



Save the Date July 26-28, 2018

Bring the whole family to the
TBA Convention/Clinic in San Antonio

Your \$50 Spouse Registration fee includes all these activities:

Annual Spouses Luncheon

Spouses Painting Extravaganza

A Saturday Excursion to The Pearl with free shuttle service

Barbeque Dinner with
Family Activities including River Barge rides

Entrance to the Exhibit Hall

Child Care compliments of TBA

TBA Concerts



The 2017-18 TBA Spouses Board of Directors invites you to join them at the Convention/Clinic on Thursday-Saturday, July 26-28, 2018.

Left to right: Amy Clements, Karen Little, Jackie Sandoval, Reagan Portillo, Leslie King, Dena Morrison, Ruth Allen, Priscilla Brashear

TBA SPOUSES:

Pre-register today to get in on all the fun!
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TIES - The TBA Family Connection



By Reagan Portillo, 2017-18 TBA Spouses Board President

Happy Summer!

It's the time of year when we get together with friends and family to relax, reconnect, and make new memories! What better way than to join me and my husband, Chico, along with the TBA Board of Directors, for the 71st Annual Texas Bandmasters Association Conference, July 26-28, in beautiful San Antonio, Texas? The city is all dressed up for its 300th birthday tri-centennial celebration, and we have lots of exciting activities planned for you and your families!

During our time on the TBA Board, Chico and I have been inspired and changed by the people with whom we have built relationships. In celebration of these friendships, our luncheon theme this year is "Blossom," in recognition of families who have chosen to make a difference in their communities through the planting and cultivation of their music programs. We are grateful that Dr. Richard Crain will be with us to share insights and entertaining stories that reflect our role as spouses. We are also fortunate to be able to honor Louise Capshaw, the wife of our TBA Bandmaster of the year, Kenneth Capshaw, and other members of their family. Your luncheon ticket is included in your \$50 Spouse registration fee. Please join us on Friday, July 27, at 11:30am, in the Lonesome Dove Room.

Back by popular demand, we will have the opportunity to stay after the luncheon and create another amazing work of art! This summer we will take our skills to new heights by adding different techniques and colors to paint "Blossom Burst." You will walk away with another unique piece, painted by you, to use to decorate a favorite space. Be thinking of a place in your home or work that needs a little more pizzazz and reminder of our fun times together. Please sign up at the Spouses Booth to save your FREE seat for the painting party!

On Saturday, July 28, please hop on the shuttle with us to head to The Pearl to see what's new to do and yummy to eat! The Pearl has been working hard all year to create interesting places for us to shop and spend time together. Please sign up at the Spouses Booth so we know to expect you on the complimentary shuttle. We will return in time to get ready to head over to the Lonesome Dove area for the TBA Family Barbeque, complete with intricate face painting, festive balloon hats, FREE boat rides on the Riverwalk, and outstanding live music!

Please check with your spouse to make sure you and your family are all signed up for these amazing events. Being a part of TBA has provided me, Chico, and our children the opportunity to make many lasting friendships that we will always treasure! We encourage you to do the same by joining us in San Antonio. Enjoy the rest of this beautiful spring, and the Spouses Board and I will see you this summer at TBA!

FRIDAY, JULY 27 Spouses Luncheon

The **Annual Spouses Luncheon** will be in the Lonesome Dove Room (LDR) on the River Level of the Convention Center. Join us for great food, music, entertainment, door prizes, and meet up with TBA friends! Luncheon ticket is included in Spouse \$50 registration.



Richard Crain, past TBA President and past Bandmaster of the Year, will be our featured speaker during the luncheon! You won't want to miss his wit and wisdom, as he shares his thoughts about life in the band world!



Louise Capshaw

Please help us honor Louise Capshaw, wife of Kenneth Capshaw, the 2018 TBA Bandmaster of the Year!

FRIDAY, JULY 27 Painting Extravaganza



You are invited to stay after the luncheon in the Lonesome Dove Room for a **Painting Extravaganza**, hosted by the TBA Spouses Board! This year

we will be adding new techniques to create a "Blossom Burst." Even if you have never painted before, our Board members will take you through the steps to create a masterpiece that you will be proud of, while extending your visit with your TBA friends and family. The painting party is included with your luncheon ticket. Tea, lemonade, and water will be served. We hope you will join us!



SATURDAY, JULY 28

New Adventures at The Pearl

Join the Spouses Board as we hop on the free shuttle to the International Office of Urban Land Institute 2017-18 award winning shopping and dining area, **The Pearl!** Home to restaurants, cafes, coffee shops, bakeries, unique shopping, a book store, and a Farmer's Market, this popular destination developed around the original Pearl Brewery on the northernmost end of the Museum Reach of the Riverwalk.

New this summer at The Pearl is "The Bottling Department," built on the original site of the brewery's bottling department from 1886-2001. This building houses six restaurants and features dining experiences and products. Also new is a summer program, "Ole' San Antonio," celebrating Spanish heritage in San Antonio commemorating the city's 300th anniversary. This exciting program will include activities and events that highlight the four areas of gastronomy, music & dance, arts, and architecture. This special tri-centennial program is planned only for this summer.



The **Farmer's Market** is a fun place to find locally produced baked goods, cheeses, olive oils, salsa and gourmet treats. You can have breakfast or lunch at Bakery Lorraine, relax with a beverage at Local Coffee, try authentic Mexican street food at La Gloria, or eat Kosher Vegetarian fare at Green. And you won't want to miss Lick Honest Ice Cream's unique and amazing flavors!

You and your kids will also enjoy visiting The Twig bookstore, Ten Thousand Villages, The Tiny Finch, and other interesting boutique shops. Don't forget to wander through the lobby of **Hotel Emma**, The Pearl's extraordinary riverfront hotel in what was once a 19th century brewhouse! Have your camera ready for plenty of photo-ops!



The **TBA shuttle** will make several round trips to and from the Convention Center throughout the day for your convenience, **but you must sign up at the Spouses Booth in the Registration Area for tours and rides.**

We're so excited about this fun day, so make sure to come see us and sign up as soon as you get to the Convention Center!

SATURDAY, JULY 28

TBA Family Barbeque



The annual TBA Barbeque Dinner will be held in the Lonesome Dove Room and surrounding areas at River Level in the Convention Center. This traditional night of the convention starts at 6:30 p.m. and includes great Texas food, music and activities for the kids. Plus, free rides on the River Boats will be offered for Barbeque attendees. A meal ticket is included in the Spouses registration. Additional tickets can be purchased in the Registration Area.



Registration

Spouses may pre-register online on the Active and Retired form. Spouses who are also band directors must register as Active Members. The BEST VALUE is the \$50 Spouse Pre-registration Fee (for Non-Band Director Spouses).

TBA also offers an optional Spouse Pre-Registration Fee of \$35 which DOES NOT include the Spouses Luncheon or Painting Party. The only type of registration offered on-site will be the \$35 option.

Look for Spouses Board members in the Registration Area to sign up for the Painting Extravaganza and the complimentary shuttle rides to The Pearl.

For details on the events, visit www.texasbandmasters.org.