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FROM THE TSHL SPEAKER:

Happy New Year!

As we enter 2022, I first want to express my personal thanks for the excellent work our members are doing for older Texans.

After more than a year and a half of active work, our new website was launched on December 20, 2021! Please read the lead article of this *Silver Bulletin* to learn more about this important project and how it will help us be even more effective in our advocacy during the next Legislative Session.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Executive Committee on Thursday, January 27, 2022, in Brownwood. More details about this meeting are available in this issue.

Stay tuned for updates and enjoy this issue of *Silver Bulletin*.

-- Rhonda Roaers. TSHL Speaker

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www.tshl.org is Born!

On December 20, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., our long-awaited updated website was launched!

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Please take a few minutes, log onto www.TSHL.org, and browse through the site. There are two primary areas of the website: the “public-facing” side which is available to anyone who accesses the site, and a “members-only” side that requires a member login to access our “Official Documents” and other information that pertains only to members. TSHL members are encouraged to register for access to the “members-only” portal.

TSHL members, please check:

1. Is your contact information correct on the members portal?
2. Is your bio current?
3. Are your committee assignments accurate?

Texas Legislators and Staff, please check:

1. Under “Resources – NonProfit and State Organizations -Texas Government” Is the link to your information correct?
2. Are there other links you would like to recommend?

AAA Directors, please check:

1. Under “Resources – NonProfit and State Organizations – Texas Area Agencies on Aging” does the link work?
2. Is the information correct?
3. Are there other links you would like to recommend?

Please send any necessary corrections or information about links that aren’t working to Mike Taylor, Technology Committee Chair at tshl.mike.taylor.com.

A Little History:

While browsing the new website archives, this writer came across a Special Edition of the *Silver Bulletin*, published in the Winter Quarter 2005. The edition highlighted the involvement of the TSHL at the fifth “White House Conference on Aging” (WHCoA) held in Washington, D.C., December 11-14, 2005. The article noted that, “White House Conferences on Aging have been held once a decade since the 1960s and have served as catalysts for the development and enhancement of national, state, and local aging policies in the United States.”

As a result of the conference, the top 50 resolutions were identified and distilled into the following Top Ten Resolutions (sound familiar?):

- Reauthorize the Older Americans Act within the first 6 months following the conference
- Ensure that older Americans have transportation options to retain their mobility and independence
- Develop a coordinated, comprehensive long-term care strategy by supporting public and private initiatives that address financing, choice, quality, service delivery, and the paid and unpaid workforce
- Improve recognition, assessment, and treatment of mental illness and depression among Older Americans
- Attain adequate numbers of healthcare personnel in all professions who are skilled, culturally competent, and specialized in geriatrics
- Support geriatric education and training for all healthcare professions, paraprofessionals, health profession students, and direct care workers
- Promote innovative models of non-institutional long-term care
- Strengthen and improve Medicaid program for Seniors
- Strengthen and improve Medicare Program
- Improve State and local based integrated delivery systems to meet 21st Century needs of Seniors



Pictured left: part of the 2005 WHCoA Texas Delegation. Photo courtesy of Carolyn Banks.

While the delegates are not identified, the *Silver Bulletin* contains articles from then Speaker Chris Kyker, and SB editor and publisher, Ivan Arceneaux. The article notes that 1,200 delegates from across the nation participated in the conference.

The most recent WHCoA was hosted by President Barack Obama in July of 2015.

We are standing on the shoulders of some extraordinary Texans who have worked tirelessly as advocates for older Texans and the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature over the years. The next White House Conference on Aging will be in the year 2025! It's not too early to begin thinking about TSHL involvement in that important conference!

TSHL MEMBERS OUT & ABOUT...

Right: State Representative John Raney (Dist. 14) and Perry Slagle (Brazos Valley AAA) meet to discuss issues affecting older Texans. "And," says Slagle, "we might have done some reminiscing about Aggieland!"



Above: Bobette & Jerome Doerrie (Panhandle AAA) have been guests on "Coffee Hour" on KEYE Radio in Perryton several times to tell folks about TSHL!



Above: Alan and Rosemary Mathis (Central Texas AAA) meet with County Judge Randal J. Joyer to brief him on activities of TSHL.



Left: David and Linda Timmerman (Heart of Texas AAA) meet with State Comptroller Glenn Hegar and State Representative Cody Harris (Dist. 8). Comptroller Hegar was in Corsicana presenting a "State of the Texas Budget" report.

THANKS!

- ✚ Thanks to Mike Taylor, Speaker Rogers, Pat Porter, and the Technology Committee for tireless work on the new website.
- ✚ And Special Thanks to the TSHL Foundation Board for funding development of the new website!

UPCOMING DATES/DEADLINES FOR TSHL

January 1, 2022 – Resolution submission to PRRP opens

January 17, 2022 – deadline for sale of Directory ads

Executive Committee Meeting – 2 p.m. January 27, 2022, Brownwood, Best Western Plus, 504 W. Commerce

March 18, 2022 – ALL resolutions must be submitted to PRRP, Pat J. Porter, Chair, by midnight

April 11-20, 2022 – LIC Virtual meetings to consider resolutions

Week of April 22, 2022 – LAC Virtual meetings to consider resolutions

Executive Committee Meeting – May 1, 2022, Austin

19th TSHL Legislative Session – May 2-5, 2022 Austin

The January 27, 2022, Executive Committee will be held at the Best Western Plus (formerly Holiday Inn Express), 504 West Commerce, Brownwood, Texas. For those who plan to stay overnight, room reservations are \$114 – call 325-203-5400 for reservations and to get the TSHL rate. The deadline for obtaining the special rate is January 13, 2022.

We are still looking for an Editor for the *Silver Bulletin*! If you would be interested in this important position, please contact Speaker Rogers. In the meantime, Linda Timmerman, Chair of the Communications Committee, continues to serve as Interim Editor. The *Silver Bulletin* is published quarterly in January, April, July, and October. It is distributed electronically to all TSHL members, members of the Texas Legislature, and Directors of AAAs. If you have an article or picture that would be of interest to our readers, please provide it to Linda.

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Thanks to Sharon Brazeal for sharing this pic of the 1988 Texas Silver-Haired Legislature! The picture was at the Texoma Area Agency on Aging and has been given to TSHL for safekeeping in our Archives! Sharon will bring the picture to our May Legislative Session, so we can get a better look at the 1988 delegates.

IMPORTANT

Ross Rolirad, Directory Accounts Manager, has announced that the deadline for Directory ad sales has been extended to **January 17, 2022**. Please contact Ross if you have any questions or need assistance submitting the ad sales form:

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