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◆ NEW BOARD MEMBERS ◆



Brian Greig Headliners Club's New Chairman

Having been a member most of his life has placed Brian Greig in the ideal place to become the new Chairman of Headliners. Or rather, his father, Ben Wayne Greig, placed him there, since he was too young to be an actual member at the start. However, Greig remembers that those special occasions that took him to Headliners as a young boy were “the most fun,” especially since Austin didn’t have that many restaurants at the time.

Chairman Greig has had an illustrious career as a labor and employment lawyer at Fulbright & Jaworki, LLP, but he relates that his earliest job, at a Texaco station, may have inspired his choice. His boss at the time docked his pay for a minor omission on an invoice, prompting Greig to recall David Allan Coe’s immortal song, “Take This Job and Shove It.” Which he did. Fortunately, his next job, at the Tarrytown Pharmacy, was much more pleasant, paying him 75 cents an hour plus supper. It’s hard not to make the connection with these experiences and his future immersed in wage and hour regulations.

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Judge Sam Sparks – Headliners Club's New Board President



U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks, Headliners’ new Board President, has spent a lot of time in court, on both sides of the bench. That alone should assure that Board meetings will be run effectively. However, Judge Sparks also has a long list of qualifying awards and experience to bring to the table – 26 years in private litigation practice in El Paso, Congressional aide to U.S. Representative Homer Thornberry and law clerk to Thornberry after his appointment as U.S. District Judge (1960s), his own appointment to U.S. District Judge in 1991, as well as the Frank C. Erwin Award (2007), Best Trial Judge (2005), and UT Law School Lifetime Achievement Award (2011).

Born and raised in Austin, Judge Sparks is a graduate of AISD schools – Pease Elementary, O’Henry Junior High (in those days), and Austin High School. He managed, like many, to stay in Austin, getting his undergraduate and law school degrees at UT. He then headed to El Paso for the next 27 years, finally returning to Austin when President George H.W. Bush appointed him to the Federal bench. He chuckles as he relates an editorial written upon his arrival, decrying the lack of Austinites in the district court. “I called the fellow and asked him, ‘What does it take to be an Austinite?’” The reporter obviously had not done his homework, merely noting that Judge Sparks moved here from El Paso and missing the minor point that he is a native son.

When he returned to Austin in 1991, his brother, Joe, told him he had to do two things – live in Tarrytown and join Headliners. He relates that “at least I joined Headliners.”

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Suzy Balagia

Suzy Balagia has never seen much reason to travel. As a native Austinite, the world has come to her. She remembers when Congress was “The Avenue”, and it was a treat to dress up for lunch at Scarborough’s or The Driskill. She remembers gluing plastic pickles on pens for Congressman Jake Pickle, and volunteering for United Cerebral Palsy when LBJ was president. For those of you newcomers, who have just discovered Austin, Suzy can tell you it has always been an exciting place to be.

As an Austin High and UT graduate, she bled burnt orange, and was the Assistant Director of Development for the Longhorn Foundation for more than five years and was their Development Manager for Athletics before that.

Balagia says that giving back was always a family value, and credits the Junior League of Austin with



sharpening her leadership skills. Over the years she has held leadership positions with the Colorado River Foundation, Children’s Hospital Foundation of Austin, Foster Angels, the Girl Scout Lone Star Council, Safe Place, Hospice Austin and Greenlights.

In fact, it is difficult to think of a worthy institution in town that Suzy has not been involved in by chairing a luncheon, planning a gala, or otherwise offering support. Currently she is Co-Chair of the Champions for Children Awards Luncheon for the Helping Hand Home for Children, while working for Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst.

Growing up, “going to the Headliners” always defined a special occasion in the Balagia family---a landmark birthday, wedding anniversary, high school graduation. Today she would not think of missing a chance to show out-of-towners the view from the Club.

— *By Donna Shipley*

Brian Greig

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Graduating from Austin High, (where he played football with Headliners staff Darnell Moseley), Greig made his way to Washington and Lee, where he received his BA in Economics. He then returned to Austin to complete his JD at UT Law School; the rest, as they say, is history. He has received numerous awards, including many “Who’s Who” recognitions, as well as a permanent spot on the “Super Lawyers” list. He is also a civic leader, having served on many community boards, including KLRU-TV, Laguna Gloria Art Museum, Austin Museum of Art, and Zach Scott Theatre.

However, it becomes apparent after talking to Greig for any length of time, that he considers his family his most important accomplishment. For example, when asked what his favorite memory of Headliners is, he replied, “Two memories, actually. We held the rehearsal dinners for both of our children at Headliners. They were magical evenings.” Then, there is his wife. He states that he is proud to be “Mr. Jane S. Greig,” and has actually had business cards made up. Another fun memory is when Doug Nichols, known to many members for his walks through the dining room at lunch, stamping member’s parking tickets, (which he could do as an officer of the bank housing the Club at the time), presented Greig with a bronzed “Mr. Jane

Greig” business card. It is one of his prized possessions.

When speaking of Headliners and his new position, Greig states that it is “really an honor” to take the reins from Tom Granger, who has served so well for the last fifteen years. What Greig likes best about the Club is that it has kept its high standards through the years; it also helps that “the most interesting people in Austin” are members. The programs, especially, are a high point for him. He feels that the speakers “respect the audience” and thus give members a unique opportunity to stay in touch with today’s complex world. His plans are to maintain the traditions that

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are an integral part of the everyday culture of the Club. He would also like to see new, young members join to help carry on those same traditions, while at the same time bringing a fresh outlook to what is, and will remain, a rich cultural heritage. Greig is highly complimentary about Sue Meller and her staff. The Club is so well-run, he is not anticipating many crises. He likes the motto, “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.” There is little doubt, however, that Brian Greig will have a successful tenure as Chairman, and will keep the standards high. We look forward to his leadership.

— *By Kay Allensworth*

Amanda Foster

Community volunteer, mother to two grown daughters, leader of her family business, Amanda Foster now adds board member, Headliners Club to her list of activities.

Wearing many different hats is nothing new to the Austin native who is proud to say, “I’ve lived every day of my life in Austin”. A 1978 graduate of the University of Texas with a degree in Business, Amanda went straight to work in the family business, Stripling Blake Lumber Company. Adding busy mother to her schedule, she still found time to give countless volunteer hours to many Austin organizations. She has served on the board of St. Andrews Episcopal School (where she and her daughters attended), chaired the Junior League Christmas Affair and the Seton Gala and was



active with Helping Hand Home Society, Women’s Symphony League and her church.

Amanda says the Headliners Club holds many happy memories for her. Dining with other members and entertaining friends are what she enjoys most about the club. Her favorite events have been honoring each of her daughters with fabulous celebrations – one as a Bachelors Debutante and the other as Texas Bluebonnet Queen.

In June 2011 Amanda married Morris Foster. Their marriage has brought many new adventures including travel to Argentina, building a new home, and her family has expanded with five more children and four grandchildren.

— *By Laurie Hall*

Franklin Hall

While not being what you’d call a “foodie”, Franklin Hall has been in the food business pretty much his entire life. That is, he’s been in the meat business most of his life. He is the third-generation owner of Lone Star Food Service, Ltd., and his son, Edward, has recently joined the business, making his enterprise a long-standing and respected one. His daughter, Margie, is also involved in the business. While he stated he would never force his children to follow in his footsteps, he is obviously proud that they chose to be involved. It is not surprising, then, that he is looking forward to his time on the Board, as he is a second-generation member, reflecting the multi-generational nature of his business.

Hall is another native Austinite. After graduation from the University of Texas, he committed himself to learning and growing the family business, which is dedicated to sustainability, humane care, and local producers. Lone Star Foods is the largest distributor of



Niman Ranch natural meats in the Southwest. Hall has served at Past President and Chairman of the North American Meat Processors Association. He is also a board member of the YMBL Sunshine Foundation and an advisory board member of Caritas of Austin.

Hall joined Headliners before the age of 30, and every time he comes, he has “good feelings.” He enjoys getting together with his mother, who is still a member, and his wife, Laurie. One of his best memories of the Club is his daughter’s wedding reception. It was a special occasion made all the more special by the atmosphere and high standards of Headliners.

The main motivation for joining the Board is a desire “to give back.” Hall is anxious to offer himself to the Club and help out any way he can. With his experience and dedication, there is no doubt that Franklin Hall will be a huge asset to the Board of Directors. We welcome him.

— *By Kay Allensworth*

Randy Howry

When Randy Howry, founding partner of Howry, Breen and Herman, is asked what his passion is, the first word that comes out of his mouth is “family.” He is being inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers in October because his daughter is making her debut in the spring---when he was originally to receive the honor. A Georgetown native, he received his JD from South Texas College of Law in Houston, where he was named Alumnus of the Year in 2009. He loves Austin, though, where he was a UT undergraduate, and he and his wife Julia have contributed mightily to community life since moving here for good in 1985. He was president of the Austin Bar Association in 2005, and since 2003 has worked with law students as Adjunct Professor in the UT Law School Trial Advocacy Program. He was president of WAYA(2006) and a director there from 2002 to 2009.



He has also served on the Real Estate Council of Austin, the Austin Chamber of Commerce and as director of the Texas Beta Student Aid Fund.

The Howrys like to get away for bay fishing at their place in Port Aransas and for occasional trips to the Ozark Mountains where Julia grew up. They are members of other clubs in the city—Julia plays tennis---but the Headliners is his favorite by far.

Randy and Julia held their wedding reception at the Headliners 22 years ago, and were delighted when they were asked to join. He uses the club for entertaining clients, and loves the great food of chef John Krone. He likes coming to the club for dinner and walking from there to a concert or other event downtown, and especially enjoys the educational component of the Speakers’ series.

— By Donna Shipley

Leslie McConnico

Legacy member and Austin native Leslie McConnico says, “I was so surprised when they called to ask me to serve on the board”. Yet, when you read her resume, a wide range and interests, history with the club and high energy level make her a perfect addition.

Leslie says she remembers her parents, E. Ross Rost, spending many evenings at the club, children not included. The first events she remembers attending were some “really great Bachelors debutante parties”, during her years at UT. Although Leslie did not have her debutante party at Headliners, she and attorney husband Steve did celebrate their rehearsal dinner the club.

These days Leslie focuses much of her time on volunteering with Helping Hand Home for



Children, Austin Lawyers Auxiliary and Austin Women’s Club. In addition, she is actively pursuing her many interests including hunting, gardening, snow skiing, traveling and reading. Currently, her book club is reading *Sweet Tooth*, by Ian McEwan; she, Steve and daughter Callie recently returned from a ski trip to Squaw Valley and her 20th anniversary celebration will be a trip to Paris with husband Steve.

She says Steve is often at the club having lunch with friends and clients, but the speakers’ series and concerts are what she enjoys most. She recently learned how popular these have become when she was unable to get tickets to see Diana Ross.

— By Laurie Hall

Mary Scott Nabers

Mary Scott Nabers

and her company Strategic Partnerships, Inc. (SPI), are at the forefront of the outsourcing phenomenon in government. In fact, she has written a book on it: Collaboration



Nation. Getting government entities and the private sector to work together presents some of the same problems, according to Nabers, as getting the US and China to communicate, i.e., they are different cultures and speak different languages. It is the job of SPI and the Gemini Global Group, which she co-founded with Ben Barnes, to bridge that gap.

Prior to founding SPI sixteen years ago, Nabers had a varied career in both the public and private sectors. From 1984-92 she represented business on the Texas Employment Commission, and founded the Texas Business Council. She wrote a weekly column for more than 100 newspapers, hosted a weekly radio program and published a monthly business publication with a circulation of 160,000. In 1993, she was appointed to the Texas Railroad Commission by Governor Ann Richards.

Losing husband Lynn three years ago was a huge shock (they were high school sweethearts). She said she coped, thanks to the many kind gestures of her friends, and by throwing herself into her work, including the book published just last year. She now has a staff of 20+ and is busier than ever. Writing the book was especially hard because she saw her father and first mentor looking over her shoulder. He was an entrepreneur like Mary and owned seven newspapers out of Cross Plains, just outside of Brownwood.

Mary and Lynn joined the Headliners almost immediately after coming to Austin when Lynn joined the state legislature, on the urging of George Christian, Ben Barnes, and others. She finds it is a congenial place to meet old friends, and---because of its connection to journalism---she feels right at home. And she loves the history of the place, and the professionalism of the staff, especially Sue Meller.

— *By Donna Shipley*

John Schweitzer

Hailing from the Show me State, John Schweitzer made his way to Texas thanks to a stint in the Army. After receiving his BA and MBA degrees from the University of Missouri, the U.S. Army sent the young 1st Lieutenant to Ft. Bliss, Texas where he served for two years as personal aide to the Commanding General.



Settling in El Paso, John spent the next 20 years actively involved in all aspects of the community. Along with managing his family business, Westgate Corporation, he served as Director for Jasco Trucking Co., Springer Corporation and Continental Transmission Corp. He also gave his service to the Sun Bowl Association, United Way Campaign, and El Paso Arts Alliance.

In 1988 Schweitzer moved to Austin because, “I always wanted to live in Austin.” He quickly became immersed in the community including membership in the Headliners Club. “If I have lunch, it’s always at Headliners,” he says. The club’s convenience to his office, where he is managing partner of Campbell Capital, Ltd., makes it ideal.

Member of the Headliners board will be added to an impressive list of board service for Schweitzer. He is currently on the UT Development Board, and serving as a director for the Blanton Museum, Austin Crime Commission and Heartgift.

— *By Laurie Hall*

Judge Sam Sparks

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And he’s delighted he did. One of his favorite memories is of his godmother, Jean Baldwin, sitting in the Press Box at the Christmas party, “running the show” at her table and drinking martinis. Judge Sparks himself has been active, both as a “Famous Austinite” presenter and a frequent attendee at the many wonderful programs presented by the Club. When reminded of his Christmas poem, penned in 2004 or so, and printed in the Christmas newsletter, he again chuckled, and said that he’s gotten in trouble for his poetry over the years.

Judge Sparks’ goal for his tenure as President is simple: “No problems.” He adds, “Sue Meller and her great staff run the place so well, I’m not anticipating problems.” He also, of course, wants to sustain membership growth and bring in “new blood.” Given his experience, expertise, and active mind, all those goals will be met.

And as for his poetry, we can only hope that the Club is the recipient of more of his lively verse.

— *By Kay Allensworth*

◆ CHRISTMAS PARTY 2012 ◆



Merry Christmas and welcome to new members Peter and Alice Rose.



Milly and Charles Walden enjoyed the holiday spirit with old friends and colleagues.



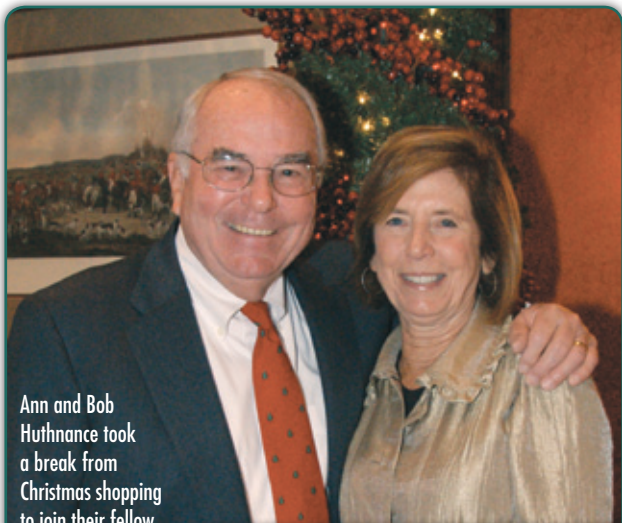
The Minton Men — Roy and Perry.



Thanks to Ken Moyer (with wife Bonnie) for producing the Headliner's newsletter.



This cute photo of Jamie and Alexa Knight could have been used in their Christmas cards.



Ann and Bob Huthnance took a break from Christmas shopping to join their fellow Headliners in some holiday cheer.



Mother & daughter Christmas revelers – Martha Covert and Carol Crowley.



Journalists Ken and Sharon Herman (right) forgot about deadlines and just enjoyed the company of Chris and Meg Phillips (left).



Marian & George More had a delightful time with so many of their friends.



The Nash family has been celebrating Christmas at the club for decades – a lovely tradition: Dorothy, Chuck and Nancy.



Undoubtedly the subject of the UT Longhorns came up with these two: Howard Richards and Kent Lance.



It was 12:17 under the clock and time for the club's leadership to gather: Past-President Tim Taylor, President-Elect Sam Sparks, Chairman Tom Granger, Chairman-Elect & Past-President Brian Greig and Past-President Tim Crowley.



Merry Christmas and cheers for the New Year to Bill Walters with Laura and Steve Beuerlein.



The Press Box is the only place for these friends: Rhonda Toming, Paul Bury, Melanie Walters, Richard & Rae Hill.



Buddies Theo Painter and Sam Winters can also be seen at the club almost every Friday for lunch together.



Rosemary Harrison shared the day with son Bill and daughter-in-law Kathy Hamilton.

Christmas 2012

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Donna Thomas and Beth Granger enjoyed lunch with Headliner President Patti Ohlendorf.



Happy Holidays to all from the Headliners staff: Katie Natoli, McKinnon Morton, Kevin Robinson and Gloria Hill.



Friends from their days at UT: Paul Youngdale and Charlie Mullins.



It was great to see Frank Lake back at his spot at the head of the Old Fitz table.

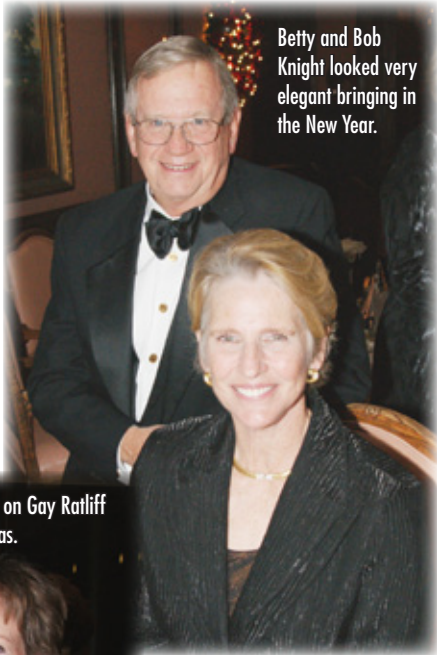


New member Tom Sellers learned about this special Headliner's tradition from Jo Anne Christian and Brian McCall.

◆ NEW YEARS EVE PARTY 2012 ◆



Eva and Raymond Orbach danced their way into 2013.



Betty and Bob Knight looked very elegant bringing in the New Year.



Gabbi and her Dad James Taylor had great fun on the dance floor.

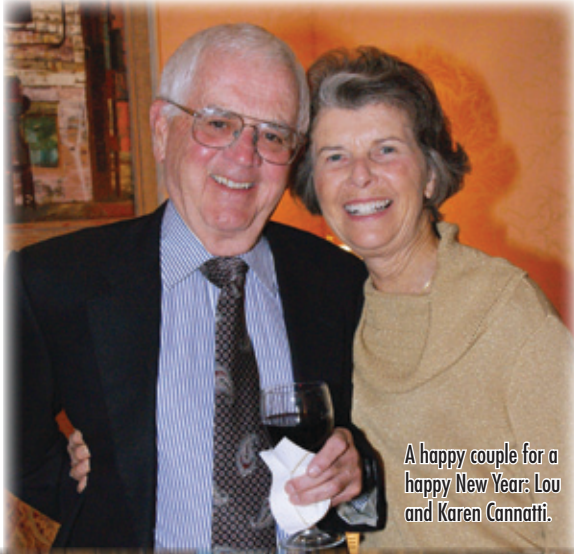


Smiles all around on Gay Ratliff and Donna Thomas.



Good friends are the best part of a good party: Donna Thomas, Tom & Beth Granger, Mary Wilson and Dillon Ferguson.

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A happy couple for a happy New Year: Lou and Karen Cannatti.



Steve Thomas and Matt Kreisle get ready for a prosperous New Year.



Cissie Ferguson and Elizabeth Nash were all smiles talking about the grandkids.



Peggy and Steve Ryder made some good New Year's resolutions.



Gene and Max Sherman were happy to be at their club for the celebration.



Mary Wilson, John & Debby Burns and Shannon Ratliff were ready to toast in the New Year.

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◆ CONCERT SERIES ◆

Headliners Rona Baizer and Kelley McClure (seated) gathered with their friends Sharon Hughes, Katie Guthery and Ann Roe for cocktails and dinner before the concert.



Frank Netherton and Sue Long were looking forward to a lively concert with Diana Ross.



Sheri Perry Gallo, Lolla Page and Betty Knight were meeting several friends before walking to the ACL Moody Theater.



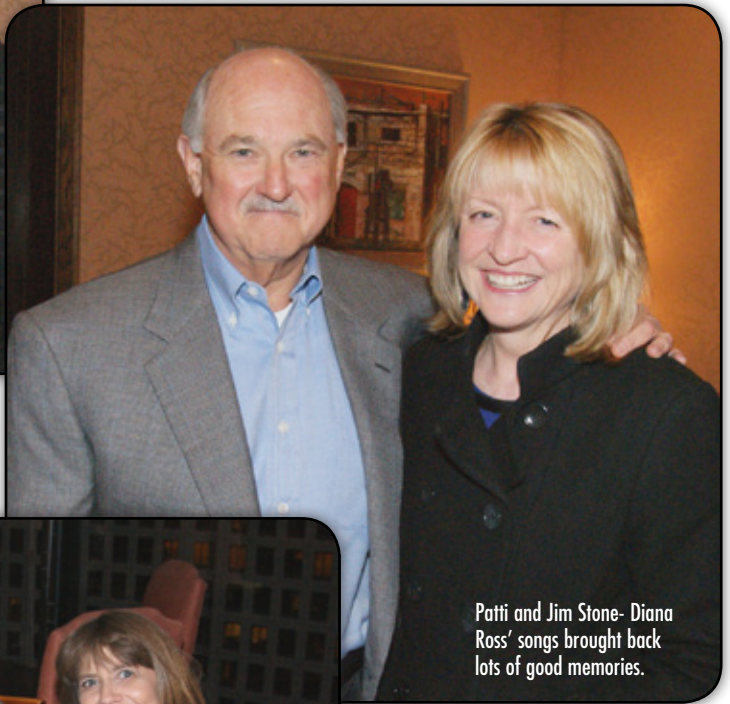
Concert Series *(continued from page 12)*



Patsy and Bruce Burdett were ready to hear some good Motown singing.



A big happy birthday to Dan Burck from his wife Penny.



Patti and Jim Stone- Diana Ross' songs brought back lots of good memories.



Robbie and Tom Ausley were thrilled daughter Kelley could join them.



◆ PRESIDENT'S PARTY ◆



The impressive Headliners leadership: Lanette and Wallace Smith (President-Elect) Melinda and Sam Sparks (President 2013) and Patti (Past-President) and Curtis Ohlendorf.

Washington's Birthday – that is the official name of the holiday generally referred to as President's Day. For the Board of the Headliners Club, President's Day name is an apt appellation.

Monday, February 18, at the Club was an exciting evening of celebration and appreciation hosted by Chairman and Mrs. Tom Granger and President Patti and Mr. Curtis Ohlendorf. Heartfelt appreciation for all those who contributed time and talent to the Headliners Club in various capacities permeated the room.



Outgoing Chairman Tom Granger and his family: Greg Talley, Charles and Catherine Granger, Joan Talley, Roy Granger and Jennah Altemus, Chairman-Emeritus and Beth Granger, Ann Butler, Laurie Hall, Louis Granger, Nicole Gurski, and Franklin Hall.

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Incoming Chairman and his family: Brett and Travis Greig, Jane and Chairman Brian Greig, Grace and Raul Pulido.

Ms. Ohlendorf pronounced the President's job "the best in town!" The Honorable Sam Sparks began his year as Club President with the classic "Let the party continue" toast as President-Elect and Mrs. Wallace Smith looked on.



Headliners Foundation Chairman Mark Morrison thanks Arnold Garcia for his many years of service on the Board of Governors.



President Ohlendorf is thanked for a job well done with the traditional mug and a beautiful Mont Blanc pen.



Tom Granger thanks Gary Farmer, Mike McKetta and Lou Cannatti for their years of service on the Board of Trustees.

Transitions included the retirement of some of the Board of Trustees (Louis Cannatti, Gary Farmer, Mike McKetta, Peter Pincoffs and William Walters) and the addition of others (Suzy Balagia, Franklin Hall, Amanda Foster, Randy Howry, Mary Scott Nabors, Leslie McConnico and John Schweitzer). In another passing of the torch moment the Headliners Foundation welcomed Mark Morrison to the position of Chairman of the Board of Governors.

This celebration and appreciation of the changing of the Club's guard sounds a bit familiar as it occurs annually. Less frequently this same night includes the retirement of a Club Chairman.

Ensclosed in what the Trustees have newly-dubbed the Granger Dining Room, Board members and guests were treated to, if not a roast, then a definite sauté of Tom Granger.



President Ohlendorf welcomes Sam Sparks at the new president with a toast. He replies with the traditional "Let the Party Continue..."

The Granger years (15 as chairman) witnessed many changes (initiation and dues amounts, cell phones usage, sound system upgrades, dress code refinements, women presidents). So the recitation of "The Top Ten Reasons why Tom Granger is Glad to Hand Over the Gavel to Brian Greig" by JoLynn Free, a monologue of a spoof transcript of NPR's Terry Gross interviewing guest Tom Granger by Elizabeth Christian and a performance of the original "Ode to Tom Granger" by the Hon. Sam Sparks were roundly

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appreciated. Recurring themes included wife Beth's steadfast assistance, Tom's legendary protection of the Club budget, and his need for speed via a collection of vintage Porsches. A videography of the Granger years and family, a Ben Sargent original cartoon (check the Press box wall) and a mock (yes, in color!) newsletter featuring all things Tom Granger, and an impromptu word from mother-in-law Ann Butler completed the evening's toasts and boasts.

Want to know more? Members, next time you see Chairman Emeritus Granger ask him to share his favorite comment of the evening. And take a moment to thank Tom and Beth for all they have done to enhance the Headliners Club experience for everyone.

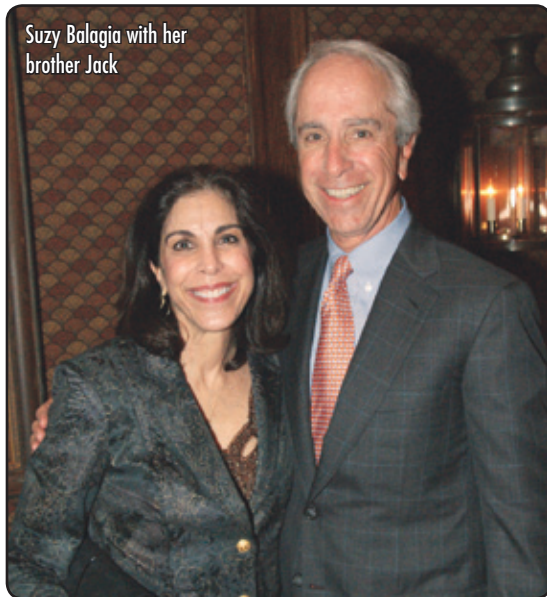
A fine President's Day's celebration indeed!

— *By Jane Greig*



Outgoing Chairman Tom Granger presents new Chairman Brian Greig with his own official gavel.

Seen enjoying the festivities are the club's new Trustees:



Suzy Balagia with her brother Jack



Mary Scott Nabers (right) with Dianne and Wayne Slater



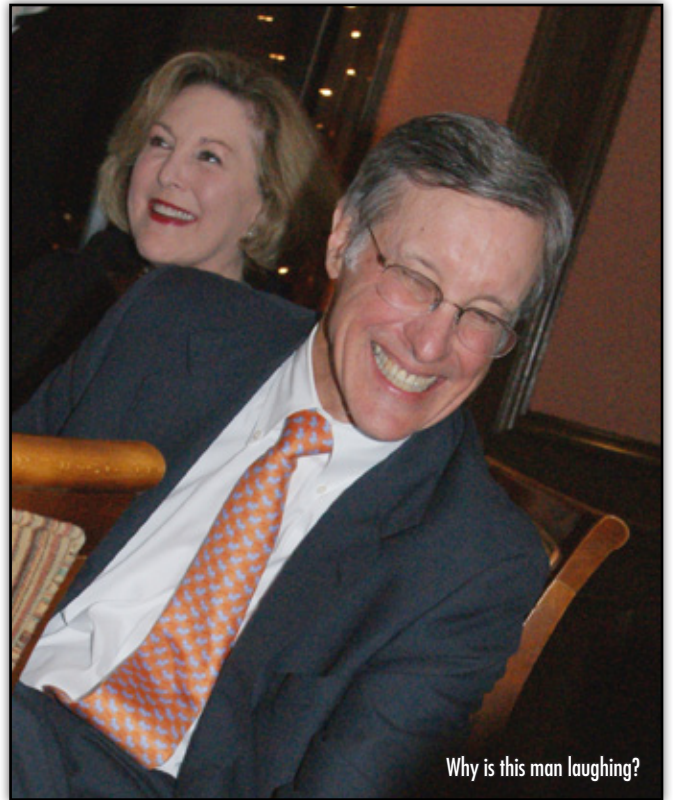
Leslie McConnico and Amanda Foster



John Schweitzer with Chairman Granger

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As the business portion of the evening wound up – the podium became alive with the sounds of JoLynn Free (the Top 10 Reasons Tom Granger is Glad to Hand Over the Gavel to Brian Greig), Judge Sam Sparks (An Ode to Tom Granger),



Elizabeth Christian (A Verbatim Transcript of NPR's Terry Gross' interview with Tom Granger), and a cameo appearance by Ann Butler.

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Sam Sparks



Jane Greig and
Beth Granger

So as the night came to an end, it was simply time to say thank you to the Grangers.



Tom Granger with a
Bill Wittliff Lonesome
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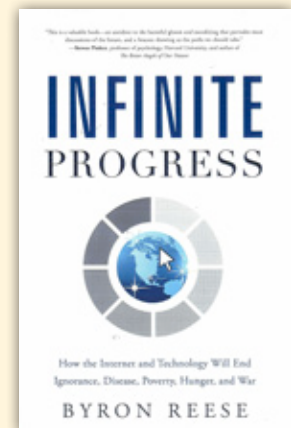
◆ **BOOKSHELF** ◆



Going Clear – Scientology, Hollywood and the Prison of Belief by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Lawrence Wright. Based on more than two hundred personal interviews with both current and former scientologists – both famous and less well known – and years of archival research, Lawrence Wright uses his extraordinary investigative skills to uncover for us the inner workings of the Church of Scientology: its origins in the imagination of science-fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard; its struggles to find acceptance as a legitimate (and legally acknowledged) religion; its vast, secret campaign to infiltrate the U.S. government; its vindictive treatment of critics; its phenomenal wealth; and its dramatic efforts to grow and prevail after the death of Hubbard.

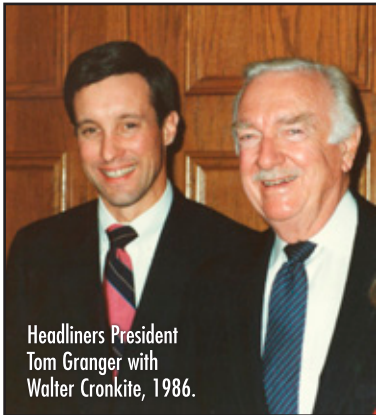


Infinite Progress – How the Internet and Technology Will End Ignorance, Disease, Poverty, Hunger and War by Byron Reese. For years we've been inundated with bleak forecasts about the future. But in this electrifying new book, author Byron Reese debunks the pessimistic outlook as dangerous, and shows instead how technology will soon create a dramatically better world for every person on earth, beyond anything we have dared to imagine. With the art of a storyteller, Reese synthesizes history, technology, and sociology into an exciting, fast moving narrative that shows how technological change has had dramatic effects on humanity in the past. He then looks forward at the technological changes we know are coming – from genetics, nanotechnology, robotics, and many other fields and explores how they will vastly increase wealth, prolong our life spans, redefine human rights, and alter the social fabric of the world.



◆ TOM GRANGER TRIBUTE ◆

Thank You Mr. Chairman!



Headliners President Tom Granger with Walter Cronkite, 1986.

For more than thirty years, Tom Granger has played a leadership role in the Headliners Club. He joined the board in 1982, was elected president in 1987 and served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1998-2013.

As you might imagine there have been many changes over that time span. In 1982, the Club did not have a computer or fax machine. The phone system had three incoming lines, the wine list consisted of four choices: a French red, cabernet, chardonnay and whatever Centennial sent over. In addition, the Club owed \$50,000 for



Top Row l to r: Charles Nash, George Christian, Governor Bill Clements, Tom Granger Bottom Row l to r: US Secretary Treasury James Baker, Texas Secretary of Treasury Ann Richards, Former DNC Chairman Bob Strauss, 1987

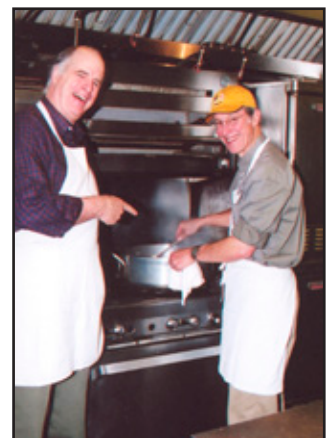
kitchen equipment. Today the Club has a fax machine, color printer, integrated computer system, hi def TV, LCD projectors, a state of the art sound system, an extensive wine list and a bank account large enough to be the envy of most Clubs in the country.

In 1982, the furnishings of the Club were worse for the wear and tear with holes in the carpet, faded fabrics and a ladies room that

resembled a middle school girl's gym. Today, the Club is beautifully maintained with an art collection of significant value. Most of this is due to Beth Granger's expertise in interior design and the special touches she added that made the Club a home away from home for all the members and their guests.

In 1982, there was no employee health insurance, life insurance or retirement plan. Today, the employees enjoy all of the above and this is one reason so many have stayed with the Club for 10, 20, 30 or more years.

In 1982, there was no Headliners newsletter. Today, under his editorship, the newsletter is part



Blowing up the Intel Building Breakfast: Brian Greig and Tom Granger, 2007



Headliners Club 50th Anniversary Party Top Row l to r: Tom Granger, Carolyn Gallagher, Mark McKinnon, Mary Matalin, John Sharp, Lowell Lebermann, Brian Greig Front: Ralph Wayne and Karl Rove, 2006

of the glue that keeps the members connected to their Club and to each other. The back issues provide a lasting history of the events and extraordinary people that have been a part of this organization.

In 1982, there were only a few member events. Today, there are numerous evening and luncheon lectures, concert nights, family movie nights, the Annual Fourth of July Party, wine dinners, political panel discussions and dances.

So for all of the above reasons, and hundreds more, the staff and members thank the Grangers for their unwavering leadership for the past three decades.

◆ A MOMENT IN HISTORY ◆

As the Headliners Club welcomes Brian Greig as the new chairman, it seems fitting to look back at the several individuals that have lead the club through it's nearly 60 years of existence. From Founder Charlie Green each has brought

special talents to build on the foundations of those who served before them. The Headliners club has become an integral part of the Austin community – it thrives today because of their leadership.



Charles Green (right)
with Walter Cronkite
– Chairman 1954-1967

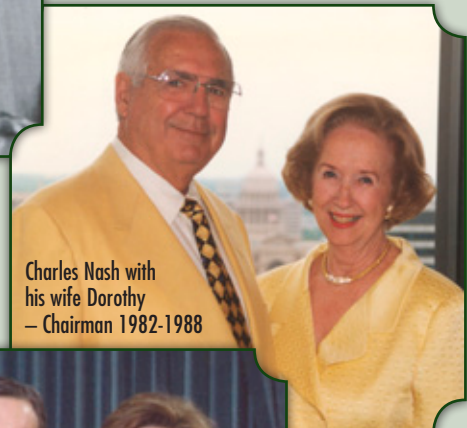


Dick Brown with Carol Channing
– Chairman 1967-1976

Ted Read with his wife Mary Jo
– Chairman 1976



H.C. Pittman (left)
with President Gerald Ford's
Press Secretary Ron Nessen
– Chairman 1977-1982



Charles Nash with
his wife Dorothy
– Chairman 1982-1988



Frank W. McBee, Jr. with his wife Sue – Chairman 1988-1998



Tom Granger with
his wife Beth
– Chairman 1998-2013



◆ VALENTINE'S DAY ◆



It was a lovely evening to celebrate with a special someone, David Perloff music, food and wine. Our Valentine's couples:



Bruce & Ramona LaBoon



Cheryl & Walt Penn



Audry Pieper & Carlos Zaffirini

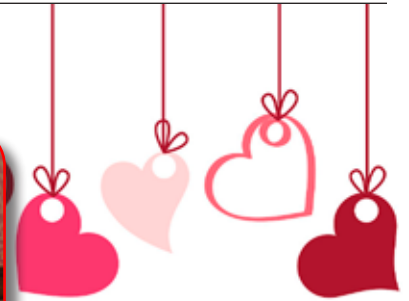


Lynn & Bob Turner



Deborah & Garry Vacek

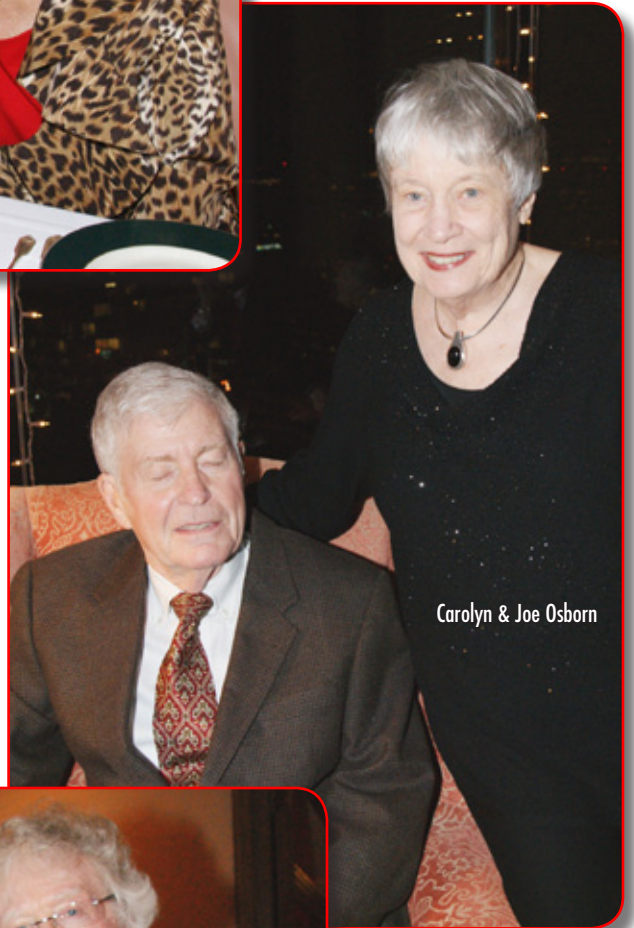
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Celebrating the 50th anniversary of their engagement: Shirley & Jim Dannenbaum



Mary Carmen & Juan Sanchez



Carolyn & Joe Osborn

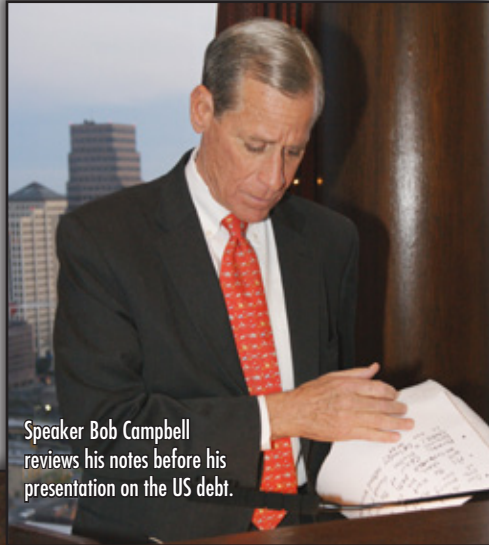


Sally & Tom Brorby



◆ CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY ◆

Bob Campbell



Speaker Bob Campbell reviews his notes before his presentation on the US debt.

Do your eyes glaze over when the national debt impasse is discussed? Do debt figures that are approximately \$53,000 per citizen make you wince? Information often eases distress.

On March 6 members were enlightened on the national debt and other fiscal matters by Bob Campbell, founder and CEO of Campbell Global Services LLC and the Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Lyndon B Johnson School of Public Affairs. In addition to serving on the Bipartisan Policy Center Task Force on the Federal Deficit, Campbell has written extensively on public policy and management issues and led the U.S. Public Sector practice at Deloitte & Touche LLC.



Morris Gottesman (far right) invited a group of friends and colleagues to hear Bob Campbell. From left: Ritchy Scoggin, Robert Krumholtz, Jon McElhane, Brent Ramirez and Larry Upton.



Terrell Blodgett brought Virginia Nokes to listen to his LBJ School colleague.

Qualified to school members on these issues? No doubt.

The national debt is the “definitive issue of our time,” Campbell said. With sobering data, such as approximately \$3 billion of federal debt increase occurs daily, Campbell grabbed the group’s attention. More illustrative was this query: “How many times do you think a line of \$1 bills could be placed end to end and stretch to the moon and back to equal the current deficit of approximately \$16.3 trillion?” More than 3,000 times!

Bob Campbell (continued from page 24)



Glenn West and Rick Coneway enjoyed catching up before the discussion.



Laura and Bob Campbell were especially pleased that his sister Diane Blevins and brother in law Rick Blevins could join them.



Bob Campbell continues Q & A with Bud Shivers and Steven Weinberg following the formal presentation.

Campbell shared an historical look at U.S. federal government spending as well as an analysis of the debt. Comparisons in federal spending (1970 to 2010) revealed increases (Medicare and Medicaid, 4% to 21%) as well as decreases (Defense, 42% to 20%). The growing global government debt and increased multinational corporate debt are also concerns.

Campbell closed with recommendations from the U.S. Bipartisan Policy Center Task Force noting its goal was not to eliminate but to stabilize the debt at 60% of GDP by 2020. He also shared other resources such as federalbudget.com and fixthedebt.org.

A lively discussion ensued until Chairman Brian Greig thanked Bob Campbell and quipped: “Members, clearly there is no free lunch but you have paid for dinner.”

— *By Jane Greig*



Ann Moody and Harriet Rutland were still smiling even after the somewhat depressing outlook on the US economy.



◆ HEADLINERS FOUNDATION ◆



From the Great Lakes to Great Heights



Distinguished Speaker Series

Don Gonyea, acclaimed NPR White House Correspondent and National Political Reporter, teamed with his long-time friend and colleague, *Austin American-Statesman* columnist Ken Herman, to relate experiences detailing Gonyea’s growth from radio disk jockey to top tier radio broadcast journalist.

Speaking to a full house at the Michele Kay Speakers event on February 7, Gonyea, whose name is of French-Canadian origin said he knew it was time to re-frame his career when his country/western radio station manager proposed he change his air name to “Gonyea Twitty” to spice up his appeal.

Instead, with no experience, he moved to fill a vacancy at the station’s one-man newsroom, mimicking the styles of the reporters he admired on the emergent NPR program “All Things Considered,” as he developed stories around local personalities, such as the infamous Dr. Jack Kevorkian. Gonyea’s subsequent career with NPR saw him file reports from presidential campaigns, from the White House on 9/11 and from anywhere that in-depth reporting of difficult stories was needed.

Both Gonyea and Herman expressed their satisfaction at the resurgence of radio journalism as an important medium of journalism in the United States, and noted the symbiosis of radio news and the “new media” in providing rapid and dramatic coverage of breaking news events to broad audiences.

— Gary Pickle



Mike Cotten and the George Ramseys



Don Gonyea of NPR and Matt Largery, his counterpart at KUT



Kim Cook, formerly of the Statesman, Bruce Todd and Elizabeth Christian, Don Gonyea and Ken Herman

◆ SIDELINES ◆

Honors

Photo credit: Sandy Carson



Ann Butler received the Doty Award, the most prestigious recognition offered by the UT College of Fine Arts. It is granted to individuals who have distinguished themselves through extraordinary professional achievement and have demonstrated a dedicated loyalty to the College of Fine Arts at The University of Texas at Austin. She is shown here with **Douglas Dempster**, Dean of the College of Fine Arts at the Doty Award Dinner.

The Anti-Defamation League's 2013 Jurisprudence Award was presented to **Clarke Heidrick** of Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody on February 27th. The Jurisprudence Award is given to an outstanding member of the legal community who exhibits a commitment to equality, justice, fairness and community service.



Also at the ADL's Jurisprudence Luncheon, the 2013 Trailblazer Award was given to **Sander W. Shapiro**. The Trailblazer Award is presented to individuals and organizations whose pioneering contributions to the legal and civic activism arenas have had an extraordinary and unique impact.

Seen Around the Club

Photo credit: Bill Records



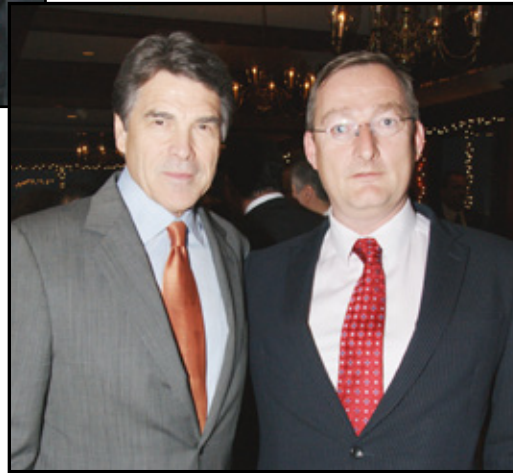
Doug Pitcock and former **First Lady Laura Bush** unveiled a rendering of the new Laura Bush Pavillion. This building will be the outdoor focal point at the Kay Johnson (late wife of Headliners past president Tom Johnson) Library in Valentine, TX.

It was a gathering of some of this country's best and brightest minds and diplomats: **Mike Maples**, President and CEO of the East West Institute **John Mroz**, **Carolyn Maples**, **Bob Campbell**, and **Laura Campbell**.





Knights Templar at the Headliners Club: former Texas Secretary of State and Club member **Geoff Connor** (left) is also a member of the international Christian order, the Knights Templar. Mr. Connor hosted a dinner for Central Texas knights in honor of the **Rev. Canon Andrew White** (center), the “Vicar of Baghdad” and member of the Order. Canon White, a British subject, is vicar of the only Anglican church in Iraq and has been a leader in the reconstruction effort. He is the author of numerous books including *Faith Under Fire* (2011). **Brig. Gen. Robert J. Bodisch**, Texas State Guard, and Prior of St. Matthews Priory of the Knights Templar also attended dinner.



Texas Governor **Rick Perry** discussed the EU-US Free Trade Agreement with British Council General **Andrew Millar**.

Celebrations



95 Remarkable Years! **Lloyd Lochridge** celebrated another milestone birthday at the Headliners Club.

The Headliners Club was well represented in New York at the International Debutante Ball.



Top row left to right: Madison Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Mark Powell and Carly Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neal T. “Buddy” Jones

Bottom row left to right: Catherine Chlebowski, daughter of Ms. Sharon Wilson and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Wilson; Martha Lauren Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace M. Smith; Kendall Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr. and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith, Sr., and Mrs. Kay Brumley

Sidelines

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Six of the Debutantes of this year's Bachelors of Austin Ball are next generation Headliners.

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Mary Frances Barksdale,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Barry Barksdale



Catherine
Elizabeth Boyd
Chlebowski,
daughter of Ms.
Sharon Elizabeth
Wilson;
Granddaughter
of Mr. and Mrs.
Sam Wilson



Claire Susan
Crenshaw,
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs.
Ben Crenshaw

Caroline
McDade Ellis,
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs.
Robert Smith
Ellis, Jr.;
granddaughter
of Mr. and
Mrs. Dick
Rathgeber



Aubrey
Michel
LeBlanc,
daughter
of Mr. and
Mrs. Steven
LeBlanc



Whitney Quest
Hall, daughter
of Dr. and Mrs.
David Lloyd
Hime and the
late Mr. Blaine
Randolph
Wheeler Hall,
Jr.; granddaugh-
ter of Mrs.
Franklin Hall



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◆ NEW MEMBERS ◆

Jeffrey S. Boyd, *Texas Supreme Court Justice*

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Matt Dow, *Partner, Jackson Walker*

Susie Ellwood, *Publisher, Austin American-Statesman*

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Helping Hand Home for Children Crystal Ball Debutantes



Katerina Blaire Barnes, daughter of the Honorable Ben and Melanie Barnes



Emily Patricia Bury, daughter of Mr. Paul J. Bury III and Mrs. Tracy Bury



Anne Frances Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Townsend Clark



Tess Anne Coates, granddaughter of Mrs. Ann Coates Bomer



Elizabeth Hollins Crowley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Crowley, granddaughter of Mrs. Ruth Crowley, granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Covert



Emily Paige Gaston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Franklin Gaston, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gaston



Baker Nicole Howry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Howry



Katherine Frances Klein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. Klein



Callie Ann McConnico, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen E. McConnico



Kendall Barnes Smith, Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith, Sr.



Charlotte Elizabeth Talley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gregory Talley



Alexandra Leah Timmerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Timmerman



Headliners Club – Schedule of Coming Events

Thursday, March 21, 2013

The Bar and Grill Singers

5:45 pm Cocktails, 6:15 pm Seating for the Program
Buffet Dinner to Follow

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Gipsy Kings

5:45 pm Cocktails, 6:30 pm Dinner
7:45 pm Depart for the ACL Moody Theater, 8:00 pm Show

Friday, April 26, 2013

Boz Scaggs

5:45 pm Cocktails, 6:30 pm Dinner
7:45 pm Depart for the ACL Moody Theater, 8:00 pm Show

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

From News to History

An Evening with Neal Spelce and Don Carleton

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Dr. Michael White

5:45 pm Cocktails, 6:15 pm Seating for the Program
Buffet Dinner to Follow

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Terry Lickona

5:45 pm Cocktails, 6:15 pm Seating for the Program
Buffet Dinner to Follow

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