2017 Friends of Fondren Library Gala

Honoring the
D. Kent and Linda Anderson Family

Auction Program

March 2, 2017 • River Oaks Country Club • Houston, Texas
The Friends of Fondren Library

and

Liz Howard Crowell, Gala Chair

welcome you to

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Auction Program and Guidelines

To place a bid on a silent auction item, place your personal bar code next to the bid amount on the bidding sheet. Please be sure that the number on the item corresponds with the number on the bid sheet. The value, minimum bid and bid increments are listed on each bid sheet. Be careful not to place your bar code sticker on top of another bidder’s sticker.

Payment in full by cash, check, MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover is required at the end of the evening. You will be issued a receipt for your tax records. All hand portable items must be removed at the conclusion of the evening. Arrangements must be made for the removal of any large items.

Neither the committee nor the Friends of Fondren Library assumes responsibility for the condition of the items. No guarantee, except that of the manufacturer if applicable, is either expressed or implied. All items in this auction have been donated for the 2017 Friends of Fondren Library Gala event and cannot be exchanged.

The advertised minimum bid is the lowest price at which a bidder can purchase the item. If the minimum bid or reserve price of an item is not met, the Friends of Fondren Library is under no obligation to sell the item.

Please note that many of the items are for specific dates or have expiration dates. These dates are firm.
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Nantucket Home

Spend a week in this dramatic shingle-style home, built in 2004, near the end of Cliff Road in beautiful Nantucket. It features eight bedrooms in the main house and an additional bedroom in the garage apartment. Comfortably decorated by nationally known Houston interior designer Ginger Barber, the house has been featured in Country Homes and Coastal Living magazines.

There are two master bedrooms, one on the first floor and one on the second floor, which have beautiful ocean views and spa bathrooms with Jacuzzi tubs and large showers that share the same view. The house features a kitchen suited for gourmet meals and has a finished basement with game room, bar area, wine cellar and home theater. The back porches and terraces overlook an infinity pool, hot tub, pond and the ocean. The house is surrounded by large hydrangea bushes and climbing roses and features a charming garden in the back. Located just minutes from town, with great restaurants, art galleries and quaint shops, the house is also within walking distance to calm Dionis Beach and a short drive to the south shore beaches with their giant waves and surfing. Use of bicycles included. Date to be mutually agreed on with availability May 1–June 15, 2017, and Sept. 7–Oct. 31, 2017.

Donated by Phoebe and Bobby Tudor ’82

Not included: Airfare, ground transportation, activities, meals, beverages and tips

Value: $38,000
**Live Auction**

**Owl Brooch**

Display your owl pride with this beautiful, one-of-a-kind brooch by Almaza Jewelers’ Ziad Noshie. This 18-karat yellow gold creation features a natural, fresh water baroque pearl. This owl peers about with round ruby eyes and shows off his full-cut diamond wings, sitting atop a gold branch with ruby leaves.

Mr. Noshie has been designing jewelry for over 45 years in the heart of the Rice Village, creating custom pieces from precious metals and rare gemstones. His attention to detail makes every facet of this custom owl shine.

*Donated by Almaza Jewelers  
Value: $6,260*

**City Kitchen In-Home Dinner for 8**

Imagine an elegant dinner for eight in your home, prepared by the incomparable City Kitchen Catering. Plan your menu with their events team and sit back to watch their magic happen as they create an unparalleled dining experience, selecting the best seasonal ingredients and crafting creative new offerings that showcase exceptional flavors and contemporary presentations. Date to be mutually agreed on. Excludes holidays and the month of December. Buyer provides rentals and beverages.

*Donated by City Kitchen  
Value: $1,500*
Live Auction

Utah Mountain Retreat

Enjoy a week at this modern, yet cozy, townhouse, which is located at Little Belle in Silver Lake, midmountain Deer Valley Resort, Utah. It is within a five-minute walk of Silver Lake Village, featuring skiing, shopping and great restaurants, and directly adjacent to the Stein Eriksen Lodge, a five-star rated hotel and spa. During the winter, you can take advantage of Deer Valley’s free ski storage services and getting from the house to the lifts is a breeze. It also is a great base for hiking, trout fishing and mountain biking during other times of the year.

This townhouse is less than four miles from Park City’s Main Street, and the free Park City bus stops at Little Belle’s driveway to take you to town for additional shops, dining and entertainment.

This spacious 3,000-square-foot Deer Valley home has breathtaking views of the mountains and ski slopes. The home has a fireplace in the living room, a hot tub in the solarium and high-speed wireless internet throughout the house.

The three-level townhouse includes four bedrooms with attached baths, consisting of two bedrooms with king beds and one with a queen bed and a kids’ room that has three twin beds with trundles underneath. There also is a den with an attached bath that has a sleeper sofa and can be partitioned off for privacy.

The Little Belle community includes 20 condos, and this end unit provides ample parking and a one-car garage. For the hard-core skier who likes variety, there are six world-class ski resorts within 45 minutes of Deer Valley. Date to be mutually agreed on with availability through 2018 ski season, excluding the week of July 4th.

Donated by Catherine and Brian James ’79

Not included: Airfare, ground transportation, car rental, activities, meals, beverages and tips
Value: $10,000
1 Writing at Rice

Terrence Doody
Allison Sarofim Distinguished Teaching Professor
Faculty Director, Program in Writing and Communication

Since 2012, every student entering Rice has had to take a First-Year Writing-Intensive (FWIS) Seminar. This is the first writing course of any kind that Rice has required since the late 1960s, when it dropped its core curriculum, making it the only college or university in the country that did not require its students to learn to write. How could this have happened? And why are the new FWIS courses so much more than the old English 100 course? Kristine and Stephen Wallace ’68 will host this event.

Date: Thursday, March 23, 2017
Number of Guests: 6 • Price per ticket: $250

2 Football Success: On and Off the Field

Larry Izzo
Special Teams Coordinator, Houston Texans

In 1994, Larry Izzo ’96, Rice Owl No. 26, was named player of the game when Rice, the underdog, beat top 10 ranked Texas, helping Rice win a share of the Southwest Conference title for the first time in 37 years. From his career playing for the Miami Dolphins, the New England Patriots and the New York Jets to his current role as special teams coordinator for the Houston Texans, Izzo will share lessons learned along the way and how his Rice experiences shaped his career. Debby and Clif Crabtree ’73 will host this dinner and discussion in their Tanglewood home.

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Number of Guests: 18 • Price per ticket: $350
3 Reducing the Harms of Drug Abuse and Drug Policy

William Martin
Harry and Hazel Chavanne Professor Emeritus of Religion and Public Policy and Sociology

Policy regarding drugs, both legal and illegal and explicitly including alcohol, poses some of the most perplexing issues facing modern societies. For nearly a century, the United States has been an active proponent of the punitive prohibition of illicit drugs. Unfortunately, the War on Drugs has been largely unsuccessful; prosecution of illegal drug consumption has filled our prisons without significantly reducing crime, decreasing homelessness, preventing overdose deaths, diminishing the spread of HIV or undermining the illegal drug market. The vision of a drug-free America is unrealistic. Policies of Harm Reduction offer more promising ways to reduce the personal and societal damage of problematic drug use and of counterproductive laws. Enjoy this dinner and conversation in Liz ’76 and Steve Crowell’s home.

Date: Thursday, April 6, 2017
Number of Guests: 12 • Price per ticket: $250

4 The Future of the Oil and Gas Industry in the Era of Climate Change

Jim Blackburn
Professor in the Practice of Environmental Law
Co-director, Severe Storm Prediction, Education and Evacuation from Disasters (SSPEED) Center

Jim Blackburn, director of Rice’s undergraduate minor in energy and water sustainability, will share his research and opinions about the future of the oil and gas industry in the era of climate change. The movement toward carbon neutrality and the options for a continuing, vibrant oil and gas industry will be discussed in the context of the Texas Coastal Exchange, a transactional device being developed by the SSPEED Center. Enjoy dinner and conversation in the home of Barbara ’73 and David Gibbs ’71.

Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017
Number of Guests: 12 • Price per ticket: $250
5 Understanding ‘The Big Short’ and Other Marvels of Modern Finance

Barbara Ostdiek  
Associate Professor of Finance and Statistics  
Senior Associate Dean, Degree Programs

Barbara Ostdiek will dissect just what the heck was going on with the financial transactions and the sometimes complex financial securities at the heart of the 2008 financial crisis. Ostdiek will follow the arc of Michael Lewis’ book, and the subsequent blockbuster movie, “The Big Short.” More broadly, there will be a discussion about the role of these types of securities in capital formation and risk management, including how these same securities could serve as models for raising capital to fund important health sciences innovations and move us further down the path toward important global health goals. (Can finance cure cancer? Yes, it can.) This dinner will be hosted by Marian ’64 and Harry Tindall with Laura Bellows and Jack Pendergrast.

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2017  
Number of Guests: 10  •  Price per ticket: $250

6 Private Organ Concert and Tour

Ken Cowan  
Associate Professor of Organ

Enjoy a private organ recital by Ken Cowan, associate professor of organ, followed by a special behind-the-scenes tour of the Edythe Bates Old Recital Hall and Grand Organ at the Shepherd School of Music. Elizabeth Gillis, Barbara Mackey ’14 and Jim Ferrendelli will host a cocktail buffet preceding the organ recital, with dessert following the recital.

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017  
Number of Guests: 20  •  Price per ticket: $250
Would This Have Happened to the Last Mayor?

Annise Parker
Professor in the Practice
Doerr Fellow
Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer, Neighborhood Centers, Inc.

Every politician brings different skills, experiences and personality to the job. But women have different challenges and fewer opportunities, particularly in the CEO roles of big city mayors or governors. Annise Parker ’78, former Houston mayor, kept a journal during her years in office that she titled “Would This Have Happened to the Last Mayor?” During the discussion, Parker will share anecdotes from her journal that bring you behind city hall’s curtain. As only the 10th woman to lead a major American city, she will also reveal the funny and frustrating differences she experienced as mayor. Catherine and Brian James ’79 will host this event.

Date: Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017
Number of Guests: 12 • Price per ticket: $250

Favorite Findings in Social Psychology

Mikki Hebl
Martha and Henry Malcolm Lovett Chair of Psychology
Professor of Management

Mikki Hebl will talk about a handful of her favorite findings in psychology, including how people are subtly but profoundly influenced in grocery and department stores, why learning about helping others makes a difference and easy steps that one can take to increase the likelihood of being happy. Join Amy Sutton ’89 and Gary Chiles ’86 for this lovely dinner and talk at divino Italian Restaurant.

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017
Number of Guests: 12 • Price per ticket: $250
The Intersection of Art and Ideas

Alison Weaver, founding executive director of the Moody Center for the Arts, will discuss programming for the center and the ways it will impact cultural conversations both on campus and in the community. The inaugural program includes Olafur Eliasson’s Green Light — An artistic workshop; Thomas Struth’s images of scientific research and space exploration; Diana Thater’s Starry Messenger; and “Flowers and People,” an installation focusing on the intersection of art, nature and technology presented by teamLab, a Tokyo-based collective. A new dance also has been commissioned for James Turrell’s “Twilight Epiphany” Skyspace from New York-based Dušan Týnek Dance Theatre, and new productions of “Proof” and “An Iliad” will take place in the theater. Linda Anderson will host this lively discussion over dinner in her home.

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017
Number of Guests: 14
Price per ticket: $250
10. A Page of Rice History

The first edition of the Rice Campanile was published in 1916 by the inaugural graduating class of the William Marsh Rice Institute. Display your own copy of this rare volume on this distinguished carved rosewood book stand. Donated by John Dobelman ’79, professor in the practice at Rice.
Value: $250

11. A Professor’s Healing Art

This owl print by Robert Flatt ’69 exhibits exquisite detail from beak to feathers. Robert’s latest book, “Healing Art: Don’t Let Anything Ruin Your Day,” features this and other breathtaking photos from around the world. Donated by the Woodson Research Center.
Value: $150
12. A Walk Down Memory Lane

This vintage Campanile staff mug, circa 1956, paired with a framed photograph of a night shot of Lovett Hall taken by Robert Flatt '69, will surely bring back many fond memories of campus. Donated by Barbara McKittrick and a Friend of Fondren Library. Value: $175

13. Cheers to the EBLS!

Toast your friends with Barbie’s Elizabeth Baldwin Literary Society mug, circa 1956, and a framed owl print by Albrecht Durer. Donated by Barbara McKittrick and a Friend of Fondren Library. Value: $125
14. **Tea for Two**

This delightful tea service includes a wooden box highlighted by the Rice University academic seal and antique, pre-owned Empire Sterling sugar and creamer. Donated by Barbara McKittrick and a Friend of Fondren Library.

Value: $100

15. **From Malcolm’s Office to Yours**

Enhance your office with a framed print of Lovett Hall that once hung in the presidential office of Malcolm Gillis, Rice’s sixth president. The framed print measures 19-by-24 inches. Donated by Elizabeth Gillis.

Value: $300
16. A Piece of Printing History

These three vintage print blocks feature images of Fondren Library, the Campanile and Lovett Hall. What a conversation piece for your home or office. Also included in the package are William Morris notecards and envelopes, and an owl journal. Donated by a Friend of Fondren Library.
Value: $60

17. JFK

Own a piece of Rice history with this custom framed photo of John F. Kennedy taken at Rice Stadium, Sept. 12, 1962, on the occasion of his now infamous moon speech. Donated by Kathleen E. and John A. Dobelman ’79 and Village Frame Gallery.
Value: $500
18. Owl in the Air

On Nov. 11, 1921, two Rice students rented an airplane to take photographs of the Rice Institute campus. They dedicated the resulting book, “The Flying Owls: Rice Institute from the Air” to the Gold Star men of Rice Institute, many of whom were their friends. Reprinted by the Rice Historical Society on the occasion of the university’s Centennial Celebration. Donated by the Rice Historical Society.
Value: $30

19. Brinkley’s Biographies

Douglas Brinkley, Rice professor of history and CNN’s presidential historian, autographed these books at a recent Friends of Fondren lecture. “Cronkite,” a biography of Walter Cronkite, was selected as a Washington Post Book of the Week. “Rightful Heritage: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Land of America” describes Roosevelt’s conservation efforts that preserve many of America’s wilderness areas. “The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast” chronicles the stories of the storm’s survivors. Donated by Douglas Brinkley and Friends of Fondren Library.
Value: $100
20. The Lone Star State Under Glass

This vintage Texas state map cocktail tray from Mecox is ideal for your desk or coffee table. Or give it to a friend who is wild about Texas memorabilia as it shows a geographically correct map of the state of Texas published by the Texas and Pacific Railway Company. Donated by Liz Crowell '76.
Value: $150

21. Coffee-table Texas

These two coffee-table books are a treasure. Both books, “Texas: 150 Works from the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston” by Alison De Lima Green and “The Paper Republic: The Struggle for Money, Credit and Independence in the Republic of Texas” by James P. Bevill, are included in the package. Greene, curator of modern and contemporary art at the MFAH, has conveyed a rich history of art in Texas. Bevill will dazzle you by deftly taking you on a tour of the financial instruments issued to fund the Texian war machine. Donated by a Friend of Fondren Library.
Value: $115
22. Three Treasures From the Lone Star State

Add these three souvenir sterling silver spoons to your collection. These iconic spoons depict the Texas star and Galveston’s Hotel Galvez, the Alamo and Sam Houston. With these three spoons, you can have your own part of Texas history. Donated by Jan Austin Antiques in Austin, Texas.
Value: $370

23. Texas at War

Taken from Harper’s Weekly March 23, 1861, issue, this print, which appeared on Pages 183–184 depicts a Feb. 16 Civil War scene at the Gran Plaza in San Antonio, Texas.
Donated by a Friend of Fondren Library.
Value: $215
24. **Riding the Rails**

Railroads were critical to the development of commerce in Texas. Recall the days of train travel across Texas with a Missouri Pacific Railroad lines “State Flower” service plate. This beautiful dining car plate features the state name with bluebonnets. Its back stamp is consistent with a 1929 first edition. Donated by Jan Austin Antiques in Austin, Texas.
Value: $295

25. **Texas Book Collection**

Value: $275
26. A Reader’s Delight


27. A Forgotten Pioneer World

Beneath the concrete and glass of urban west Houston lie the remnants of a long-forgotten frontier that lay on either side of upper Buffalo Bayou. This book, “Pleasant Bend: Upper Buffalo Bayou and the San Felipe Train in the Nineteenth Century” by Dan Worrall, tells the history of the forgotten pioneers who settled rural western Harris County. Donated by the author and Melinda Snell. Value: $30
28. “Book of Time”
Geraldina Interiano Wise, ’83 & ’85 discovered art at a young age. Her parents were opportunistic collectors of modern art and insisted upon Geraldina’s early art education under the tutelage of Violeta Bonilla, a student of Diego Rivera rumored to have returned to El Salvador because of a jealous Frida Kahlo. Geraldina’s abstract art is colorful, dynamic, expressive and conceptual. She uses unconventional materials to layer meaning into her art and often finds inspiration in the latest discoveries in fields such as science, genetic engineering, and anthropology. With a winning bid, you can own “Book of Time,” this 22” x 22” acrylic, archival paper, plaster, graphite collage on canvas, donated by the artist.
Value: $800

29. The Texas State Flag
Adopted in 1839 by the Republic of Texas, the Lone Star flag was adopted as the Texas state flag in 1845. It is one of the most recognizable state flags in the union. This flag was flown over the Texas State Capitol and donated by Rep. Sarah Davis.
Value: Priceless
30. Lone Star State Parks and Recreation

Get out and explore Texas with this package that includes a Texas State Parks pass. Before your outing, you can also consult the included one-year subscription to Texas Parks & Wildlife and Texas Monthly, as these magazines highlight places to visit in our great state. Donated by a Friend of Fondren Library.
Value: $105

31. Get Ready to Shine

Choose a class to enhance your personal development through the Glasscock School of Continuing Studies Personal Development Course offerings. Certificate donated by Mary McIntire ’75.
Value: Priceless

32. World Affairs Update

Stay up to date on national and world affairs with this Baker Institute for Public Policy Roundtable Colleague Membership. You will receive invitations to a minimum of 12 Baker Institute member events with national and international leaders and dignitaries, an invitation to an annual members-only fall reception with Baker Institute fellows and scholars, complimentary policy reports and the institute’s annual report, as well as complimentary parking at Baker Institute events. Note: Membership is for a new member only. Donated by the Baker Institute for Public Policy.
Value: $1,250
33. An Evening at the Symphony

Enjoy an evening at the Houston Symphony with these four premium orchestra tickets to the Houston Symphony’s Sept. 14, 16 or 17 performance of Mahler and Dvorak. Valet parking and drink coupons are included. Toast a perfect evening with a bottle of 2013 Goldbelly Barrel Reserve Chardonnay. Donated by the Houston Symphony and a Friend of Fondren Library.
Value: $600

34. Theater at Its Best!

This will be a delightful evening at the Alley Theatre with two premium tickets to a performance of “A View from the Bridge” at the Hubbard Theatre to be used any time between May 3–21. Includes two passes to the Green Room. Donated by the Alley Theatre.
Value: $160

35. A Night on the Town

Enjoy an evening out for four at a Mercury Orchestra performance and reception. The concert is set for May 13, 2017, and in addition to four tickets, the package includes a parking pass and a CD collection for your enjoyment on another evening. Donated by Stephen Wallace ’68.
Value: $450
36. Lights, Action!
4th Wall Theatre Company promotes an aesthetic of performance that is truthful and is based upon specific acting theory for the edification of its audiences. Enjoy four premier tickets to any show during the 2016–2017 season. Donated by 4th Wall Theatre Company.
Value: $200

37. What More Could You Ask For?
Get the full treatment from Beautique Day Spa & Salon before going to a Chamber Music Houston performance. This package includes a Beautique manicure, pedicure and facial along with two tickets in the orchestra section to a concert of your choice during the 2017–2018 CMH series. Donated by Liz Crowell ’76, Beautique and Chamber Music Houston.
Value: $275

38. After ROCO, Go to Ouisie’s Table
River Oaks Chamber Orchestra is an orchestra of all-star musicians, distinguished conductors and contemporary composers who come together from all over the world to present unexpected classics, original compositions and delightful performances that dissolve the barriers between audience and orchestra. Dine at a Houston favorite, Ouisie’s Table, after the concert! This package includes a $100 gift card (with no expiration date) to Ouisie’s Table and tickets to a ROCO performance. Donated by Ouisie’s Table and River Oaks Chamber Orchestra.
Value: $260
39. From Prima Pasta to Main Street
Enjoy a wonderful dining experience at Prima Pasta and then continue the evening with two tickets to any One MainStage Performance at Main Street Theater. What a fabulous evening out! Donated by Cameron Basil and Main Street Theater.
Value: $125

40. Family Night
Movie night is more fun with family and friends. Enjoy six movie tickets to Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, plus a gift certificate for a large order of adorable owl sugar cookies for the whole group. Donated by Alamo Drafthouse Cinema and Martine Levine of Fresh Foods Catering.
Value: $225

41. Musical Roots
Da Camera’s 2016–17 season illuminates the “musical DNA” of composers and performers. Explore the season with two tickets to two performances, one classical and one jazz, and then explore the menu at Carrabba’s with this $200 gift certificate. Donated by Da Camera of Houston and Carrabba’s.
Value: $500
42. Date Night
For a fun weeknight date, pick up some flowers at The Empty Vase to fill this gray owl vase, then head over to see what’s showing at iPic Theaters. This gift certificate for two premium plus tickets is good Monday–Thursday. Donated by The Empty Vase of Houston, iPic Theaters and a Friend of Fondren Library.
Value: $125

43. Take Me Out to the Ball Game
Cheer on the Houston Astros at a home game with these four tickets located in Section 116. Date to be mutually agreed on during the 2017 season. Donated by Amy Sutton ‘89 and Gary Chiles ‘86.
Value: $296

44. Earn It!
The Astros may have to “earn it,” but you can relax and enjoy the game with four Houston Astros front-row field box seats just outside first base. Date to be mutually agreed on during the 2017 season. Donated by Bess Wareing ‘82.
Value: $210
45. Root for the Home Team
Root, root, root for the Astros with these four tickets to two Astros games (eight tickets total) in Section 126, third row up from the Astros dugout. Dates for the games to be mutually agreed on. Donated by Tania and Bobby Muraro ’00.
Value: $600

46. For the Owls Baseball Lover
Show your Owl spirit with a beautiful Rice Baseball 2003 National Championship belt buckle as a reminder of this extraordinary championship team. Cheer for the Rice Owls baseball team with two tickets to two home games, dates to be mutually agreed on, and a $25 gift certificate to Picnic restaurant. Donated by Michelle Cash, Catherine James, Elizabeth Gillis and Picnic.
Value: $300

47. On the 50-Yard Line
What could be more Texan than enjoying a Houston Texans game? You will have the best seats in the house with four second-row 50-yard line tickets located just behind the Texans bench. Two parking passes are included. Donated by Tracy ’00 and John Dennis ’93.
Value: $700
48. Don't Miss Your Shot!
Enjoy one round of sporting clays or skeet for two people with the Honorable Katherine Cabaniss at the Greater Houston Gun Club. Dates to be mutually agreed and scheduled through Judge Cabaniss, who donated this adventure.
Value: $400

49. A Fun Weekend
Plan your weekend around a Sugar Land Skeeters baseball game and a trip to Topgolf, then work in lunch or dinner at a Goode Company Restaurant. This package includes four field box vouchers donated by Sugar Land Skeeters, a Topgolf discount certificate donated by Topgolf, and a $100 gift certificate donated by Goode Company Restaurants.
Value: $260

50. Brunch and Opera
The Opera in the Heights production of “Little Women” opens March 31st. With four ticket vouchers, you can select your performance date and pair it with this gift certificate for dinner at Weights and Measures to enjoy their quintessentially American menu.
Donated by Opera in the Heights and Weights and Measures.
Value: $350
51. Rice Homecoming Tailgate Basket
Enjoy a fun Rice Homecoming experience with this great basket, including two game tickets, two “R Room” passes, tickets to the Homecoming barbecue, two stadium seats, a cozy Owls blanket, and a gift certificate to Picnic restaurant for your pregame takeout. The basket is topped off with an amazing YETI cooler ready to carry four bottles of wine, including a 2010 Turley Rattlesnake Ridge Petite Syrah and a 2014 Turley Old Vines Zinfandel. Donated by the Friends of Fondren Library Board of Directors and Rice Athletics.
Value: $800

52. Wine, Wine …
Basket No. 1 — Take home this selection of red wines to pair with your culinary successes or simply for your personal enjoyment. Donated by Patricia R. Brice.
Value: $500

53. … And More Wine
Basket No. 2 — Take home this selection of white wines donated by Patricia R. Brice to pair with your culinary successes or simply for your personal enjoyment.
Value: $500

54. Celebrate With a Flight of Bubbles!
Enjoy this flight of champagne, cava and prosecco from around the world in a beautiful icing bucket. (Faux ice is for display only.) Donated by Amy and Robert Taylor ’74.
Value: $250.
55. ¡Muy Delicioso!
Invite your family and friends to join you for a muy delicioso chicken and beef fajita dinner for 20 at Armandos, a favorite River Oaks Tex-Mex restaurant. Valid Sunday or Monday night only and excludes beverages, appetizers, desserts and gratuity. Dine in only. Donated by Armandos.
Value: $400

56. Guests Arriving Soon?
Welcome your friends with a delicious array of treats and snacks, served on a beautiful set of nesting owl plates. This gift set includes a bottle of Barrel Hoops Chardonnay and a box of Kegg’s “irresistible” pecan crisps. Donated by the Honorable Letitia Z. Paul and a Friend of Fondren Library.
Value: $145

57. Chef’s Table Experience for 6
Enjoy an excellent dining experience at Little Liberty in the Rice Village, one of F.E.E.D. Texas’ newest Chef’s Tables. Their standout dinner menu will delight you and your dining companions. Donated by Brian Schrumf.
Value: $500
58. Book Bag for Brunch
Show off your new book purse at brunch for six at benjy’s, a modern American dining experience. This purse is truly one of a kind. Made by Rebound Designs using James A. Michener’s “Alaska” from Fondren Library, the purse is perfect either carried by a special woman with a love of books or displayed with this adorable Herend porcelain owl figurine. Donated by Elizabeth Gillis and benjy’s.
Value: $350

59. Glamorous Duo
Find a special spot in your home for this delightful small acrylic table from AREA-Houston Antiques & Furniture. This perfect table can hold the other part of this package, a delicate Baccarat crystal butterfly. This will be a conversation piece, for sure. Donated by AREA-Houston Antiques & Furniture.
Value: $485
60. Knock, Knock!
This antique, Victorian lion's head door knocker is a perfect addition to any door. Your guests will be greeted and then see the new interior touches you have added with a $500 gift card from Boxwood Interiors, also included in this package. Donated by Elizabeth Kidd and Boxwood Interiors.
Value: $750

61. Lounge and Enjoy
Relax with this embroidered Turkish kilim pillow while enjoying a cup of hot tea and admiring your two new silk paintings from Southeast Asia. What a nice way to round out a quiet afternoon. Donated by Bess ’82 and Matt Wareing ’81.
Value: $350
62. Whooo Wrote Me A Note?
This delightful standing concrete screech owl will inspire moments of contemplation on top of your desk or outside in your garden. Added to this package is a wonderful leather note pad by designer Jon Hart stamped with “OWLS” at the top. Jot your inspiration here! Donated by Liz Crowell ’76 and Avalon Stationery and Gifts.
Value: $125

63. Beautiful Finds!
One pair can sit atop your dresser, and one pair can be worn! These two adorable owls will watch over you as you get ready for an evening out. Slip on these beautifully designed Kai-Yin Lo earrings and enjoy the evening. Kai-Yin Lo is a jewelry designer who takes the iconic forms of Chinese culture, past and present, and incorporates them in her jewelry. These are 18-karat gold over sterling silver with semiprecious stone and mother-of-pearl and have never been worn. Included is the original tag. What a find! Donated by Nancy B. Shelby and a Friend of Fondren Library.
Value: $450
64. Take Flight
The barred owl and saw-whet owl are pictured here on Plate No. 87 in this Audubon-like print with a mat and frame that will enhance any space in your home. This beautifully framed print measures approximately 14-by-18 inches. Donated by Barbara Gibbs '73 and Hollywood Frame Gallery.
Value: $500

65. Circa 1900s
Truly a treasure! This beautiful crystal bowl, circa 1900, has a pinwheel dominant motif and is very similar to known Tuthill glass pieces. The bowl measures 8 inches around and is 3 and ½ inches deep. Donated by Jan Austin Antiques in Austin, Texas.
Value: $225
66. Colorful
The colorful brush strokes of this set of ten watercolor notecards are crisp, bright and cheerful. Painted by Friends of Fondren Library past president and member extraordinaire Karen Hess Rogers, each measures approximately 4.25-by-5.5 inches. Donated by Karen Hess Rogers ’68.
Value: $100

67. Magic Owl
Taika, the Finnish word for magic, aptly describes the beauty of this iittala Taika porcelain platter. Inspired by traditional Scandinavian motifs, the owl among the branches pattern was designed by Klaus Haapaniemi and Heikki Orvola. Donated by Sunset Settings, Inc./Carolyn Brewer.
Value: $125
68. A Presidential Owl
This large owl bookend was a gift to Malcolm Gillis, Rice’s sixth president. As an art piece or a bookend, it will accent your bookshelf beautifully. Donated by Elizabeth Gillis.
Value: Priceless

69. Photo Finish
Display your favorite family photograph in this lovely olive branch easel picture frame designed by Michael Aram. Donated by Michelle Cash.
Value: $139
70. A Contemporary Touch
Dress up your room with this contemporary Aubusson woven pillow with a floral motif accented with Italian tassel trim. Donated by Krispen.
Value: $700

71. A Designer Accent
These stunning, antique mercury glass tie backs would be a beautiful accent to your home. They are paired with a lovely white feathered owl from the Thompson + Hanson nursery gift shop. Donated by a Friend of Fondren Library.
Value: $365
72. Precious Antiques
Enhance your collection of Chinese collectibles with these stunning antique silk children’s hats on their custom stands. Donated by a Friend of Fondren Library.
Value: $300

73. English Elegance
These antique, well-loved Staffordshire figurines will brighten your day every time you look at them. Donated by a Friend of Fondren Library.
Value: $275
74. Dining Delights
Dress up your dining room with these elegant vintage silverplate serving pieces. The collection includes a hand-chased candy dish with scoop, salt and pepper shakers and a covered serving dish. Donated by a Friend of Fondren Library.
Value: $175

75. Seeing Stars
This Penelope Chilvers champagne leather star pouch from Calypso is just the thing to brighten up your spring wardrobe with a contemporary twist. Donated by Melinda Snell and Calypso.
Value: $175
76. Define and Refined
Gain strength, length and balance with a month of unlimited classes at Define Body & Mind. This gift package includes a personal lunch tote and stretching strap. After class, wear this stylish rubber necklace by Annemeike from Upstairs on 7th in Washington D.C. The neutral colored poppy rubber necklace modeled after 17th century lace designs can also be worn as a bracelet. Donated by Define Body & Mind, Upstairs on 7th and Melinda Snell.
Value: $420

77. The Perfect Rodeo Bag
Mecox designs created this lady’s hand made hide bucket bag that will accessorize all your rodeo fashions. Rope your bid quickly before this one gets away. Donated by Mecox.
Value: $295

78. A ‘Master’ Piece
Mariquita Masterson is renowned for her beautiful glass, vermeil and silver jewelry — each a work of art in its own right. With this gift certificate, you can shop for your own “master” piece. Donated by Mariquita Masterson.
Value: $250
79. Pretty in Blue
Accessorize a spring outfit with this beautiful Two’s Company blue and cream scarf and this original Yucatan museum handbag from Merida, Mexico, for an attractive spring look. Donated by Melinda Snell, à bientôt and a Friend of Fondren Library.
Value: $85

80. Shopping Spree
Head over to J. McLaughlin for a shopping spree with this $500 gift card. What to wear when you shop? You will be lovely in this Rale cashmere poncho in camel while carrying this Harris waterproof suede clutch in denim. (No returns or exchanges on these items, please.) Donated by Melinda Snell and J. McLaughlin.
Value: $926
81. Sterling Silver Cuff Bracelet
This beautiful bracelet, designed by Rene Eskobar in oxidized sterling silver with onyx and moonstone, will be a lovely accent to all your spring fashions. Eskobar's jewelry is handmade in South Florida from recycled metals and ethically sourced gemstones. His clientele embraces Eskobar's belief that each individual piece of jewelry is its own work of art. Donated by the Cotton Club Collection.
Value: $1,250

82. Go for the Gold
Add a bit of sparkle to your day with this exquisite necklace of handmade gold medallions on black cord from Venice by artisan designer Maria Calderara. Donated by Melinda Snell and Upstairs on 7th, Washington, D.C.
Value: $250
83. Sparkle!
Add the perfect finishing touches to your outfit with Kendra Scott’s Sophee earrings and Decklyn necklace, both in silver, and a hand-crafted navy bag with silver beading from Star Mela. Donated by Melinda Snell, Calypso and Kendra Scott.
Value: $320

84. Girls’ Night Out
Invite your girlfriends for an Elaine Turner private shopping party with champagne, light bites and 15% off full-priced merchandise. Brighten up Girls’ Night Out with this exquisite Bella summer snow python clutch. (No returns or exchanges on this item, please.)
Donated by Elaine Turner Designs.
Value: $698
85. Find the World in Your Closet
Perfect for any occasion, especially in Texas, this delicate suede shawl is hand-crafted and designed, not laser cut, with fringe including hand-tied knots. Donated by Karina M. Patman, B. Mori Boutique.
Value: $425

86. A Parliament of Owl Ties
Represent Rice every day of the week wearing a different owl necktie, then an owl bowtie and cummerbund for the weekend. Donated by Elizabeth Gillis.

Value: $300

87 and 88. Picture Perfect
This family portrait session donated by Metcalf Fine Art Portraits includes a 14” fine art canvas print with artistry. The art created at Metcalf Fine Art Portraits is one of a kind. They focus solely on the formal family portrait to create a legacy heirloom that will stand the test of time. Certificate must be registered within 30 days of the Gala and be used within 6 months; one certificate per family. Please see bid sheet for additional details. Value: $2,000 (two certificates available)
89. Edit and Revise
Refresh your wardrobe with a Closet Edit by Lisa Powers for StylePoint, then find just what you need at Richly Clad with this $250 gift certificate. The certificate is good for non-jewelry purchases.
Value: $675

90. Beauty, Comfort and Personalized Attention
Visit Studio 3 for pampering salon services with this gift certificate. Certificate good for salon services only, no retail. Donated by Studio 3 — the Salon.
Value: $150

91. St. Bernard Sports
Are you searching for the perfect sportswear or suiting up for your next ski or snowboard trip? This $500 gift certificate to St. Bernard will help you find just the right look.
Donated by St. Bernard.
Value: $500
92. Galveston Getaway
A great getaway is only an hour away. Enjoy a seven-night stay in Tania and Bobby Muraro’s ’00 four-bedroom house in Pointe West on the western-most tip of Galveston Island. The house easily sleeps 13, with one king bedroom, two queen bedrooms, a bunk room with three sets of bunk beds and a trundle for the kids. Located on the beach side, the home is only 50 yards from the dune crossover leading to one of the widest beaches on Galveston Island. Moody Gardens, the Pleasure Pier, the Strand, shopping and great restaurants are just minutes away. Smoking not permitted. Pets require owner approval. Donated by Tania and Bobby Muraro ’00.
Value: $3,500

Not included: Airfare, airport transfers and taxes, ground transportation, car rental, dining or activity fees.

93. Bon voyage!
Whether you are signing up for an AHI Traveling Owls trip to Scotland, the Italian Riviera and Chianti, or one of AHI’s other vacations, this gift certificate will start your trip on the right foot. The certificate is applied to the final billing and is valid for trips through Dec. 31, 2017. Donated by Nancy and Alan Shelby.
Value: $500
94. Santa Fe Escape
Rich in history and surrounded by natural beauty, Santa Fe, New Mexico, is known as a city of art galleries, museums, performing arts, craft markets, historic districts, fabulous food, and wonderful outdoor activities such as hiking, biking and skiing! Sample it all with this one-week stay in Liz ’76 and Steve Crowell’s eastside two-bedroom, one-bath guesthouse and one-bedroom, one-bath studio. The guest house has a fully furnished kitchen and sleeps two couples or a family of six. The studio has a separate entrance and sleeps one couple or a family of four. Dates to be determined by mutual agreement. No smoking or pets, please. Donated by Liz ’76 and Steve Crowell.
Value: $3,000

Not included: Airfare, airport transfers and taxes, ground transportation, car rental, dining or activity fees.
95. Exotic Travels
Let Jill Shull be your travel agent and share access to her timeshare for a seven night stay
for two to your choice among a premier collection of more than 15 award winning
properties located in Mexico’s Yucatan Peninsula, Jamaica’s 7 Mile Beach, or Kalamota
Island, Croatia. The portfolio includes recognition from Forbes on their "Top Ten Most
Romantic Hotels in the World" on the Riviera Maya, Conde Nast Traveler’s "Top 100
Hotels in the World", Conde Nast Traveler’s "Gold List", TUI Travel PLC’S "Hotel of the
Year", AAA's "Four Diamond Award" and Wine Spectator's "Award of Excellence".
Resorts are included with private swim-up bars, infinity balcony pool suites, beach
butlers, beachfront sky massages, blissful spa treatments and experiential dining.
Reservations are subject to availability. Expires December 31, 2018. An approximate
$225 per person, per night supplemental fee, plus tax, is required which covers all meals
(breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks), all beverages, including alcohol, daily activities and
entertainment, swimming pools, tennis courts and equipment, non-motorized water
sports, scuba classes where offered, and all gratuities and service charges. Donated by Jill
Shull.
Value: $2,800

Not included: Airfare, airport transfers and taxes, ground transportation, car rental,
motorized activities, scuba diving fees and additional activities.
96. The Verandah Resort & Spa, Antigua
The Verandah is an ecofriendly Caribbean beachfront resort with two spectacular white-sand beaches, four pools, nature trails to historic Devil’s Bridge, four restaurants, a tennis and fitness center, nonmotorized water sports, kids’ club and minigolf, and the world-class Tranquility Body & Soul Spa. Perfect for those seeking a romantic hideaway, family vacation, or an escape to leave the world behind.

This resort certificate provides accommodations for seven nights (double occupancy) for up to two rooms (valued up to $1,200 per room depending on season). All reservations are subject to a required supplement of $125 per person, per night which provides dining, beverages, resort facilities, activities and service charge. Guests choosing to upgrade to a higher suite category may do so for as little as $40 per night, plus tax. Reservations are subject to availability and some restrictions apply. A surcharge will apply Dec. 21, 2017–Jan. 3, 2018, and Feb. 7–21, 2018. Donated by Elite Island Resorts.
Value: Up to $2,400

Not included: Required supplemental per person/per night fee, airfare, airport transfers and taxes, ground transportation, car rental, motorized activities or scuba diving fees.
97. Palm Island Resort, The Grenadines
An exclusive 135-acre private-island hideaway, situated near the southern tip of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, offers five dazzling white-sand beaches, sumptuous dining, non-motorized water sports, nature trails, tennis, fitness center, free-form swimming pool with waterfall, and spa treatments. This award-winning, world-class resort is set in pure paradise where tranquility reigns and an unforgettable experience of a lifetime is inevitable.

This resort certificate provides accommodations for seven nights (double occupancy) for up to two rooms (valued up to $1,500 per room depending on season) at Palm Island Resort. All reservations are subject to a required supplement of $140 per person, per night which provides dining, beverages, resort facilities, activities, service charge and gratuities. Guests choosing to upgrade to a higher suite category may do so for as little as $40 per night, plus tax. Reservations are subject to availability and some restrictions apply. A surcharge will apply Dec. 21, 2017–April 15, 2018. Donated by Elite Island Resorts.
Value: Up to $3,000

Not included: Required supplemental per person/per night fee, airfare, airport transfers and taxes, ground transportation, car rental, motorized activities or scuba diving fees.
98. St. James Club Morgan Bay, St. Lucia
Set amid 25 acres of lush hillside gardens, tucked into a private cove on the northern coast of St. Lucia, this all-inclusive, beachfront resort features 345 well-appointed guest rooms and suites offering stunning ocean and tropical garden views. Enjoy the day exploring an array of water sports and land activities, then relax and experience the majestic ambiance only St. Lucia can offer.

This resort certificate provides accommodations for seven nights (double occupancy) for up to two rooms (valued up to $1,050 per room depending on season) at St. James Club Morgan Bay. All reservations are subject to a required supplement of $115 per person, per night which provides dining, beverages, resort facilities, activities, service charge and gratuities. Guests choosing to upgrade to a higher suite category may do so for as little as $30 per night, plus tax. Reservations are subject to availability and some restrictions apply. A surcharge will apply Dec. 21, 2017–Jan. 3, 2018, and Feb. 7–21, 2018. Donated by Elite Island Resorts.
Value: Up to $3,000

*Not included: Required supplemental per person/per night fee, airfare, airport transfers and taxes, ground transportation, car rental, motorized activities or scuba diving fees.*
99. Los Establos Boutique Hotel, Panama
A winner of Trip Advisor’s Travelers Choice Award in 2015, Los Establos is a distinctive collection of comfortable suites and accommodations nestled 4,000 feet above sea level. Spread across 16 acres, in the midst of a lush coffee plantation, this charming estate offers panoramic views of the Baru Volcano set against Boquete’s green mountains, blue waterfalls and rushing rivers. Stroll along secret paths as you breathe in the aroma of coffee and the perfumes of the region’s lush tropical gardens.

This certificate provides accommodations for five nights (double occupancy) for up to three rooms valued at $800 per room. All reservations are subject to a required supplement of $115 per person, per night which provides breakfast, lunch and dinner plus your choice of one activity per day (excluding arrival and departure), such as a spa treatment, coffee plantation tour, rainforest safari, ziplining or hiking to the waterfalls. Guests choosing to upgrade to a higher suite category may do so for $20 per night, plus tax. Reservations are subject to availability and some restrictions apply. A surcharge will apply Dec. 21, 2017–Jan. 3, 2018. Donated by Elite Island Resorts.
Value: Up to $2,400

Not included: Required supplemental per person/per night fee, airfare, airport transfers and taxes, ground transportation, car rental, and additional activities.
100. St. James Club and Villas, Antigua
Experience a private 100-acre tropical peninsula on Antigua’s southeastern coast where clear turquoise waters surround your own private oasis. The resort includes two magnificent white-sand beaches, six pools, four distinct restaurants, nonmotorized water sports, tennis and fitness center, supervised kids’ activities, spa and nightly entertainment. St. James Club will leave you with amazing island memories to last a lifetime.

This resort certificate provides accommodations for seven nights (double occupancy) for up to two rooms (valued up to $1,400 per room depending on season) at St. James Club and Villas, Antigua. All reservations are subject to a required supplement of $125 per person, per night which provides dining, beverages, resort facilities, activities, service charge and gratuities. Guests choosing to upgrade to a higher suite category may do so for as little as $40 per night, plus tax. Reservations are subject to availability, some restrictions apply. A surcharge will apply Dec. 21, 2017–Jan. 3, 2018, and Feb. 7–21, 2018. Donated by Elite Island Resorts.
Value: Up to $2,800

Not included: Required supplemental per person/per night fee, airfare, airport transfers and taxes, ground transportation, car rental, motorized activities or scuba diving fees.
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Proceeds from the annual gala are used to continue the mission of Friends of Fondren Library to improve library resources, equipment and facilities for the benefit of the Rice University community.