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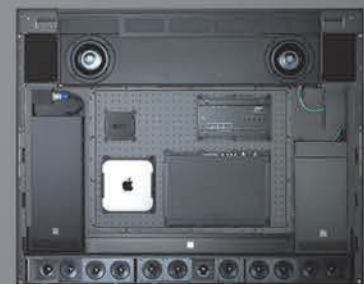


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## 110. CIRQUE DU CAROLINA

If there was ever one magical evening to encapsulate today's glamorous society party, it's Carolina Roberts' chic soirée. Hosted by her parents Elizabeth and Barry Roberts, celebrating her debut was truly a family affair.

**By Eleanora Leeper Morrison**  
**Photography by Daniel Holman**  
**and Lilianna Story**

## 118. THANKS A MILLION

What will he like? What should I get her? The joy of giving is alive and kicking with our ultimate gift guide for that special Mom, Dad and Grad in your life. Want convenience? To make gift-giving a snap, you can easily access these chic selections at [TheSocietyDiaries.com](http://TheSocietyDiaries.com).

**By Rob Giardinelli, Tori Johnson,**  
**Lance Avery Morgan and**  
**Jonathan Spindel**

## 126. MOSAIC MEXICO

Mexico? Marvelous. With its robust culture and year 'round sunny weather, it's a long time favorite destination for many to live and visit. Here we present a photo essay that captures its bounty of color and character.

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**26. CONTRIBUTE**

It takes a village to create this magazine and our digital media platform at TheSocietyDiaries.com. Here's a look at some of the many talented dynamos who make it happen.

**30. EDIT**

Editor-in-Chief and Creative Director Lance Avery Morgan is more than ready for the shimmering summer ahead with a look at some of the fun that reflects it so well.

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Looking for more culture? We are, always. Take a look at some of our state's finest museums in the country, according to our active arts arbiter Jonathan Spindel.

**36. BEAUTIFY**

Our beauty insider Ana Bribiesca has her eye on these picks to prettify your essence as the temperature heats up.

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**46. INDULGE**

Birds of a feather always flock stylishly together. Take flight with our sensational style editor Tori Johnson who shares some of her favorite light and breezy must-haves.

**48. BEHAVE**

Our Ms. Modern Manners Sharon Schweitzer, JD is at the rescue for all your good behavior conundrums as you forge ahead this summer toward more continued social success.



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Mad Men at The Harry Ransom Center, Austin



**50. SAVOR**

Sensational appetizers and sumptuous cocktails are perfect in keeping your cool, according to our new cuisine contributor Josie Rees.

**54. ATTUNE**

Women's friendships can go from breezy to complicated in life. That's why our lifestyle contributor Amy Edwards is on board to navigate the sometimes choppy waters that might occur with them.

**56. RAISE**

Dr. Miranda Fernande Walichowski, our trusty family relationship expert, explores how we can all expand our horizons more.

**58. READ**

We're an open book around here. That's how we can present the very best of summer's global style of the best coffee table books around.

**60. DISCOVER**

So much activity in Dallas is great for the entire state. Our favorite style setter Cynthia Smoot chronicles the best of it.

**62. VIEW**

Lookin' good in the neighborhood, be it Côte d'Azur, Florence or floating in the Caribbean...with these new summer shades we look forward to wearing, thanks to yesterday's stylish icons who inspire us.

**66. PROMOTE**

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**78. CELEBRATE**

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98. AUSTIN, Shirley MacLaine and Richard Linklater



92. AUSTIN, Colt and Rachel McCoy



90. HOUSTON, Bill and Courtney Toomey



96. SAN ANTONIO, Walton Gregory, Amy Stieren Smiley and Connie McNab

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90. HOUSTON

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94. DALLAS

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98. AUSTIN

The Texas Film Awards gala

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144. Laura Villagran-Johnson and Kevin Smothers of AustinSocialPlanner.com have canvassed the state for all the stellar events for you to attend this season.

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132. HOUSTON, 2017 March Of Dimes Best Dressed Honorees



94. DALLAS, Holly Quartaro and Rhonda Sargent Chambers



86. TEXAS, Guillermo Nicholas, Jennifer Ransom Rice and Peter Holt



134. SAN ANTONIO, Edward and Nancy Steves





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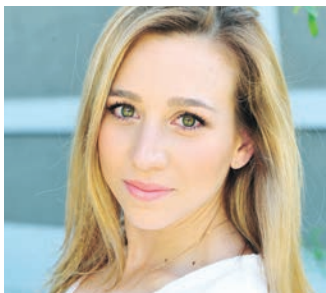
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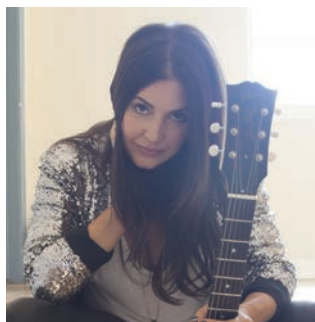
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**JAKE GAINES**

Whether finding the best restaurant in Rome overlooking the Colosseum to taking a private tour of the Queen's art collection at Buckingham, cultural enthusiast and arbiter Jake Gaines, a native Texan is global. Our very own James Bond on the social scene, he will gladly wield his saber to pop open a bottle of Champagne before advancing into a masked ball. His motto? Bring your passport and wear the tuxedo since one never knows what can transpire. He's a handy extra man at a dinner party and is known for his disappearing tablecloth trick. When in doubt, he recommends, everyone into the pool for a midnight game of Marco Polo.



**ROB GIARDINELLI**

Certified professional life coach and branding expert by day, social commentator by night describes Senior Social Editor Rob Giardinelli and his multi-tasking when covering this month's social stories. What may appear seamless actually takes hours of research, interviews, and photo gathering to accurately chronicle the state's charitable event stories. Giardinelli himself is involved several philanthropies and loves sharing how Texans so generously and passionately give back to the community they love, while he weaves interesting social commentary that showcases the many who work tirelessly to raise awareness toward important issues in the state.



**JOSIE REES**

Our newest member of the team, who will be contributing to our Savor department, is Josie Rees, a freelance food photographer based in San Antonio. She is a two-time recipient of Foodelia's International Food Photography Awards and documents her culinary journey on her blog, JosieRees.com which showcases some of her favorite recipes and spots around town.

**JENNIFER ROOSTH**

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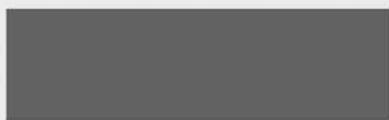
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Wherever there is a wonderful party, there is usually social chronicler Rose Betty Williams. This month she writes about the Helping Hand gala in Austin. She also leads symposia, plans events, serves on boards and supports organizations from *OperaAmerica* to the *Helping Hand Home for Children* and facilitates networking for project and product development. Williams is a longtime Austin resident, freelance writer and photographer with a passion for fine art, music, wine, books, tennis, food and life... and a deep love for her family and community.



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# WHERE THE PARTY NEVER ENDS


*IT WAS JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS, ONE OF THOSE crazy things...* as the Cole Porter tune still resonates. As a young man attending debutante balls, parties and celebrations across the state and country, I knew even then how much effort went into creating those extravagant affairs – with themes like Carnival in Rio (complete with a Brazilian banana boat for photo opps), An Evening in Versailles (the Galerie des Glaces created for the evening rivaled the actual one), Winter White Palace (where everything from floor to rafters was a confection of white at the Governor’s Mansion) and the State Fair (with a Midway of rides and a just-as-tall Big Tex towering over the party), to name a few. Earth Wind & Fire could be flown in to perform, but likely The Argyles, Duck Soup, The Dealers and Joe King Carrasco were the favorite bands in Texas who kept us pogo-ing in black tie.

The goal of the soirées was to transport the lucky invited guests into another land for just an evening. And transport us did from busy college careers, part time jobs and the Greek system. Much to the chagrin of the parents of the era who had, for the most part, grown up in more civilized times where bands were not flown in from New York or Atlanta, where dresses didn’t cost the down payment of a starter home, nevertheless the goal of the events was to create a long-lasting memory. Check. The flurry of energy at Hardin House or Kinsolving dorm at UT on these occasions could easily have outshone the Marfa Lights, albeit swathed in miles of taffeta creations courtesy of Victor Costa (clever fellows had Victor Costa cummerbund and tie sets to match). In those go-go times, the dapper competition of many of the male guests was equally familiar. Most of us, like the debs, had gone through Rush, camp and high school team sports together, so the familial small town-ness of it now seems positively Provincial as the world of social media has broadened all our horizons beyond imagination.

The kicker? We all, for the most part, still know each other – as well as our parents, siblings, college roommates and former flames. Facebook reconnected so many, and despite careers that took us far, marriages and children, and other monumental life moments, years long past feel just like yesterday when we run into someone from our pasts and I hope that never changes. It’s the inner Texan here, there in New York, Los Angeles and Seattle, as well as everywhere in London, Paris and other ports of call that attract us to each other. There’s usually a Texan networking group in any city, creating even more common denominators.

Did we need social media “likes” and the never-ending selfies to justify our being? Are you kidding? PhotoTech and Jack’s Party Pictures were on hand to record the ribaldry. Only the great stuff was captured on film. Never the few unseemly sights. No filters, though. Didn’t need ‘em. In what was considered a put-on decade of the 80s and 90s, it all seems much more genuine now in retrospect. In fact, with all the recent nostalgia for past administrations, it seems like many folks are reminiscing. But we’re looking forward in this next generation of events, like this issue’s cover story of Carolina Roberts’ coming out party. Her parents, Elizabeth and Barry Roberts, very much a thread in the fabric of Texas, along with their event team, created an event for the ages. My guess is that most of the guests will remember salient details well into the future as we did in our own college days. The secret to it lasting forever? Just dazzle ‘em. Show them something they’d never seen before. We think that’s the secret to many things, which is why we love reflecting that heart-filled razzle dazzle of this state.

We have, if you’ll allow me, more razzle dazzle in this issue per square inch as we enter these warmer months. Our Mom/Dad/Grad gift guide? It’s our chicest one yet since we well know the joy of giving – and you can even buy the items on our digital platform, TheSocietyDiaries.com, which we invite you to peruse. Our Mexico photo essay feature inspires with the richness of our southern neighbor’s largesse and colorful essence. Plus, our departments featuring several new contributors, along with our social coverage from the entire state will infuse you with the people, places and causes with which you may not be as familiar. But, again, it all seems like the small town feel of Texas is as pervasive as ever.

So, we invite you to the party every issue as we continue to be dazzled by you – we’re reflecting what we see in you. Only the best. Now, get out there and be spectacular. 

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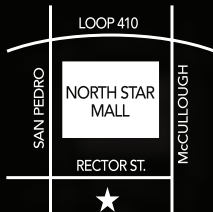
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# SOME LIKE IT HOT

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### OH, HOW L.A.

One of this year's most talked about films made a lasting impression with its dazzling visuals and memorable music. Hear James Hurwitz' award-winning score brought to life by the

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### CLASSIC CHIC CINEMA

The Paramount Summer Classic Film Series kicks off with *Casablanca*. See Bogie and Bergman light up the silver screen in Austin's beloved historic theatre. May 25. At [AustinTheatre.org](http://AustinTheatre.org)



### FIFTIES REDUX

We love that Matthew Weiner, creator of AMC's period masterpiece *Mad Men* has donated the show's Mid-century treasure trove archive to The Harry Ransom Center at The University of Texas. At [HRC.UTexas.edu](http://HRC.UTexas.edu)

## DALLAS/FORT WORTH



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### COMMAND PERFORMANCE

A perennial favorite, Command Performance delivers an unforgettable show featuring artists from the world's leading dance companies. Described as "the pyrotechnics of dance," this event will captivate even the skeptical dance viewer. May 13. At [Attpac.org](http://Attpac.org)

### TRANSFORMATIVE FASHION

A pioneer of fashion, Iris Van Herpen created a daring fusion of technology, science and fashion. Favored by style icons like Lady Gaga, Beyoncé and Björk, her pieces are true works of art to behold. See them from May 21 to August 20. At [DMA.org](http://DMA.org)



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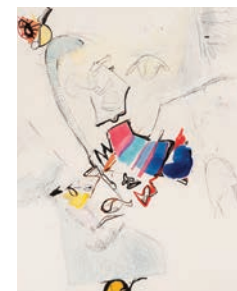


### COLORS OF THE OASIS

These colorful Ikat garments were the *it look* of cosmopolitan oases throughout the Asian continent in the 19th century, but their bold designs inspire timeless inspiration. Until June 4. At [MFAH.org](http://MFAH.org)

### DRAWING MENIL

"When I see a white piece of paper," the artist Ellsworth Kelly once remarked, "I feel like I've got to draw. And drawing, for me, is the beginning of everything." *The Beginning of Everything* celebrates the generosity of three trustees and patrons who helped establish the Menil Drawing Institute. On view until June 18. At [Menil.org](http://Menil.org)



### HOME IS WHERE THE FUN IS

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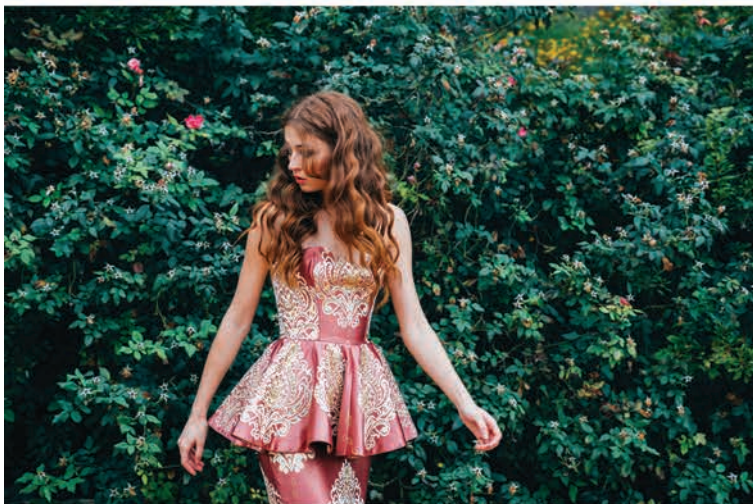


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**SO NATURALLY BEAUTIFUL**

Draping makes a comeback this season to overtake the contour craze. Revive the 80s by wearing bright blush high up on your cheeks towards the temples and on the sides of your eyes blending into the center of the lids. If draping seems too bold for you try a soft pink shade first, tying in the romantic air of the season. Keep this makeup look fresh and modern by sticking to cream products, a light makeup base, and natural lashes. Ciaté London Blush Pop Crème Blush. \$19. At Sephora. Bite Beauty Multistick in Lotus. \$24. At Sephora.



# WIDE-EYED & BEAUTIFUL

Gone are the days of matte looks and heavy contoured faces. Say hello to Spring 2017... fresh, effortless looks emphasizing natural beauty. While touches from the 80s add hints of whimsy, romance, and fun, according to *our favorite beauty expert Ana Bribiesca.*



**SO NATURALLY BEAUTIFUL**

A clean, fresh and bare-faced look with air-dried hair dominated the 2017 Spring/Summer runways. This look spotlights natural beauty and embraces dewdrop skin with an ethereal glow. Create an undetectable-makeup look with light foundation. Try a CC cream and hide small imperfections with concealer to create flawless skin. Keep mascara to a minimum and opt for a pinky-nude lip stain. Skip the powder to achieve a fresh-skin look and embrace natural, yet groomed eyebrows. Add a touch of taupe creamy eyeshadow on the lids and mauve cream blush perfectly blended on the cheeks to create a dewy flush. Chanel CC cream Complete Correction Sunscreen Broad Spectrum SPF 50. \$55. At Neiman Marcus. Chanel Correcteur Perfection Long Lasting Concealer. \$42. At Neiman Marcus. BECCA Beach Lip and Blush Tint in Fig. \$25. At Sephora. Bobbi Brown Long-Wear Cream Shadow Stick in Taupe. \$30. At Sephora. NARS The Multiple in Orgasm. \$39. At Sephora.

**CLEAN MINIMALISTIC**

Following the bare and clean trend, this look calls for a minimal makeup base with highlighted accents and a statement deep berry lip. Choose a light foundation and highlight your forehead, cheekbones, nose and cupid's bow with a cool-toned highlighter. Chanel Perfection Lumière Velvet SPF 15. \$50. At Neiman Marcus. Bite Beauty Amuse Bouche Lipstick in Beetroot. \$26. At Sephora. BECCA Shimmering Skin Perfector Liquid Highlighter in Pearl. \$41. At Sephora.



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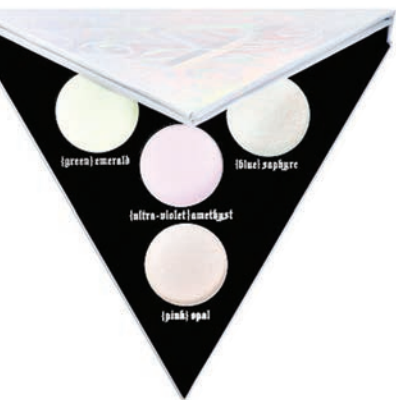
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### UNDERLINED AND BOLD

Glitter eyeliner is fun and more wearable than expected. Give the upside down cat eye a go with a silver glitter liner for an edgy yet chic vibe. Urban Decay Heavy Metal Glitter Eyeliner in Glamrock. \$20. At Sephora.



# GET YOUR GLOW ON



### HEAVY METAL

We see another throwback to the 80s with metallic effects and numerous ways to incorporate them into our makeup routines. For a sophisticated look, try a high-pigmented metallic gold or bronze eyeshadow blended smoothly on the lids for just the right amount of shine or go metal with a silver chrome nail polish. NARS Hardwired Eyeshadow in Pygar - Gold lame. \$26. At Sephora. Tom Ford Cream and Powder Eye Color in Golden Peach. \$62. At Sephora. Marc Jacobs Beauty Enamored Hi-Shine Nail Polish in Stone Jungle. \$18. At Sephora.



### BRAID ON

Hair trends for this spring, ranging from air-dried and natural to sleek and wet looking hair, incorporated braids as a major feature. Try a sophisticated low-braided bun, a polished topknot with a braided back, a loose and romantic side braid or small braid accents with natural textured hair. Invisibobble NANO the styling hair ring. \$7. At Sephora.

### A DASH OF GLITTER GOES FAR

Spring 2017 brings us shimmers of the 80s with glitter-dusted pouts, eyelids and even cuticles! Pat a light glitter coat over a black cherry, chocolate or wine shade. For a more delicate lip, try a beautiful shimmering sheen top coat. A liquid glitter eyeshadow with high pigmentation is a simple way to add the Spring sparkle to your eyes. NARS Audacious Lipstick in Oxblood Burgundy. \$34. At Sephora. MAC Glitter in Reflects Rust. \$22. At MACCosmetics.com. Stila Magnificent Metals Glitter & Glow Liquid Eye Shadow. \$24. At Sephora.

### SEEING SHADES OF RED

Red lips are a classic, but in the spirit of this season's cleanliness, put aside your matte reds and wear a satin-finish lipstick ranging from orangey red to bright apple red. Contrast your bright lips against dewy natural makeup base. Finish with a light coat of lengthening mascara and loose, naturally textured hair with sea salt spray. Too Faced Melted Liquified Long Wear Lipstick in Melted Strawberry. \$21. At Sephora. Too Faced Better Than Sex Mascara. \$23. At Sephora. Drybar Mai Tai Sea Salt Spray. \$25. At Sephora.







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By David Hockney



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# THAT 70s SHOW

When writer Fran Lebowitz speaks, people tend to take notice of her satirical viewpoint. Recently Lance Avery Morgan caught up with the literary legend in Texas where they spoke of pop culture's harkening for the 70s, her role in the Warhol scene and more.

Portrait photography courtesy of *The Long Center, Austin*



Times Square, New York, 1970s

ANOTHER PHONE CALL HAD JUST COME IN, WHICH I DIDN'T take. Returning the call, I offhandedly mentioned, "I didn't pick up. I was on with Fran Lebowitz." Dead silence on the other end. "How was it? my caller asked. "It was a dream come true," I retorted, knowing that I'd never spoken truer words about a literary hero.

I'd read her works like *Metropolitan Lives* and *Social Studies* growing up, so I knew speaking with Lebowitz to support her speaking tour in Texas would be a lively discussion. How could it not, knowing her unique style of sharing her opinions with the world? Plus, her writings have always connected with me on a personal level – her sly style about how the celebrated truly live.

And now, I would be speaking with her directly. For anyone growing up in the provinces who dreams of living in New York, or any major city for that matter, Fran Lebowitz has a towering stature equated to the Statue of Liberty— indeed, both monumental figures represent a gateway to the big city. Her ironic satire, which has made her well-known since the 70s, has continually sharpened alongside her evolution. Heck, Martin Scorsese took a break from narrative filmmaking to create a documentary about her in 2011, HBO's *Public Speaking*. And

Scorsese, as we all know from his directorial accomplishments, doesn't mess around with people and stories that don't make a difference in the world.

So, here it is, time to ask her anything I'd ever wanted. After all, Lebowitz is the thinking person's thinking person. She's whip smart and enjoys the attention fame brings. "I love being on a stage – doing this. It's my childhood dream since no one ever asked me a question as a child. Growing up in the 50s, children weren't supposed to talk back. And, I enjoy being in Austin. I've been there before with Frank Rich." She has always surrounded herself with creative people like Rich of the *New York Times*, as well as the staff at *Vanity Fair* where she is a contributing editor. When I ask her about her literary beginnings working at Andy Warhol's *Interview* magazine, she says frankly, "It was fun around the Factory. But I wasn't close to Andy. I didn't like him and he didn't like me. [I] didn't go around in that group of people, but the world was so small that for decades I'm certain I saw Andy every night of my life because we were in the same places." Lebowitz stopped drinking and taking drugs at the ripe old age of 19. "When you are born, you are bequeathed a lifetime supply of alcohol and drugs," she feels. "You can do it all between 15 and 19, or you can do



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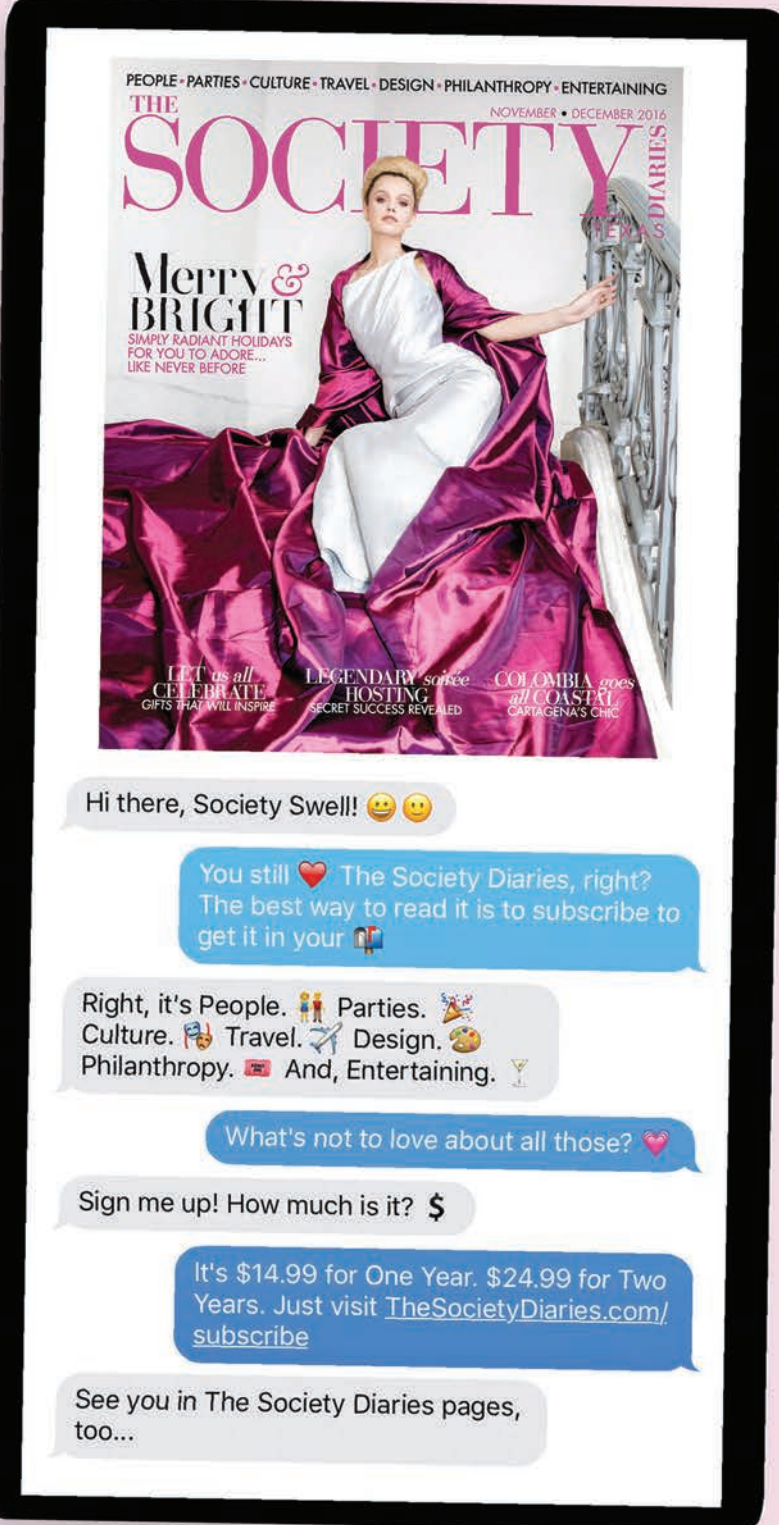
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RECALL



Fran Lebowitz. Photo courtesy of The Long Center, Austin



it between 21 and 81. Then you hit your limit.” When I ask her if that’s a reason for her success in chronicling so much in the last 40 years, she’s quick to share, “It was a conscious decision to be acute.”

She continues to reflect. “So, I’m one of the only people left alive from that era. We went out every night. All night. For at least ten years. I don’t think people do that anymore. We weren’t health conscious then. No one cared what they ate. It wasn’t a thing. We were happy to eat at all. You want to know what health is? Youth.”

As a fixture herself for what Manhattan represents, she has her adoring fans. “Kids constantly come up to me, saying ‘Oh, I wish I’d been in New York in the 70s.’ I find that kind of distressing. When I was young I never went up to old people and said ‘I wish I lived in New York in the 1930s.’ It’s not the right direction for people to be going backwards.” I suggest that there seems to be a sense of nostalgia that the youth of today seek, unique to its generation. “It was almost lawless back then, not so regulated,” she replies. “It wasn’t so known. You had to find your own way.” She goes on to recount the artistic scene back then by saying, “The entire art world could fit into one restaurant then. Now it’s a huge business.”

According to Lebowitz, “It was all fun for me - I was in my 20s. It’s fun to be in your 20s, I would imagine, no matter where you live, no matter what era it is.” When it comes to aspiring young talent, she muses, “I have many friends who teach these people. How to write. ‘What do you teach them?’ I ask, because you can’t teach someone how to write. They say, ‘We teach them how to read.’ Shouldn’t they already know how to read if they are writing? It’s like going to tall school. You are either tall or you aren’t.”

When I ask her how her latest book, Exterior Signs of Wealth, is coming along, knowing that she has famously procrastinated finishing it, she quips, “There have been whole generations born and died since I started that book.” As we finish our conversation, I mention I look forward to all the great things I know she still has left in store for the world. She notes, “I have retained my ability to be surprised. At how gullible people are. How easily people will swallow what is fed them.” Finally, I ask her what object she’d like to have placed in a time capsule to represent her in the future. She’s quick to note that she’s never been asked that, and simply replied, “That’s not for me to decide. Someone like you would have decide that – people who can actually rate it or judge it.” **S**



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# FEATHERED FRENZY

Birds of a feather adore fashion together. Designers have been flocking to the major feather trend this season with its exuberant ornamentation accenting everything from gowns to shoes.

Our sensational style editor, *Tori Johnson of sTORIbook.com*, shows us how the avian-inclined flaunt their feathers as proudly as a peacock. Enjoy all the bird idioms – we just couldn't resist.



**OK, WE'RE ALL EARS**

Made of polished 18k rose gold, Sidney Garber's "Feathers That Move" earrings are embellished with a sparkling white diamond spine weighing almost 1 carat. \$8,900. Availability and photo courtesy of Barneys.

**FEATHERY TOUCH**

Keven Aucoin's 'Featherlights' palette is a limited edition set designed to highlight, contour and define your eyes. It contains five easy-to-blend shades in shimmery neutral tones that will give you a fresh and natural finish. \$58. Availability and photo courtesy of Net-A-Porter.



**PLAYFUL POMPOMS**

Celebrities and runway models alike have made pom-pom keychains the cutest, covetable accessory to add a touch of fun to your bag. Also, try them as an extra pop of color. \$170. Availability and photo courtesy of Neiman Marcus.



**ON OUR BUCKET LIST**

The Bucket Bag has quickly climbed the ranks of handbag trends throughout the past seasons and is now a must-have. Alexander Wang plays with textures by wrapping a supple leather with fluffy feathers. \$965. Availability and photo courtesy of Barneys.

**PEARLS OF WISDOM**

Handcrafted in Italy, this gold-tone piece is decadently strung with freshwater pearls and finished with an optional ivory feather pom-pom. \$595. Availability and photo courtesy of Net-a-Porter.



**WATCH YOUR HEAD**

This 80s fashion accessory staple has made a comeback recently. Top off your look with some fun, feathered fabulousness (say that three times fast). \$275. Availability and photo courtesy of Neiman Marcus.







**SANDAL, NO SCANDAL**

These Marco De Vincenzo sandals feature a satin and metallic leather Art Deco heel and are topped with fluffy pink feathers for an extra level of glam. \$720. Availability and photo courtesy of Neiman Marcus.

**SWAN SONG**  
 Emily Dickinson once said, *Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul.* This Marchesa caftan, not only perched itself in our heart, but it also gives us hope that beauty can be captured in a single gown. \$5995. Availability and photo courtesy of Neiman Marcus.



Lady GaGa



**NEST IN STYLE**

Lounge in grace and style in a chaise that lends itself to chic living. Price available upon request. Availability and photo courtesy of Stowers Furniture.



**LET THE FEATHERS FLY**  
 Adorned with lace and feathers, this lavish top by BCBG Max Azria will make a definite style statement. \$310. Availability and pricing courtesy of Julian Gold.



Katy Perry, 2017 Grammys. Photo courtesy Billboard



**FLIGHT OF FANCY**

Miu Miu was created by Prada as an outlet for the “avant garde imagination”. These satin skate sneakers are just that with their jeweled toe and feathered vamp. \$1150. Availability and photo courtesy of Neiman Marcus.



**LIGHT TO THE TOUCH**

Tom Ford’s full-coverage, high-shine lip color not only moisturizes lips but also has you kissable at all hours of the day or night. \$50. Availability and photo by Neiman Marcus.



**BIRD OF PARADISE**  
 This Dolma pillow is handmade in Nepal out of hand knotted banana silk for a lustrous sheen making it a lovely home décor accent. \$465. Availability and photo courtesy of Barneys

# REFINE & SHINE

As the weather warms up and in the heat of the moment, good behavior can sometimes be an afterthought. Not so, according to our empress of etiquette Sharon Schweitzer, JD, who is on the scene to help smooth the rough spots in life.

Sean Connery,  
Goldfinger, 1964

## Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

*It's happened again this year. In viewing all the award shows, I am seeing a plethora of white dinner jackets way out of season. I wear white, and especially a white dinner jacket, only between Memorial and Labor Day. Doesn't it seem like the rules have changed except in Hollywood where stylists perhaps don't know or haven't heard of them? What gives?*

### Have Black Tie, Will Travel

## Dear Black Tie Traveler,

Men's evening wear evolves subtly over time, but it has essentially remained unchanged for many years. At these award shows, when guests look similar, you always notice who has done it properly and who hasn't. Knowing the difference between *white tie* and a white dinner jacket is crucial and the season in which it's worn. A white dinner jacket is appropriate in the daytime, during summer between Memorial Day and Labor Day, or if you're a military or ship officer. Avoid wearing one in the evening and in winter, even in Hollywood.

## Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

*How do we encourage the host of a dinner party to not seat couples together? Way too often my spouse and I are seated together and we'd rather mix up the conversation a tad with other guests. Any advice?*

### Seating Chart Conundrum

## Dear Savvy Seated Guest,

Hold your tongue with the host, first and foremost. Sophisticated hosts split married couples because they either chat together exclusively, or interrupt each other's stories. Dinner parties are designed for us to be with guests we don't see all the time. Newly dating, engaged couples, and newlyweds are seated still together, though.

## Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

*I am traveling to Dubai this spring with business partners, and will have a few days post-business for leisure with my family. As a modern professional female what should I pack for professional wear and the Dubai nightlife; what about my husband?*

### Destination: Dubai

## Dear Dubai Visitor,

Research the organizational culture of the company you plan to visit, in addition to Dubai culture. Consider packing business professional attire; suit and tie for men,

and a conservative suit or modest dress with a jacket for women. Dubai trends are normally more formal than Western countries; business casual or business formal on leisure days may be fine. Having said that, the heat is often blistering, so pack loose linens, collared short-sleeve-shirts, with wraps and hats for beach days.

## Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

*I am invited to a business dinner party on Cinco de Mayo, where alcohol will be served. I view these dinners as networking opportunities, and plan to remain professional. What is a tactful way to decline beverages even if this is a large part of the Cinco de Mayo festivities?*

### Celebrating Mexico

## Dear Celebrating With Flair,

A gracious way to decline an alcoholic beverage is to say, "No thank you; Topo Chico with lime please." Alcohol consumption doesn't dictate your success; having a beverage in hand and engaging in conversation with others is key. Feel free to order a non-alcoholic beverage; what's in your drink is irrelevant.


## Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

*For Father's Day I want to do some recreational activities that coincide with our dad's creative personality – suggestions?*

### Proud Son & Daughter

## Dear Loving Sibs,

Father's Day is a great opportunity to spend valuable time with your dad, and there are countless ways to celebrate. To honor the creative dad, here are four ideas for a memorable Father's Day.

- Explore a new site together. Whether it's a museum, restaurant, park, somewhere neither of you have been before. Maybe take a picnic basket if the activity is outside.
- Attend a cooking class or school together. You can learn how to cook, roast or BBQ...then enjoy a well-earned meal together.
- Set up two blank canvases in the garage or yard and get to work. Splatter paints on the canvas with different colors for a fun night, while creating the next Picasso diptych.
- If he is adventurous, offer to take him on a hike, or pack up the gear and head out to the wilderness for a weekend camping trip. 



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# SERVING A SENSATIONAL SUMMER

When the weather heats up, mix up a batch of cocktails and canapés that will not only kick off your event with a summery spirit, but will also have your guests wanting more... as our new culinary entertaining expert Josie Rees shares.



## BLOOD ORANGE & THYME PALOMA

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 oz silver tequila
- 4 oz blood orange soda
- ½ oz fresh lime juice
- leaves of 3 sprigs of fresh thyme, roughly chopped
- thyme sprig for garnish
- 1 blood orange (slices for garnish)
- sugar



**DIRECTIONS:** Combine the sugar and thyme on a small plate. Use as much or as little sugar as you like. Gently crush the mixture together with your fingers. Wet the rim of a glass with lime and cover with the thyme salt. Add in a few ice cubes, and then top with the tequila, lime juice, soda and stir. Garnish with a blood orange slice and thyme sprig.

## MINI-GRILLED CHEESE APPETIZERS

Updating a classic party snack with big taste in small bites.

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 long French baguette, thinly sliced
- 1 cup grated aged cheddar cheese
- 3-4 tablespoons butter
- fresh arugula
- fresh basil (optional)
- red chili flakes (optional)



**DIRECTIONS:** Slice baguette into thin cross-sections, then top with cheese, arugula and fresh basil. Sprinkle with a pinch of red chili flakes, black pepper and sea salt to taste, and top with another slice of baguette. Cook sandwiches in batches of 5 or 6 in a large frying pan on med-low heat, over 1-2 tablespoons of melted butter per batch. Cook for about 3-4 minutes each side until cheese starts to melt and the outsides of the sandwiches are crispy. Serve immediately with ketchup and sriracha, or any of your favorite condiments.



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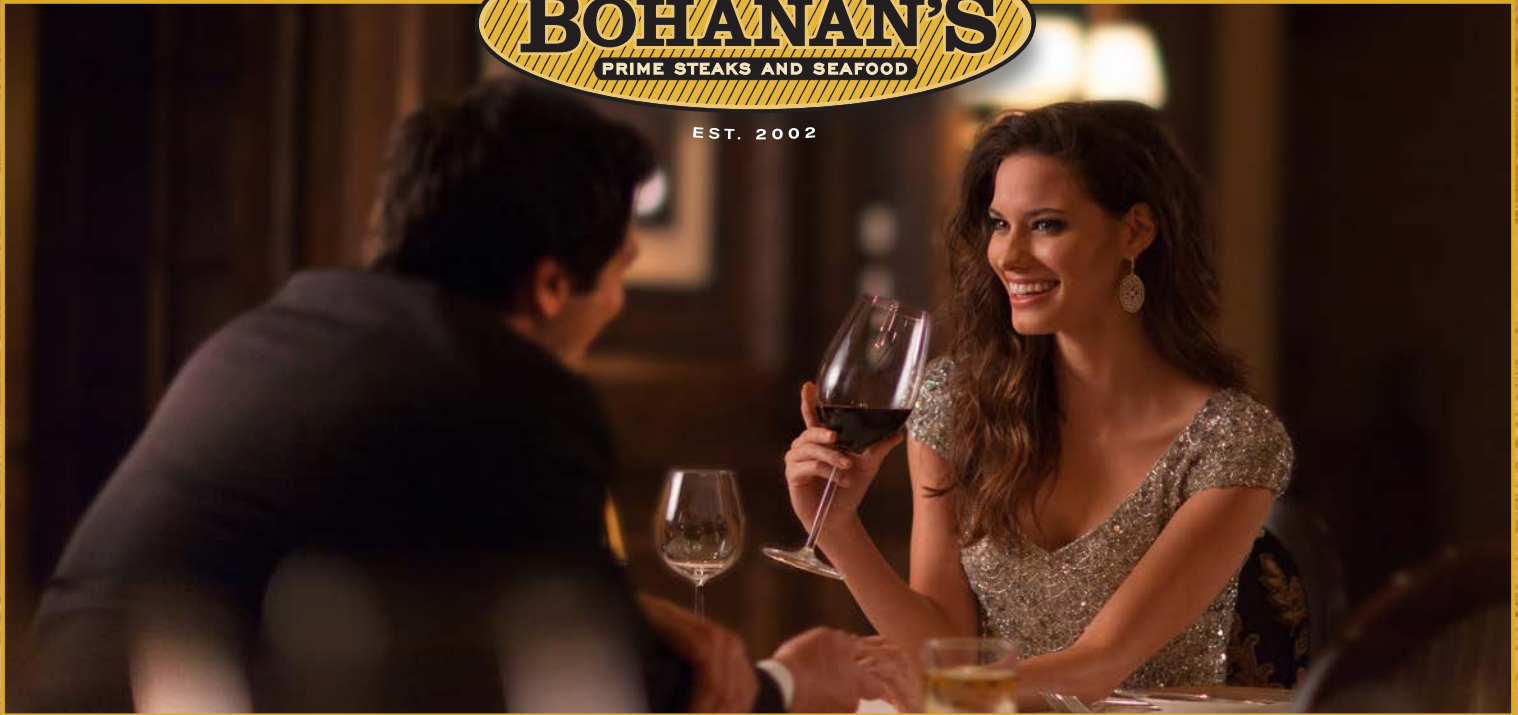
### INGREDIENTS

- ½ lime cut into 4 wedges
- small handful mint leaves (plus a sprig to garnish)
- 1 teaspoon sugar (add more if you like it sweeter)
- ¼ cup (60 ml) freshly squeezed pomegranate juice
- 45 - 60ml white rum (depending how strong you want it)
- 2 tablespoons pomegranate seeds
- soda water to top up
- about a cup of ice
- a lime wedge to garnish

**DIRECTIONS:** Place lime, mint and sugar into a tall glass and muddle to release the juice and flavor from the mint leaves. Add the pomegranate juice, seeds & rum and then add the ice. Stir. Top the glass to the rim with soda water and stir again. Garnish with a wedge of lime and a sprig of mint.



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A perfect combination of spicy, sweet, savory all combined into one bite.

**INGREDIENTS**

- 1 fresh pineapple, cut into chunks
- 1 lb thick cut bacon
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ¼ cup honey
- 1 lime, juiced
- 2-4 teaspoons sriracha sauce
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped cilantro



**DIRECTIONS:** Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease a baking sheet. Cut the bacon in half so you'll have twice as many strips to work with. Wrap each pineapple chunk in a piece of bacon and place seam side down on the prepared baking sheet. In a small bowl, stir together brown sugar, honey, lime juice, sriracha, and soy sauce. Pour over each piece of bacon-wrapped pineapple to glaze. Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes until bacon is crispy. Sprinkle fresh chopped cilantro over the top. Insert toothpicks into each bite for easy serving.



**RASPBERRY LIMONCELLO PROSECCO**

**INGREDIENTS**

- 3 cups prosecco, chilled
- 1 cup limoncello liqueur, chilled
- 1 cup frozen raspberries
- 6 sprigs fresh mint

**DIRECTIONS:** In a large pitcher, mix together prosecco and limoncello. Serve over raspberries and garnish with mint, if desired.



**GRUYERE, MUSHROOM & CARAMELIZED ONION PUFF PASTRY**

Caramelized onion bites with sautéed crimini mushrooms, balsamic caramelized onions, and gruyere cheese. The perfect summer savory hors d'oeuvres, they're made with puff pastry and take no time at all to whip up. Perfect for your summer parties in the sun.

**INGREDIENTS**

- 4 tablespoons salted butter, divided
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- 5-6 ounces crimini mushrooms, sliced
- 1 medium yellow onion, thinly sliced
- ¼ teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 ½ tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- salt and pepper, to taste
- 4 ounces grated gruyere cheese
- 1 package frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 1 egg, lightly beaten

**DIRECTIONS:** In a large skillet over medium heat, heat 1 tablespoon of oil along with 1 tablespoon of butter. Add the mushrooms and sauté for about 5 minutes until tender. Remove and set aside in a medium bowl.

Heat the remaining 3 tablespoons of butter along with the 1 table-

spoon of oil and sauté the onions for 5 minutes. Add the dried thyme and sugar and continue to cook for 25 minutes on medium low heat. Make sure to stir the mixture every 5 minutes or so. If the onions are caramelizing too fast, turn down the heat a little more. Add the balsamic vinegar to deglaze the pan, allow the onions to soak it all in. Turn off heat. Add the onions to the mushroom mixture. Season with the garlic powder and salt and pepper to taste, stir to combine. Allow to cool to room temperature. Add the gruyere cheese and mix well.

Position two racks in the upper and lower thirds of the oven. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

Using a knife or a pizza cutter, cut the puff pastry into 2-inch squares and place them on a lined baking sheet. Make sure the puff pastry is thawed, but still cold. If not, allow it to rest in the refrigerator for 10-15 minutes before proceeding. Using a pastry brush, brush the beaten egg on the squares. Place a tablespoon of the filling mixture in the center. Bake for 20-25 minutes, rotating the pan halfway in between until crisp and golden brown. Let cool slightly before serving. **S**

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# IT'S UP TO WOMEN

The lifelong benefits of female friendships? There are many, even in what seems like a more disconnected world, according to *our lifestyle virtuoso Amy Edwards*, who helps navigate the girlfriend-ship craft these days.



HOW MANY FRIENDS DO YOU HAVE WHO YOU CALL regularly? I mean *actually* call.

My guess is that number is likely much lower than it was, say, ten or fifteen years ago. These days, we text. We Facebook messenger. We email. It's quick and easy. And just like all things quick and easy... it's not that fulfilling.

I think I can count the friends with whom I speak on the phone on one hand. One friend, whom I rarely see, calls me often. She makes it a point to connect. And I know that I can pick up and call her anytime I need to, and she'll actually answer. She remains one of my closest confidantes, even though our time together IRL (in real life) is scarce.

I've always been big on friendships. Namely, my girlfriend-ships. One of my pet peeves has always been those females— and my bet is you've heard this before— that say, “Oh, I just *always* get along better with guys. Or, all my good friends are guys.” The invocation of that phrase has always grated on me. And why? I've had to really look into the reasons behind my aversion, and here's what I have come up with over the years.

When a female says that, it devalues something I hold very, very dear: My female friendships have been the cornerstone of my life. I've never been a loner. And more so, I've never been the girl who gets lost in a relationship and doesn't see her friends anymore until the breakup. Rather, I was a member of cars-full of chicks and the host of regular slumber parties as far back as I can remember. In fact, I'd still do that if most of us didn't have kids to tend to the next day. I was the one who would (and still will) stay out all night carrying on with my ladies because I enjoy being around them — girl time. Not to ever discount my many male friends, but to me, connecting with other women is an integral part of being a woman.

And with that feeling, we can get scientific about it. According to a landmark UCLA study from 2002, women respond to stress differently, and our release

of oxytocin when under stress blocks our fight-or-flight response. In turn, we do something called *tend-and-befriend*. As women, it's in our DNA to connect with other women. And get this: “Study after study has found that social ties reduce our risk of disease by lowering blood pressure, heart rate and cholesterol.” We *literally live longer* because of our female friendships.

A famed Nurses' Health Study from several years back also offered this: “The more friends women had, the less likely they were to develop physical impairments as they aged, and the more likely they were to be leading a joyful life.” Going further, the researchers concluded that “not having close friends or confidants was as detrimental to your health as smoking or carrying extra weight.”

I truly hope that the times I eat, drink, and occasionally smoke with my friends are counteracted by these physiological benefits. But it's also notable that these studies were done before the advent of Facebook and Instagram. While those social media applications are meant to bring us closer to others, they can actually foster loneliness and a sense of disengagement because of the lack of the real-live human connections and online envy. ‘Likes’ won't cut it when it comes to real friendships and the psychological and physiological benefits women proffer from those. How could they, really?

Research aside; day-to-day, however, I don't feel scientific. All I know is that when I don't nurture these relationships, life feels less full. And yet so often we don't make time for these proven and worthwhile life-fillers until there's a crisis of some sort. We are all busy, busy, busy. And just like everything else— be it brows, cars, or kids— friendships require care and maintenance.

Need a simple trick to remedy this? When you're feeling something— perhaps an emptiness you're looking to fill with likes, or food, or shopping, or *whatever*— pick up the phone. Make a call. Don't text. That call is a connection, and I know that I feel closer to that friend I mentioned earlier simply because I hear her voice. And there will never be a substitute for that. Long live the female friendships we seek to nurture, now and in the future. **S**





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# HOW TO WIDEN YOUR HORIZON

Curiosity is a trait that greatly enhances our quality of life. When cultivated it leads to happiness, quality intimate relationships, academic and intellectual achievement, personal growth and so much more *according to our dynamic parenting and relationship expert, Dr. Miranda Fernande Walichowski*

**WHAT IS CURIOSITY, REALLY? CURIOSITY IS A STRONG DESIRE** to learn or understand something. Curiosity leads to deep thinking, exploration, investigation, observation, and inquiry. Curiosity seems innocuous, a good trait to cultivate. However, it also carries a degree of infamy.

The ever inquisitive Plato had an admonishment about curiosity. The Classical philosopher told the story about Thales, a man who gazed curiously at the stars and walked into and fell in a ditch. The servant girl who helped him out of the ditch said to him, “How do you expect to understand what is going on up in the sky if you do not even see what is at your feet?” Todd Kashdan, a positive psychologist, confirms that there are concerns surrounding unbridled curiosity. Yet he remains supportive of healthy curiosity, stating that “while a curious nature [may sometimes be] linked to impulsive behavior; [such as] a greater likelihood of taking drugs and engaging in other dangerous activities, its benefits far outweigh its possible problems, and not only for children.”

## ADVOCATING CURIOSITY

Albert Einstein, one of history’s most brilliant minds, made a compelling statement about curiosity: “The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. Never lose a holy curiosity.”

Take it from Einstein—healthy curiosity can be and should be cultivated. Learning something new is exciting, and maintaining an inquisitive mind helps the mind stay sharp. There are other unexpected benefits, too. First, Todd Kashdan found in his research that curiosity can deepen bonds in friendship and love. He argues that curiosity is what sustains passion in couples who have been married for over 50 years. Some researchers have found that curiosity increases empathy as well. As we are more relational, we become more self-aware.

Second, curiosity increases learning and academic success. Teachers know that when curiosity is fostered, learning takes root. In his work, Kashdan found that children’s intelligence develops faster and more efficiently when they have unstructured (perhaps even unsupervised) playtime.

Third, curiosity is an asset in the new human economy. We live in a knowledge economy which is fueled by knowledge-based products, services, and



skills. However, as technology replaces tasks that humans do, we move into what Dov Seidman describes as “[the human economy which will require that workers] bring to their work essential traits that can’t be and won’t be programmed into software; like creativity, passion, character, and collaborative spirit—their humanity, in other words. The ability to leverage these strengths will be the source of one organization’s superiority over another.”

Lastly, curiosity increases happiness and life satisfaction. Kashdan and his colleague Paul Rose found that individuals who are curious report more frequent growth-oriented behaviors. These behaviors are related to seeking awareness and searching for meaning. As individuals become more mindful, life satisfaction increases.

## CURIOSITY CHECKLIST

This summer is a great time to develop curiosity alongside children. Here are a few ways to cultivate healthy curious habits with your family:

- Set a goal to be curious throughout this summer.
- Checking-in on curiosity. For example, hold curiosity conversations and have everyone share what he or she is learning.
- Be curious about people when you meet with them. Teach children how to be curious and ask questions without interrogating people. One way to stay curious in conversations is to avoid referring to oneself. Refrain from using the words “I,” “me” or “my.”
- Challenge each other to see things in multiple ways. I encourage my coaching clients to picture a concept or problem as a cube. I ask them to turn the cube and look at one face and think about how they are interpreting the situation. Then I ask them to turn the cube to another face and think of a different interpretation. I challenge them to come up with six ways of understanding something. Then they choose the one that is most compelling to explore.

Arnold Edinborough, founding President of the Council for Business and the Arts in Canada, stated, “Curiosity is the very basis of education and if you tell me that curiosity killed the cat, I say only the cat died nobly.” Are you ready to foster a curious mind in yourself and others? All will be fine. As you take the journey, do not be remiss and merely look in one direction. Broaden the panorama of your curiosity lest you be gazing at the sky and fall into a ditch. And after all, if you do fall into a ditch, your curiosity may help you climb out of it. **S**

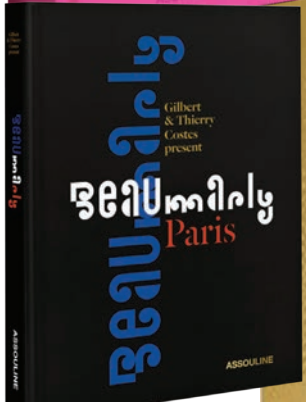
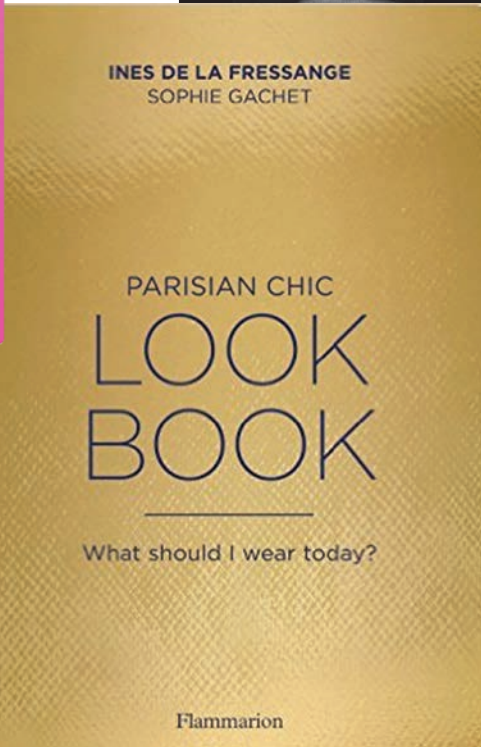
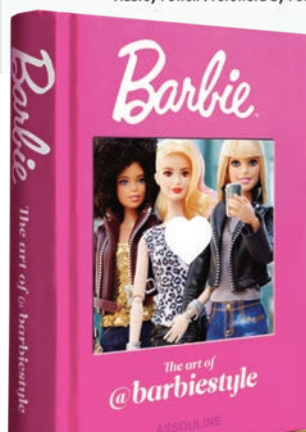
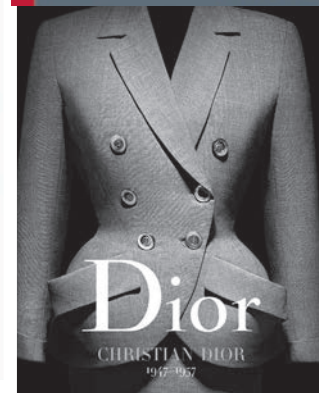
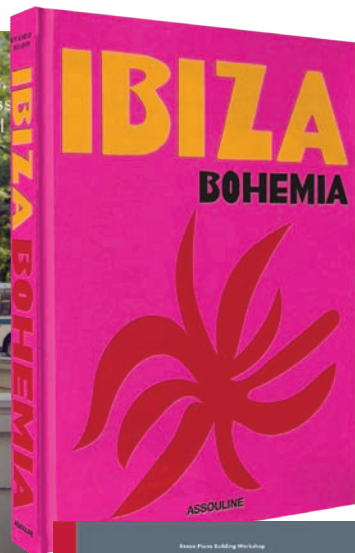
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As the social season comes to a close, why not find a few books to occupy your time and provide new party dinner conversation topics asks our resident bibliophile Jake Gaines?

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# SLICE OF SUMMMER

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## ALOHA, SUSHI

Poké is a Hawaiian specialty that has cruised to the mainland and is quickly spreading across the U.S., and Poké Bop is riding the wave into Dallas with their first location. For diners unfamiliar with the cuisine, think of it as deconstructed sushi. The Poké Donut is sure to be an instant Instagram cult favorite, which is a made-to-order sushi roll bent in the shape of a circle, resulting in a beautiful edible Poké creation. Diners can also enjoy a Poké Ritto, an over-sized sushi roll that hasn't been sliced into pieces so you can pick it up and eat it with your hands, like you would a burrito. For more information visit [ILovePokeBop.com](http://ILovePokeBop.com)



## CHILD'S PLAY

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Together with being a passion and lifelong endeavor, an art collection can make up a meaningful part of a collector's financial net worth. Athena offers collectors alternative solutions to access the value of their collection through asset-based financing, rather than traditional methods such as de-accessioning works of art from their collections. Simply put, Athena can help clients access credit tied directly to the value of a work of art.

Athena's services extend beyond the private collectors, investors and intermediaries. Through their new gallery financing program, Athena has developed bespoke opportunities for established galleries and dealers as well as new entrants in the market through sponsorships like the 2017 Presents Booth Prize at The Armory Show NYC.

We spoke with Athena Art Finance President and CEO, Andrea Danese, to learn more about Athena's approach to art-secured lending and what prospective clients should know when considering a loan secured by their collection...

### What are the merits of an art-based loan with Athena Art Finance?

Athena provides secured lending collateralized by high value fine art. Our loan amounts generally begin at \$1 million based on 50% of a low-auction estimate/appraisal value. We can also lend against single works of art. This provides a number of benefits for our clients:

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- Help manage to a long-term sale of the art without becoming beholden to a specific art market cycle
- Avoid "locking-in" a future consignment or moving a client banking relationship
- Deploy financial leverage against an appreciating asset
- Help own art in a more financially efficient manner

### As a collector, what are the benefits of working with Athena Art Finance?

An art-secured loan supports clients who are building their collections, accessing additional investable capital for other investment opportunities (such as private equity and real estate), or helping manage an estate plan-



Booth Prize at The Armory Show NYC 2017 supported by Athena Art Finance  
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ning strategy. Being solutions-oriented means we recognize that every client's specific set of circumstances and objectives is unique to them, and we work with them to put in place a financing program that fits their needs.

### As a gallery/dealer/art advisor, how can Athena Art Finance assist me?

The art market has expanded enormously over the past twenty years, in terms of collector interest and transaction activity. Athena Art Finance offers the gallery, dealer and advisor community a suite of lending programs designed to address cash flow and working capital needs.

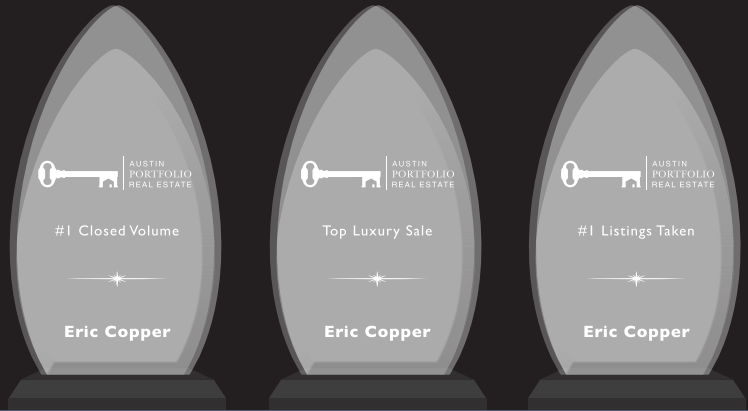
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### How does Athena Art Finance support cultural institutions?

Athena is dedicated to discovering ways to promote collaboration and build meaningful programming with art and cultural institutions.

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As a former Miss Texas and Miss USA 2008, Crystle created the vision of what she describes as an "all-in-one location" when young women can learn everything they want and need to know that isn't taught in "normal schools" yet is so helpful in everyday life and beyond. Having transitioned from the pageant arena into the world of film and television acting, she's currently starring as "Leslie" on Tyler Perry's *For Better Or For Worse* on the OWN network. You may have also seen her play "Frankie" on TLC's *Too Close To Home*. She attributes her success throughout her career to learning certain life skills, social graces and personal "finishing" touches which she picked up along her journey, and now she's sharing her experience with the next generation of young women.

Today, Crystle and Max have packaged their essential skills into their very own concept: MISS Academy, a finishing school for the next generation. In fact MISS is an acronym for the brand's pillars: Manners, Image, Style and Success. Max Sebrechts, Crystle's husband and Co-Founder of the Academy, fittingly describes the concept as "the Equinox of beauty." Originally from Belgium, Sebrechts has an extensive history as a working fashion model. But don't be fooled by his good looks and European charm; he has a master's degree in Economics as well as a master's degree in Business Administration from Pepperdine University in Los Angeles, California. Max's business savvy along with his keen sense of beauty and fashion and his European savoir-vivre positions him perfectly as the company's CEO.

MISS Academy launches this summer in Houston with their MISS Summer Pop Up 2017 at Uptown Park. A series of 11 one-week programs throughout the summer will preview various courses in their extended year-round programs as well as incorporate their "electives": advanced training in various interest and talent-based disciplines, such as photography, make-up artistry, fashion design, conversational French, acting for camera, singing, modeling and more. For more information visit [MISSAcademy.com](http://MISSAcademy.com)



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# OPERATIC OVERTONES

## Alamo City Opera Celebrates Fifth Season

By Jake Gaines Photography by Kristian Jaime

Alamo City Opera is causing San Antonio and South Texas to redefine how it feels about opera. Now in its fifth season, the non-profit is deeply woven into the fabric of the city's diverse communities. In fact, each production features teachers of local voice and instrument students while also offering technical and directorial contracts to local arts professionals.

The opera audiences continue to grow by offering a diverse array of traditional, modern and rare works that have never been performed in San Antonio. Most of the opera is sung in English, once again making opera more accessible than ever. The performance venues have included The Carver, The Empire, Palo Alto Performing Arts Center, The Stable, Buena Vista Theatre at UTSA and other places.

Opera sung in Spanish has been a long-time goal of the company's General Director Mark Richter, currently celebrating his 25th year of producing opera in San Antonio. He explains, "Spanish is a beautiful language and is recognized as one of classical languages of the world. With a city that has a large population of Hispanics, the need to offer the arts in the language of their heritage is essential in building a fine arts bridge."

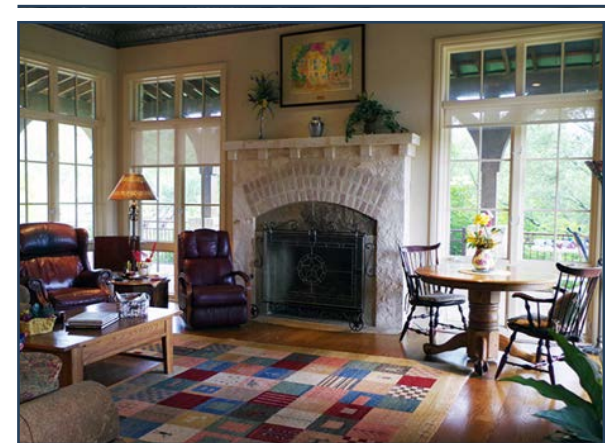
So, Alamo City Opera is preparing to kick off its Spanish language initiative with the city's first fully staged opera sung in Spanish. The late composer Daniel Catán's gorgeous *La Hija de Rappaccini* (*Rappaccini's Daughter*) debuts in San Antonio on May 20 and 21. "The arts belong to everyone and need to demonstrate a commitment to our city's rich heritage and culture diversity," shares Richter. "Alamo City Opera is bringing the art into Hispanic communities in the hope that they will begin to embrace the beauty of opera, especially in Spanish."

The initiative will include at least one opera in the main season in Spanish, as well as a host of exciting events accenting the flavor of the language, its culture and traditions. Next season will feature Astor Piazzolla's incredible tango opera *María de Buenos Aires*. Alamo City Opera has a passionate board of directors led by Carol Karotkin and is always searching for leaders who want to make in a change in their community. For more information visit [AlamoCityOpera.org](http://AlamoCityOpera.org)



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# ARTS DISTRICT ATTRACTS LUXE HOTEL AND CONDOMINIUMS

## San Antonio To Get Glossy Development

By Jake Gaines

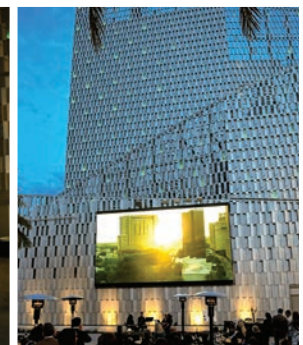
Photography courtesy of The Arts Residences At The Thompson Hotel

The Arts Residences at the Thompson Hotel bring luxury living to San Antonio's newest hot spot as a mixed-use, luxury development. They recently broke ground along the San Antonio River Walk in the center of the city's Arts District, which DC Partners and San Antonio-based Universal Service Group announced. Featuring 66 luxurious residences, and perched atop San Antonio's first Thompson Hotel, construction on The Arts Residences is expected to be completed in 2019.

Located across from the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, amenities for the new 337,000 square foot development will include a fine dining, riverside restaurant, pool deck overlooking the River Walk with cabanas and pool bar, state-of-the-art fitness center and spa as well as concierge services for residents. Of particular note is that residents will have a private entrance and resident lobby, separate from the hotel's lobby.

"We are excited about the opportunity to bring world-class luxury to San Antonio," said Roberto Contreras, president and CEO of DC Partners. "With the location of The Arts Residences being across the river from The Tobin Center, this will be a distinguished development, especially for those seeking an exceptional lifestyle steeped in the arts, culture and creativity."

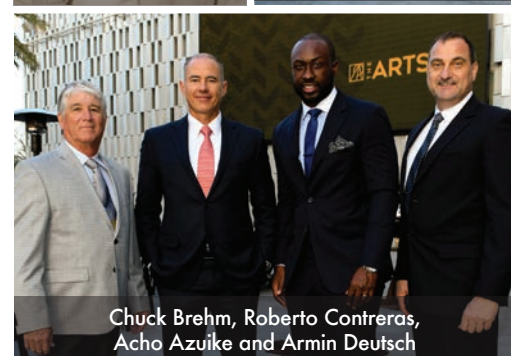
Pre-sales for the ARTS Residences at the Thompson Hotel have begun. Space in the Administration Building of The Tobin Center for the Performing Arts will be outfitted as a sales gallery, 115 Auditorium Circle, and will open in March 2017. For more information visit [TheArtsResidences.com](http://TheArtsResidences.com).



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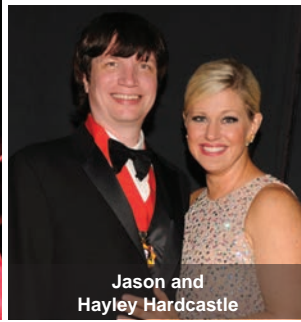


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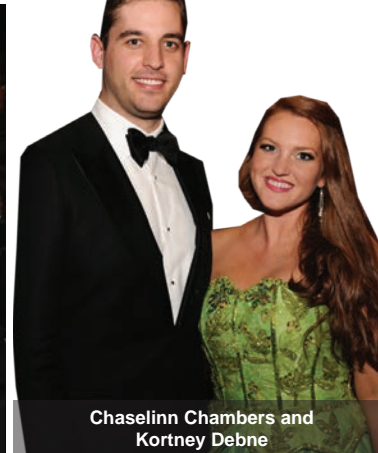
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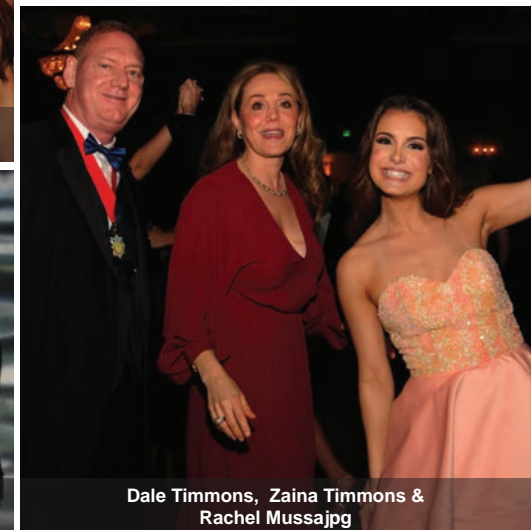
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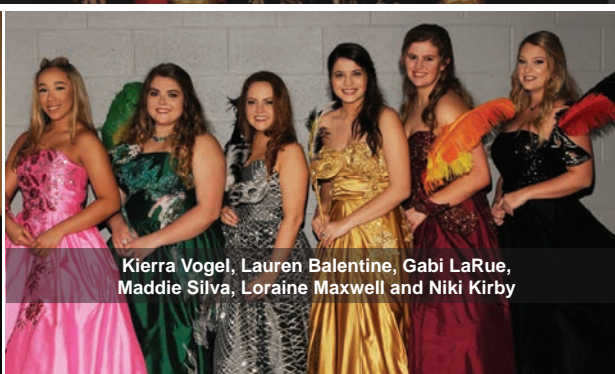
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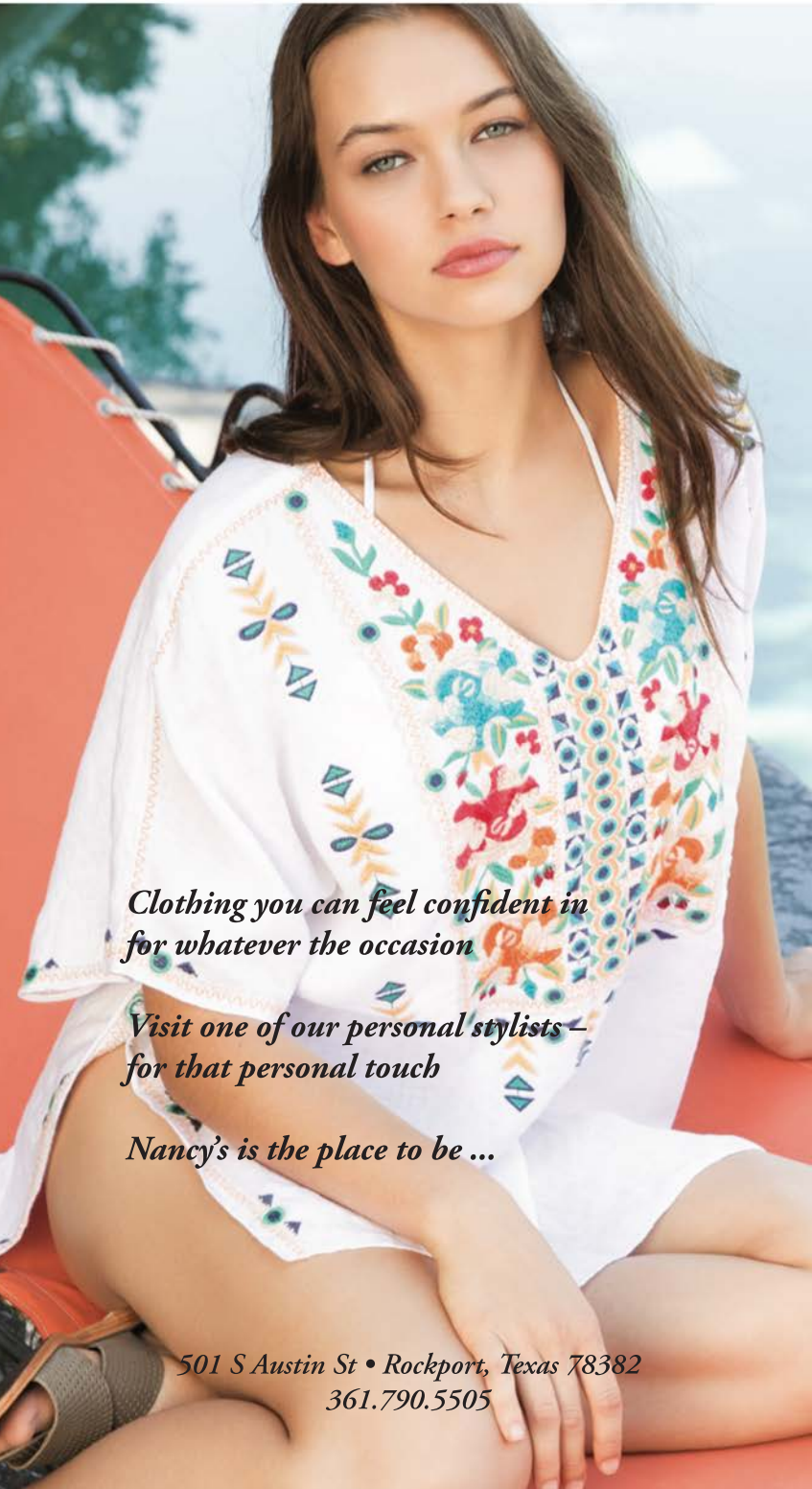
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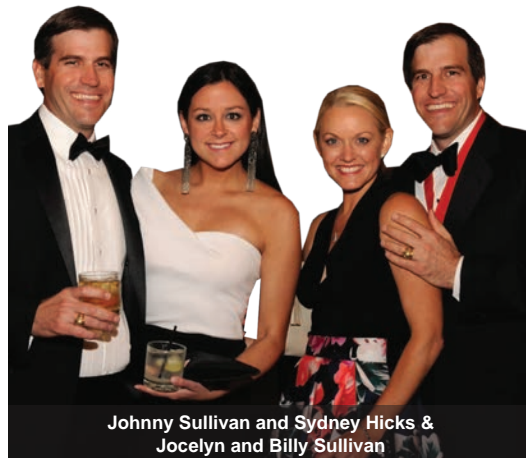
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### THE VIBE:

The Coronation marked the crowning of King Frivolous CII Lawrence C. Estes, Jr., co-founder of Dawson/Estes, Inc., and Momus Queen Lauren Balentine, a senior at The University of Texas at Austin. The members of the King's retinue who contributed to the revelry on stage included A. Reed Estes, Chris R. Estes, James E. McLean, Frank Dominquez III, Anthony P. Brown and Robert D. Kline. The reveal of the Queen was introduced by pirates from METdance, who enthralled the audience with their on-stage sword fight and theatrical Coronation of the Queen by a Proclamation found in a treasure chest. Following the presentation, Jolyn and Russell Scheirman chaired a grand gala at The Galveston Island Convention Center at The San Luis Resort. Cadets from the Hearn Honor Guard of the Texas A&M Maritime Academy at Texas A&M University at Galveston, were a regal sight to behold as the Duchesses and their Presenters entered the Ballroom for the King's Father Daughter Dance.

Party goers entered the festivities to pirate themed ships, cannons and treasure chest decorations by Kathy and Richard Rush, and show-stopping entertainment featuring Chinatown Band and DJ Andres Santiago. The menu included shiver me timbers shrimp scampi at the buried treasure buffet and a swashbuckling dessert buffet with cake balls, pots de crème and more. President of Momus, Robert Kline, and his wife Sally, were found on the dance floor under pirate ship banners and flags. Guests danced the night away, wearing their pirate hats, eye patches, hooks and swords, including VJ Tramonte, Peggy and Johnny Listowski, Hayley and Jason Hardcastle, Joan Scheirman, Tyler Melton, Jessica and Hal Rochkind, Renee and Scott Rice, and Kim and Robert Kirschner.



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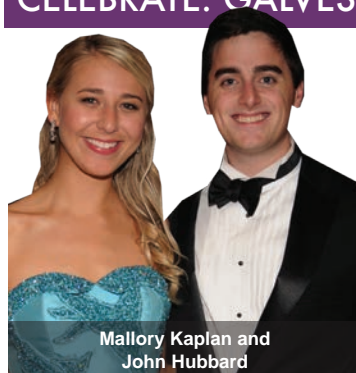


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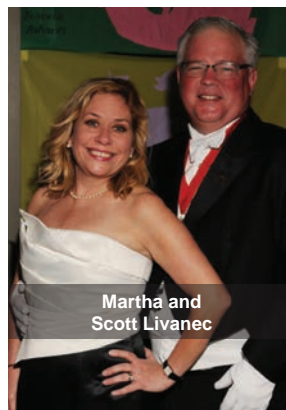
Savannah Conte and Jordon Caravella

### THE CROWD:

After dessert, festively clad guests were found mingling and socializing with pirates, amongst a forest of palm trees, orchids, parrots, pelicans and live monkeys. Those enjoying the scene were the master of ceremonies and KTRK news anchor, Tom Koch and his wife Brenda, Knights of Momus Parade Grand Marshall J.P. Bryan, Paige Fertitta, Michael Fertitta, Maria Bush, Weez and Mike Doherty, Julie and Kenny Shelton, Libbie and Bill Ansell, Mary and Gary Peters, Joan and Doug McLeod, Dancie and Jim Ware, Jennifer and Frank Dominguez, Jim and Tessie McLean, Andrea, Carolyn and Carroll Sunseri, Wayne and Catherine Bertrand, Scott and Martha Livanec, Michelle and Bryan Ritchey, Marcie and Herb Ehmann, Tara Wegryn and Terry Brooker, Cindi and Vic Matthews, and Lisette and Tony Brown.



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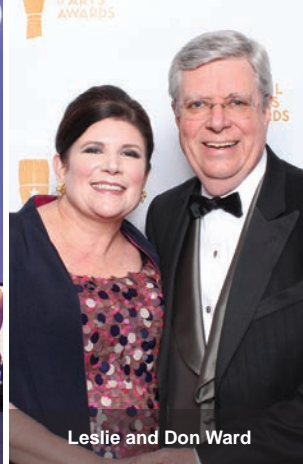
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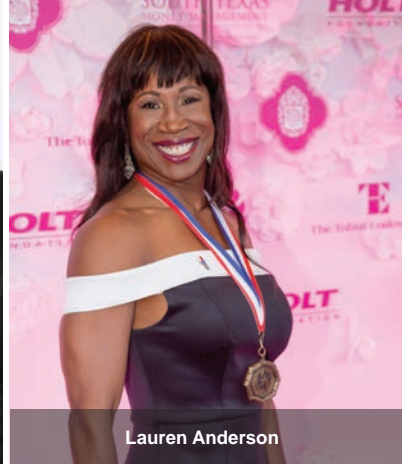
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2017 Texas Medal of Arts nominees



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# GOLD MEDAL TEXAS

Texas Medal of Arts Awards Honors Legendary Texans

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Jim Debth and Jen Gonzalez

## THE SCENE:

The Bass Concert Hall in Austin was the setting for a highly entertaining evening that showcased iconic Texas legends and their contributions to the arts. The ninth biennial Texas Cultural Trust's Texas Medal of Arts Awards honored individuals whose impact on the arts has been felt the world over – and fortunately we get to claim them as Texans.



Jane and Scott Pelley



Dean and Andrea McWilliams



Lindsay Morrison and Kirstin Ross



Yolanda Adams



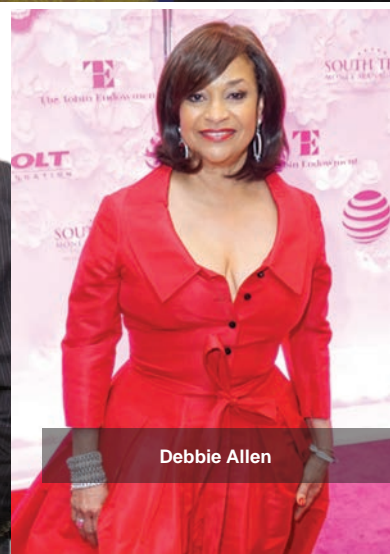
Kenny Rogers



Guillermo Nicolas, Jennifer Ransom Rice and Peter Holt



Rob Giardinelli, Lynn Wyatt, Eloise and John Paul DeJoria & Lance Avery Morgan



Debbie Allen





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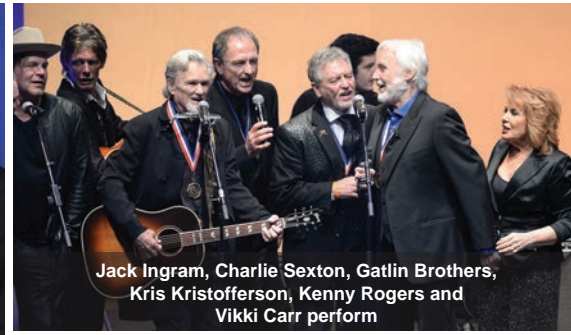
Sarah and Ernest Butler



Jim Foster and Jana Jaffe



Dawn Leatherwood, Mary Stanton Smith and Greg Davis



Jack Ingram, Charlie Sexton, Gatlin Brothers, Kris Kristofferson, Kenny Rogers and Vikki Carr perform



Tobie Funte Flannery and JK Baxter



Steve and Lana Carlson



Renee Elise Goldsberry



Kara and Matt Swinney



Lynn Yeldell and Alisa Weldon



Liliana Patino and Andra Liemandt



Forrest Preece and Linda Ball

## THE VIBE:

The evening began as honorees and other VIPs strolled the red carpet for a quick snap before entering the Bass Concert Hall foyer where the event co-chairs Guillermo Nicolas and Peter Holt and Texas Cultural Trust Executive Director Jennifer Ransom Rice personally welcomed guests at the main entrance. Partygoers were treated to a lively cocktail hour where the crowd mingled in anticipation of the line-up ahead – and what a line-up it was.

When the thousand guests who were on hand to celebrate this special evening took their seats, the high energy was palpable as Debbie Allen effortlessly emceed an evening that showcased the incredible spectrum of individuals who have left their impact on the arts— not only in Texas, but also throughout the world. Honorees included internationally known figures including John Paul and Eloise DeJoria who received the Corporate Patron Award, music legend Kris Kristofferson, Tony-Award winner Renee Elise Goldsberry, *CBS Evening News* anchor Scott Pelley, the original Texas Jet-Setter Lynn Wyatt who received the Individual Arts Patron Award, and Bruce Bugg who accepted for The Tobin Endowment. Additional honorees included Yolanda Adams, Lauren Anderson, Dallas Black Dance Theatre, John Phillip Santos, Leo Villareal and Frank Welch. The presentation concluded with all the honorees joining Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Kenny Rogers along with Texas music legends including The Gatlin Brothers, Ray Benson, Charlie Sexton, Dale Watson and Vikki Carr as they serenaded Rogers with their rendition of *Ruby, The Gambler and Me* and *Bobby McGee*.

After the performance, the fun continued as the artistically inclined attendees gathered in the exquisitely decorated tent on the Bass Concert Hall foyer for music, conversation and a delicious meal catered by The RK Group. The good times continued well into the night as the honorees seamlessly mingled with admirers for a once-in-a-lifetime experience those of us were fortunate enough to attend will not soon forget.

## THE CAUSE:

The event raised \$1.88 million dollars for the Texas Cultural Trust, an organization devoted to promoting the importance of the arts to both children's education and the Texas economy. **S**



Steve and Talli Dolge & Carol and Fred Reyes



Anna and Ralph Sigman



Marise McDermott



# DELIGHTFUL DISCOVERY

## The New Witte Museum Has Opulent Grand Opening

By Jake Gaines | Photography by Greg Harrison



Joseph and Katherine Cooper, Tracey Bennett & Daniel Naranjo



Ryan & Jessica Berg



Walter Embrey and Peggy Walker



Harry and Heather Wolff

### THE SCENE:

San Antonio celebrated the grand opening of the New Witte Museum with A Night of Discovery theme with the ever-present Texas integral to its success. Over 750 guests explored the H-E-B Lantern, Valero Great Hall, McLean Family Texas Wild Gallery, the Kittie West Nelson Ferguson People of the Pecos Gallery and the Naylor Family Dinosaur Gallery during an evening of interactive exploration of cultural and culinary splendor generously underwritten by Mary West and Richard Traylor.

### THE VIBE:

The festivities began in the Susan Naylor Center, the centerpiece of the New Witte. While guests explored the galleries with cocktails in hand, mobile food experiences in the theme of Texas Deep Time met them throughout the exhibitions. The sense of exploration and discovery flowed as President and CEO, Marise McDermott, raised a toast to all those who helped envision the New Witte. As dinner approached, guests walked to the Mays Family Center for a dinner of modern Texas cuisine by Catering by Rosemary's and lively conversation. Don Gonzales, Chairman of the Witte Board of Trustees, led the program recognizing nearly \$100 million dollars in support for the once-in-a-hundred-years transformation of the Witte campus. Throughout the seated dinner, Witte donors were celebrated for their incredible generosity, support, and leadership.

After the final toast, the party was most definitely not over. Dancers in dinosaur costumes "grooved" into the Mays Center and led guests back to the New Witte galleries and Texas Wild Garden for the finale of the evening, Disco with the Dinosaurs. Revelers enjoyed walls laden with gourmet donuts and a secret bar where Woodford Reserve was flowing. Ladies also touched up their lipstick at the Neiman Marcus lipstick bars before jumping on the dance floor to groove to the sounds of Uptown Drive presented by Silver Eagle Distributors. The evening came to a close at midnight as guests polished off delicious Whataburger taquitos.

### THE CAUSE:

The New Witte Museum is dedicated to natural history, science and South Texas heritage. The permanent collection features historic artifacts and photographs, Texas art, textiles and world-renowned collections.



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Women of Distinction honorees, 2017



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# DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

Women Of Distinction Winter Celebrates 30th Anniversary

By *Jennifer Roosth* | Photography by *Kim Coffman, Dave Rossman and Daniel Ortiz*



Claudia and Jan Rask

## THE SCENE:

Over 650 guests gathered at the Azure blue-lit Hilton Americas for *The Diamond Ball 30th Anniversary Winter Ball* that benefited the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, honoring 11 women who have supported the community through volunteerism. This year's honorees were Jo Furr, Dr. Sippi Khurana, Alissa Maples, Shawntell McWilliams, Cyndy Garza Roberts, Jessica Rossman, Susan Sarofim, Kim Tutchter, Kelli Weinzierl, Vivian Wise and Judi McGee as the 2017 Ambassador.



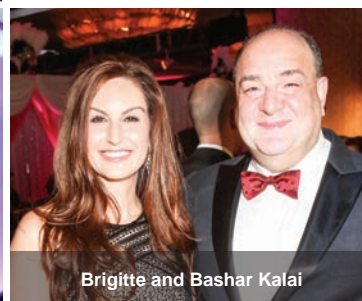
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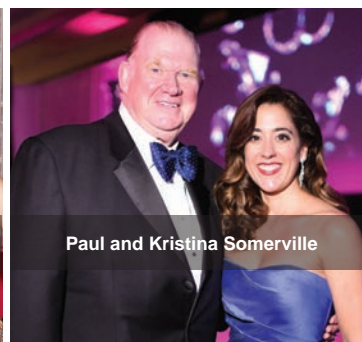
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Kevin and Alissa Maples



## THE VIBE:

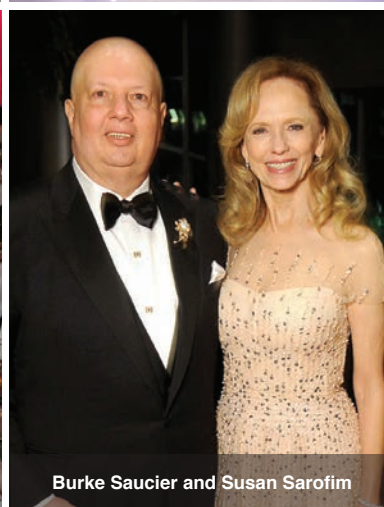
The high-energy crowd started the evening mingling, bidding on unique auction items, pulling numbers for a wine pull and buying raffle tickets. The Diamond theme made for lively evening from the start, with an entertaining opening performance by a Marilyn Monroe impersonator singing *Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend*. Olympic-bound Jonathan Tybur shared his journey with ulcerative colitis demonstrating the importance of the funds raised at the event and inspired a standing ovation from the crowd. After the honoree presentation, five over-the-top live auction items helmed by auctioneer Vincent Montalbano included a trip to Los Angeles to see *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, a custom necklace made especially for the night by Franco Valobra, and a home in Cabo San Lucas donated by Paul and Penny Loyd. The highlight of the auction, two donated Mercedes-Benz vehicles donated by the Mercedes-Benz Dealers of Greater Houston, sold for over value and had everyone applauding. Afterward, the dance floor was packed to the sounds of Password well past closing time.



Jo and Jim Furr



Franelle Rogers



Burke Saucier and Susan Sarofim

## THE CAUSE:

Chaired by Franelle Rogers and honorary chairman Margaret Alkek Williams, the gala was the culmination of ABC13's Women of Distinction 2017 campaign, presented by Mercedes-Benz Dealers of Greater Houston. Everyone was celebrating as the evening brought in \$1 million, a new record for the event. Also honored during the program were over 50 ladies who were former Women of Distinction from the past 30 years, all of whom continue to do good works in Houston. The evening was orchestrated by event producers Ellie Francisco and Niki Smith, and all the major sponsors including Tootsies and Gittings Photography were thrilled with the fundraising results. **S**



Caroline Kenney



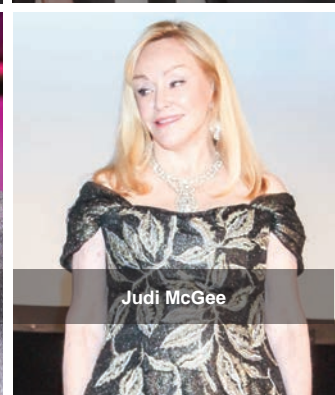
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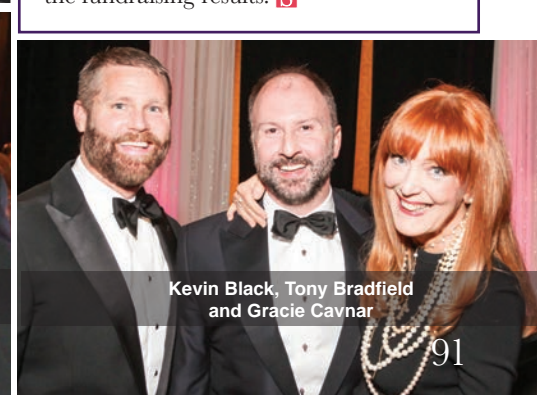
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Bob Barnes

# LEGENDARY STATUS

## Texas Independence Day Dinner At The Bob Bullock State History Museum Gives Honors

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Jim DeBth

### THE SCENE:

The Bob Bullock Museum in Austin recently hosted its thirteenth annual Texas Independence Day Dinner. The 500 business, political and social VIPs were treated to an evening that honored two living legends who have contributed to the indomitable Texas spirit – University of Texas Alum and Hall of Fame running back Earl Campbell and Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan.



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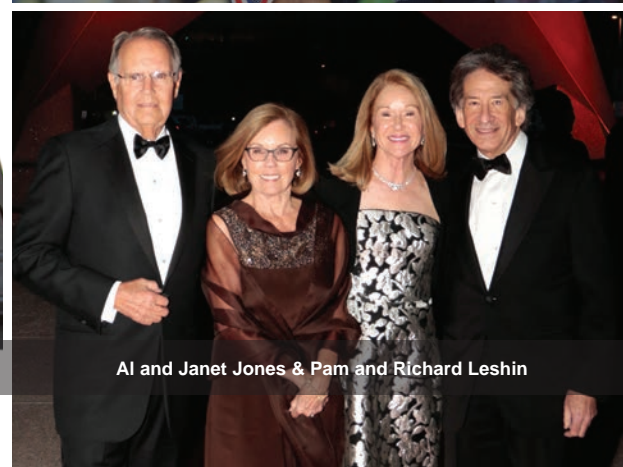
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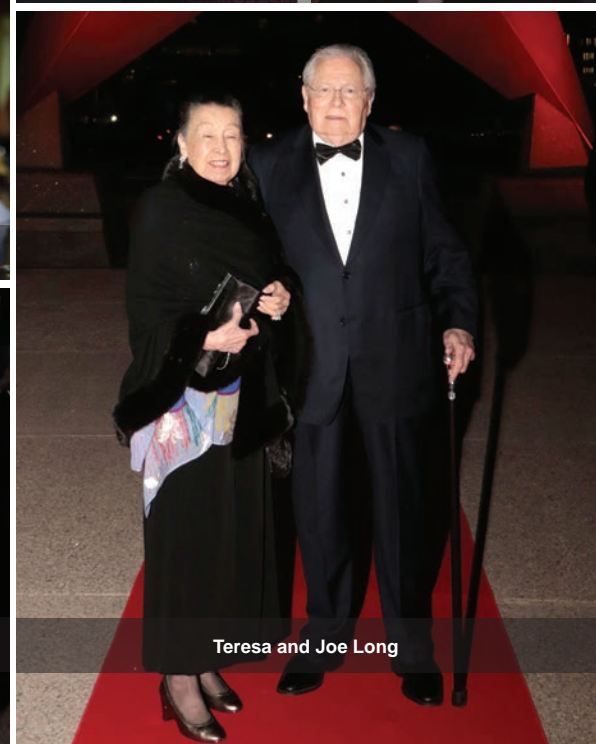
Nolan and Ruth Ryan



Earl Campbell



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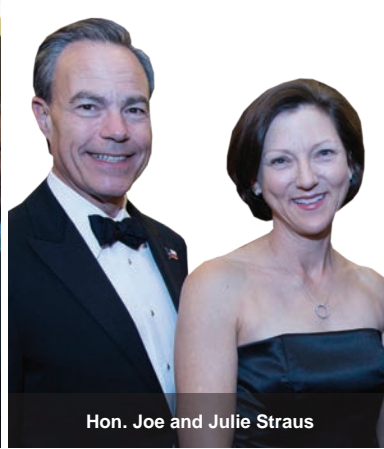
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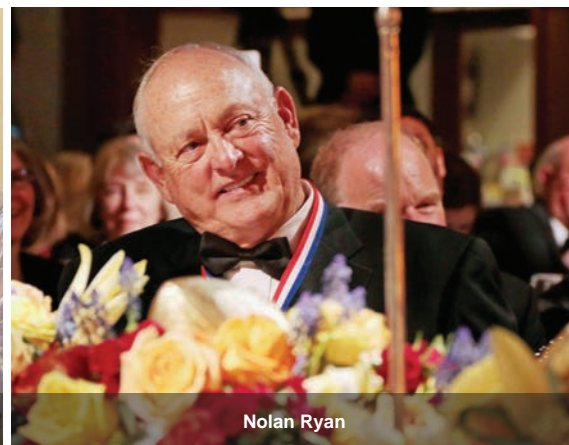
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Nolan Ryan



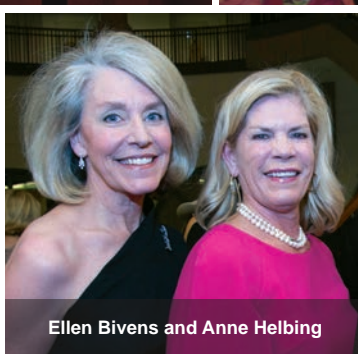
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Reid Ryan

## THE VIBE:

The evening began in the soaring foyer of the Bob Bullock Museum, where the Tyler Junior College Apache Belles greeted guests as they walked the red carpet. After ascending the grand atrium stairs, the VIPs enjoyed a cocktail hour where sports enthusiasts mingled with Sociables, politicians and, of course, the two guests of honor. The greatness of the honorees and the history of Texas were strongly felt, along with excitement for the great time that was ahead for the evening.

The festivities continued downstairs in the main atrium with a delicious multi-course dinner and program, which included a video tribute from former President George W. Bush. Other touching tributes were delivered by those in attendance, including University of Texas Athletic Director Mike Perrin who highlighted the many achievements of Earl Campbell, and Houston Astros President Reid Ryan who delivered a heartfelt speech highlighting the achievements of his father, Nolan Ryan.

## THE CAUSE:

The event, chaired by Margaret Perkins with Jan Bullock serving as honorary chair raised \$650,000 for The Texas State History Museum Foundation to support the Bullock Texas State History Museum's many initiatives including exhibitions, infrastructure and educational and public programs. Since opening in 2001, over 7.5 million people have passed through the Bullock's doors to learn more about the incredible history of the great state of Texas. **S**



Leah Frazier and Allison Mitchell



Bob Harberson and Jo Franco

# FASHIONABLE STARS

## Fashion Group International Awards Newest Rising Stars

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Paul Go and Gregory Martin



Ken Weber and Heidi Dillon



D'Andra Simmons and Jane McGarry



Khanh Nguyen



Jan Strimple and Charmaine Marshall

### THE SCENE:

Galleria Dallas was the stage for an evening where hundreds of Dallas' most fashionable VIPs turned out to honor the area's newest and hottest talent sensations that are destined to have fabulously storied careers. This year's Fashion Group International of Dallas Rising Star Awards showcased the incredible breadth of individuals taking the fashion world by storm, both in Texas and far beyond.

### THE VIBE:

The sophisticated chic attire of the high-style crowd was only surpassed by the incredible energy brought by patrons who created the fun and festive vibe that made everyone in the sold-out event feel so welcome. During the cocktail hour, guests were treated to the tunes of DJ Jennifer Miller as they sampled cocktails courtesy of Kruto Vodka as well as delicious bites from popular Galleria dining destinations Mi Cocina, Grill on the Alley, and Kabuki.

The evening then turned to honor the Dallas Rising Stars of Fashion, where producer Jan Strimple and emcee Courtney Kerr kept the evening moving effortlessly as winners accepted their awards, and the fashion designers showcased their latest talents and creations to the crowd. This year's winners included Ese Azenabor for Women's Fashion, Jason Simmons for Men's Fashion, Thomas Garza for Photography, Gary Russell Walden for Hair and Makeup, Shelley Rosenberg for Interior Design, and Leah Frazier for Fashion Blogger.

### THE CAUSE:

The event, chaired by Holly Quartaro, raised funds for Fashion Group International which provides guidance on the business of fashion and design so up-and-coming designers may have long and effective careers.





Courtney Kerr, Chad Collum, Steve Kimble and Kyle Noonan



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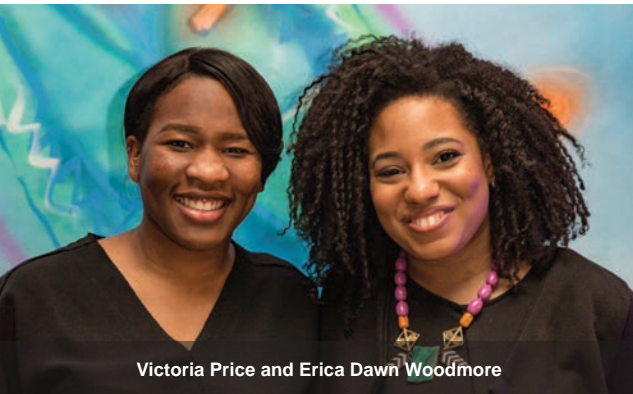
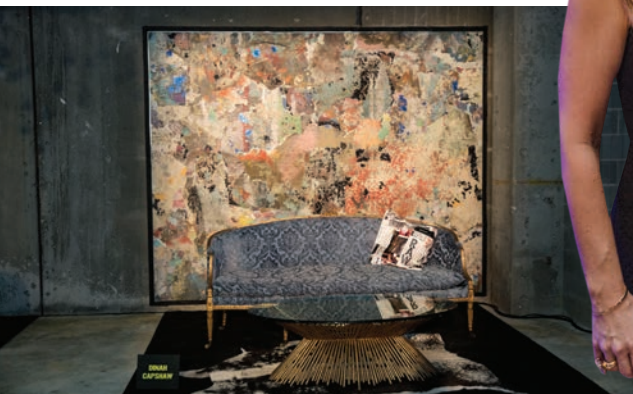
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Annie and Tim Swan



Ashlee and Adam Biechlin

# MASTERING THE ARTS

## McNay Art Museum's Dining With The Masters Honors Donors

By Jason Grosgrain | Photography by Greg Harrison

### THE SCENE:

The McNay Art Museum recently hosted its Dining With the Masters gala, honoring those who so generously donated to the McNay Transform Lives: The Fund for Exhibitions and Education. Beautifully decorated tables were set right in the middle of the museum's Jane & Arthur Stieren Center for Exhibitions.

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, guests dined among the works of art in the exhibition *Monet to Matisse: A Century of French Moderns* with special permission from the Brooklyn Museum, which organized the traveling exhibition.



Bruce Bugg and Phil Hardberger



Devi Norton and Adrienne Frost



Mary Ann and Tom Guido



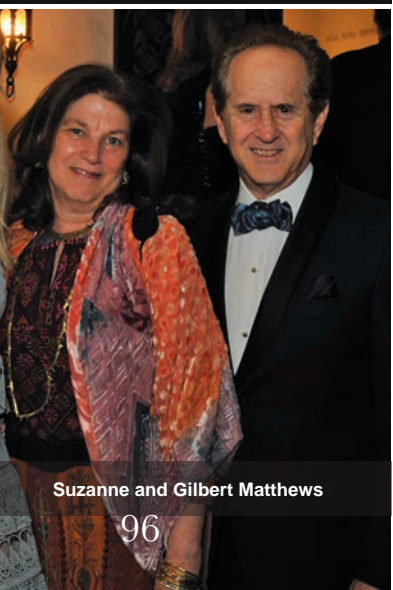
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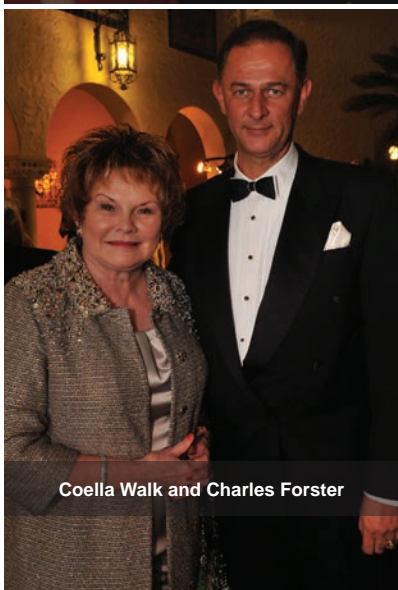
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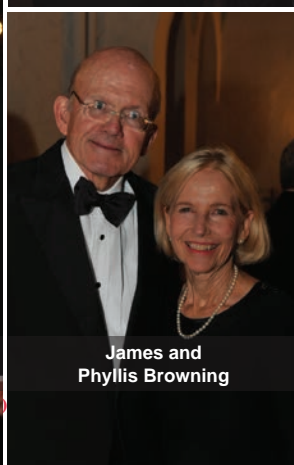
Gail Smith and Claiborne Gregory



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James and Phyllis Browning



Walton Gregory, Amy Stieren Smiley and Connie McNab



Dr. Kimberly Terry and Chris Cheever



Richard Aste and Max Goodman



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**THE VIBE:**

The extraordinary event honored new McNay Museum director, Richard Aste, and the bright future he brings the McNay through his exemplary leadership which emphasizes five pillars of leadership for the museum: social consciousness, transparency, excellence, purpose, and strength.

**THE CAUSE:**

The evening would have not been possible without the leadership of event co-chairs Connie McNab, Amy Stieren Smiley, and Walton Gregory. Their commitment to the museum is boundless and a shining example of the power of philanthropy, and the impact on the communities the museum is honored to serve. The McNay Art Museum engages a diverse community in the discovery and enjoyment of the visual arts.



Sherry Dowlatshahi and Dick Gill



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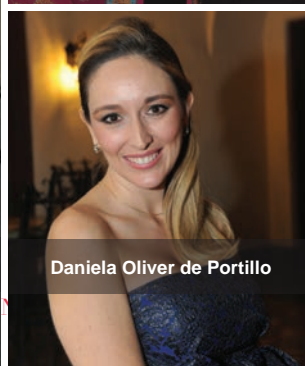
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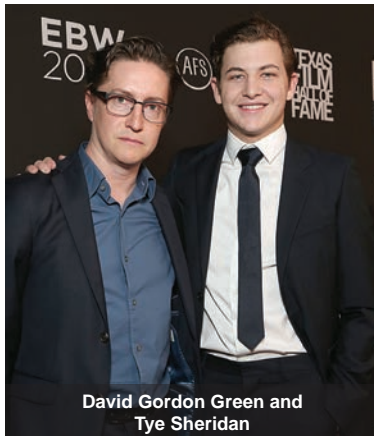


Shirley MacLaine and Richard Linklater

# ENDEARMENT OF FILM

With Shirley MacLaine In Attendance, Texas Film Awards Honors Iconic Film *Terms Of Endearment*.

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Miguel Angel, Chris Caselli, David Brendan Hall and Jessica Mims



David Gordon Green and Tye Sheridan



Ingrid Vanderved and Tina Chen



Kirsten Dunst and Jesse Plemons

## THE SCENE:

Austin Film Studios was the place to be for an evening where several hundred guests gathered to honor the incredible breadth of Texas talent that has made an indelible mark on the film industry. The recent 17th Annual Texas Film Awards had it all, honoring a range of talent from the up and coming to the established and iconic.



Robert Rodriguez



Kendra Scott

Olivia Applegate



Suzanne Court, Rebecca Campbell and Lesya Milam



Dan Hardick, Danielle Thomas, Henri Mazza and Sarah Wolfe



Michael Shannon, Sarah Green, Jeff Nichols and Nick Kroll



Holly Herrick

### THE VIBE:

The Sociable and celebrity crowd mingled seamlessly. Guests wore a combination of Texas-chic and high cocktail attire, with everyone feeling right at home in such a welcoming environment. Honorees and VIPs sauntered down the red carpet before joining in the crowd of adoring film fans who gave their congratulations for leaving a lasting impact on the film industry. The evening then turned from the meal catered by the Four Seasons Hotel to the program that featured a robust live auction that raised well into the six figures.

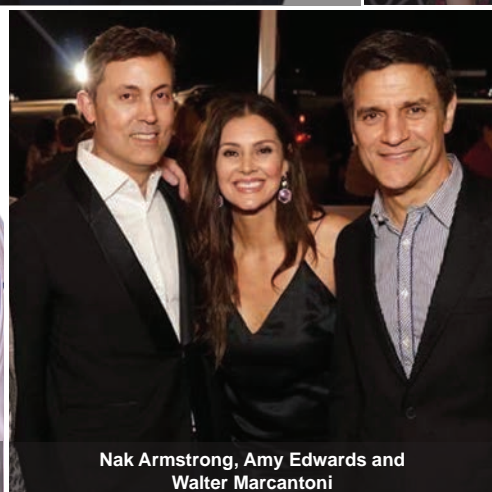
The evening then shifted to the main event to honor those who have left their indelible mark on Texas Film. This year's honorees included Hector Galán who received the Ann Richards Award, producer Sarah Green, filmmaker Jeff Nichols and Rising Star award recipient Tye Sheridan. Oscar-winning legend Shirley MacLaine was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award and also accepted The Star of Texas Award on behalf of one of the films for which she received an Academy Award for Best Actress, *Terms of Endearment*.



Sherri West and Armando Zambrano



Ross Moody



Nak Armstrong, Amy Edwards and Walter Marcantoni



Beverly Dale



Celeste and Adrian Quesada



Hector Galan and Henry Cisneros

### THE CAUSE:

The event, chaired by Suzanne Court and Lesya Milam, raised over \$700,000 dollars for the Austin Film Society, which provides programs to build a world-renowned film community by supporting filmmakers and promoting film culture. **S**

# ENTRANCE: SAN ANTONIO



Gardenia Club Luncheon



Cynthia Lambert, Lucille Hooker and Yolanda Wright



Kim Britsch, Siobhain Anders Buckley and Kathleen Mayes



Dede Deosch, Melissa Gonzalez and Sandra Trevino



Margaret Walker, Traci Williams, Denise Moser and Caroline Jackson

# SPRINGTIME SPLENDOR

## San Antonio Gardenia & Musical Club Luncheon Celebrates Fashion And Fine Arts

By *Jason Grosgrain* | Photography by *Greg Harrison*

### THE SCENE:

Imagine filigree balconies veiled in cascading flora, air filled with the exotic perfume of blossoms from hidden gardens, and the Vieux Carré decked in mysteries of secrets past and present. It was a glorious luncheon that unfolded on a recent sunny afternoon.



Claire Reynolds and Cynthia Parish



Tobin Hays and Olive Anne Kleberg



Joli Anderson and Carol O'Brien



Kristin Kellum and Beverly Brown



Taylor McDaniel and Savannah Brown



Sharron Batchelor and Carroll Dorsey Walker



Pam Embrey, Dita Osborn and Elise Cox



Mary Bush, Tricia Steves and Pam Gilbert



Becky Hermanson, Karen Presley and Laurie Wright



Carole Canales, Patty Hayes and Kathleen Gunn



Christi Tidwell and Vanna Orgen



Linda Miller, Cindy Ellis and Sheryl Cupatella



Anna Shaw, Robbie Casey and Alexa Persons

### THE VIBE:

The Oak Hills Country Club was the setting for the San Antonio Gardenia & Musical Club Luncheon, where guests were transported to New Orleans' French Quarter amongst extraordinary floral decorations by Tom Cardenas of R.T.C. Floristry. Attendees mingled in anticipation of the main event, the annual fashion show, a sensational runway of this season's best fashions, presented by Julian Gold.



Carolyn Biegler, Coutney Schultz, Debi Flume and Melissa Rubiola



Mary Bett Budenholder, Jan Briley, Brooke Bell and Britt Kleberg

### THE CAUSE:

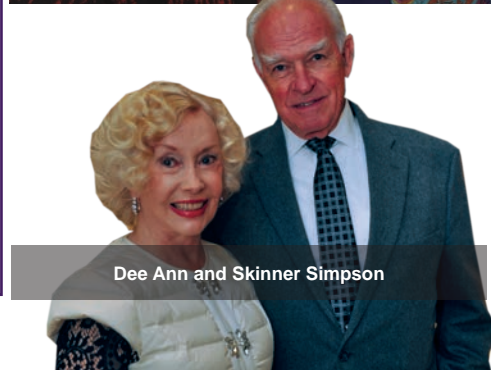
This year's annual luncheon was chaired by Sharron Batchelor, with co-chair Carroll Dorsey Walker. The Fashion Show Committee included president Siobhain Buckley, and members DeeAnn Simpson, Ann Rice, Pam Embrey and Pam Wagner. The San Antonio Gardenia and Musical Club was founded in 1960, with the mission of providing fine arts scholarships to deserving students who graduate from Bexar County high schools, enabling young scholars to continue their education at local colleges. The club also participates in the annual Battle of Flowers Texas Cavalier River Parade, the Annual Holliday River Parade and the King William Parade. **S**



Norma Reyes and Rhonda Kendall



Veronica Boldt and James Glover



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# LIFE OF THE PARTY

Every stellar event requires a team of professionals to produce the most memorable experience possible. We consulted the team who created Carolina Roberts' debutante party to learn their insider secrets to a five-star party's success...



## DANIEL HOLMAN, PHOTOGRAPHER

The hosts of the most successful events we have had the pleasure of photographing all understand the importance of choosing a fabulous planner and brilliant team of professionals to carry out their vision. They clearly communicated their desires and goals for the event before the day. On the day of the event, these incredible hosts relax, trust their amazing team and focus on enjoying each moment with the people around them. When guests see a host enjoying themselves it is contagious and an incredible event becomes an amazing experience. For more information visit [DanielHollmanStudios.com](http://DanielHollmanStudios.com)

*Photography by Daniel Holman*



## THE ST. ANTHONY HOTEL

Organization and attention to detail prior to the event is essential, it makes things run smoothly. However, there are always the "uh ohs" which we have to be ready to face. The key is to be flexible and to keep your cool. There is a solution, even if it's not what we planned. Those "uh ohs" end up making the best stories and at the end of a successful event, they just make the finish even sweeter because you overcome it. For more information visit [TheStAnthonyHotel.com](http://TheStAnthonyHotel.com).

*India and Dan Patterson, Photography by Amy DeYoung*

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*Photography by Jerry Hayes*



## MARQUEE EVENT GROUP

Marquee Tent Productions specializes in designing tents to fit the event visually and logistically. For this event in Travis Park, tents were made to fit around the statue of Colonel William Barret Travis in the center of the park and to fit the rest of the park for an elegant circus after party. With an installation of this size, it takes a lot of coordination and communication. We focus on our portion of the event and to work as a team with other vendors to accomplish the planners' vision. For more information visit [MarqueeEventGroup.com](http://MarqueeEventGroup.com).

*Photography by Daniel Holman*



## TRINITY FLOWERS & EVENTS

When it comes to hosting a wedding or important event it is important to remember to enjoy yourself, shares Danny Cuellar of Trinity Flowers. Since the night will go by so quickly, don't be afraid to break away from well-wishers and family to dance, relax and rejoice. For more information visit [TrinityFlowers.com](http://TrinityFlowers.com).

*Photography by David Sixt*






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Barry Roberts, Carolina Roberts and Elizabeth Roberts

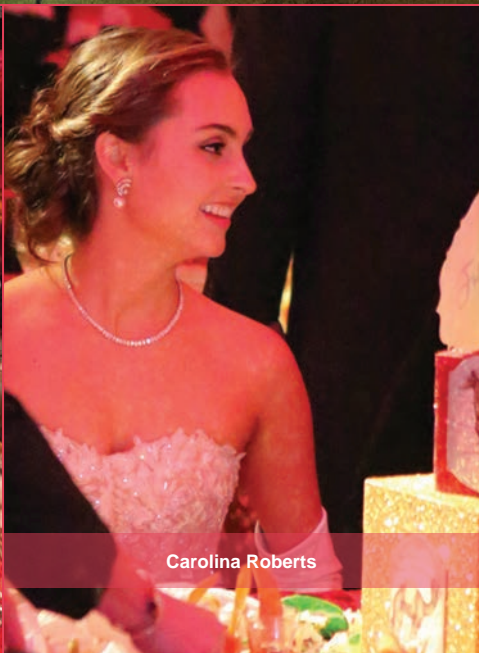






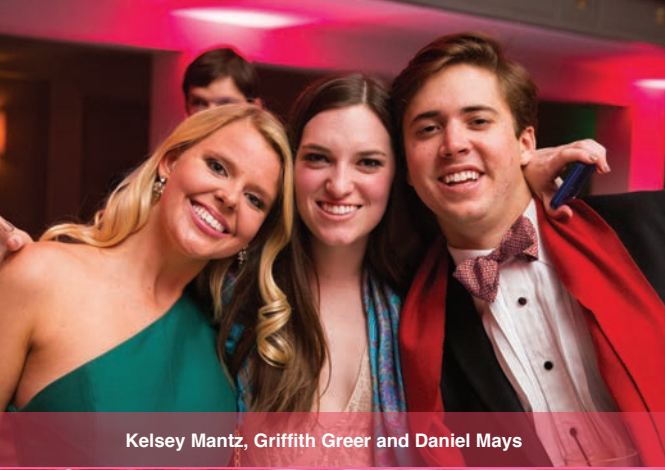
# QUE DU CAROLINA

Debutante Ball Of The Year Event Creates Dazzling Circus  
By Eleanora Leeper Morrison Photography by Daniel Holman and Lilianna Story



Carolina Roberts





Kelsey Mantz, Griffith Greer and Daniel Mays



Coates Roberts, Betty and Bob Kelso, Carolina Roberts, Barry and Elizabeth Roberts, Frances and Jim McAllen & Jay Roberts



Robert Schuler and Jenna Marshall



A.J. Lewis IV and Carolina Roberts

### COME ONE, COME ALL

*CIRQUE DU CAROLINA*, A GRAND TEXAS GATHERING for the books, drew crowds of family and friends in celebration of a timeless tradition that was artfully executed with a modern twist. It honored Carolina Roberts with a circus-themed debutante party like none seen before. The St. Anthony Hotel and its adjacent city-owned Travis Park were the historic sites chosen by the Roberts family to set the stage for their daughter's unforgettable celebration.

When preparing initial plans for her debutante to-do, Carolina had only two requests: that the stars of the party would be animals, and that her 1,200 guests would have an array of activities to keep

them entertained throughout the evening. Who would Barry and Elizabeth Roberts select to be the Ringmaster of their daughter Carolina's circus? None other than Billinda Wilkinson of Wilkinson Rhodes, of course. Wilkinson and her team of performance directors worked tirelessly for many months to capture just about every experience one could have at a circus... and to stage the event in the middle of downtown San Antonio, a feat unto itself.

### FUN FOR ALL AGES

Barry Roberts' sisters and grandmother all made their debuts in San Antonio through the German Club, and his daughter Carolina grew up hearing stories about these grand family parties that



Lilly Calvert, Kelsey Mantz, Griffith Greer, Jillian Fuhmann, Courtney Greer and Felicia Mannix

vibrantly celebrated a new chapter in each of their lives. Inspired by her aunt's circus-themed debutante ball on Ivy Lane in Terrell Hills years ago, Carolina knew she wanted to continue the family tradition thematically.

*Cirque Du Carolina* was a joyful celebration of just that: family. The event was an affair of great significance to the tightly knit Roberts family; not only was it Barry and Elizabeth's way to honor Carolina, but also their two younger sons Coates and Jay. The party was designed around their children and their entire extended family. In fact, the Roberts' felt strongly that this joyous celebration was one to be shared with everyone who attended. It was clear that this was an

event designed around their guests' experience first and foremost. Carolina's German Club debutante year was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that Barry and Elizabeth wanted to seize. Her younger brother Coates was also in on the planning of the entertainment, suggesting that there be a casino for his group of friends to enjoy.

### **WELCOME TO THE BIG TOP**

Guests arrived to the circus in style, donning their finest furs and evening winter coats, to find a full carnival awaiting them beneath a cluster of custom big top tents. Carolina, her German Club escort Charlie Fuhmann, and her family excitedly received their friends as they entered the venue. There was something for everyone to en-



Frank and Jenevieve Zoch



Clayton Comeaux and Casey Klein



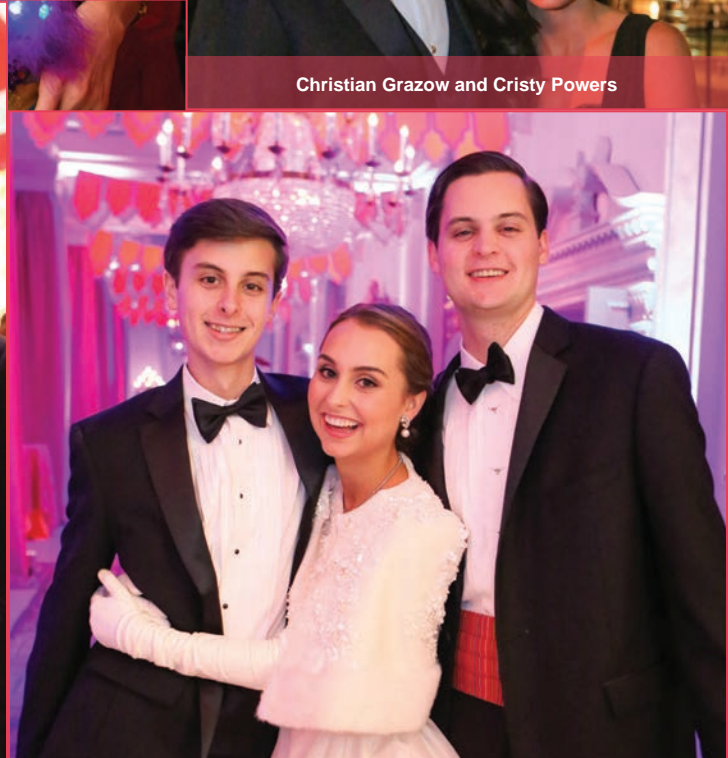
Martha and Hop Fuhrmann



Christian Grazow and Cristy Powers



Ana Paula and Mark Watson



Jay Roberts, Carolina Roberts and Coates Roberts

joy: midway games, animals, bites and beverages, big band sounds, casino games, face paints and henna tattoos, live sketch artists, Russian acrobats, a candy sugar artist, a cigar rolling station and even full-sized rides for the most daring guests.

Wilkinson Rhodes worked with Marquee Event Group to create the circus tents custom-made for Travis Park. The LED lighting created by ILIOS Lighting Design was placed strategically throughout the trees to create an ethereal effect that set the mood. The backdrop was beautiful: vintage yet *va va voom*. The crown jewel of the park setup was the 60-foot tall Ferris wheel that was transported from Kansas to the venue. A full-sized carousel was also staged

amongst the carnival activities and both attractions symbolized the evening's promise of a thrilling time, and proved to be focal points of the party all night long.

Guests were mesmerized by the array of animals roaming the grounds. Among Carolina's furry friends were a kissing Alpaca and a porcupine that ate kibble and sat in the laps of its human admirers. There were camels and zebras and "zonies," *oh my* (half zebra, half pony), a monkey that sat on partygoers' shoulders and posed for many a selfie, and other exotic animals that dropped in on the fun.



Kaitlyn Kay and Lauren DuPont,  
Allyson Poujol and Addie Clark



Brooke Yarborough and  
Luke Wiessler.jpg



Henry Nixon and Benjamin Bass



### GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

Among the Texas-flavored midway games was something for everyone: from Skee Ball to Balloon Pop, to Beer Bottle Ring Toss, Flippin' Chickens and Knock 'Em Down, the mood was as light as a trapeze artist. Henna tattoos and face paints also drew crowds. The biggest crowd of all, however, was lined up all night to have their backs live-sketches by the nationally known entertainment artist The Butt Sketcher. Friends and family were enamored by the chance of posing for a frame-worthy party favor, and the lines kept the artist sketching until the wee hours of the morning.

Performers under the tents welcomed and engaged guests as they

sipped and snacked. Mr. Fabulous, the Frank Sinatra-style band from Austin crooned during cocktail hour, while Russian acrobats wowed the crowd with their athleticism. Shan The Candy Artist from California intricately spun sugar into edible animals on a stick as family and friends of all ages looked on in wonder and amazement.

There was Fluffpop Gourmet Cotton Candy for those with a sweet tooth, and even the popular Austin food truck Gour dough's Big Fat Donuts made an appearance before the night was over, finishing off the sweetest event of the year with some sinfully savory dough-based treats such as *The Mother Clucker*, a hearty-sized donut topped with fried chicken and honey butter.



Lynn Huntress, Dottie Cooper and Linda Satel



Britt Kleberg, Margaret Walker and Anne Seay

Alexis and Waddy Armstrong.jpg



Jack Lewis and Sallie Lewis Longoria



Thomas and Christine Tyng



A.J. Lewis IV and Carolina Roberts



Alanna Flores and Madeline Hanfield



Kate Dukes, Ward Sheffield, Emmy Clark and Ben Burnett



Dwight and Bonnie Chumbley

### STEP RIGHT UP

As the cocktail hour came to a close, the party was still just beginning. Guests were guided to the grand front entrance of the recently refurbished St. Anthony Hotel by life-sized letters in each front window that were illuminated and spelled the honoree's name. The fuchsia hues of the LED lighting cast throughout the entire ground floor of the historic hotel (referred to as the Waldorf of the West when it opened in 1909) lured people through the lobby, where jumbo-sized topiaries in the likeness of Dumbo and life-sized jester dolls beckoned wanderers inside to witness the real performers' tricks: dinner and dancing.

The hotel's Peacock Alley was transformed into a feast for the eyes. With custom circus festooning that draped the main corridor, coupled with bold tablescapes and florals by Danny Cuellar, the stage was set for the second half of the cirque extravaganza. Custom vintage inspired *Cirque Du Carolina* posters marked the entrance to the alley, and large tapestries with her initials hung with pride. Animal ice sculptures were placed throughout the cocktail areas while harlequin clown dolls dangled daringly from the fireplace.

After the party was reaching a fever pitch Carolina made a quick change from her white ball gown by Reem Acra to her sequined mermaid-skirted dancing dress custom-made by local designer Ja-



Carolina Roberts



Taylor and Cynthia Collins



Grady and Sissy Roberts



Alex Bathie, Phillip Pinkston and Stephen Pitt



Carolina Roberts and Charlie Fuhrmann



Virgil Rosser



Lisa and Kelly Sechler



Steve and Susan Lewis

vier Castillo, and the celebrations kicked off on the state-of-the-art LED dance floor in the Anacacho Ballroom to the lively sounds of Libido, a Miami-based entertainment band with high energy and fresh sounds hand-selected by Carolina herself. The Roberts family radiated joy and fun: Barry danced with Caroline, Elizabeth danced with the crowd and the entire family boogied well into the night and enjoyed every moment with their guests.

As they say, after the show is the after party, and this one did not disappoint. DJ Rooney from New York City started the late night entertainment at midnight and had all of the youngsters cutting foot-loose into the early morning hours. Even the members of the Libido

band stayed after their performance to keep dancing with the crowd. As the night wound down, compliments were handed to the chefs at the hotel since the culinary experience of the event was curated and prepared by The St. Anthony Hotel team from start to finish.

**CURTAIN CALL**

All good things must come to and end, and eventually it came time for the cast of *Cirque Du Carolina* to give their final curtain call. Guests took one last romantic spin on the Ferris wheel, one more rotation on the carousel before they bid Carolina and her family adieu. The event only lasted for one night, yet the memories of leading her own traveling circus will stay with this darling debutante forever. **S**



### SPARKLE & SHINE

With eleven rows of over 23 ct. of white diamonds, Sidney Garber packed a sparkle punch in this stunning bracelet. \$91,500. Availability and photo courtesy of Barneys.

### GORGEOUS GYPSETTER

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### SLEEK STATEMENT

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# CHERISH





# ADORE

## YOU KEEP ME HANGIN' ON

Crafted by master glass blowers in France, this Saint Louis Crystal chandelier will be the new focal point of your home. \$59,500. Availability and photo courtesy of Neiman Marcus.

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### MAD FOR PLAID

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### NAILED IT

From the runway to your nails, Balmain Paris Hair Couture's nail varnish set was inspired by the house's ready-to-wear collections and include a glossy gold, metallic black and pearlescent ivory. \$110. Availability and photo courtesy of Net-A-Porter.

# ADMIRE

### EVERYTHING'S COMING UP ROSES

Literally blooming with style, these Dolce & Gabbana black satin strappy sandals will say, "I Love You" with every step. \$1995. Availability and photo courtesy of Barneys.



### SUMMER BLACK TIE

Every man needs the finishing touches for summer weddings and galas, so why not choose this Brioni Italian silk cummerbund and tie set for extra dash? \$545. At NeimanMarcus.com

### GET THE PICTURE?

Take your tech on-trend with this Kate Spade leather folio case with playful point-and-shoot camera appliqué. \$128. Availability and photo courtesy of Kate Spade.



### WORKING FOR THE WEEKEND

Prada's new nylon weekender duffel bag with saffiano leather details is perfect for a quick trip to Vegas or heck, St. Tropez. \$1180. At Prada.

# LOVE

### SOMETHING IN THE AIR TONIGHT

They say a woman's perfume speaks more about her than her handwriting and this fragrance is even more uniquely special. Viktor & Rolf created only twenty-five of their Flowerbomb Swarovski limited edition fragrance. \$2500. Availability and photo courtesy of Neiman Marcus.



### FLY LIKE A BUTTERFLY

The delicate Jen Hansen butterfly pendant is given an edge with Pavé diamonds set in 14kt gold on slate. \$2,495. Availability and photo courtesy of Julian Gold.



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### REALLY REGAL

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### TRAVELIN' LIGHT

Our advice to the Grad? Go anywhere, do everything...all in high style with this suitcase by Brunello Cucinelli. \$5,195. At [Bergdorf Goodman](http://Bergdorf Goodman).

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# TREASURE



### BEST FACE FORWARD

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# DELIGHT



### MONSTER COOL

This It-Bag by Fendi is eye-catching in velvet featuring embroidered flowers on front and the iconic Monster eyes on back. \$9900. Availability and photo courtesy of Neiman Marcus.

### TURN, TURN, TURN

For the hip music-loving grad moving into their first big city high-rise, this sleek vertical turntable provides hi-fi sound yet leaves a narrow footprint. It's a great decorative statement piece, too. \$350. At Neiman Marcus.



### NOW HOLD EVERYTHING

The Gucci briefcase has a more structured, streamlined silhouette. In black leather with antique brass hardware. \$3400. At Gucci.



### IN THE SWIM OF THINGS

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# HONOR

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### POCKET SELECTOR

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# EMBRACE



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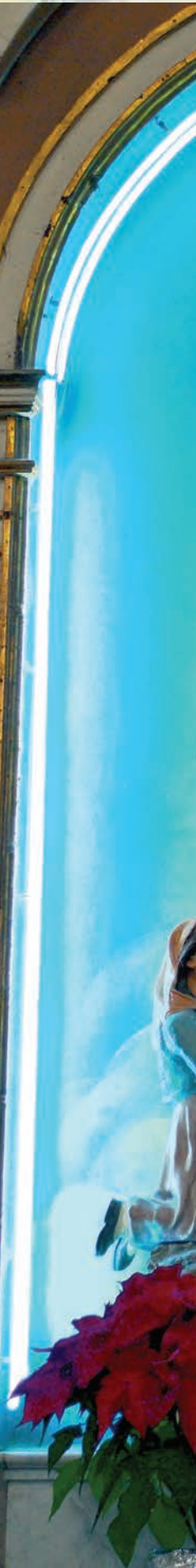


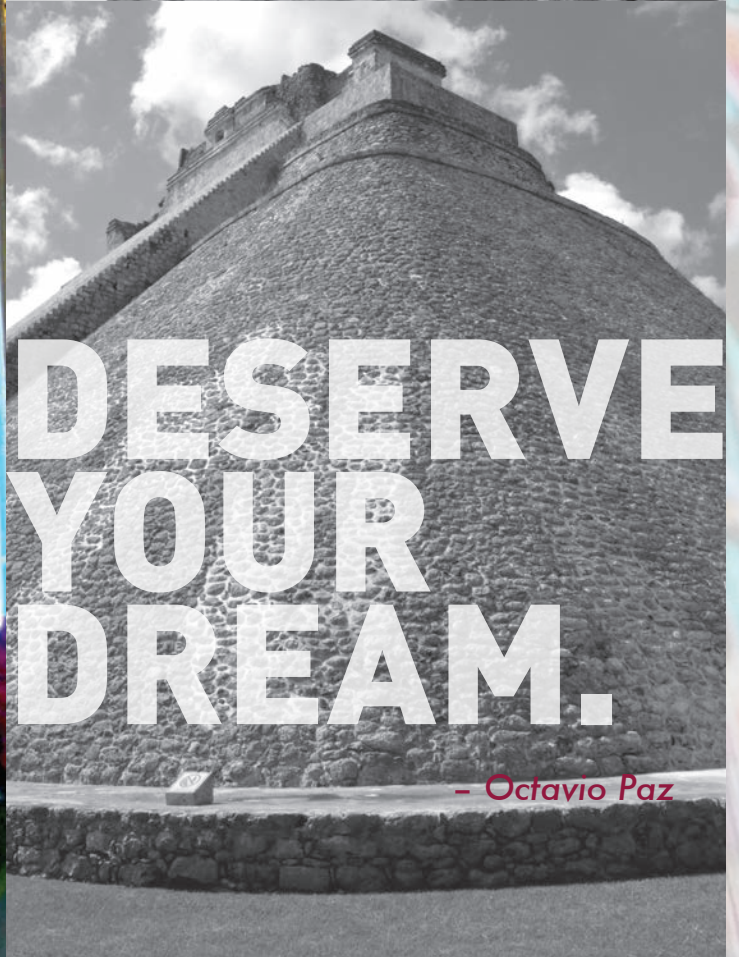
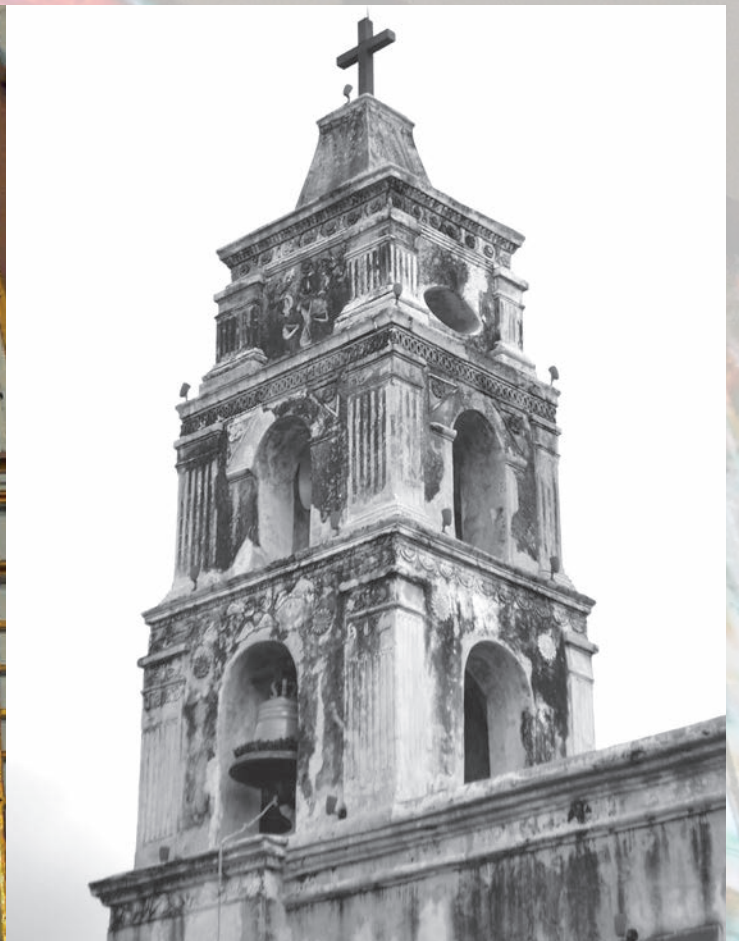




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LAND.**

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Roland Maldonado and Carolyn Farb

## THE SCENE:

An adoring crowd of 600 women recently gathered for lunch at the Marriott Marquis in downtown Houston for the 35th Annual Best Dressed Luncheon. The 2017 *Houston Chronicle* Best Dressed honorees were Jana Arnoldy, Carrie Brandsberg-Dahl, Carolyn Dorros, Mary D'Andrea, Gina Gaston Elie, Lisa Holthouse, Carol Linn, Clerenda McGrady, Sneha Merchant and Jessica Rossman. The women were recognized for their philanthropic endeavors as well as their chic sense of style.



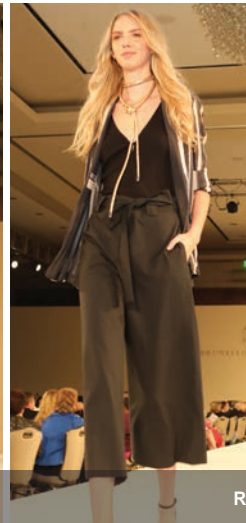
Holly Radom, Valerie Dieterich and Elizabeth Abraham



Barbara Van Postman, Diane Lokey Farb and Dana Kervin



Mario Elie and Gina Gaston Elie



Runway fashion by Neiman Marcus



Lucinda Loya, Gina Gaston Elie, Shelly Hendry, Kafi Slaughter and Tiffany Smith

### THE VIBE:

The 35th Annual Houston Chronicle Best Dressed Luncheon and Neiman Marcus fashion presentation was one of Houston's highest profile and most popular fashion shows that not only celebrated the 2017 Best Dressed Women of Houston, but also raised funds for the March of Dimes. This year's featured designer was Brunello Cucinelli with the show introduced by Neiman Marcus Fashion Director Ken Downing.



Isabel David and Kristy Bradshaw



Tracy Faulkner and Staci Henderson



Laura Davenport and Sippi Khurana

### THE CAUSE:

Helmed by co-chairs Kristy Bradshaw and Isabel Davis, the event raised over half a million dollars for the March of Dimes mission to prevent birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Funds raised by the luncheon support lifesaving research and community programs in Houston that help moms have healthy, full-term pregnancies. Next year's Best Dressed Luncheon chairs Laura Davenport and Sippi Khurana were also announced at the luncheon. **S**



Lester and Sue Smith



Mary D'Andrea, Jennifer Gammill, Stacey Stewart and Gina Bhatia



Carol Linn, Gina Gaston



Michelle Smith, Millette Sherman and Rachel Regan



Katie Arnoldy, Jana Arnoldy and Lindley Arnoldy



Claire Cormier and Brian McCulloch



Kim Padgett and Jeff Shell



Bobby and Stephanie Cavender



Kristin and Dick Tips



Dori Contreras and Roger Perez

# GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

## The World Affairs Council Hosts Former First Lady Laura Bush

By Jason Grosgrain | Photography by Greg Harrison

### THE SCENE:

Over 1,000 distinguished guests attended The World Affairs Council of San Antonio annual Citizen of the Year Award Dinner at the Marriot Rivercenter. Laura Bush, former First Lady of the United States, was the keynote speaker for the event. After enjoying a sumptuous gourmet dinner, guests enjoyed the award ceremony, during which Nancy and Edward Steves were honored as International Citizens of the Year in recognition of their commitment to forging a greater understanding of global issues.



Edward and Nancy Steves

Megan and Sam Bell Steves, III



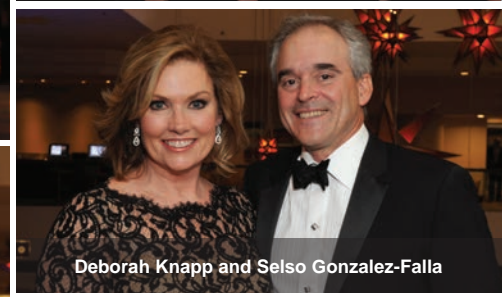
Harry and Eleanor Halff



Triana and Brandon Grossman & Katy Shelton



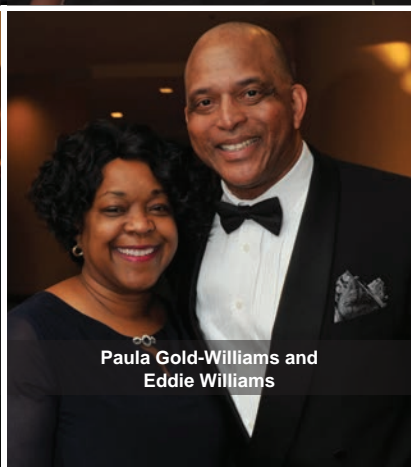
Donald and Yvonne Gonzalez & Christina and Eddie Aldrete



Deborah Knapp and Selso Gonzalez-Falla



Sarah and Sam Bell Steves, II



Paula Gold-Williams and Eddie Williams

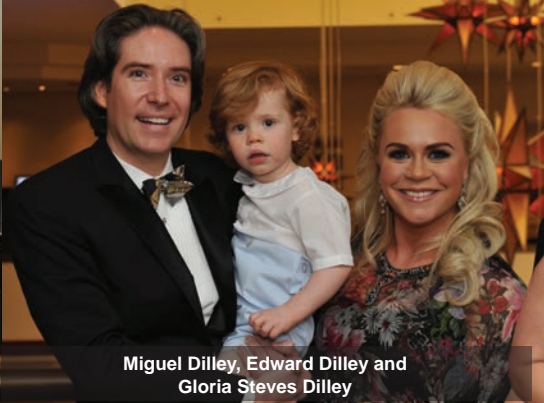


Mary Lamar and Gary Leyendecker



Haifa Ismain and Maher Dayeh





Miguel Dilley, Edward Dilley and Gloria Steves Dilley



Daniela Serna, Kristal Taber and Clare Duffin



Leland Stone, Hon. Ivy Taylor and Neil Schneuker



Katy Silva and Juan Leon



Michael Dennis, Cathy and Lionel Sosa & Patricia Dennis



Haven Jackson and Milton Charles



Mary Henrich, Phil and Linda Hardberger & Dr. William Henrich



Kay and Randy Harig

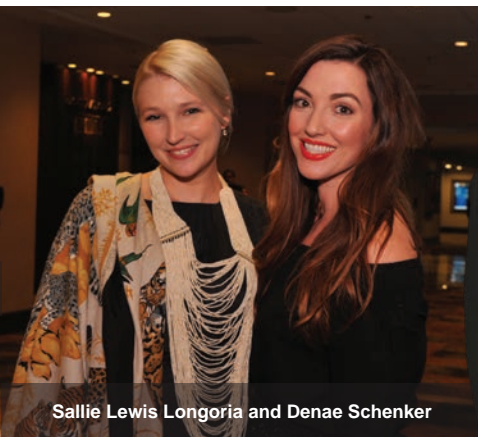


### THE VIBE:

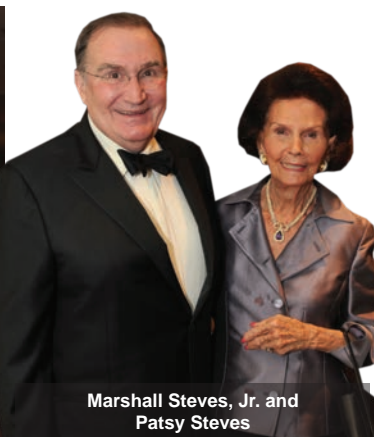
After the Award Ceremony, Former First Lady Laura Bush gave her keynote address. A leading voice for spreading freedom and promoting human rights across the globe, Mrs. Bush is a strong supporter of literacy, education, and women's rights. Her powerful speech underscored the theme of the evening, emphasizing the importance of making a positive impact as a global citizen. Honorees Edward Galt Steves and his wife Nancy live their lives as global citizens. They follow in the footsteps of the late Edward Steves who emigrated to the United States from Germany, and started Ed Steves Sash and Door in 1866. The San Antonio-based company, now known as Steves & Sons, recently celebrated 150 years in business and Steves serves as its CEO.

### THE CAUSE:

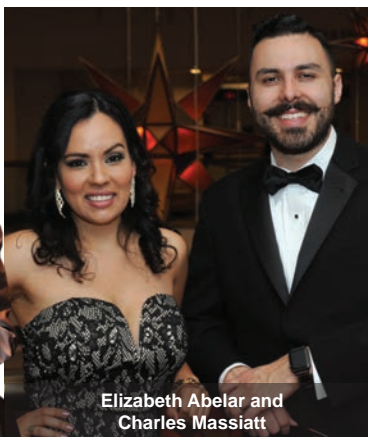
The dinner supports the World Affairs Council of San Antonio in its mission to promote public understanding of world affairs, and to help the community and future leaders participate as global citizens. **S**



Sallie Lewis Longoria and Dena Schenker



Marshall Steves, Jr. and Patsy Steves



Elizabeth Abelar and Charles Massiatt



Carla and John Andre



Chad and Courtney Taylor



Laura Dickson and Kara Nichols





Helping Hand Ball Presentation Debutantes and Escorts. Photography by James French

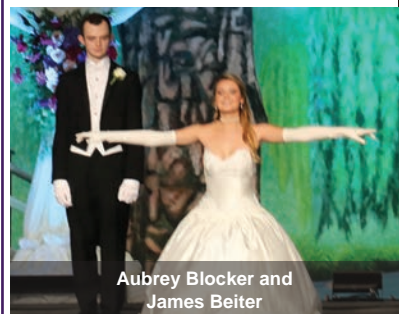
# HOPE HAPPENING

Helping Hand Home Debs Presented At Gala, Honored At Brunch

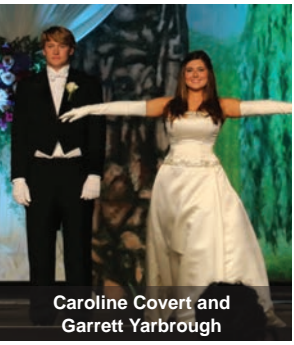
By *Rose Betty Williams* | Photography by *Rose Betty Williams*

## THE SCENE:

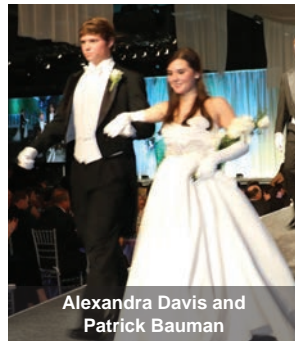
The Helping Hand Society recently hosted its 74th annual Crystal Ball black tie debutante presentation gala at the Palmer Events Center. Thirty-six debutantes, their escorts and junior escorts were presented along with 115 Helping Hand Ninth Grade Girls and Boys and 40 First Grade Princesses. A capacity crowd of Society members, guests, participants, their families and friends, gala sponsors and HHH supporters enjoyed a Champagne and Mimosa Brunch with Catering by Rosemary, followed by the gala in the evening featuring cocktails and wine, a silent auction, the debutante presentation, dinner by Catering by Rosemary and dancing to Memphis Train.



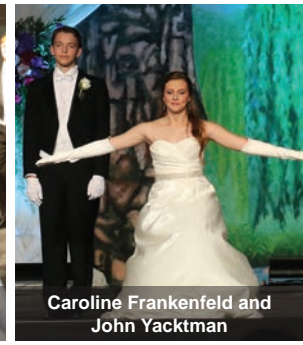
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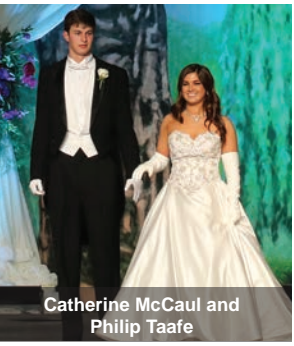
Caroline Covert and Garrett Yarbrough



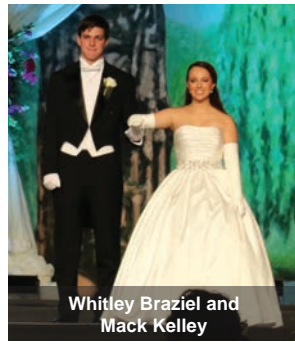
Alexandra Davis and Patrick Bauman



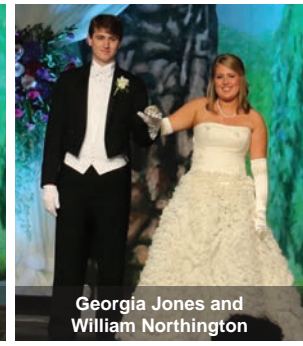
Caroline Frankenfeld and John Yackman



Catherine McCaul and Philip Taafe



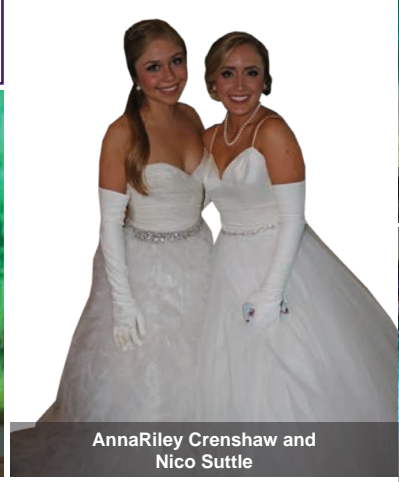
Whitley Braziel and Mack Kelley



Georgia Jones and William Northington



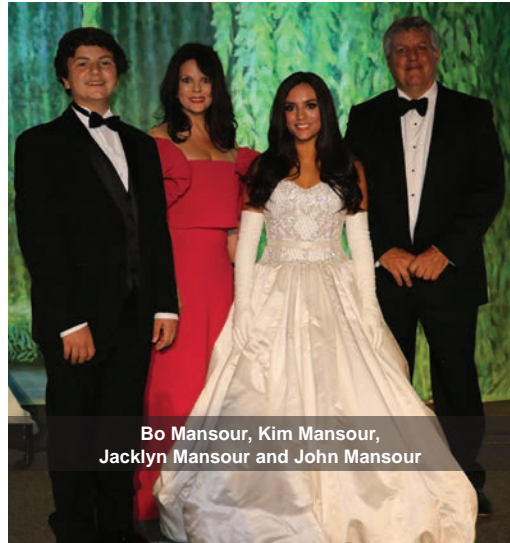
Allison Klein and Reed Elenz



AnnaRiley Crenshaw and Nico Suttle



Mason and Kimberley Ezell, Chloe Ezell, Mark Ezell, Sarah Ballard, Buddie and Julie Ballard, Sam Ballard and Ben Ballard.



Bo Mansour, Kim Mansour, Jacklyn Mansour and John Mansour



Cami Hawkins, Madi Hawkins and Elizabeth Snider



### THE VIBE:

The 2017 Helping Hand Crystal Ball stunning debutantes presented were: Madalena Elizabeth Almanza, Margaret Rose Arendes, Yates Marie Auler, Katherine Beatrice Baker, Sarah Cloys Ballard, Kathleen Ruth Bashur, Aubrey Kelley Blocker, Whitley Elizabeth Braziel, Sofia Caroline Burnett, Lee Madison Cardwell, Caroline Wells Covert, AnnaRiley Danielle Crenshaw, Alexandra Jane Davis, Sarah Jane Edelman, Caroline Louise Frankenfeld, Cristina Nicole Garcia, Madaline Elizabeth Hawkins, Lindsey Louise Holubec, Mary Caroline Johnson, Grace Margaret Johnston, Georgia Jones, Allison Marie Klein, Collin Anne Long, Jaclyn Elaine Mansour, Catherine Jewell McCaul, Gabrielle Sophie Montemayor, Grace Isabela Nash, Annalise Harms Plater, Annabelle Margaret Regan, Lindsey Nicole Reynolds, Caroline Elizabeth Rogers, Kathryn Rebecca Sharplin, Virginia Fontaine Simmons, Elizabeth Tucker Smith, Nicoleta Hope Suttle and Caroline Lee Weber.



Bonnie and Ron Franklin & Nancy Peters



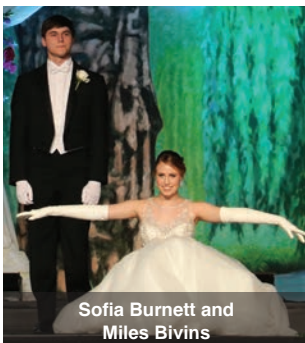
Carol and Tim Crowley



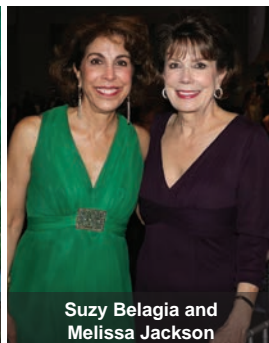
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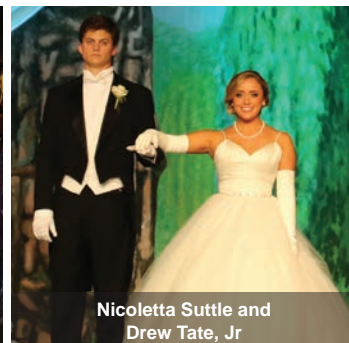
Grace Johnston and David Franklin



Sofia Burnett and Miles Bivins



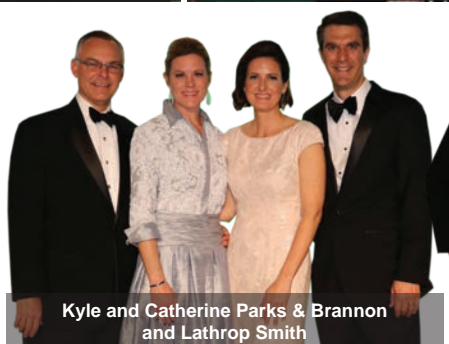
Suzy Belagia and Melissa Jackson



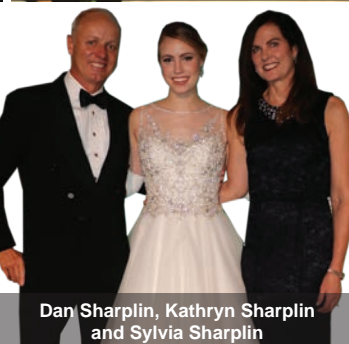
Nicoletta Suttle and Drew Tate, Jr



Kathryn Sharplin, Spencer Hudson and John Houston



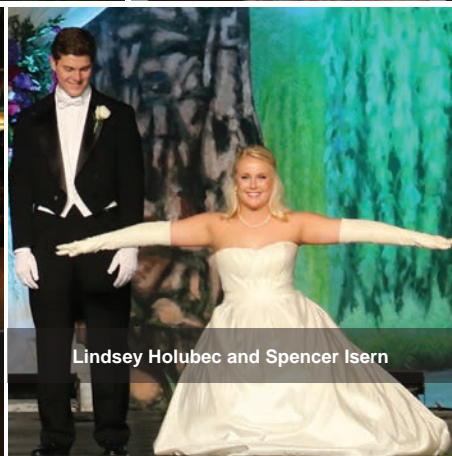
Kyle and Catherine Parks & Brannon and Lathrop Smith



Dan Sharplin, Kathryn Sharplin and Sylvia Sharplin



Megan Houser and Sheri Maund



Lindsey Holubec and Spencer Isern



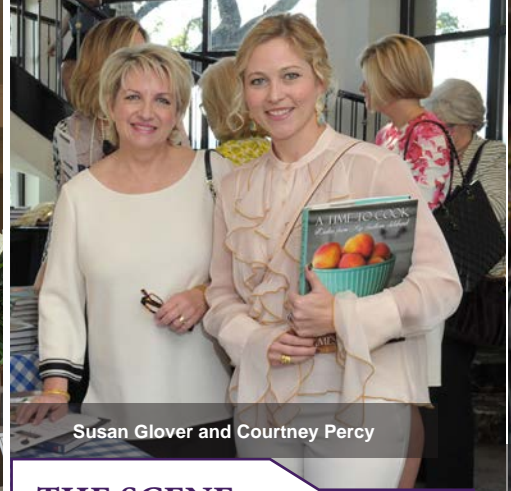
Madalena Almanza and Matthew Duke

### THE CAUSE:

The Crystal Ball is the largest fundraiser for Helping Hand Home for Children. This year's gala, co-chaired by Catherine Parks and Brannon Smith, raised more than \$1.1 million in support of Helping Hand Home's mission to provide a nurturing and therapeutic home for severely abused and neglected children. Through its residential treatment center, onsite charter school and a growing foster and adoption program, Helping Hand Home combines loving care, professional treatment and innovative services that deliver real results. "Hope Happens Here" is not only Helping Hand Home's motto, it is what the Home does each day to help the children it serves reclaim their childhood and be restored to healthy family settings. **S**



Caroline Schupbach, Peggy Mays and Lisa Sechler



Susan Glover and Courtney Percy

# GOURMET SOIRÉE

## Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Of San Antonio Host Master Cooking Class & Luncheon

By Jason Grosgrain | Photography by Greg Harrison



Carolyn Biedenbarn, DeeAnn Wilson and Courtney Pruitt



Licie Hollis and Alice Foults



Diana Schmidt, Barbara Dreeban and Amy White



James Farmer



### THE SCENE:

The San Antonio Country Club was the scene of a day filled with extraordinary events, all for a great cause. The Pi Beta Phi sorority alumnae presented Gourmet Soirée, a special social experience featuring James T. Farmer, III. Southern born and bred, Farmer is a professional garden, floral and interior designer, as well as an accomplished cook and author of several best-selling cookbooks.

### THE VIBE:

Guests were treated to a master cooking class with chef Farmer, where he masterfully guided the audience through the art of elegant living. Afterward, guests enjoyed a delicious luncheon consisting of the spinach salad, boneless fried chicken and southern biscuits James Farmer had demonstrated on stage, which provided the finishing touch for a day of exquisite Epicureanism.

### THE CAUSE:

Proceeds from this year's Gourmet Soirée benefited literacy efforts at SA Life Academy, a day program recently started by Pi Phi's very own Boynton family which is devoted to adult learners with intellectual and developmental disabilities in San Antonio. Proceeds also supported Pi Beta Phi's book cart at the Children's Hospital of San Antonio as well as Pi Beta Phi national philanthropies. The founders and co-chairs of Gourmet Soirée are Caroline Schupbach, Texas Alpha '87, and Lisa Sechler, Texas Alpha '87. Peggy Mays, Texas Alpha '56, was the Diamond Angel underwriter. C.H. Guenther & Son, Inc. and The Guenther House provided underwriting of favors. The Tiny Finch and Courtney Beauchamp, Texas Alpha '94, were Sapphire Supporters. Additional support was provided by Jefferson Bank and Hotel Emma. **S**



Elizabeth Lyons and Joan Woodley



Katie Oliver, Estee Kellogg and Tisha Beck



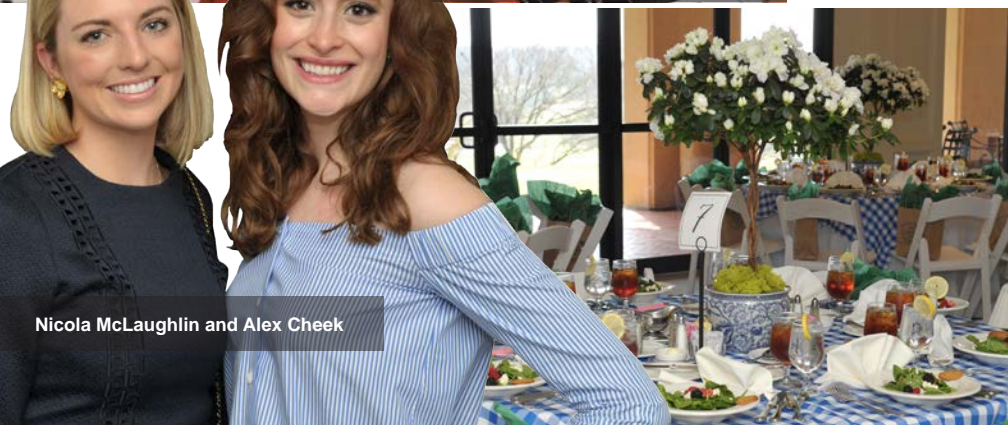
Lucia Carter, Margaret Walker, Elizabeth Hale and Tricia Smith



Sally Hill, Leslie Miller and Ashley Longoria



Randy Southerland, Nicole Hatter and Amy Case



Nicola McLaughlin and Alex Cheek



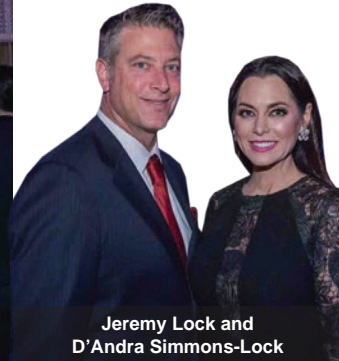
Vicki McLaughlin, Laura Cheek Hirsch and Vivian Bathie



Bonnie and Nathan Shea



Georgia and Marc Lyons



Jeremy Lock and D'Andra Simmons-Lock



Barbara and Dr. Jeffrey Adelglass

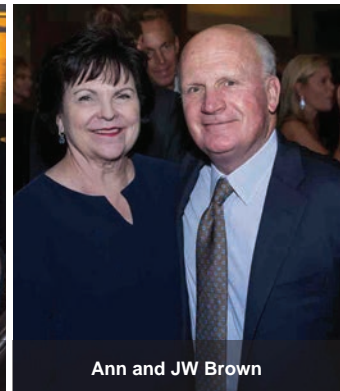
# DINE & DELIGHT

## Symphony of Chefs Celebrates Seventh Year

By *Cynthia Smoot* | Photography by *Thomas Garza Photography*



Chad Houser with table guests



Ann and JW Brown

### THE SCENE:

The 7th Annual Symphony of Chefs benefitting KidLinks was held at the newly renovated and renamed Eddie Bernice Johnson Union Station. *Good Morning Texas* co-host Jane McGarry served as emcee for the evening and got in on the action when she joined Tim Willett on stage for the culinary experiences live auction. The unforgettable night began with an hors d'oeuvres reception featuring rising star chefs: Jan Loov of Texas Spice, Benjamin Maulsby of Happiest Hour, and Juan Orocio of 4R Ranch Vineyards & Winery. Guests then entered the Grand Hall for a seated 4-course dinner prepared tableside by featured chefs, with each course paired with wine selected by winemaker Willem Johnson of 4R Ranch Vineyards and Winery, as well as a specialty cocktail using luxury cognac Hennessy V.S.O.P Privilège crafted by Joshua Hendrix, Hennessy Brand Mixologist.



DSQ Electric



Cynthia Smoot and Jane McGarry



Yutaka Yamato



LeeAnne Locken



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Jeramie Robison

## ARRIVAL: DALLAS

### THE VIBE:

Each of the 24 tables had a designated chef who prepared their own unique menu tableside. The evening concluded with a decadent dessert reception by incredible Pastry Chefs Dunia Borga of LaDuni Baking Studio, Tina Miller of Proper Baking Company, and Tida Pichakron + Gianni Santin of Haute Sweets Patisserie. Attendees left with a custom cookbook featuring recipes from each of the participating chefs. Hamilton A Sneed and the team at HAS Events truly took this evening to new heights, making the seventh year anniversary of Symphony of Chefs exciting for all in attendance.

### THE CAUSE:

This culinary-infused evening was led by honorary chairs D'Andra Simmons-Lock and Jeremy Lock, event co-chairs Georgia & Marc Lyons and Bonnie & Nathan Shea, and honorary chair chef Salvatore Gisellu with Urban Family Restaurants. The event was made possible in part by presenting sponsors Mason & Allen Custard, Emily & Bruce Robson and Kaari & James Wicklund. Funds raised from the evening will support KidLinks' efforts to provide healing experiences for the special needs of children through the therapeutic power of music — a unique mission that seeks to enrich the lives of children everywhere through songs of health, healing and happiness. 



Richard Chamberlain and staff



Tiffany Derry



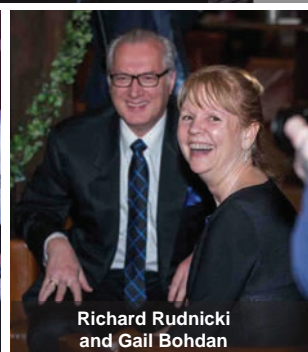
Salvatore Gisellu



Greg Fasullo and Ashley Berges



Robert James Clifford



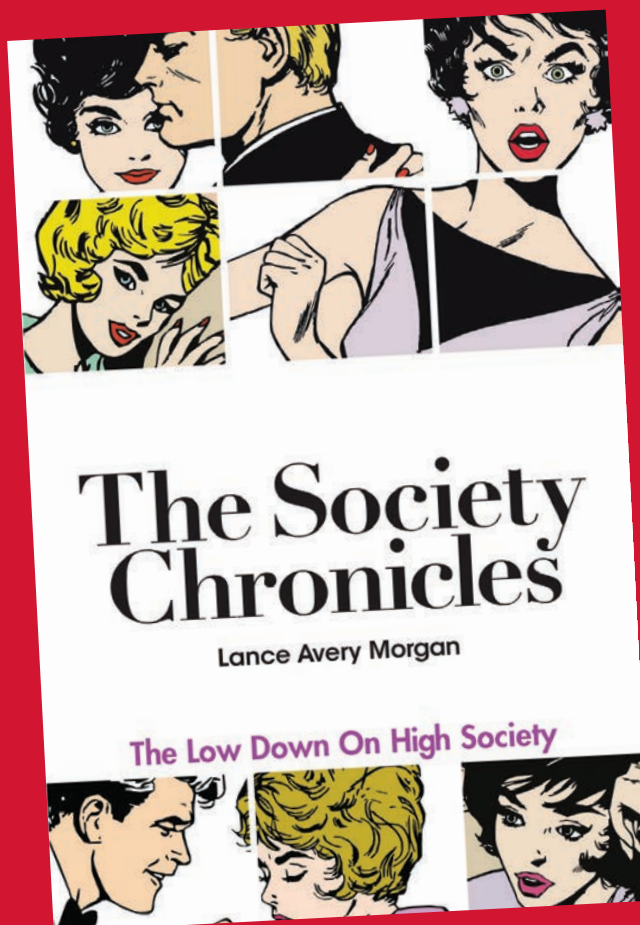
Richard Rudnicki and Gail Bohdan



Nathan and Bonnie Shea, Diana Crawford and Kenneth Fuquay & Georgia and Marc Lyons

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# A DECADE OF HEARTS

The Rise School Of Austin's Heart & Soul Luncheon Celebrates 10 Years

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by McKenzie Coronado



Ruby Mae and Brian Magierski



Felicia Hester, Donna Stockton-Hicks and Vicki Roberts

## THE SCENE:

The JW Marriott in downtown Austin was the setting for one of the year's most anticipated and fashionable luncheons. The 315 sociably chic guests who were on hand to celebrate a decade of The Rise School Of Austin's Heart & Soul luncheon showcased the best of Austin – its unique style and incredible sense of philanthropy.

## THE VIBE:

As guests ascended the escalators to the ballroom foyer, they were greeted with many familiar faces that effortlessly mixed with the newcomers, which created a fun and spirited energy. Attendees bid on the dozens of luxury handbags that featured something for everyone to browse and buy. The selection included an array of national brands including Chloe, Louis Vuitton, Tiffany & Co., Gucci and Michael Kors as well as custom, one-of-a-kind bags from local clothing boutiques including Estilo, By George, Raven + Lily and Kick Pleat. Those seeking other types of accessories had the chance to bid on jewelry from Eliza Page, Kendra Scott and Liz James.

The action then turned to the ballroom where guests dined on a delicious lunch, as emcee Matt Swinney helmed an hour that combined fun with a tug of the heartstrings. The program featured a father/child fashion show where past and present Rise School students modeled clothes as walked the runway escorted by their fathers.

## THE CAUSE:

The event, chaired by Leslie Easterling and Susanna Murray, raised over \$226,000 for The Rise School of Austin, which provides an inclusive and diverse educational environment for children ages six and younger, where both traditional learners and learners with mild developmental disabilities learn to thrive. **S**



Cater Joseph Sr. and Cater Joseph Jr.



Gracie Bomely and Chris Bomely



Jackson May and Jonathan May



Corra Dunigan, Breccan Dunigan, Declan Dunigan and Ed Dunigan



Emma Relyea and Rick Relyea



Clay Cary and Al Koehler

Carolyn Bryant, Emily Greer, Ellen Burt and Porter Thompson



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May 1-13

Toast of the Town Parties  
St. David's Foundation  
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May 3

Doing The Most Good Luncheon  
salvationarmyaustin.org

May 3

One Word at a Time  
Austin Speech Labs  
austinspeechlabs.org

May 5

Diamond Chefs Gala  
Texas School for the Deaf  
tsdfoundation.org

May 6

Red, Hot & Soul  
Zachary Scott Theatre zachtheatre.org

May 12

Reach for the Stars  
Ann Richards School Foundation  
annrichardsschool.org

May 18-21

Hot Luck Food & Music Festival  
SAFE Alliance  
hotluckfest.com

June 10

Man & Woman of the Year Grand Finale  
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
mwoy.org

## DALLAS

May 2

Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Fashion  
Show  
and Luncheon  
The Salvation Army  
uss.salvationarmy.org

May 6

House of DIFFA  
DIFFA  
diffa.org

May 6

Centerstage 2017  
Dallas Theater Center  
dallastheatercenter.org

May 6

Day at the Races  
Lee Park Conservancy  
leeparkconservancy.org

May 9

Leadership Awards Dinner  
Dallas Women's Foundation  
dallaswomensfdn.org

May 11

Arts Performance Event  
feat. Kenny Loggins  
Vogel Alcove  
vogelalcove.org

May 12

Party on the Green  
TACA  
taca-arts.org

May 16

Centennial Luncheon Celebration  
Dallas County Medical Society Alliance  
dcmsaf.org

June 3

Encore for Advocacy  
Dallas Children's Advocacy Center  
dcac.org

June 10

La Fiesta de las Seis Banderas Presentation Gala  
La Fiesta de las Seis Banderas  
lafiestaparkcities.com

June 21

Midsummer Mingle  
Amon Carter Museum of American History  
cartermuseum.org

## HOUSTON

May 5

Giving Back to the Future  
Nora's Home  
norashome.org

May 6

Glassell School of Art Benefit & Auction  
The Glassell School  
mfah.org

May 6

Alley Theatre Ball  
Alley Theatre  
alleytheatre.org

May 11

A Grand Occasion  
The Rothko Chapel  
rothkochapel.org

May 12

Haute for Hope Fashion Show  
and Luncheon  
Star of Hope  
sohmission.org

May 12

Go Red for Women Luncheon  
American Heart Association  
ahahouston.org

May 12

Houston Symphony Ball  
Houston Symphony  
houstonsymphony.org

May 16

An Evening with a Legend  
Texas Children's Cancer Center  
texaschildrens.org

June 2

St. Jude Gold Luncheon  
St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital  
stjude.org

## SAN ANTONIO

May 6

Cinco de Derby  
San Antonio Public Library Foundation  
saplf.org

May 17

San Antonio Humanitarian  
Award Luncheon  
National Jewish Health  
njhealth.org

May 18-21

Culinaria Festival  
culinariasa.org

May 20

Reaching Generations Gala  
Arms of Hope  
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Motherhood Luncheon  
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