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Dedication

This evening's reception honoring excellence within the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society is dedicated to Jim Sutherland, Frank Yturria and other professionals whose passing was a great loss to family, friends, co-workers, and wildlife conservation.

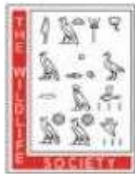


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Program

- ▶ **Introduction and Comments** – *Blake Grisham*
- ▶ **Photo and Art Contest Winners** – *Jessica Glasscock*
- ▶ **James G. Teer Leadership Institute**
 - ▶ **Early Career Professional Program** – *Richard Heilbrun*
 - ▶ **Wildlife Conservation Camp** – *Whitney Gann, Harper Wood*
- ▶ **Student Awards and Scholarships** – *John Tomecek, Heather Mathewson, Daniel Price*
 - ▶ Plant ID, Quiz Bowl, Student Posters, Outstanding Wildlife Students, Chapter of the Year, Scholarships
- ▶ **Clarence Cottam Award** – *Matthew Butler*
- ▶ **Publication Awards** – *David Butler*
 - ▶ *Outstanding* Popular Article, Technical Publication, Electronic/Digital Media, Book, Scientific Publication
- ▶ **Excellence in Wildlife Conservation** – *Steve DeMaso*
 - ▶ Educator of the Year, Outstanding Achievement, Land Stewardship
- ▶ **Honorary Life Membership** – *Scott Summers*
- ▶ **Outgoing President's Remarks** – *Jena Moon*
- ▶ **Incoming President's Remarks** – *Tyler Campbell*
- ▶ **Auction and Raffle** – *Amanda Hackney*

James G. Teer

Dr. James G. Teer was a founding member of The Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society and served as its first president in 1965. His love of the outdoors developed through traditions such as hunting and fishing, but his career followed a path that took him around the world to work for wildlife conservation and management. In 1989 Dr. Teer served as President of The Wildlife Society and in 1994 he received their highest award, the Aldo Leopold Memorial Award. Through his academic training he learned science-based wildlife research and management techniques, but it was his real-life, on-the-ground experiences that taught him how to solve tough conservation issues. Dr. Teer always emphasized that solutions to such issues involved not only academic skills, but also people and leadership skills. Regrettably most conservation professionals receive little to no academic training in addressing the political, social, and economic dimensions of natural resource management challenges. The James G. Teer Conservation Leadership Institute (JGTCLI) was designed to fill that gap and provide valuable leadership and management skills to natural resource professionals.

Clarence Cottam

Dr. Clarence Cottam is best known for his consummate skill and effectiveness in championing environmental needs and wise use of natural resources. He served 25 years with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and provided leadership to an extraordinary number of professional affiliations, including time as President of The Wildlife Society (1949-50). He retired in 1954 and became dean of the College of Biological and Agricultural Sciences at Brigham Young University. A year later, Clarence became the first director of the Welder Wildlife Foundation in Sinton, Texas. Nearly 150 students from 39 North American universities attained graduate degrees studying on Foundation property and elsewhere under the Foundation's sponsorship and Clarence's administration. Clarence authored, co-authored, or edited 250+ publications and is well known for his book *Food Habits of American Diving Ducks* (1939). He received the Aldo Leopold Award in 1955. The Clarence Cottam Award is given to recognize and promote outstanding student research.

Undergraduate Scholarships

Colin Caruthers Memorial Scholarship (\$2000)

Colin had an extreme interest in hunting and conservation. He began hunting at 7, harvested a trophy impala at 8, and took a record springbok at 12. Colin passed away at just 18 years old. To honor his memory, Colin's parents have established the Colin Caruthers Memorial Scholarship in honor of all young conservationists. Matching funding is provided by the Dallas Ecological Foundation.

Carl D. Shoemaker Memorial Scholarship (\$1500)

Shoemaker served in Washington D.C. where he had a hand in drafting most of the notable conservation legislation under which our nation now operates. He helped organized the National Wildlife Federation and was awarded with many honors during his lifetime including the Aldo Leopold Award in 1951. This scholarship pays tribute to his legacy.

Charly McTee Memorial Scholarship (\$750)

Dr. McTee, or Charly, spent his life spreading the story of responsible stewardship and outdoor recreation to Texans through many organizations including his time served as general manager of the Texas Wildlife Association. The Charly McTee Scholarship is funded annually by the Texas Wildlife Association in his memory.

Graduate Scholarships

Sam Beasom Memorial Scholarship (\$1000)

Sam spent his life devoted to wildlife research and conservation. Most notably, he served as President of the New Mexico and Texas Chapters of TWS, Editor-in-Chief of The Journal of Wildlife Management, and Acting Director for Research at the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute at Texas A&M-Kingsville. He also held leadership positions with many conservation organizations such as Director of the Texas Wildlife Association. This scholarship is in memory of Sam Beasom; professor, colleague, mentor, friend.

Dan Boone Memorial Scholarship (\$500)

Dan was a biologist with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for more than 20 years where he focused on lesser-known species. This expertise laid the foundation for the current regard of these species such as the canebrake rattlesnake. This scholarship is in memory of a productive researcher, an outdoorsman of exceptional skill, a sportsman of high ethics, a gentleman with a ready sense of humor, and a faithful friend.