



# DCMS Fall Update

**T**here is a lot going on within the Dallas County Medical Society this month so I would like to summarize a few topics for you. And to think, I used to wonder how I would come up with something to write about!



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## Fast-Track: Initiative to end HIV by 2030

Our community is making great progress on the effort to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Dallas County. On August 26, Dr. Philip Huang, our new Director of the Dallas County Health and Human Services, worked with community partners to organize the signing of the Fast-Track County Initiative to end HIV (Paris Declaration) by Dallas County political and community leaders at the Communities Foundation. The “90-90-90” goals include:

- 1) 90% of all people living with HIV will know their HIV status,
- 2) 90% of all people with diagnosed HIV infection will receive sustained antiretroviral therapy (ART),
- 3) 90% of all people receiving ART will have viral suppression.

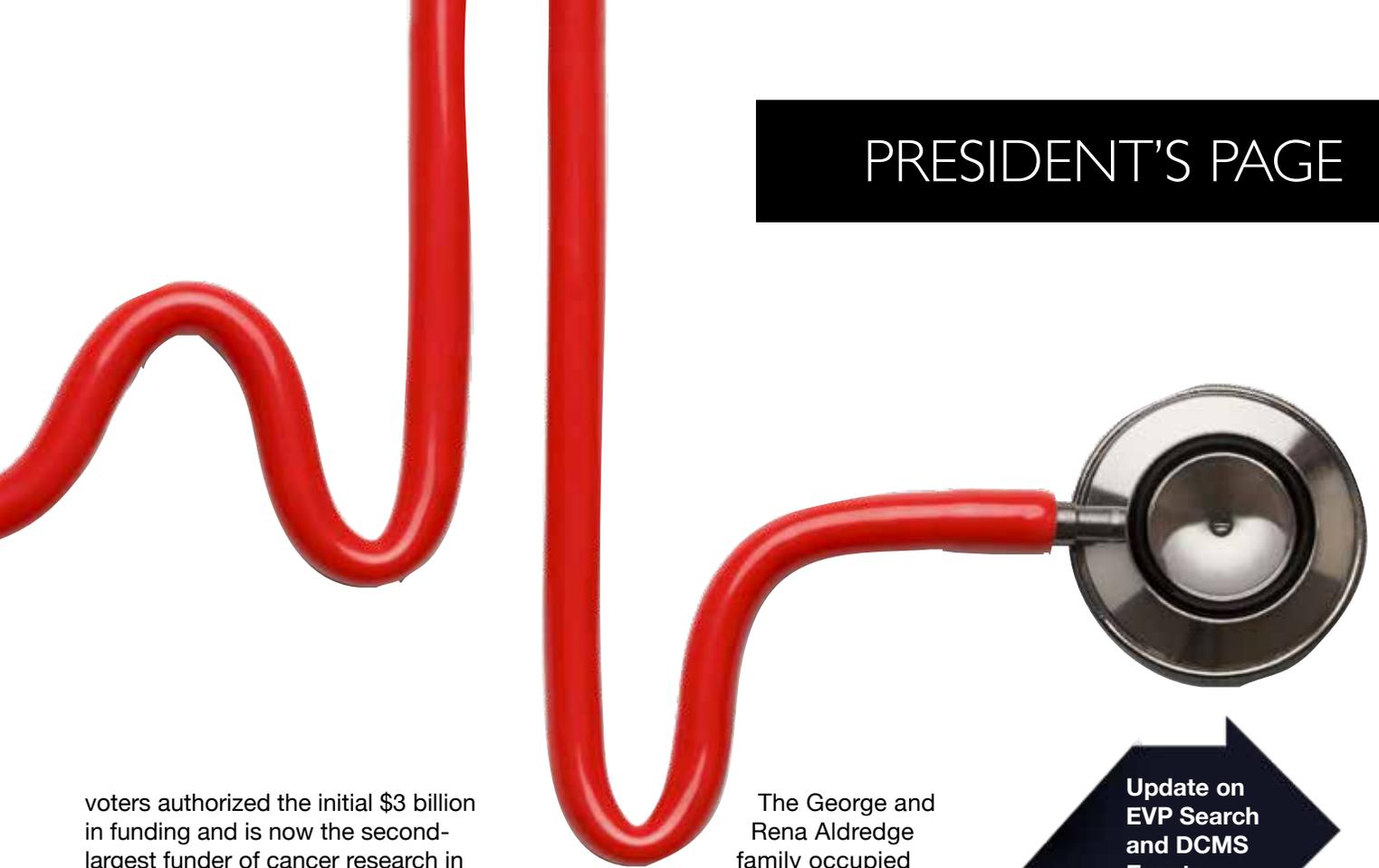
It is important to know that we have the tools to eliminate HIV

infection if we all pull together and use them effectively. This is where the physicians of the Dallas County Medical Society can make a difference by improving rates of detection in our patients, ensuring infected patients are quickly put on sustained ART, and helping those at risk to have pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). Dallas County has consistently had around 800 new HIV diagnoses per year for the past decade. Notably, San Francisco’s “Getting to Zero” campaign has seen the incidence of new cases fall from 532 to 221 over a similar period.<sup>1,2</sup> We can and should do as much for the citizens of Dallas.



## Support Cancer Research with Proposition 6

In our upcoming November 5 election, you will have the chance to support Proposition 6, the constitutional amendment authorizing the Texas legislature to increase by \$3 billion the maximum bond amount authorized for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT). CPRIT was founded in 2007 after Texas



voters authorized the initial \$3 billion in funding and is now the second-largest funder of cancer research in the United States after the National Institutes of Health National Cancer Institute. The program has been phenomenally successful in attracting more than 170 researchers to Texas and creating thousands of related jobs. CPRIT has supported more than 100 clinical trials benefiting cancer patients and resulting in thousands of scientific reports being published. Without a stable source of funding, Texas would risk losing its robust cancer research infrastructure and investments made over the past 10 years. The TMA supports Prop 6 and has asked the DCMS to get the word out to our colleagues and patients to support Prop 6, as well.



## Aldredge House Second Century Giving Campaign

Designed by renowned architect, Hal Thompson, and completed in 1917, the historic Aldredge House is ranked nationally as one of the most significant homes in Dallas.

The George and Rena Aldredge family occupied the home for more than 50 years, raising

their extended family. Their youngest and only son, George, Jr., became a prominent orthopaedic surgeon in Dallas. He was once chief of staff at old St. Paul Hospital and taught at Southwestern Medical School. His wife Jeanne was active in the Dallas County Medical Society Alliance (DCMSA) and, in 1975, Rena donated the home to the DCMSA to serve as their headquarters. Since receiving the gift, the Alliance has carefully restored and preserved the home and shared it with other nonprofits and members of the community. In the past, they were able to host a limited number of special events, such as weddings, that would help defray the costs of maintenance. Now, however, their options to charge for events are limited and the DCMSA is launching a much-needed capital campaign to raise funding to permanently support the Aldredge House through the Aldredge House Preservation Fund. DCMS strongly supports our Alliance in its campaign and hopes our membership will lead in this community-wide effort.



## Update on EVP Search and DCMS Events

Closer to home, let me update you on the search for our new DCMS Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer. Through the efforts of our search committee we have gathered the names of several qualified candidates and, after careful deliberation, will conduct in-depth personal interviews in October. I hope this process will result in hiring an excellent EVP-CEO before the end of the year. I would also like to thank all the DCMS members and staff who helped with the Annual Medical Student Dinner. It was a huge success. And, put Saturday November 9 on your calendar to attend "Autumn at the Arboretum," the annual DCMS get-together for members and their families. It is a beautiful time of year to visit the Arboretum and we will have food, door prizes, and lots of activities for the kids. See you there! **DMJ**

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