

Slate of WHO Board Nominees 2021-2022

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This announcement of the slate of WHO Board nominees would usually be made in person at the general membership meeting in July. Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, we are presenting these nominees via email and on the WHO website. Voting will take place electronically prior to the September meeting.

Terry Fierle - President



We moved to Sun City in July of 2018 from Southern California. It was a big move, but the best decision we have made to date. Mark and I have two grown daughters. Nicole is a teacher and lives in California, and Marisa works for FOX television here in Austin. I joined WHO in January of 2019 after meeting a member in a Sun City aqua aerobics class. My father had just passed away at 97 years of age, and I was ready to jump in and make new friends and do good for my new community. I love the positive energy of the WHO gals -- it feeds my soul.

Prior to retirement four years ago, I worked in the field of early childhood education as an Administrator specializing in providing care for children with special needs. I have done a lot of volunteering since retiring in 2016. I worked in a large hospital in California for 1.5 years. Since coming to Texas I've volunteered at The Delaney of Georgetown, and Brookwood in Georgetown doing many chores including teaching painting, which is a passion of mine.

Since joining WHO I've been involved in many activities including forming two new groups, Gals About Town and The Senior Outreach Group. Most recently I've been involved in the Programs Committee and have learned a lot there.

I am choosing to serve on the WHO Board to give of myself to Georgetown and Williamson County.

Maria Tolleson - Vice-President/Programs Committee



I have been a member of WHO since I retired from 29 years of teaching choral music. I was born in Texas and grew up in the Air Force. My father retired from the Air Force in Sherman, Texas where I graduated high school. I majored in vocal performance at Baylor University, and then I received my teaching certification from the University of North Texas. I have lived in Sun City for almost four years with my husband, Blair. I have a son that works in Long Beach, CA and a son that attends Texas Tech University. I also have a very spoiled yellow lab that we rescued named "Mollie". I was looking for a purpose and wanting to continue my philanthropic work as well as helping others. I read about "Women Helping Others" in the Sun City magazine and ventured on to my first meeting last June. I met so many wonderful people and was able to get involved immediately! I became more and more inspired by each speaker at the WHO meetings and was encouraged by the generosity of the WHO ladies that gave so much of their time to the nonprofit organizations. I have been a "red apron lady" for the luncheon/style show that benefits "Meals on Wheels" as well as serving as the marketing co-chair on the "Inspiration/Renovation Home Tour. I also serve as a member of the Programs Committee that seeks out the nonprofits that are presented each month at the WHO meetings. I have volunteered along with some amazing people at the holiday cookie bake, delivered holiday meals, and I volunteer with several WHO ladies at various assisted living homes where I especially love to sing for the residents! I am so honored to be nominated for Vice President of this amazing organization. Everyone brings their wisdom, heart, and soul to help others that need it the most. It is an amazing feeling to volunteer with your friends because it not only changes other lives, it changes yours!

Ramona Thomas – Treasurer



My husband and I moved to Sun City in 2019, and I joined WHO within a few months of moving here. I immediately felt at home with this warm and welcoming group of women who gather for fellowship and to help make their community a better place.

I was born in a small town in West Texas. I graduated from UT Tyler, and earned my CPA license shortly after graduation. In June 2019, after 29 years, I retired from PermianCare, which is a publicly funded agency in Midland, Texas, providing services to individuals with mental illness, substance abuse and intellectual disabilities as well as infants with developmental disabilities. My career with PermianCare began as an entry level accountant, and I eventually became the Chief Financial Officer and then the CEO. As CFO, I was responsible for a \$28 million budget and preparation of financial statements, which were audited annually by an outside audit firm. As CEO, I was responsible for 300 staff and multiple clinics all over West Texas.

I have volunteered in my church and my community almost all my life, including United Way and Rotary. I am currently on the Board of United Way Texas, as well as Candlelight Ranch for at-risk children.

Yes, I love being retired, but I still appreciate the structure and purpose of being productive and of being of service. I would be honored to serve as Treasurer of WHO.

Marilynn Pagano-Rawnsley - Secretary



I am a native Texan. I grew up in Waco (before it was “discovered”!). Eight years ago I returned to Texas to live and work in Sun City, after 37 years in the mountains of Georgetown, Colorado. I have three sweet sons and three beautiful granddaughters.

My education was in business administration, which was most helpful in a few employment experiences. Owning the Happy Cooker Restaurant was quite a memorable and interesting venture! While on the staff of the Clear Creek County Youth Services Department, I assisted in establishing the Youth Empowerment Program for at-risk youth. Administering the Court Collections Program for Clear Creek County was a unique and educational position! However, as life presented wonderful twists and turns, I eventually wound up in the field of physical fitness/rehabilitation, upon which I focused most of my career energy and loved for 40 years. After six very fun and rewarding years of working for the Sun City Communication Association in a fitness teaching/trainer position, I retired 1 ½ years ago. After a nap or two, I found I had more time to “play”!

My husband of three years, Bob, and I enjoy bowling, playing pickleball, golfing, hiking, traveling, and spending time with good friends.

Volunteering for philanthropic/community organizations has been important to me for many years. As a member of Chapter AP PEO (an international organization which provides funds for women’s continuing education), I served in various officer positions. It was an honor to be on various Georgetown, CO community boards and to serve as an elder and Clerk of Session for 20 years for the Georgetown Presbyterian Church. Being a member of the Georgetown (TX) Assistance League is a new and exciting endeavor for me. My primary responsibility is accepting the many donations at the “back door” of the Thrift Store - always an adventure!

Judy Aishman introduced me to WHO, which I joined two years ago. It has been great fun to greet new and potential members at the guest table, act as docent for the Inspiration/Restoration Home Tour, and work as a red apron lady at the fundraiser fashion show. WHO’s generosity towards and concern for Georgetown’s nonprofits amazes me! So very many people benefit from this commitment! I find it special that WHO members also

lovingly nurture each other. With dedication and much thought, the leaders have developed interest groups providing extra opportunities for members to spend time together. I am proud to be a member of this fine club and am honored to be asked to serve as its secretary. I look forward to getting to know our members better and to have the opportunity to become more educated and involved in WHO's goals.

Judy Blakely – Parliamentarian



Don and I moved to Georgetown, Texas from Missouri in 1982. We were both long time employees of Hallmark Cards in Kansas City, where we first met. Texas was our first and only move from Missouri, and we love calling Texas our home!

We raised two amazing daughters right here in Georgetown. Amy and her husband Dale and our grand dog, Tucker, live in Austin. Amy is President and CEO of her company, Venture Alliance Group. Jennifer and her husband Ruben and our two beautiful granddaughters, Julia and Ryann, live in Leander. Jennifer is President and CEO of her company, ABA Spectrum. Don and I will celebrate our 53rd anniversary this year!

I worked in the Georgetown and Leander school districts before retiring in 2006. I was responsible for reporting all district data to the state. I was also a liaison between the district and the state to review legislation that would affect schools. I worked closely with the TEA in the same capacity as well as providing ongoing training regarding new legislation.

My real passion is interior design which I dabbled in all my adult life. Once I retired I followed that dream here in Sun City working part time. I continue to work a few jobs a year because I just can't help myself! My home has been on the Kiwanis Christmas Home Tour twice and the Garden Tour.

I co-chaired the Inspiration/Renovation Home Tour which, unfortunately, did not happen this year. I have also decorated the stage for style shows.

I joined WHO when it was first started by a couple of ladies in my neighborhood. I have helped on numerous projects over the years but would like to become more involved because I believe so strongly that WHO really makes a difference to so many lives. Serving as your parliamentarian is an honor. The women of WHO are warm, friendly, caring, and giving ladies, and I love that I can be a part of this wonderful organization.