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## FEBRUARY 2017

**Next meeting: Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

**Speakers: George V. Masi and Kenneth L. Mattox, MD, FACS**

### "Let's Talk About Health in Houston"



MR. GEORGE V. MASI is President and CEO of Houston's Harris Health System. He has held this position since July, 2014. He has served the Harris Health System since 2001 as Interim CEO, Chief Operating Officer and Administrator of Ben Taub General Hospital, the system's 600 bed teaching hospital.

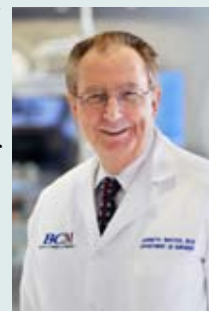
Prior to joining the Harris Health System, Mr. Masi served for 27 years as a career officer with the Army Medical Department, rising to the rank of Colonel with the final military assignment of Commanding Officer for Fort Stewart Georgia's Winn Army Hospital. Mr.

Masi also taught with the U.S. Army-Baylor University Graduate Program in Health Care Administration. From 1998 to 2001, Mr. Masi served as the Army Surgeon General's Consultant for Health Care Administration.

Mr. Masi holds graduate degrees from the University of Buffalo, Long Island University, and the National Defense University. He is a Certified Healthcare Executive and a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Mr. Masi is a Preceptor for graduate health care administration students and serves as faculty with the American College of Healthcare Executive seminar series, speaking widely about healthcare leadership.

DR. KENNETH L. MATTOX is Distinguished Service Professor in the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine, and he is Chief of Staff and Chief of Surgery at Ben Taub General Hospital, where he has served since 1973. He helped develop the internationally renowned Ben Taub General Hospital Emergency Center and its equally respected Trauma Center.

*See February 7 Meeting, continued on page 4*



Meetings are held at **The Junior League, 1811 Briar Oaks**, on the **first Tuesday of each month** except as otherwise scheduled. Join us for a breakfast buffet and conversation at **6:45 a.m.** Free parking is available in the attached garage. As a courtesy to our speaker and others in the audience if you have to leave early, please sit at a table in the back of the room during the breakfast meeting. *Professionally Speaking* is distributed monthly by The Professional Group for its members and current guests. All submissions to the TPG Newsletter need to be sent in a Word document to **Kim Jenkins, VP/Newsletter**, [kjenkins@bentransact.com](mailto:kjenkins@bentransact.com) by the due date—always the Thursday following the Breakfast Meeting. Please mention TPG in the subject line. *The deadline for submission of articles and advertising for the March 2017 newsletter is at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2017.* *Professionally Speaking* is designed and published monthly by **Vicki S. Henrichs of Henrichs Publishing**. Contact [vicki164@yahoo.com](mailto:vicki164@yahoo.com) Visit the site [www.letterwise.net](http://www.letterwise.net)

# President's Message

## *Involved*

*Many thanks to our January meeting speaker, Senator John Whitmire, who kicked off the year with a metaphorical bang. Whether you agree with his political views or not, I think we can agree that he is passionate about his beliefs and about the people he serves. Passion was certainly communicated in his speech and those in attendance seemed held in rapt attention even though the meeting ran over time. I found it encouraging that after 35 years of service in State government, he seems still very excited by the work.*

*Senator Whitmire challenged us to get involved. Are there issues facing State government now that you care about? Did discussions around the “table topic” spark interest in you for a particular issue?*

*In order to affect change and make Texas a better place to live, the first step is to know who represents us in the Texas legislature. There is a wealth of information available online at <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> with regard to: how a bill becomes a law; how to follow a bill; session deadlines; video broadcasts; and, who represents you in the legislature. And, there's a mobile app if you want it! Just type [www.txlegis.com](http://www.txlegis.com) into your phone's browser.*

*Getting involved in State government may be the last thing you want to do, however, maybe you were inspired to do something new. One thing I know for sure, TPG members ARE interested in issues important to them and DO take time to get involved in many things.*

*Speaking of getting involved, your 2017 TPG Board of Directors spent time recently involved in retreat to consider our objectives for the year. A theme, Grow with Us, came out of our detailed discussions. This short phrase represents all the things we wanted to increase for members of the club — not simply increasing the size of our club but developing programs and opportunities for individuals for success, advancing, expanding, improving, evolving, flowering, connecting, proliferating, unfolding, and maturing.*

*Cheers to our powerful women members who initiate change, influence others and get involved!*

*Warmest wishes,*

*Lynda Broussard*



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## **Early Bird Pictures at the February Breakfast**

**ADD YOUR PHOTO to the TPG WEBSITE!**


***We'd love to see your face!***

*If you don't have a photo on the TPG website,  
make sure you come EARLY to our February meeting,  
where member Nikky LaWell will be taking our photos.*

*As always,*

*thank you to Nikky*

*for providing this service to us!*

 **Mark your calendars and  
Turn on your football frenzy.  
Houston is hosting  
"SUPER BOWL 2017"  
on  
February 5th, 2017!**





## First Quarter 2017 Star Pin Award

Congratulations to Star Pin recipient **CORINE PRIETO**, shown left.

The award was presented by **T.J. JETER-McAVOY** at the January 2017 TPG meeting.

We thank all Star Pin recipients for their dedication to TPG!



**Book Club reading selections for the first quarter of 2017:**

**January 28th –**

**“The Wright Brothers” by David McCullough**

**February 25th –**

**“The Red Sparrow” by Jason Matthews**

**March 25th –**

**“A Gentleman in Moscow” by Amor Towles**

### FEBRUARY 7 MEETING SPEAKERS,

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Dr. Mattox’s reputation as an innovator in trauma care is worldwide. He has made original and significant contributions in many areas of trauma treatment and care. His research in preoperative fluid restriction for penetrating trauma shook the foundation of existing surgical doctrine.

A prolific author, Dr. Mattox co-authored the international best seller, *Top Knife*, a practical guide to trauma care. Translated into ten foreign languages, physicians in war zones refer to this “little book” as their Bible in the OR. His textbook, *Trauma*, is an international best seller, and he is co-editor of the *Sabiston Textbook of Surgery*.

Dr. Mattox recently concluded his service as Second Vice President of the American College of Surgeons, and has served as an officer in numerous trauma and surgical professional organizations. He is also active in the Rotary Club of Houston and the John P. McGovern Museum of Health and Medical Science. He is equally adept in the emergency center, operating room, intensive care unit, conference room, courtroom, and political arena. Clinician, technician, administrator, educator, researcher, medical statesman and iconoclast all describe this versatile and controversial surgeon.



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## ***MAD COMMITTEE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!***



The winner of the 50/50 Drawing at the TPG Holiday Party was Allie Gutierrez of Old Republic Title. Trish Strangmeyer Felt delivered \$565 to a very thrilled Allie! Pam Longley delivered a check for \$565 to Emily Garvey, the 8th grade social studies teacher at KIPP Sharpstown College Prep Academy. Miss Garvey plans to use the funds for the end of school 8th grade trip to Atlanta.

On November 18th Trish Strangmeyer Felt and Liana Hillendahl attended the HCC Scholarship recipients Luncheon. The TPG Scholarship recipients were not able to be there and Trish and Liana had the pleasure of sitting with five other scholarship winners who shared their goals and stories.

On November 14, the nine members of the Girls' Leadership Club at KIPP (The Powerful Phoenix Sisters), joined by mentors, Pam Longley, Liana Hillendahl, Mary Magin and Barbara Staley plus Ann Miller, their guest etiquette instructor, and teacher, Emily Garvey, attended a catered dinner at the home of Kathleen Knolle. The girls were so excited to have a party given just for them. One of the girls remarked that she thought the flatware (bronze, but looked gold to her) was too fancy for her to eat with!

On December 12, the girls presented their Vision Boards at the last meeting of The Powerful Phoenix Sisters before the holidays. They explained how their hopes and dreams for their futures in high school were depicted in words and pictures they had cut out.

Also in December, Pam Longley presented the KIPP Sharpstown Reading Intervention Director with a check for \$168.00 for new books for the special education library, which came from proceeds of the TPG Tote Bag Sales and T. J. Jeter-McAvoy's Star Pin donation. The students made a big thank you note for TPG.



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We have an ongoing drive to collect toiletries, makeup and personal pampering items for the women at ANGELAHOUSE continuing for the February TPG breakfast meeting. Amy Lawch has graciously offered her office again for a gathering of members to prepare the baskets. More details to follow.



**TPG member ANN MILLER presented a plaque to STATE SENATOR JOHN WHITMIRE in appreciation for his motivating message at our January meeting.**



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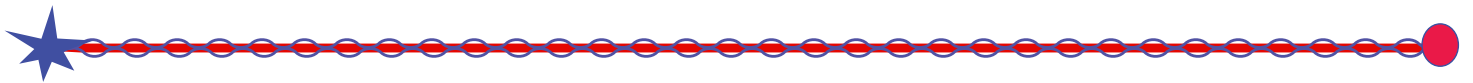
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## HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS TO TPG MEMBERS!

Kim Kelley	February 1
Cindy Jennings	February 2
Cheryl B. Watkins	February 4
Gale Y. Evans	February 11
Norma Garza Guillen	February 12
Margaret H. Harrison	February 15
Joellen Snow	February 16
Sarah A. Ward	February 21
Carla Vigilante	February 23



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Did we miss listing your birthday? We really want to congratulate you.

We need your help in updating the TPG Website!



### *A Reminder from the TPG Caring and Concerns Group*

The Chair for the Caring and Concerns Committee, a sub-committee of Philanthropy, is

**Kim Jenkins**

She can be reached by email at

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## Breakfast Reservation Form — Tuesday, February 7, 2017

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Register for the breakfast online at [www.tpghouston.org](http://www.tpghouston.org) by **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017** to receive the lowest price. The process is easy and very user friendly!

**Member fees: \$25. Guest fees: \$30.**

It is our policy that reservations for our monthly breakfast meeting be made no later than the Thursday before each meeting. Reservations must be received by the deadline to receive this pricing.

**Late reservations will incur an additional \$10 charge.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Once you have registered, you owe the fee for the breakfast even if you do not attend.

Club Express Tips:

- You will receive two emails: an email confirmation of your reservation and a second email with confirmation of your online payment. If you do not receive two confirmations after registering online, please contact Cindy Jennings at [cjennings@carltonstaffing.com](mailto:cjennings@carltonstaffing.com)
- If you don't see the "Register" box, scroll to the right, or scroll down. If you cannot remember if you have registered, click on "Registrants" on the event page and you can see all who are registered.
- If you have trouble, change your browser. Close out and open Mozilla Firefox rather than Internet Explorer.

**NOTE: Online reservations end at midnight on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017.** If you are paying by check, your reservation and check **must be mailed and postmarked by TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017.** Make checks payable to The Professional Group. Your cancelled check serves as your receipt. CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED.

Reservations are not transferable to another member or guest and cannot be made by telephone. No reservation will be accepted after midnight, **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017** without approval of the Meeting Coordinator, on a space available basis. To request approval after this deadline, email [cjennings@carltonstaffing.com](mailto:cjennings@carltonstaffing.com). A late fee of \$10.00 will be added to the base cost, IF space is available, and IF the reservation is accepted.

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