of Mrs. Renfro's, presented an informative and humorous history of his 82-year-old family business in Fort Worth.

—Ann Shelton



Left to right: Doug Renfro, James Renfro and Becky Renfro Borbolla

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) foster fellowship and allow members to engage with others who share a common interest. SIGs are open to current Silver Frogs members only. Membership or participation in specific SIG activities may be limited and a waitlist might be in place.

These groups are member-driven and meet at various locations (or virtually) on a regular schedule according to what the group members decide.

Afternoon Tea — contact: [Sherry Flowers](#)

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

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

Classic Canasta — contact: [Susan Frymire](#)

Ladies Lunch Out — contact: [Susan Frymire](#)

Liverpool Rummy — contact: [Marsha Farrell](#)

Men's Breakfast Group — contacts: [Gary Harrell](#) and [Jim Box](#)

Non-Fiction Book Club — contact: [Joann Schulte](#)

Pickleball — contact: [Jack Crowder](#)

Photography — contact: [Randy Smith](#)

Positive Aging — contact: [Anne Carlson](#)

Women & Wine — contact: [Sian Borne](#)

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

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 if there are questions and/or when it has been approved!

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.



WELCOME PENNY, creator of Senior Moments!

Penny Dickerson is a practicing artist (acrylic and watercolor) who loves to travel and read (mostly mysteries). She joined TCU Silver Frogs in fall of 2019. Retired from IBM Corp. after 31 years as an Executive Assistant, all in the DFW area.



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.



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.



WELCOME DARCY! Darcy Sety joined Silver Frogs in 2019 after watching them grow and blossom. Following a career in IT Management, she now enjoys indulging in her many hobbies. She has served on the Silver Frogs Advisory Board and has recently started teaching classes.



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 chairperson, vice president, president, and past president. 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.

JOIN THE TEAM!

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

The staff gathers information, interviews members, writes stories, edits material, contributes pictures and ideas, and documents Silver Frogs activities. It's a fun group and you can be part of it!
[Email Sharon Harrelson if interested.](#)

We also request member contributions to themed magazines each semester. These publications include creative writing, how-tos, pets, travel, reading recommendations, TV and movie reviews, and other human interest stories. You'll see an email prior to each deadline, as a reminder to contribute.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 6

Session II Classes End

April 17

Session III Classes Begin

May 6

Silver Frogs Prom

May 12

Session III Classes End

May 19

Luncheon Lecture

June 1-2

Membership Registration for Fall

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