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Flora Brands has a B.A. in Criminal Justice/Pre-Law, is a certified EMT-paramedic. She has worked with the Collin County office of Homeland Security utilizing her skills in various positions such as Co-Coordinator, Command Staff, and Volunteer Supervisor. Flora also worked with the Medical Reserve Corp since 2010 as a POD volunteer. She has certifications in Advanced Disaster Life Support and Advanced Incident Command System.

Andy Brooks is an independent financial planner with Investment Services Center in Allen. He is active in the Senior Service Coalition of the Allen/Fairview Chamber of Commerce and in other organizations that impact senior issues. He is passionate about providing the latest and greatest information to seniors!

Robin Cole-Jett is currently the Educator at the Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic site in Denison, Texas. A graduate of the university of North Texas and Texas Woman's University with graduate degrees in history, and post graduate work in anthropology, she is also known as the Red River Historian, where she writes, collects, and shares the history of the Red River through articles, books, and presentations. Robin teaches history at area community colleges and consults for museums in education and exhibit programming.

Lishan Desta Dr. Desta earned a doctorate in political science from UTD. He currently teaches government and economics at the Spring Creek campus of Collin College. He has lived on three continents and teaches from his varied background in history, culture, and world affairs.

Paul Dolliver earned degrees in History and Geology from Baylor University. He is a semi-retired geologist, Texas Master Naturalist, and reader. Paul currently teaches geology courses at Collin, Hill and Richland Colleges.

Jerry Frankel Dr. Frankel retired from the practice of medicine after almost forty years as a urologist. Now as a Bridge instructor, he feels like an ambassador for improving the lives of fellow seniors through this challenging and fun game.

Greg Indelicato holds a Bachelor's degree in Geology from Queens College, (CUNY) and a Master's degree in Earth and Space Sciences from Stonybrook University (SUNY). He has worked as a professional geologist in several capacities, including minerals exploration, petroleum geophysics, exploration geochemistry, geotechnical and hydrogeologic engineering, and environment geology. He also had an opportunity to work with lunar rocks and glasses from Apollo 12 and 15. Greg has lectured on various subjects ranging from Physical Geology to exploration methods for base metals and uranium.

Sarita Malhotra is a Certified Personal Trainer with a special focus on nutrition and gentle yoga. She holds a B.S. in psychology from UTD. Sarita has a passion for healthy cooking and eating and is an advocate of a healthy lifestyle for both mind and body.

Sonia Meltzer is a graduate of UT Dallas with a master's in interdisciplinary studies with coursework in holocaust studies, literature, history, history of criticism and aesthetics.

Ted Ogilvie, JD, MBA is a practicing attorney in Frisco, Texas. He obtained his undergraduate degree at the University of New Mexico and his MBA from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He earned his Juris Doctor from what is now the Texas A&M University School of Law. His practice areas include Family Law, Estate and Probate Law, and Business Formation. He holds the American Institute of Family Law Attorneys 10 Best.



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Stuart Sax is a veteran, husband, father, and grandfather. After a career in fashion retailing, the class leader now spends his retirement broadcasting on KVGI Radio, working for the City of Frisco, teaching at Collin College, and volunteering with several non-profit, religious, and veteran organizations. In his spare time, he enjoys recorded and live music, old movies, walking, traveling and spending time with family.

Christine Smith is a professional artist whose career has spanned multiple areas of expertise. A graduate of The Art Institute of Dallas, she started her career out of college into the video game industry. She spent years freelancing as a graphic designer, photographer and web developer, until she founded The WERX Foundation, and served as President and Executive Director, assisting nearly 100 start-up companies to become successful small businesses. Christine is also a fine artist, an Adjunct Professor at Collin College and serves as President of the Visual Arts League of Allen (VALA). As an extension of VALA, she set-up and curates the VALA Gallery in the Cotton Mill of McKinney.

Fred Smith is a military retiree who has seen a lot of history firsthand and enjoys teaching historical subject matter. He is a native Texan who has retired to his Texas roots after years of military experience all over the world. He retired from the U.S. Army as a Brigadier General. Fred is a “tenured” instructor for the SAIL program and has been sharing his knowledge for 13 years with the SAIL members.

Barbara Walters has an M.A. in Human Resource Development from U.T. Austin. She has spent 30 years in the corporate world in Leadership Development, including designing and delivering training to managers at all levels and managing teams of trainers.

Don Wolman holds degrees in both science (Tufts University) and engineering (M.I.T.) and has worked in the fields of electric power generation, scientific equipment design, high energy physics and telecommunications. Currently he is a technical writer and creates user guides for a variety of high-tech equipment. Don has been teaching in the SAIL program for several years and enjoys the knowledge and interaction from the SAIL members.

