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“Embracing the Legacy; Forging the Future.”

From the New TSHL Speaker:

The 20th TSHL session began on July 20th with the installation of new officers. I feel blessed to have been elected to the position of Speaker. Our motto for this session is “Embracing the Legacy; Forging the Future.”

The TSHL has operated uninterrupted for 38 years, though 19 Sessions, including over 750 volunteer legislators who proposed our 900 resolutions of which over 275 have been codified fully or partially into law. We embrace that legacy and have plans to forge into the future with the use of enhanced technology, the availability of virtual meetings, and a group of energized representatives who are passionate about many ideas that they will be turning into resolutions to provide to the Texas Legislators for consideration.

We will meet in San Marcos for our Member Development Session, November 12-15. At which time, we will be trained to write cogent resolutions with the purpose being to improve the lives of older Texans. We want to thank all our supporters who purchased ads in our TSHL Directory to help underwrite the work of the volunteers. We also want to express our appreciation to the Directors of the Area Agencies on Aging who assisted with the election/appointment of the TSHL legislators; as well as the Texas Representatives and Senators and their staffs who remain accessible to assist our volunteer legislators. ...Dr. Sherry Hubbard



Dr. Sherry Hubbard

Dr Sherry Hubbard, is a retired English teacher, librarian, supervisor, principal, and director serving 10 years in Three Rivers ISD and in the last 20 years in San Angelo ISD. Upon her retirement, she went to work for 15 years with two alternative certification companies helping first year teachers find success in their new teaching careers. At age 70, she decided that she was finished working a paid job and turned to volunteerism. In addition to her being a TSHL representative, she served on the Regional Area Council on Aging for Concho Valley AAA. She writes grants for nonprofit organizations (school projects, Kimble County Meals on Wheels, Kimble Rural Fire Department, TSHL grants for screen and sound system), and she is the editor of her monthly church newsletter.

Congratulations! We are all looking forward to a wonderful 2023-2025, with you and our new officers and new members.



We are actively seeking new members
Candidates for TSHL must be:

- 60 years of age or older
- A resident of the Area Agency on Aging District in which they file
- A registered voter in the State of Texas.
- Willing to participate in all activities required and expected of Texas Silver-Haired Legislators.

For more information on how to file for election, please visit our website at: www.tshl.org

Help us make a difference in the lives of older Texans.



“TSHL sends “a big Texas thank you” to the Legislators who sponsored and voted for the following bills which relate to resolutions we provide in our Legislative Report.”

- **HB54/ R003** - Increase Personal Needs Allowance to \$75 from \$60/month, HB 54
- **HB1/ R004** - Increase Medicaid Reimbursement to Improve Quality & Financial Stability of Texas Nursing Home Care - HB 1 (General Appropriations)
- **HB52/ R005** - Clarify Rights to Visit Older Texans in Institutions (State Hospitals) HB 52
- **HB1/R009** - Increase Rate for Home-Delivered Meals to \$6.46/meal from \$5.32/meal –(General Appropriations)-HB1
- **HB1/R015** - Maintain Funding for TX Lifespan Respite Care Program – HB 1 (General Appropriations)
- **HB1/R023** - Establish Legacy Funding Plan for State Law Enforcement and Custodial Officer Supplemental Retirement Fund – HB 1 (General Appropriations)
- **SB19, HJR 2/R024** - Authorize TRS to Provide COLA: Supplemental Payments for Retirees Ages 70+ (Effective 9/1/23) and Tiered COLA (on November Constitutional Amendment Ballot) – SB 10, HJR 2 – (Ballot Initiative to Constitutional Amendment)
- **HB 1275/R031** – Simplify Process to Issue Texas IDs for Individuals 65+ - HB 1275
- **HB 728/R044** – Relating to Statewide Interagency Coordinating Council – HB 728
- **HB 1290/R048** – Relating to Misappropriation by a Nursing Home of Certain Federal Payments to a Medicaid Recipient – HB 1290
- **HB 1/R049** - Continue Funding for Darrell Royal Alzheimer’s Initiative – HB 1 (General Appropriations)
- **HJR/ R052** – Money in BIF may be used for Providing 9-1-1 next Generation Services if HJR is Approved by Voters in November.
- **HB 1500/R053** – Study and Report Back on Adequacy of Infrastructure for Seawater Desalination Projects – HB 1500
- **HB 4660/R054** – Relating to use of Certain Funds in Certain Municipalities for Preservation of Dark Skies to Reduce Light Pollution and Sky Glow. – HB 4660
- **HB 568/R008** (18th TSHL Session) Requires Education and Training for Peace Officers on Interacting with Persons with Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Dementia’s. - HB 568
- **HB 1673/R012** (18th TSHL Session) Relates to Training Requirements for Staff of Certain Assisted living Requirements that Provide Care to Persons with Alzheimer’s and Other Dementia’s. -



Embracing the Legacy; Forging the Future

20th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature

20th TSHL Oath Of Office Ceremony at State of Texas Capitol on July 17, 2023

Honorable Representative Gary VanDeaver



The Honorable Gary VanDeaver, a member of the Texas House of Representatives from New Boston, Texas, *Administered the Oath of Office* to seventy-one delegates from 23 of the 28 Area Agency on Aging regions at the Texas Capitol during the first of three TSHL's scheduled sessions for the next biennium, on July 17, 2023.



The 20th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature Oath of Office Ceremony TSHL researches matters of concern regarding Older Texans. They then prepare resolutions for proposed legislation and pass the resolutions through committees. The TSHL Legislative Session meets at the State Capitol May of even-numbered years. There resolutions are voted on during the session and if approved are included in the TSHL Legislative Report. This report is delivered in advance of the 2025 Texas Legislative Session to all Legislators, the Governor, and Lt. Governor.

20th TSHL Officers, Congratulations!



New TSHL Officers for 2023 - 2025
(Center) Speaker Sherry Hubbard, Junction, TX
(L-R) Speaker Pro Tem Charles Scoma,
North Richland, TX

Secretary Patricia Gleason-Wynn, Arlington, TX
Deputy Speaker Pro Tem Edward Rogers, Boerne, TX
Comptroller Wayne Merrill, San Angelo, TX



Shane Woodard

"Thank you, Shane Woodard, Director of Legislative Affairs for Governor Abbott, for the delightful and informative presentation during the TSHL Oath of Office Ceremony, July 17th, 2023, at the State Capitol."

20th TSHL Officers Swearing-in





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19TH MERIT AWARDS, TSHL Biennial Awards Dinner, Conference Center, Pflugerville, TX.

2023 Merit Awards

- Members' Choice
- Outstanding Freshman
- Executive Committee Performance
- Outstanding Leadership
- Speaker's Commendation
- Emeritus

TSHL MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARD



Charles Scoma

OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN AWARD



Fred Burrell, Jr.



Executive Committee's Performance Awards



Joann Blackmon



J. Alan Mathis

Speaker's Commendation Awards



Mike Taylor



Linda Timmerman

Outstanding Leadership Awards



Scott Christensen



Sue Wilson

CONGRATULATIONS
to all these members who have
gone above and beyond in their
service to TSHL and to older
Texans.



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TSHL Emeritus Awards

TSHL Active Emeritus Membership is the Highest Award Bestowed on Any TSHL Member.

3 Current Active Emeritus Members



Dr. Al Campbell



Pat Porter



Betty Lee Streckfuss

TSHL NEWEST EMERITUS MEMBERS ARE...



Barbara Aydlett



Wayne Merrill

TSHL Service Awards – 4 TERMS



M. Dolores Garcia



Dr. Sherry Hubbard



Mary Nixon



Rhonda Rogers



Paul Stempko

TSHL Service Awards – 6 TERMS



Barbara Aydlett



Nancy O. Hardin



Wayne Merrill



Hugo Munoz



Mary Pat Smith

TSHL Service Awards – 5 TERMS



Elgin Davis



Joe Henderson

TSHL Service Awards – 7 TERMS



Carol Peters

Find a copy of our
**2021-2023
LEGISLATIVE
REPORT**
on our website:
TSHL.ORG

Criteria for Emeritus Status

Served 5 or more terms in TSHL, served as a TSHL officer &/or Chair of an Administrative &/or Legislative Committee and/or TSHL Directory Editor for a total of 3 or more terms, made consistently laudable efforts and accomplishments in TSHL.



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19TH TSHL BIENNIAL AWARDS DINNER, CONFERENCE CENTER, PFLUGERVILLE, TX., JULY 19, 2023

TSHL Service Awards – 10 TERMS



Doris Griffin



Betty Streckfuss

TSHL Service Awards – 10 TERMS



Pat Porter

TSHL Service Awards – 13 TERMS



Al Campbell

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the new officers; leadership, chairs, Administrative, LAC, LIC, and support Committees; and AAA district reps agreeing to serve during this new term. Thanks for serving on the Executive Committee, the TSHL “Board of Directors.” Thank you to all the new freshman members; we are so proud you decided to join us and commit the time and energy to serve. Thank you to all our returning members who are serving on the LIC, Administrative, and Support Committees. It takes us all working together as a team to get our job accomplished successfully. Thank you once again to all the 19th TSHL session officers, chairs, and members of the EC, as well as those members who decided not to return for the 20th session.



UPCOMING DATES FOR TSHL:

1. EC meeting and Member Development Session for TSHL in San Marcos, arrival Nov. 12 (Sunday night), training on the 13th and 14th, an exciting presentation on the morning of the 15th before the EC meeting. We plan to be finished by noon on the 15th. Remember, this is ONE of the THREE TSHL Sessions you are signed up for when you were sworn in as a TSHL member for this 20th Session! Please, plan to be there.
2. Thursday, January 18, 2024, from 1 – 4 pm, the third EC meeting of the 20th Session of TSHL will be held in San Angelo. Then on the 19th, there will be a Senior Safety Summit hosted by the Concho Valley COG and the TSHL Concho Valley delegation. We hope you will choose to stay for this enlightening town hall including FBI, other law enforcement agencies, legal, etc. Fun activities are also planned to fill in the time Thursday evening. The hotel will be the Pearl of the Concho in San Angelo. More information for coming.
3. The EC meeting and TSHL Legislative Session in Austin will be held May 5-10, 2024, in Austin. Hotel will be TBD
4. You have received information via email regarding the ad sales for the TSHL 20th Session Directory. The Finance Committee has a plan to make this task very easy for all of us. Please sell ads to help us reach the \$70,000 goal.
5. Just to remind everyone that as TSHL representatives we have now officially been assigned to be liaisons between elected officials and their staffs at the state and district offices. Please stay in contact with your assigned representative (s)/senator(s).



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19TH TSHL BIENNIAL AWARDS DINNER, CONFERENCE CENTER, PFLUGERVILLE, TX., JULY 19, 2023

“The Yellow Rose of Texas Award,”

...presented to Speaker Rhonda Rogers



(L-R) Rhonda Rogers & Dr. Sherry Hubbard

“The **Yellow Rose of Texas Award** is an honorary commission conferred by the Governor of Texas... to Texas women for exceptional community service. The award recognizes exceptional community service, such as volunteerism charitable contributions, achievements related to the preservation of the history of Texas...”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yellow_Rose_of_Texas_Award

Honorable Rhonda Rogers was first elected to the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature in 2015 and has been a member of the Executive Committee for six years. She served on the Resolution Review (PRRP) committee in 2015-2016. She served as the Comptroller of TSHL from July 2016 to 2019... Additionally, she served as the TSHL Directory Ad Sales Director and co-editor, 2017-2019.

In July of 2019, she was elected TSHL Speaker and now has completed her second term. She has an eclectic education and professional background. Her BBA from the University of Texas in Austin was in Office Management and Secondary Education. Her first Master’s degree from Ball State University was in Public Administration with a minor in Adult Education. In her second Master’s degree, she earned a degree in Marriage and Family Therapy.

Ms. Rogers retired from the US Air Force after a career in management of Administration, Information Management, Education, Protocol, and Command. After the Air Force, she prepared income tax returns professionally for 18 years. She also taught at the high school, junior college, and university levels teaching courses as diverse as AF JROTC, government, public administration, business ethics, and beginning psychology.

She has served in a myriad of volunteer organizations. She served on the Paris City Council for 3 years, the Lamar County United Way Board and Executive Board for 6 years, the North East Texas chapter of Military Officers Association of America board for 14 years...she has served on various other committees and continues as the Director of the Nursery Department with her local church. She holds memberships in local historical and local and national military organizations.

Congratulations, Rhonda Rogers, for a job well done!

The 19th TSHL New Member, Orientation/Training, Conference Center, Pflugerville, TX

New Members Training



Thank you, TSHL Speaker Rhonda Rogers for Teaching the Orientation & Training Session

Thank you, Alan & Rosemary Mathis, for the briefing during the New Members Training.

