



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
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UTHRO *Retiree Organization*
The EVERGREEN Newsletter



September Event

Endowment Grant Voting-September 17

This is the day that we will award the year's Endowment grant to the investigator with the best proposal.



As you all know, the UTHRO Endowment for Healthy Aging is one of our projects. We work toward fund raising each year to build the Endowment so that we can use the interest generated to award a seed grant for research, education or patient care in Geriatrics to a UTHealth young faculty member. The request for proposals was sent out by the Institute on Aging with a deadline of July

30. A committee of UTHRO members reviewed and evaluated the proposals, and the top three submissions were selected. Those top investigators have been invited to give an oral presentation of their projects to our membership who will then vote on the winner of this year's \$10,000 grant.

That is where you come in.

This is a UTHRO project, and most of the money raised has come from members. You have the opportunity to participate in the selection process by attending the meeting on September 17 to hear the proposals and vote. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. at OCB in the Rio Grande Room. It will last approximately two hours, a light lunch will be served.

Please Plan to Attend

To anticipate numbers for the lunch, please notify Janice Thomas of your attendance **by September 10** by email (uthro@uth.tmc.edu).

Parking will be validated.

Peggy O'Neill

Ice Cream Social



We had a good turnout for our August Event which started with a talk by Diane Bagby on ways to watch for Identity

theft and scams.

After the talk, everyone enjoyed an Ice Cream bar that included plenty of toppings of your



choice. Then we played a game or two and winners were presented with a few gifts.

It was an enjoyable day for all.



Photos by Henny van Dijk and Glenn Schreyer

New UTHealth President

The University of Texas System Board of Regents has named Dr. Melina R. Kibbe MD, as the president of UTHealth Houston. Dr. Kibbe currently serves as chief health affairs officer at UVA Health and dean of the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

“Dr. Kibbe is a nationally recognized physician-scientist committed to delivering first class clinical care, health innovation and exceptional medical training,” said UT System Board of Regents Chairman Kevin P. Eltife. “Dr. Kibbe is well-equipped to lead UTHealth Houston’s promising future and its exceptional community of educators, researchers and clinicians. She has contributed in high-impact ways in discovery, academic success, and enhancing the clinical enterprise everywhere she served,” said UT System Chancellor *ad interim* John Zerwas MD, who chaired the presidential search advisory committee.

Since joining UVA in 2021, Dr. Kibbe has overseen Virginia’s largest medical school measured by budget, faculty and research portfolio. Under her leadership, the school’s programs and partnerships have expanded significantly. In addition to the recruitment of 16 new chairs and over 550 faculty, she has presided over the launch of new academic departments and clinical centers, including the UVA Health Leadership Institute

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Evergreen Header Revised

You may have noticed a change in the Evergreen Header. We were able to clean up the UTHRO Logo and have now included it on the Newsletter. It is also used on official documentation sent out by the Executive Committee. Hope you like it.

Ombudsmen Needed

Participate in fall training sessions

Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth Houston is seeking passionate individuals to volunteer as long-term care ombudsmen. In this role, you would help protect the quality of life, quality of care, and rights of people who live in a nursing home or an assisted living facility. Your commitment will be pivotal in solving problems and advocating for the well-being of those in long-term care facilities.

Key responsibilities:

- Listening to residents and family members when they have concerns or issues
- Telling residents about their rights
- Protecting resident health, safety, welfare, and rights
- Helping families learn about nursing homes and how to pay for them

Join us for a free two-part ombudsman certification class, held via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, Sept. 25 (part 1), and Thursday, Oct. 23 (part 2), from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

To volunteer and learn more about the class, please call us at [713-500-9931](tel:713-500-9931) or email us at ombudsman@uth.tmc.edu.

[Learn more about becoming a certified volunteer ombudsman.](#)

In Harris County, the long-term care ombudsman program is administered at Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth Houston in collaboration with the Harris County Area Agency on Aging, which is funded by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

UTHRO OFFICERS 2025

President	Barbara Kelly	UTHRO has a general purpose email address: uthro@uth.tmc.edu . This is a “forwarding” email that will send copies to designated committee members who will then forward to the appropriate person.
Vice-Pres	Cathy Findley	
Secretary	Claire Brunson	
Treasurer	Sondra Faul	Including the recipient's name in your subject will be very helpful; e.g. Subject: For Janice, BBQ lunch.
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