



SWJC TEXAS SIZED EVENT

THE FEEL GOOD EVENT OF THE YEAR!

Thursday, September 22, 2022



BE INSPIRED...

Audrey Kaplan
*Inspiring Women of the
Southwest Awards*

TAKE ACTION...

Stan Golden
*Men of Action
Awards*

EMBRACE THE FUTURE...

*Honoring Outstanding
Women, Men and Young Adults*



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR 2022 HONOREES

You are all amazing and devoted individuals who are Building Bridges throughout our community, just like SWJC. Enjoy this special evening with your friends and family, and understand that we are celebrating You!

Additionally, tonight we are pleased to announce the recipients of the SWJC Grant Initiative. These 10 deserving non-profit organizations will each receive a \$2,500 grant to continue their great work throughout the Metroplex.

Southwest Jewish Congress has continued to provide quality programming at no charge, even during these last 2 1/2 especially challenging years. We featured a variety of zoom programs on topics such as: Texas & Israel working together through Innovation; a tribute to Congressman John Lewis; a firsthand account with Ukrainian refugees; Climate Change; Exonerating the Wrongfully Convicted, and many more.

We are especially proud of our “Building Bridges | Feeding Heroes and Neighbors in Need” program during 12 peak COVID months. We were able to deliver over 5,000 meals throughout the DFW area to First Responders including Fire, Police, Health Care Personnel and Neighbors in Need.

Thank you to all the board members for your dedication, and to our incredible Executive Director Susan Myers!

And a big thank you to Cindy Ray for chairing this terrific event.

I am very honored to be the president of Southwest Jewish Congress.

In service,

Susie Salfeld Amery

TONIGHT IS A CELEBRATION!

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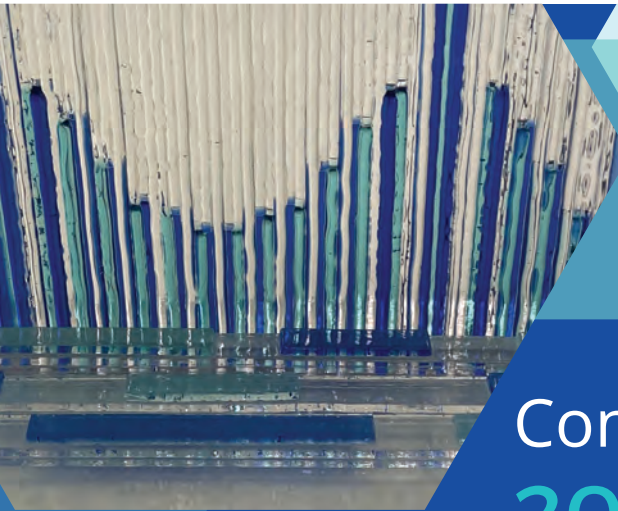
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Congratulations 2022 SWJC Honorees

It is a privilege to support the work of the Southwest Jewish Congress as they recognize the outstanding contributions of leaders in our community.

The glass piece I created for your award represents the bridges you build to make a difference in our community and in the world. Thank you for all you do!

- Kerry Silver, Silver Fusion Art Glass

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ABOUT THE AWARDS

These awards recognize leaders throughout our community from various disciplines who have been diligent in the pursuit of positive social change. They have been generous with their time and talent and have made an impact on our communities.



AUDREY KAPLAN

The Inspiring Women of the Southwest Awards are named in loving memory of the award's founder, also a past recipient, and our dear friend, Audrey Kaplan. She was passionate about women's issues and generous with her time and resources. Audrey was devoted to progressive causes.



STAN GOLDEN

The Men of Action Awards are named in loving memory of Stan Golden, the quintessential man of action. Stan's professional career, personal activities and volunteer efforts on behalf of SWJC, and numerous other organizations, set the high standards for this prestigious award.

FLAME OF HONOR AWARD

(Inaugurated 2009)

Kim Askew
Jerry K. Clements
Carol Glendenning
Ken Hersh
Clint McDonnough
Blaine Nelson
Terry Oxford
Genie Weitzman*
Herb Weitzman

**WOMEN AWARD
RECIPIENTS**

Suzanne Ahn, MD*
Prof. Lisa Chang Ahnert
Dolores Barzune
Carla Bean
Syl Benenson
Roberta Berger, Ph.D.
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Marlene Cohen
Isabelle Collora*
Eleanor N. Conrad
Alison A. Cooper
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Carol Crabtree Donovan
Jill Cumnock
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Lily P. Dam
Debbie Dennis
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Julia Easley
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Elizabeth Espersen*
Laura V. Estrada
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Pearl Garza Fracchia
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Catalina E. Garcia, MD
Hon. Elba Garcia, DDS
Linda Garner
Lisa Atlas Genecov
Barbara Glazer

Jo Fay Godbey*
Esperanza Gonzales
Laura Gonzalez, Ph.D.
Saduman Gurbuz
Vanita Halliburton
Rosemary Hinojosa
Sunhee Camille Hong, DDS
Rhonda Hunter
Brenda Jackson
Jane Jan
Wei Wei Jeang
Susie Jennings
Janet Kafka
Ann Kahn
Linda Kao
Audrey Kaplan*
Jocelyn "Tina" Kidd, DDS
Mavis Knight
Sally Knox, MD
Sylvia Komatsu
Michele Wong Krause
Pauline Kress*
Barbara Landix
Jan E. Langbein
Peggy Larney
Tammy Nguyen Lee
Kathleen Leos
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Virginia B. Whitehill.
Ann M. Williams
Marsha Williamson
Justice Carolyn Wright
Kathleen Wu
Alexis Yancey
Trea Yip
Louise Young, Ph.D.

**FUTURE INSPIRING
WOMEN** *(ages 14-21)*

(Inaugurated 2014)
Meredith Burke
Briantria "Bri" Evans
Sophia Shay Fineberg
Teresa Balderas Flores
Esha Kothapalli
Ariana Luterman
Ryan McBride
Aakilah McCoy
Erin Denise McGuire
Jacqueline Olness
Alexandria Owens
Leah Prager
Noely Rangel
Dalya Romaner
Marisa Salatino
Whytne Stevens

Lauren Stock
Samara Taper

MEN AWARD RECIPIENTS
(Inaugurated 2016)

Victor Arias, Jr.
Carl V. Crow
Giles Davidson
Eddie Deen
Steve Denson
John A. Cuellar
Gil Elan
Barry Epstein
Chip Fagadau, MD
Dr. Terry J. Flowers
Trini Garza
Stan Golden*
Larry Goldstein
Madan Goyal
Gary Griffith
Don Hooton, Sr.
Chad Houser
Richard W. Hutchins
Galileo Jumaoas
Rev. Charles Keen
Stan Levenson
Rev. Claude O. Maples
Richard Marcus
Charles D. Pulman
Byron Sanders
Dr. Rodney T. Stapp*
Tevar Watson
Crayton W. Webb
H. Ron White
Paul Zoltan

FUTURE MEN OF ACTION
(ages 14-21)

(Inaugurated 2016)
Zach Bernstein
Trevor Burke
Zachary Logan Denn
Matthew A. Johnson
Biko McMillan
Henry Roseman
S. Graham Rosen
Yannick Tona

**MEL MEYERS
SPIRIT OF LIFE AWARD**

Cindy Ray Yablonsky

*deceased

**Congratulations to
the honorees, and
thank you for your
service to the DFW
community!**

***Kim & Jonathan
Spigel***

**Singer & Levick, P.C.
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the 2022 Southwest
Jewish Congress honorees
on this wonderful and
well-deserved honor!**

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**IN LOVING
MEMORY OF
PEGGY PLOSS**

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Stephan Pyles, a 5th generation Texan and founding father of Southwestern Cuisine, is a celebrated chef, cookbook author, philanthropist, and educator. He has created 23 restaurants in 6 cities over the past 32 years, including Routh Street Café, Baby Routh, Star Canyon, Stephan Pyles, Samar, Stampede 66 and Flora Street Café.

Pyles was the first person in the Southwest to win the James Beard Award for Best Chef and was the first Texan inducted into The Beard Foundation's Who's Who of Food and Wine in America. In addition to his wins, Chef Pyles has been nominated another 12 times by the Beard Foundation for Outstanding Chef in America and has had 6 restaurants that were finalists for Best New Restaurant in America.

In January of this year, Chef Pyles transitioned from restaurant ownership and operations to consulting, License Agreements and organizing culinary tours around the world. "This will give me the time, finally, to document my experiences in serving the city's famous and infamous, as well as cooking for the likes of Mick Jagger, Madonna and Cher, and of course a host of American Presidents and First Ladies."

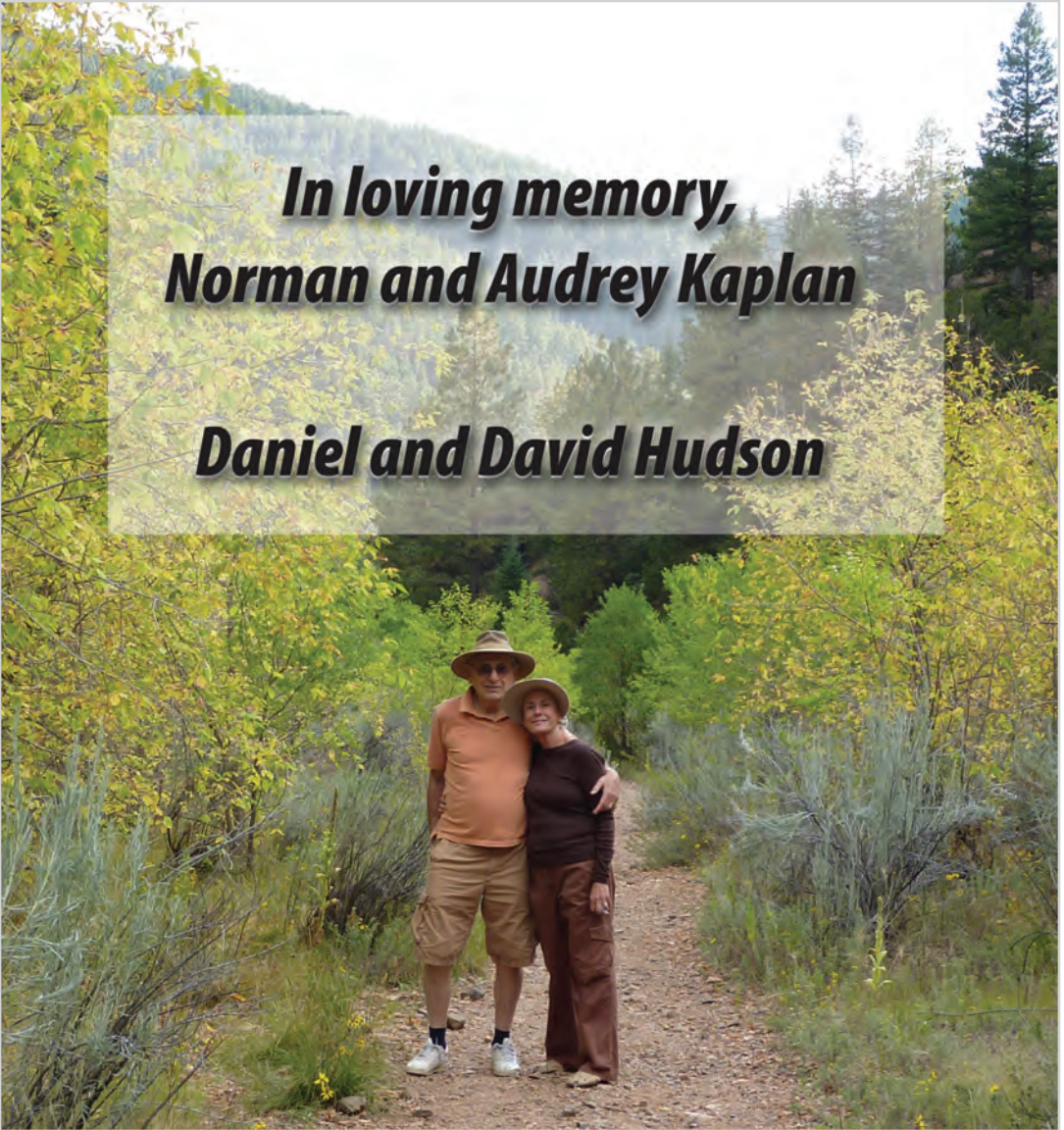
A tireless philanthropist, Pyles is a founding board member of Share Our Strength, America's largest hunger relief organization and is a recipient of the organization's Humanitarian of the Year Award for his work with their No Kid Hungry Campaign. He is a life board member of the North Texas Food Bank and has served on the board of Goodwill Industries and The Art Institute. He co-founded The Hunger Link, Dallas' perishable food program that acts as a conduit between restaurants and hotels and ministries and soup kitchens. Through his Stephan Pyles Culinary Scholarship, he has awarded \$250,000 to culinary students in Texas.



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CHEF STEPHAN PYLES
Featured Speaker

***In loving memory,
Norman and Audrey Kaplan
Daniel and David Hudson***



Sylvia Komatsu is Chief Content and Diversity Officer for KERA, the public media organization for North Texas that reaches more than 2 million people each week. Sylvia is responsible for KERA's original content on digital, radio and television platforms, including KERA TV, the region's PBS station, and two public radio stations - KERA 90.1 FM, the North Texas NPR news station, and Triple-A music station KXT 91.7 FM. She also oversees diversity and inclusion efforts across the organization. Prior to her current role, Sylvia was a reporter, documentary producer/writer and executive producer on many award-winning programs.



She produced and executive produced documentaries and specials on a wide range of social, political and cultural issues. Among her national public television credits as program executive are *The U.S.- Mexican War (1846-1848)*, *Sweet Tornado: Margo Jones and the American Theater*, *JFK: Breaking the News*, *Matisse & Picasso*, *For A Deaf Son* and *After Goodbye: An AIDS Story*.

Sylvia is a graduate of Harvard University and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. Sylvia and her husband, George, live in Dallas.

Audrey Belle Kaplan

**Always on our minds and in our hearts.
Congratulations to all of the recipients of the Audrey
Kaplan Inspiring Women of the Southwest Awards!**

**In loving memory of our beloved mother,
grandmother and great-grandmother, Audrey Belle.**

All of our everlasting love,

Your kids, their kids and their kids....

**Michael, Diane, Adam, Amy, Austin, Alex, Chelsea,
Marlowe and Parker Hudson**



Chris Lawrence co-anchors the 5, 6 & 10pm newscasts at WFAA. Before coming to Dallas with his wife and three children, Chris worked at various local stations and spent 13 years at CNN and CBS News.

He was one of the few reporters who stayed in New Orleans after the levees broke, bringing firsthand coverage of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. He reported live from Haiti within hours of the devastating earthquake in 2010.

Chris spent ten years going back and forth to Iraq and Afghanistan, covering the wars and the impact on American troops. He also reported from Israel and Pakistan, and was CNN's Pentagon correspondent.

Chris is a veteran of the Navy Reserve, and graduated from the University of Maryland College Park. He enjoys traveling, running marathons and rare quiet time with a good book. Since moving to Dallas he's become actively involved in "Carry the Load," an organization dedicated to sharing the stories of servicemembers who gave their lives in service to their country.



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It is our pleasure to support SWJC and the honorees who have significantly contributed to the advancement of our community, culture and lives.

We congratulate you on your success!

Linda and Dave Garner

**Congratulations
to all SWJC
Recipients!**

Lynn and Clay Towery

We commend these inspiring women and men of action. You have chosen to make a positive difference in the lives of others. You have protected lives, preserved lives, made lives more functional and increased the quality of lives.

For this, we honor you.

Susan and Jim Myers

Born in Rochester, New York, **Nelda Brounstein Golden** met the love of her life, Stan Golden, on a blind date. They married in 1949 in Binghamton, New York and moved to Florida in 1956. While in Miami, Nelda was the manager of the bookstores at Miami Dade Community College with a student population of 50,000. She was active in forming a status of women group working to promote equal pay and opportunities for women trying to advance in their careers. Nelda was President of her Temple Sisterhood and a board member of several organizations.

Nelda and Stan relocated to Dallas in 1980. She opened a business providing temporary personnel for corporations and businesses. After a few years she sold the company and became an personal consultant, providing support in hiring, developing job descriptions and other personnel matters.

Nelda is a founding member of SWJC, serving as a board member and as Program Vice President. She founded a Couples Club at Temple Emanu-El for middle-aged couples which provided social events and friendship. Nelda started an organization (still active today) called the Association of Women Executives (AWE) comprised of professional women in various careers for networking and contributing to groups that they can assist.

Nelda said, “I have had a life of activity both in work and family, and dedication to helping others. This has brought me personal satisfaction, friendships and happiness.” Wherever she has been present, Nelda’s great sense of humor and affability have created long-lasting bonds of friendship and respect.

Nelda is the mother of The Honorable Judge Barbara M.G. Lynn and her husband, Mike. She is the Grandmother of Dr. Tara Neubrand and her husband, Tracey, and Whitney Lynn and her husband, Travis, and has three great grandchildren Reily, Blake and Sheperd.



NELDA GOLDEN

*Audrey Kaplan Inspiring Women of the Southwest
Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient*

CONGRATULATIONS
TO NELDA GOLDEN

LYNN
PINKER
HURST &
SCHWEGMANN



Congratulations to
Nelda Golden
on receiving this
well-deserved lifetime achievement award.
As a founding AWE member since 1981,
you are a role model for us.

*Your friends in the Association of
Women Executives (AWE)*



Congratulations Mom, Grandma and Bubbie!

**Barb, Mike, Tara, Tracey, Reily and Blake, and Whitney, Travis and Shepherd
adore you and applaud your lifetime of dedication to service.**

We are so glad that you share this recognition with the incomparable Ken Glaser.



**Thank you to the board members of SWJC
for recognizing my years of service and dedication.**

**I am extremely pleased to be receiving the Lifetime Achievement
Award from the organization that continues to build bridges
throughout our community.**

**Congratulations to Ken Glaser and all of the honorees that have
been recognized this evening. You have proven to be very worthy
of this prestigious award and I am honored to be a part of this
marvelous evening.**

Nelda Golden



Congratulations Nelda!

You are an inspiration to all who know and love you, so it is no surprise that you are receiving this outstanding honor.

Thank you for being such an incredible role model to women everywhere.

Love, Linda and Mitch

**Nelda Golden
The ultimate
“Golden Treasure”
Congratulations,
my friend!**

Ruth Bahe-Jachna



CONGRATULATIONS

NELDA

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO

WE LOVE YOU

MARGARET & LESTER

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Locke Lord is committed to our clients and the communities we serve.

We are proud to support the **Southwest Jewish Congress** as it recognizes **Nelda Golden** with the esteemed Lifetime Achievement Award.



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Vision. For Life.

Drs. Fagadau, Swanson, and Mirza, along with our new associate, Dr. Israel Ackerman; would like to congratulate Mrs. Nelda Golden for her visionary spirit and the outstanding achievements leading to this honor!

Congratulations
Nelda and Ken,
well deserved!

Joan and Terry
Oxford

Heartfelt
congratulations to
Nelda on this beautiful
recognition of a
life so well lived –
you inspire us all!

Nina & Bob



Congratulations Nelda!

You are THE BEST role model
for how to live a life filled with
leadership, love, faith, family,
friends and fun.

We love you,
Danny, Denise, Christopher
and Robert Lynn

**CONGREGATION NISHMAT AM
PLANO, TX**

**Congratulates Southwest Jewish Congress
and its honorees on this special occasion.**

We also wish to honor and acknowledge


SUSIE AVNERY

**for her outstanding work on behalf of Southwest
Jewish Congress, for her extraordinary efforts in
support of the greater Jewish community
and for her deep commitment to the State of Israel.**

Congregation Nishmat Am

Bill McManaway, President

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**Warmest Congratulations
and Love to Nelda
from your “other daughters”**

**Ann Marie Arcadi, Kim Askew,
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Judge Kimberly Priest Johnson,
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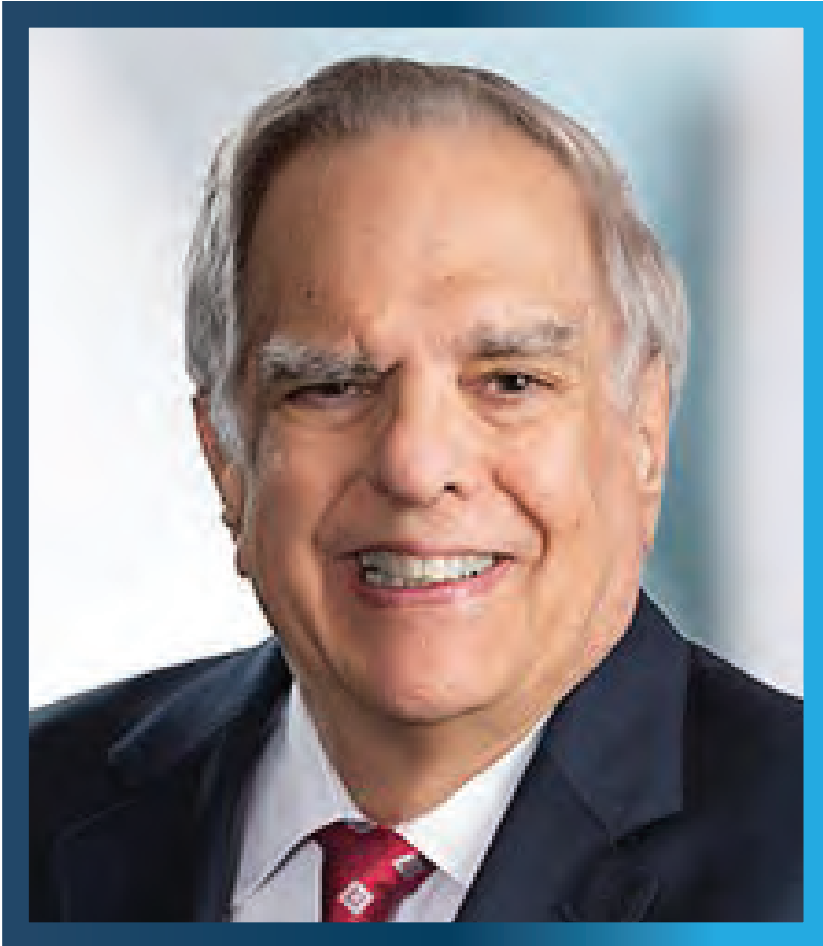
Ken Glaser has dedicated himself not only to the practice of Law, but commitment of service to his Community – Tikun Olam. This principle has guided Ken for over 60 years – not only inspiring his own moral and spiritual wellbeing – but also challenging him to seek improvement of the welfare of society at large.

Ken was born in Cleveland, Ohio. Arriving in Dallas with his family in 1952, Ken immediately learned the value of hard work and service working in his family’s delicatessen. As a teen, Ken became an active member in BBYO, founding the Louis D Brandeis AZA chapter of BBYO which remains active to this day.

Returning to Dallas after obtaining his Law degree from UT Austin, Ken led the group that founded the Temple Shalom congregation, serving on the board of directors. He has served as a board member of Shearith Israel and the Dallas Holocaust Museum. Ken actively supports the State of Israel through leadership positions in AIPAC and SWJC. He builds educational bridges between the wide spectrum of political views on Israel as chairman of Israel Today/Now.

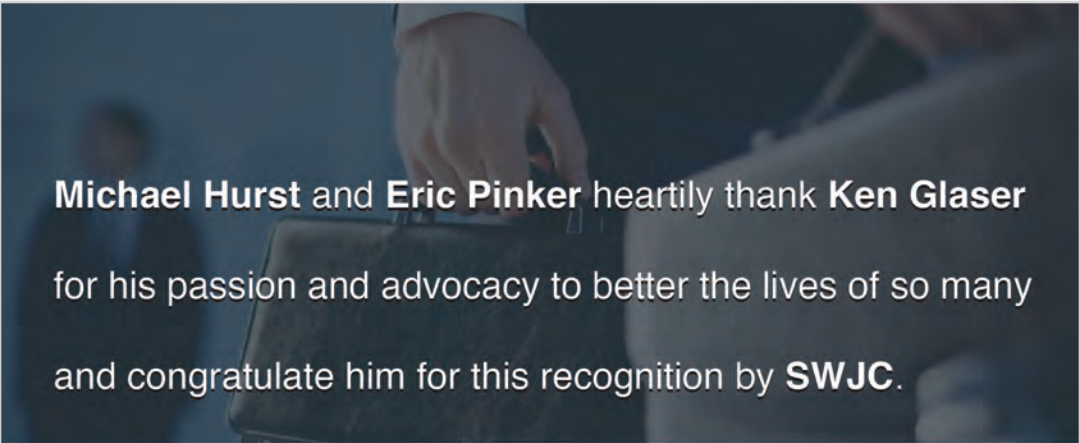
Ken practices intellectual property law, working with clients both locally and around the world. He has held adjunct professorship positions from SMU and UT Austin. Colleagues at Foley & Lardner LLP describe Ken’s commitment this way: Clients and colleagues are drawn to Ken because of his 24/7 commitment to helping and advising them - and inspiring with a work ethic he enthusiastically passes on to everyone else on Foley’s IP team.

Ken approaches life with a clear-eyed appreciation for what matters most: family, the Jewish community, a passion for the Law, and a love and desire to bring people together. Married to Rena for the last 37 years, Ken’s family includes 15 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



KENNETH R. GLASER

*The Stan Golden Men of Action
Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient*



Michael Hurst and **Eric Pinker** heartily thank **Ken Glaser** for his passion and advocacy to better the lives of so many and congratulate him for this recognition by **SWJC**.

LYNN PINKER HURST SCHWEGMANN



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL HONOREES
WITH SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO
NELDA, KEN, FONDA AND JAY.

RUTH AND MICHAEL COHEN

Support System for Ken Glaser

FAMILY

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THANKS

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TO ALL OF YOU

EDUCATION

FOR ENABLING MY

WIVES

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS

JUDAISM

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TEXAS INSTRUMENTS

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*Mazel Tov
Ken Glaser*

For your passion, drive, and
your commitment for making
our community a better place
for all of us.

We are all so proud of you...

Anita Weinstein



**Mazel Tov to Ken Glaser on
this well-deserved honor.**

**Thank you for your leadership
and everything you do for the
community!**

-The AIPAC Team

CONGRATULATIONS KEN

*Thank you for your guidance, your wisdom, your generosity,
and for setting a wonderful example of what it means
to be a "Mensch" in our community.*

**Roy Flegenheimer and Ali Rhodes
Perry and Ilene Zidow
Scott and Brenda Butnick**

Congratulations Ken.
An honor richly deserved.
We are very proud of you.

CELIA AND LARRY SCHOENBRUN

 **FOLEY**

FOLEY & LARDNER LLP

Foley & Lardner LLP congratulates our friend and colleague **Kenneth Glaser** for being awarded the Stan Golden Men of Action Lifetime Achievement Award, and all of the recipients being honored by the Southwest Jewish Congress.



Temple Shalom's Sisterhood
Congratulates
Ken Glaser
Recipient of the SWJC
Life Time Achievement Award

We thank you for your leadership,
service and contributions to the
Jewish community, Israel, and
beyond. You have touched so
many lives as a role-model,
mentor and friend. This is an
award well deserved!
Mazel Tov

KEN GLASER
(ANONYMOUS)
MAZEL TOV!

**THE EICHELBAUM
FAMILY**

TEMPLE SHALOM

The Congregation of Temple Shalom congratulates and celebrates SWJC's
Lifetime Achievement Award Winner

Ken Glaser

A founding member of Temple Shalom, and the definition of Menschlichkeit, Ken is deservedly renowned for his lifelong commitment to Judaism, the community, Israel and Humankind. The world is a better place because of Ken.

We are all blessed by you. Thank you for who you are and for all that you do!

Yasher Koach and Mazel Tov Ken!

TEMPLE SHALOM BROTHERHOOD

HONORS

Ken Glaser

For his commitment to
the Jewish Community,
his passion for Israel,
and for this lifetime
achievement award

**May you continue to be a
light to our people**



CONGRATULATIONS, KEN!

**We are so proud of all your accomplishments
and honored to call you our dear friend.**

Much love, the Pecherskys and the Pinkers

Mazel Tov
to my lifelong friend,
Ken Glaser, who has always
stepped up to the plate
and hit a home run.

Warm regards to
you and Rena.

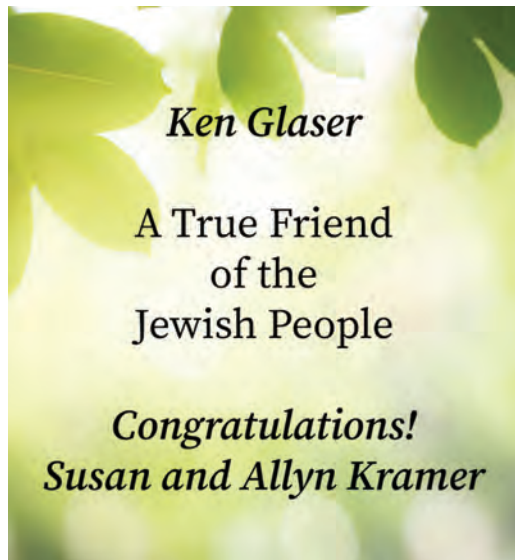
Tanya

KEN,

**WE KNOW, UP CLOSE AND
PERSONAL, HOW HARD YOU
WORKED FOR THE CAUSES
YOU BELIEVED IN.**

MAZEL TOV!

ANN AND MEL WOLOVITS



Fonda and Jay Arbetter have been married for almost 36 years and are parents of 2 daughters, Stephanie and Erica, who both reside in Washington DC. Fonda, born in Dallas, is a 3rd generation Dallasite, whereas Jay, a 3rd generation Texan, was born in San Antonio. Fonda's great-grandparents founded Schepps Dairy in Russia before immigrating through Galveston, and the company continued until it was sold in 1985. Her grandparents founded Schepps Grocer Supply in 1939 and sold it in 1984.

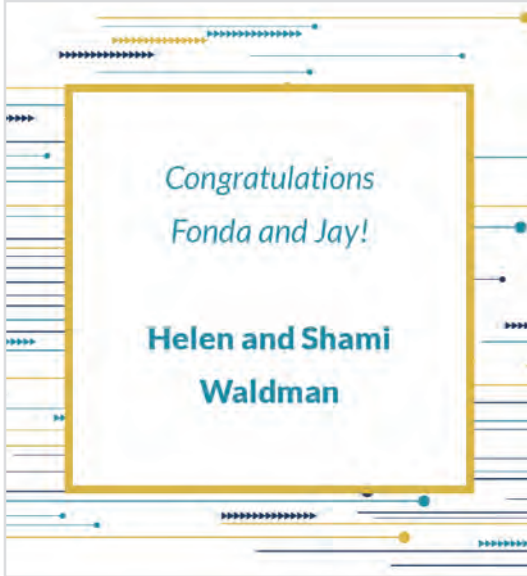
Fonda's service has included many different positions over the years including being a board member of Congregation Shearith Israel where she was editor of the SHOFAR newsletter for over 12 years and is a 4th generation member; she served as the VP of Communications for 3 years at Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts; she has been on the board of the Dallas Jewish Historical Society for the past 7 years; she has been involved with the Dallas Museum of Art Woman's League for the past 13 years; and she currently serves on the Arts and Entertainment Task Force of the Jewish National Fund.

Jay has selflessly given his business acumen to dozens of non-profit organizations and local boards over the years – and he regularly volunteers his time giving workshops on career development and networking to local churches, veterans' groups and many other organizations, including Jewish Family Service. Jay has also served on boards at Shearith Israel, Anshai Torah, Hillels of Texas, BBYO and Israel Bonds.

The couple's wide-ranging interests have taken them in many different directions. It is a legacy that is rich in both of their families and something they will strive to continue. They represent the high ideals found in Judaism and their combined efforts to do what they can to make the world a better place, effects so many aspects of our community.



FONDA AND JAY ARBETTER
Caring Couple Award Recipients



Ackerman
Center for Holocaust Studies
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Brittany K. Barnett was born in Dallas. She is a best-selling author, attorney and entrepreneur who thrives at the intersection of hope, justice, and freedom. As a corporate attorney, Brittany is committed to pro bono representation of clients unjustly sentenced under federal drug laws. Her dedication to this life-changing work resulted in freedom for numerous people serving fundamental death sentences for federal drug offenses -- including seven clients who received executive clemency from President Barack Obama. As the daughter of a formerly incarcerated mother, Brittany knows firsthand the far-reaching impact of incarceration, devastating families and entire communities.

Dedicated to transforming the criminal justice system, she founded two nonprofits: Girls Embracing Mothers, dedicated to empowering girls with mothers in prison, and the Buried Alive Project, which fights to free people jailed under outdated federal drug laws. Her work is multi-dimensional, seeking not only to free people from prison but also to cultivate their creative and entrepreneurial powers to better the world.

Brittany also founded the Manifest Freedom Fund and Milena Reign, social enterprises devoted to shifting the paradigm to show the world-changing impact that justice-impacted entrepreneurs can have when they have access to capital and resources not to merely survive, but to thrive. Her book, *A Knock at Midnight: A Story of Hope, Justice, and Freedom*, was released to critical acclaim and selected as an NAACP Image Award nominee and Los Angeles Times Book Prize Finalist. Her book was also chosen by Amazon Editors as the #1 Best Book of 2020. She is a graduate of SMU's Dedman School of Law and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting.



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Nelly Cuenca was born and proudly raised in East Dallas graduated from the Dallas Independent School District's Woodrow Wilson high school. The daughter of Mexican immigrants, Cuenca shares a passion for education and a quality life for all. As a student in Dallas ISD she was determined to lead by example; all dreams are possible.

Nelly has drawn from her own lived experience to build MaaPaa, a nonprofit focused on supporting single mothers raising boys. She has built community partnerships to collectively offer a suite of services that are key to supporting the population she is trying to help: single mothers. As an organization, MaaPaa continues to champion fair housing, mental health, child care, and legal representation for her non-profit community. Nelly is also working to further enhance education to include MaaPaa Academy, a charter school focused on providing educational and social opportunities for children of single parent homes.

She holds a Bachelor of Social Work degree from the UT Arlington and a Master of Science in Management from the UT Dallas. Nelly has been a consultant as Mental Health First Aid instructor, community relations specialist at Parkland, a bilingual elder care specialist, a marketing professional at NorthPark Center and a case manager at Catholic Charities of Dallas.

Nelly and her son Bean (John Fransico West) have published two children books: Am I Normal-Polar? and I Smell Like A Flower. They have been invited to speak at DISD, Bell Helicopter and C5 Youth Foundation of Texas, as they continue to mentor their MaaPaa community. They are a success story of what a model mother/son team can be as they inspire and serve others.



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Kim Cummings is Senior Vice President of Human Resources, Talent and Workforce Planning at Children’s Health based in Dallas, Texas. In this role, she leads HR and Talent strategy including workforce/people transformation initiatives, succession, and supports cross-market enterprise wide talent development initiatives for the Dallas market.

Kim has over 25 years of HR experience in a variety of leadership roles encouraging and promoting employee engagement in companies that include BNSF Railway, BELO Broadcasting, Burger King Corporation, Dell and Target Corporation. Kim is a thought leader in the space of Diversity & Inclusion receiving numerous community service and business awards that include “HR Professional of the Year” designation by Ogletree Deakins Law Firm and the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, DiversityFIRST™ Award and Top Women in Healthcare from the National Diversity Council, and Texas Most Powerful Business Women by Texas Diversity Magazine.

Born in Seoul, South Korea, Kim received her Bachelor degree in Social Work from Texas State University graduating from the University’s Emerging Leader program and was inducted into Who’s Who in College & Universities students. Kim received her Master’s degree from the University of Texas at Austin in Human Resource Development & Leadership. She holds a Senior Professional designation in Human Resources and certified employee relations credentials. Kim is a professional member of the Fort Worth Human Resources Group and National Society of Human Resource Management.

Additional Affiliations include: Child Care Associates, Dallas Dinner Table, DisabilityIN, Girls Inc. of Tarrant County, Grapevine/Colleyville ISD Diversity Advisory Committee, Texas Women’s Foundation: Hispanic100, Orchid Giving Circle, the Multicultural Alliance, National Association of Asian American Professionals, The Source of Hope and University of Texas Arlington Human Resource Advisory Committee. Kim’s pride and joy are her two children. Her daughter, Endeavor (19) is a Sophomore at Tulane University and son, Carter (15) is a Sophomore at Colleyville Heritage High School.



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Ashlee Hunt Kleinert was born in Dallas, Texas. She is founder and operator of Ruthie's for Good food trucks. As a Public Benefit Corporation, Ruthie's provides a source of employment and programming for young adults who are involved with the justice system.

Ashlee is a member of Friends of St. Philip's, The Dallas Assembly and International Women's Forum. She currently serves on the board of directors for United Way Foundation of Metropolitan Dallas, SMU Dedman College, SMU Maguire Center for Ethics, Methodist Health System Foundation of Dallas, Genesis Women's Shelter, New Friends New Life Advisory Board and is a commissioner for the North Texas sector of the Governor's Commission for Women. She is former board chair of New Friends New Life and Dallas Women's Foundation (currently known as Texas Women's Foundation). Ashlee's concerns cover vital issues such as human trafficking, hunger, youth at risk, and women and girl's opportunities.

She and her husband Chris created the Good Foundation (f/k/a the Kleinert Foundation) to research gaps in services to vulnerable populations, and to convene community partners in the work of providing means of recovery and resources to generate a fresh start. The Good Foundation most recently partnered with Dallas Doing Good, a digital media platform focused on creating and sharing stories that support good news and good work in North Texas.

According to Ashlee "There's a lot of social innovation driven by dynamic, forward-thinking leaders at United Way, Cafe Momentum, Paul Quinn College, Bonton Farms, and many others that are making things happen."



ASHLEE HUNT KLEINERT

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Congratulations to

**Roslyn Dawson Thompson, Ashlee Kleinert
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Brenda Jackson

Rebecca “Becky” McGarry was born in Pottsboro, Texas on Lake Texoma. She spent her summers on the lake where her father managed the local marina. She attended Pottsboro High where she was a cheerleader, played varsity basketball and was named district FHA sweetheart her senior year. After graduation she stayed in the area and became a dental assistant and eventually was employed by CIGNA in Sherman, Texas. In 1979, Becky’s daughter Priscilla was born.

Becky had a long successful career at CIGNA achieving the level of Manager. There she also met her husband of 31 years, Jim. Becky left CIGNA in 1991 to get a degree from Grayson College and begin a second career as a CASA volunteer for Grayson County. While at CASA Becky developed a reputation as someone devoted to the causes of children while changing and forever enhancing many of their lives. In 1998, Becky was awarded the Grayson County CASA Volunteer of the year.

In 2020 Becky and Jim moved to Great Falls, Virginia, where she volunteered with LiftMeUp!, an organization that provided therapeutic equestrian care for handicapped children.

In 2004 they moved to Plano where they currently reside. Upon her return to Texas, Becky again volunteered for CASA of Collin County where she continued to provide her special kind of care to children in need. Today, Becky enjoys retirement with her family and friends, playing golf and pickle ball and rooting for the Notre Dame Fighting Irish football team.

Becky is honored to be recognized by SWJC and appreciates their recognition of her life’s devotion to the causes of neglected children.



REBECCA MCGARRY

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Roslyn Dawson Thompson is CEO of DAWSON Communications + Strategy + Governance, a consultancy serving corporate and nonprofit organizations. Her deep knowledge and experience as former CEO of one of the world's largest women's foundations, as a board leader for national and global nonprofits, and her 25-year career as owner of an award-winning marketing communications firm have put her in a position to be a force for good.

As former President & CEO of Texas Women's Foundation, she led ambitious strategic initiatives that resulted in groundbreaking research on the Economic Status of Women in Texas. Under her leadership, the Foundation raised more than \$85 million.

From 1986 to 2011, Roslyn was Chair and CEO of Dawson + Murray + Teague Communications, a marketing communications agency she founded that served regional, national and global clients.

Roslyn is a frequent speaker on women's leadership, philanthropy, gender equity and gender lens investing. She is Board Chair of Tides, a global charity focused on shared prosperity and social justice. She is a former chair and board member of Women's Funding Network, the Association of Women's Foundations, and currently serves on the boards of International Women's Forum - Dallas and Dallas Medical Resource, as well as the advisory boards of the Dallas Mavericks and the Jane Nelson Institute for Women's Leadership at Texas Woman's University.

Born in Corpus Christi, Texas, Roslyn is a graduate of Baylor University (BA) and Vanderbilt University (MA). She is married to Rex Thompson, retired professor of finance at SMU. Their family includes three adult children.



ROSLYN DAWSON THOMPSON

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With appreciation for
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her legacy of systemic change on behalf
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CECILIA AND GARRETT BOONE



Hank Alterman was born in San Antonio and grew up in Dallas. He was part of a successful law practice for 46 years.

In July, 1999, an important event occurred. Hank stopped for breakfast at a local diner before meeting a client. While chatting with his waiter, he learned that the young man wanted to attend college but simply did not have the funds for tuition. Hank wished he could do something for him besides leaving a generous tip!

Hank could not get that young man out of his thoughts. A year later, The Scholarship Fund, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation was born! Hank turned to everyone he knew-family, friends, clients-and asked for contributions. He was asking people to join in the most important investment they could ever make in their community: the education of young people.

Over the past 20+ years, this modestly staffed organization of volunteers has raised more than \$713,300 (and counting) to benefit 73 Dallas-area students. With this help, and along with their own dedication and diligence, these students have gone on to become engineers, healthcare workers, social workers, teachers, policy makers, attorneys and more.

A recent medical diagnosis necessitated that Hank retire from his law practice and consider the future of The Scholarship Fund. He thought he would have to liquidate the organization, but fortunately, a Dallas philanthropist, broadcast journalist and author Scott Murray assumed leadership of The Scholarship Fund, which is now doing business as the Scott Murray Scholarship Fund. With Scott's leadership, the non-profit is in a position to expand the scope and reach of the mission well into the future.



HANK ALTERMAN

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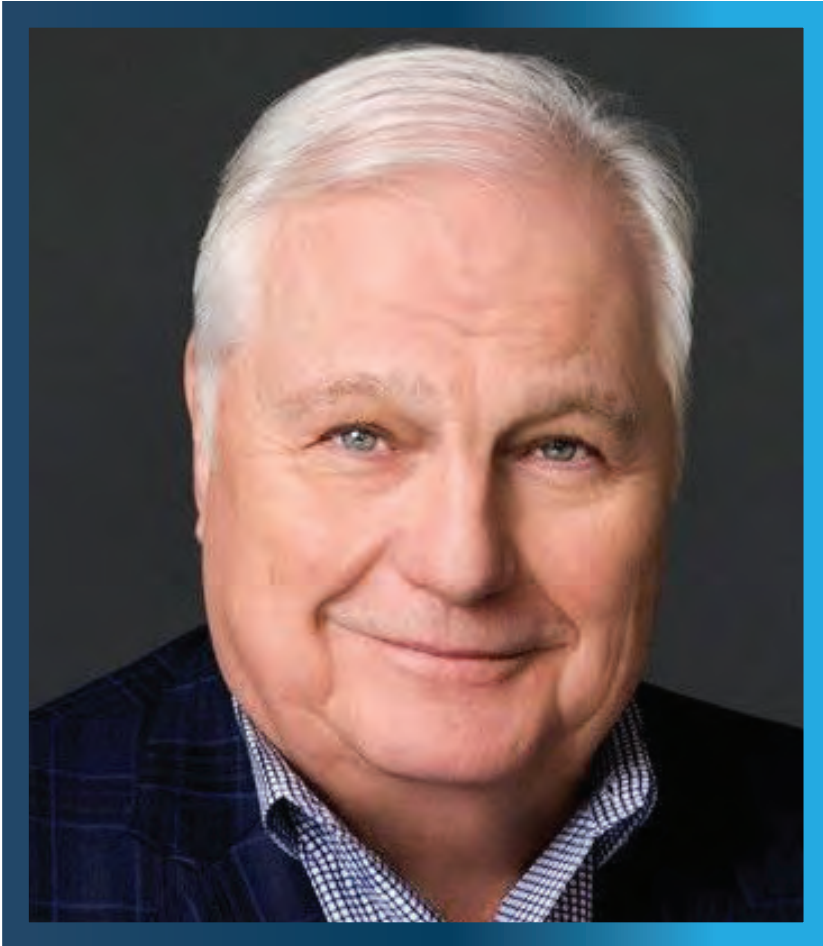
Dale Hansen, originally from Logan, Iowa, never went to college. After high school, Dale served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War. In 1980, Dale took his first job in Dallas at KDFW, which at the time was CBS's Dallas affiliate. He later left KDFW and joined WFAA.

Starting in 1983, Dale had a segment during "Sports Special" on the Sunday of the week before Christmas. He would select a story about a child's death from the past year and discuss it. Dale used the segment in 2011 to disclose that he was a victim of sexual abuse as a child, in hopes that it would convince other survivors to come forward.

Hansen made his reputation in 1986 when he and his producer, John Sparks, broke a story about a scandal involving payments to players on SMU's football team. His reporting earned him a Peabody Award for distinguished journalism, a DuPont-Columbia Award, and several death threats.

Dale became famous in recent years when his commentaries, Unplugged, which touched on matters such as racism and domestic violence were circulated and widely viewed on YouTube. Dale officially retired on September 2, 2021.

Dale has had 11 jobs in his professional life (and was fired from nine of them). He and his wife, Chris, first met when she used her broadcasting degree behind the scenes, running cameras at the studio where they both worked. Dale and Chris just celebrated their 40th Anniversary and live on their mini-ranch in Waxahachie with their 21 animals.



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In 2005, following the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, **Louis Harrell, Jr.** moved his family to Weatherford, Texas.

Louis battled addiction for 20 years and has experienced the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, assisted by the Men of Nehemiah (MON), a program founded by his father in New Orleans in 1994.

In February 2010, Louis and a core team of inspired individuals followed the call to establish the MON in South Dallas to help men suffering from drug and alcohol addiction. In its first year, the MON housed three men. Today, the ministry has served over 1,000 men and their families through restoration and transformation using Biblical discipleship, clinical treatment, and military-style leadership training.

In 2019, Louis was selected as an honoree of the Each Moment Matters Luncheon for exhibiting faith and devotion to serving others in the community. He currently serves as the CEO & Executive Director of the Men of Nehemiah, along with a team of dedicated staff.

Louis followed in the footsteps of his dad, hoping to rebuild the lives of families that have been torn apart by poverty, homelessness, incarceration, substance abuse, crime, and violence. His tools have included a traveling male chorus, family counseling, mentorship, job training readiness, case management, computer literacy training and other faith-based support services.

Louis, born in France, lives in Dallas with his wife Denise. They have two daughters, Lucretia, and Shant'e, who live in the metroplex and are both healthcare specialists.



LOUIS HARRELL, JR.

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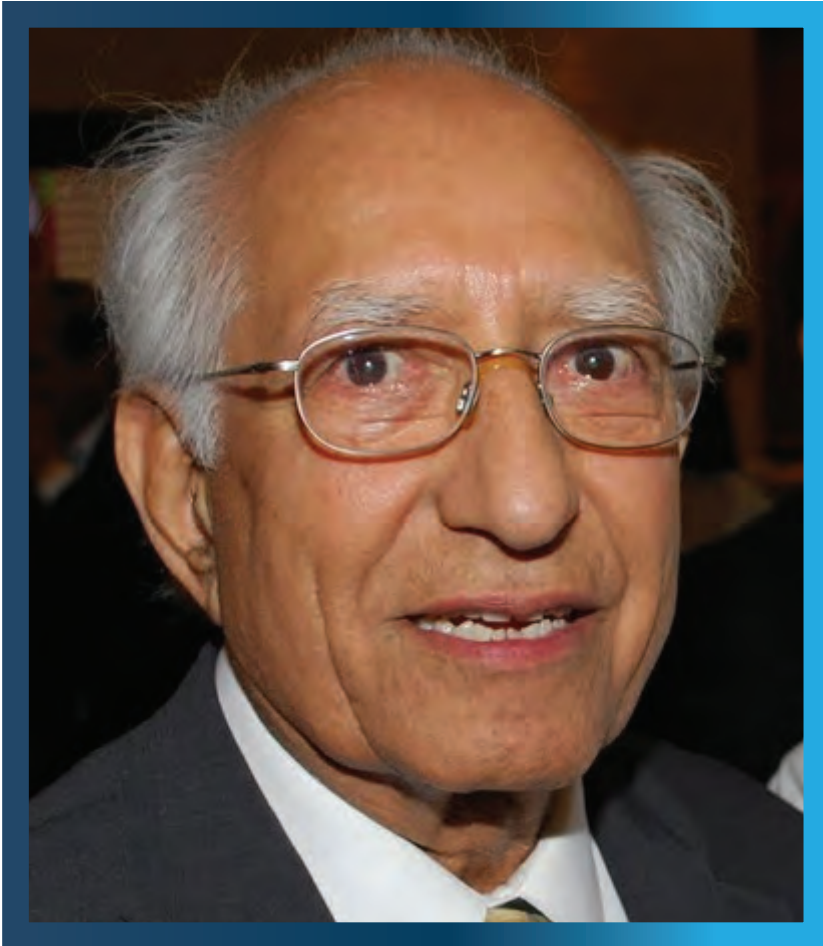
Dr. Harbans Lal was born in Haripur, India. He came to the United States in 1956 as a student and married Amrita in 1964 in Chicago. He has three children and a granddaughter.

Harbans has always devoted his energies to inter-religious engagement for mutual understanding and serving civil societies' needs. Following 9/11, after attacks on Sikhs by civilians, he counseled law enforcement on police interaction with Sikhs and other ethnic Americans.

Harbans has represented the Sikh community on the Interfaith Council of Thanks-Giving Square for over 25 years. His services are recognized by Buddhist, Hindu, Islamic, and Judeo-Christian institutions. He is co-editor of *J. Sikhism and Comparative Religion*, *Nishaan*, and the *Sikh Review*. He publishes two blogs, *Seeking Wisdom* and *Tapestry of Memories*.

Dr. Lal has served as Professor and Chairman, Department of Pharmacology-Neuroscience, University of North Texas Health Science Center, and Former Editor-in-Chief of *Monthly Journal, Drug Development Research*. He was President of the Association of the Scientists of Indian Origin in America and a member of many national and international organizations serving science, religion, media, and civil societies.

During his career, he published over 1000 scholarly papers and 30 books. Guru Nanak Dev University recognized his works with a Doctor of Literature (honoris causa) degree and the Anandpur Sahib Foundation by Order of Nishan-e-Khalsa. American College of Neuropsychopharmacology included him in the Archives of Medical Discoveries, and the Society of Neuroscience conferred him the Outstanding Neuroscientist Award. He served on many US and international Science advisory boards, including Study Sections of the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the US Food and Drug Administration.



DR. HARBANS LAL

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Richard, thank you for your commitment to individuals, families and communities impacted by incarceration!

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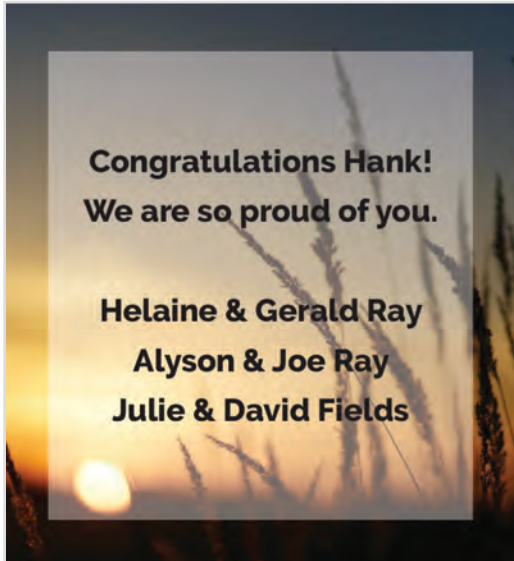


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As we grieve the loss of Audrey Kaplan and her husband Norman Kaplan, we are proud of her legacy in supporting women and Southwest Jewish Congress.

May their memories be for a blessing and may Southwest Jewish Congress continue to honor and encourage righteous women and men to honor and encourage those they serve.

Marcia Kaplan, M.D.
Cynthia Reynolds
Carolyn Kaplan, M.D.
Diane Orley

*A special congratulations to
Sr. Corporal Monty Moncibais, Hank Atterman
and to all the other nominees.*

*A very special thank you to Susie Avnery
for all you do!*

Terry and Mike Friedman

Richard Miles was born in Dallas and went to Skyline High School. At the age of 19, he was wrongly arrested and sentenced to 60 years for murder and aggravated assault. In 2007, an innocence organization accepted Richard's case and was released October 12, 2009.

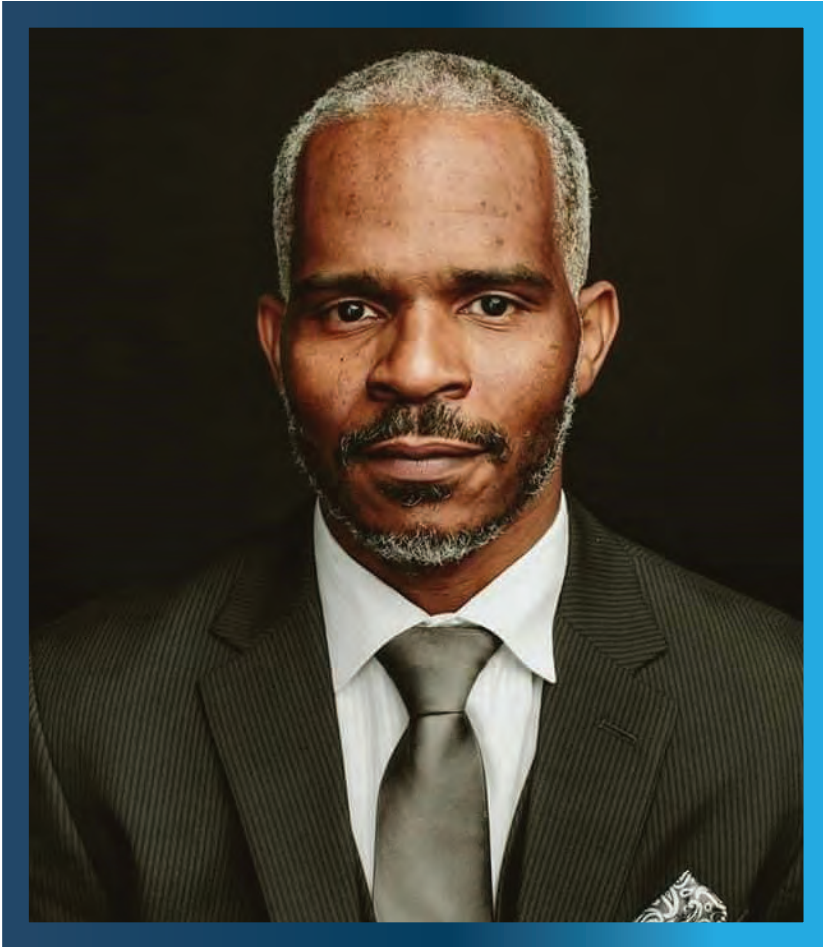
On February 15, 2012, the Court of Criminal Appeals ruled unanimously and granted him Actual Innocence. (Ex Parte Richard Miles (359 SW 3rd 647). The ruling included compensation for Richard under Texas law.

In June of 2012, Richard made an initial seed investment to start Miles of Freedom. "Miles" is the acronym for (Motivating Inspiring Law-abiding Enthusiastic Successful). The mission of Miles of Freedom is to provide holistic support for individuals, families and communities impacted by incarceration.

Richard's story has been featured on the Larry King Show, TV One documentary and multiple news/media outlets. In 2019, Richard Miles shared the international stage as one of the Top 10 CNN Hero's.

Most importantly, the State Legislature recognized the importance of enacting changes to avoid a similar miscarriage of justice. On September 1, 2021, the Richard Miles Act was passed in Texas. This law addresses the accountability and timely disclosure of evidence as it relates to arresting officer/agencies. Richard is enrolled at Paul Quinn College working on his bachelor's in business administration. He serves on the boards of God's Holy Church of Christ, Dallas Sheriff Community Partnership, Centurion Innocence Organization and Power in Action.

Richard's life is now filled with his faith in God, family support, wife Latoya Miles and two beautiful daughters Raelyn and Aubreigh Miles. Richard's future seems to have many more "miles of freedom". For more information about Miles of Freedom visit www.milesoffreedom.org.



RICHARD MILES

Stan Golden Men of Action Award Recipient

Fernando “Monty” Moncibais was born in San Antonio. He is now Senior Corporal Moncibais, badge 3162. Monty was hired by the Dallas Police Department in 1971 as one of the first handful of Hispanics to serve the City of Dallas. He is only one of two Dallas Officers who have served for fifty years or more. Monty is married to Susan and lives in Heath, Texas.

Monty started in Patrol where he trained rookie Officers, worked as a Detective in crimes against property, crimes against persons, homicide, narcotics, identification, and the polygraph unit. He has received over 110 commendations including an award in 1992 for saving a man who was threatening suicide 30 feet over a major freeway.

He created the “Stage Right” Program with the Broadway Dallas (f/k/a Dallas Summer Musicals); this meant students saying no to drugs and alcohol, committing no crimes, doing well in school, honoring one’s family, along with an appreciation for the cultural arts. The program was very successful with over 600 students attending a musical each year.

Monty spent nine years in the Police Community Relations unit and gave hundreds of presentations to schools, community groups, faith-based organizations and private institutions. He helped expand the role of police in the “Special Olympic Torch Run” from Dallas only to state wide participation.

As the Narcotics Outreach Detective he coordinated and organized the largest “Red Ribbon Campaign” ever held. He was instrumental in developing a drug prevention and child safety initiative around deadly “Cheese” (Black Tar Heroin). The initiative involved the Dallas Police, FBI, DEA, DISD and City of Dallas. This coalition successfully reached the entire DISD school population.



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Stan Golden Men of Action Award Recipient

Congratulations Hank on being honored tonight. We are so proud of everything you've accomplished with The Scholarship Fund.

Love, Alex, Blake, Jeffrey and Jay

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*Monty, we are especially pleased to see you receive this award.
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so long and often under such adverse circumstances.*

**A hero is a person who faces
extraordinary circumstances
and acts with courage,
honor and self-sacrifice.**

**That describes a special police
officer, brother and uncle -
Monty Moncibais.**

**We love you and are so proud
of all your accomplishments,
kindness & hard work!**

The Ince, Wages & Jones family

CONGRATULATIONS MONTY!

**Thank you for your decades of
service to The City of Dallas.
You are a wonderful man and
great friend to our family.**

HERB & DONNA WEITZMAN



Noa Ksabi, a recent graduate of Akiba Yavneh Academy's Class of 2022 was born in Dallas and will be attending Johns Hopkins University to pursue her passion for research and major in Neuroscience. Noa has been in Israel interning at VOTIS Subdermal Imaging Technologies to learn more about the field of Biotech and at night, is learning about her religion at Midreshet Harova.

Noa's biggest motivations and inspirations are her mom, Eve Ksabi, and older sister, Mica Glaun: two self-made women who embody the drive and courage that it takes to succeed. Out of all her high school initiatives, Noa is most proud of her organization, the Jewish Medical Action and Awareness Club (JMAAC) that has led her to inviting national speakers, such as Diane Shader Smith, to her school and that led her to authoring and illustrating a children's book ("Lungs of Gold") that was later donated and distributed to hospitals across the country. Written during the pandemic and about Cystic Fibrosis, a genetic disease prevalent in Jewish people and specifically the disease which Diane Ms. Smith raised awareness about when speaking at AYA.

A student athlete with a gentle nature and fierce determination, Noa stays fully involved, always busy and full of wonder and passion for doing good in the world. She is mature in her outlook on life, and employs a solid work ethic as she energetically solves problems of the day. Both her father, Moshe, and her mom were born in Israel; they have been constant supporters of all of Noa's ambitions.



NOA KSABI

Future Inspiring Women Recipient

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Spencer Jackson Burke, born in Dallas, graduated from St. Mark’s School of Texas and is currently majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering/Plan II Honors at UT Austin. At St. Mark’s, he played in the Concert and Studio Jazz Bands, and served as Triumvirate (President) of the Classics Club, President of Chess for Humanity, and Captain of both the Rocketry Club and Varsity Fencing Team.

Spencer is an Eagle Scout with 23 Palms and earned all 140 Merit Badges (less than 25 Scouts since 1910 have ever achieved this maximum rank combination). He was elected Senior Patrol Leader and is a Brotherhood Order of the Arrow member. Spencer earned the Thomas Edison Silver Supernova Medal (Scouts BSA’s highest STEM recognition), and is the 2021 & 2022 “Texas Eagle Scout of the Year.”

Annually volunteering more than 250+ hours each year, Spencer particularly focuses on developing engineering solutions to environmental problems. To address the declining solitary bee population, he led four large multi-year conservation projects to remove invasive species, plant native grasses/wildflowers, reintroduce quail in the Blackland Prairie, and design, construct, and install 100 solitary bee nesting boxes across Dallas nature preserves. He also led several native wildflower service projects as Trail Captain of the Northaven Trail. For his efforts, Spencer received the Texas Environmental Excellence Award by the State of Texas, the BSA Hornaday Silver Medal, the Points of Light Service Award by late President George H.W. Bush’s Foundation, the Daughters of American Revolution Conservation Award and was recently honored by President Biden with the President’s Environmental Youth Award.

In his spare time, Spencer enjoys blacksmithing, reading mythology, and playing chess. His parents, Nancy and Darryl, live in Dallas.



SPENCER JACKSON BURKE
Future Men of Action Award Recipient

Born in Dallas, **Steven Mendelsohn** is blessed with grandparents who believe strongly in community service. His parents have demonstrated how important it is to serve others and take on leadership roles in organizations. Steven has carried their legacies onward in his life. As a teen, he was able to follow their example in formal and informal ways as a leader in school, outside youth groups, and service organizations.

As an active member of both BBYO and NCSY, he served as chapter president, regional vice president, and community liaison, providing programming, leadership, and connections among his peers. These organizations are about strong friendships, memorable programs, and experiences that shape positive lives. He volunteered for 18 months with a Jewish group called Chaverim, quickly responding to people who need help with flat tires, keys locked in cars, dead car batteries, etc. For two summers, Steven worked at the JCC as a camp counselor, and a third summer traveled to Israel for 6 weeks to study Judaism. All of these groups and experiences have helped strengthen the Jewish community.

At JJ Pearce High School, he was on the varsity tennis team and started the JJ Pearce Jewish Student Union with regular student meetings and celebrations. He attained the rank of Eagle Scout after 10 years of scouting and many leadership positions.

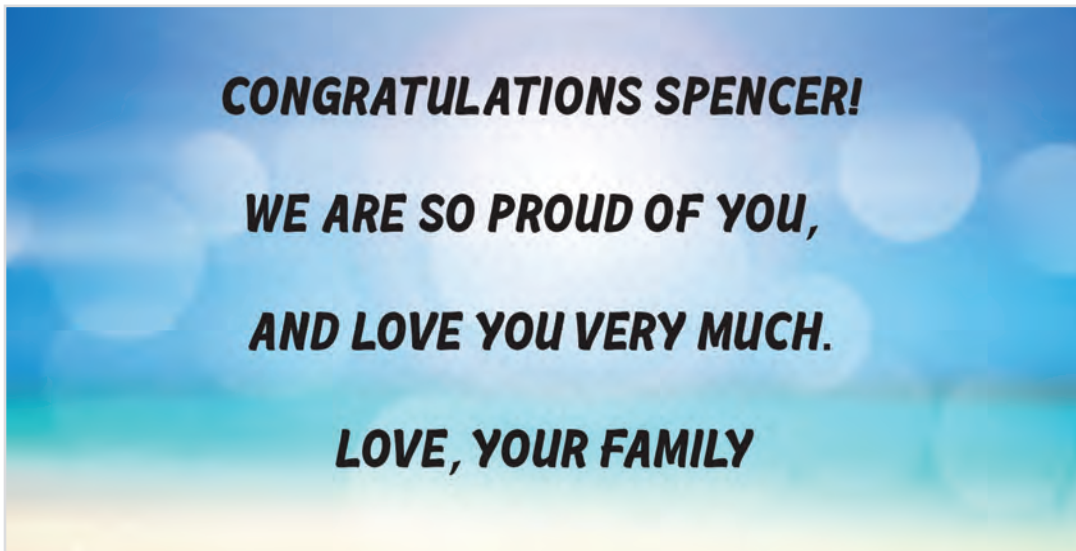
Steven's older brothers have been a big influence and support in his life. He said, "I'm lucky to have many friends, good health, and a positive outlook for my life. I am looking forward to continuing my education at Texas A&M School of Engineering."



STEVEN MENDELSON

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