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David W. Leebron and Y. Ping Sun

at our 35th Annual Dinner and Auction
Friday, March 27, 2015

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Dinner at 8 p.m.

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David W. Leebron

David W. Leebron has served as Rice University’s seventh president since 2004, a period of growth and transformation for the university. Pursuant to a strategic vision adopted in 2005, the university has significantly increased the size and diversity of its student population; enhanced the research capability and vibrancy of the campus with $900 million in new construction; deepened its relationship with its home city of Houston; increased the commitment to the arts; established new research and educational institutes, programs and centers; built strong international relationships and programs; and earned greater visibility locally, nationally and across the globe. Supporting all these efforts was the success of the Centennial Campaign, raising $1.1 billion.

A native of Philadelphia, Leebron is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, where he was elected president of the Harvard Law Review. Following a judicial clerkship on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, he taught at the UCLA School of Law in 1980. After two years practicing with an international law firm, he joined the faculty at the NYU School of Law in 1983. In 1989, Leebron joined the faculty of Columbia Law School, where in 1996 he was appointed dean and served in that position until coming to Rice. Leebron also has been a visiting fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg, Germany, and a Jean Monnet Visiting Professor at Bielefeld University. He is a member of the political science faculty at Rice and
has written in the areas of international trade and investment, torts, privacy, corporate law and human rights. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and serves on the boards of Internet2, the Greater Houston Partnership, BioHouston, the NCAA Executive Committee and Division I Board, COFHE and IMAX Corporation. He is the recipient of an honorary degree from Nankai University and was awarded France's Commandeur de l’Ordre National du Mérite.

Y. Ping Sun

Y. Ping Sun came to Houston from New York City in 2004, when her husband, David W. Leebron, became Rice University’s seventh president. A native of Shanghai, China, Ping graduated with an A.B. degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and received a law degree from Columbia University School of Law, where she served as an editor of the Journal of Transnational Law. After graduation, Ping practiced law in the N.Y. offices of White and Case LLP and Sidley Austin Brown and Wood LLP, where her practice focused on corporate and cross border issues. In Houston, Ping is of counsel with the law firm Yetter Coleman LLP.

As university representative, Ping is fully engaged with the community both on and off campus. She serves as a member of the advisory board of Rice’s Shepherd School of Music and the Kinder Institute for Urban Research and as honorary co-chair of Rice’s Baker Institute Roundtable. A mentor for many students, Ping is an active participant in campus events.

Ping is a trustee of Texas Children’s Hospital and a board member of the Asia Society Texas Center, Teach For America, the United Way of Greater Houston, the Center for Houston’s Future and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. She also serves on the advisory boards of the Asian Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Community Center and is the chair of the Mayor’s International Trade and Development Council for Asia/Australia. Ping also is the chair of the Association of American Universities Partners’ Group, an adviser of East West Bank and a director of Era Group Inc.

Ping and David were honored by Teach For America for their efforts to improve the educational opportunities for students in low income schools, and they were named 2010 International Executives of the Year by the Greater Houston Partnership for their efforts to promote Houston and Rice University internationally. Ping was honored at a Hats Off to Mothers Luncheon and was a recipient of the Arrival Award given by the Immigration Clinic of University of Houston Law Center. She received the Texas China Distinguished Leader in Education Award, the 2011 Asian American Leadership Award from the Asia Society Texas Center, the 2014 Spirit Award from Rice Athletics and the 2014 Friendship Ambassador Award from the U.S. China People’s Friendship Association, Houston Chapter.

Ping also was named a Woman on the Move by Texas Executive Women, one of the 50 Most Influential Women by Houston Women Magazine, a 2012 ABC Channel 13 Woman of Distinction and the 2013 Ambassador of the Year by the Asian Chamber of Commerce.
Auction Highlights

Your Own Personal Chef

Small town Louisiana boy Charles Clark took his love of food and travel around the world before meeting up with business partner Grant Cooper. Classically trained, Clark’s food and approach to cooking reflect his personality — outgoing and gregarious. While Clark mans the line at Ibiza, he also is very involved in the culinary mindset across all Clark Cooper Restaurants. Travel lust is still his passion and serves as inspiration for new menus and concepts. A long list of culinary accolades and appearance on Food Network’s “Iron Chef America” only reinforce Clark’s reputation as a gentleman chef. In addition to Ibiza, Clark is the owner of Brasserie 19, Coppa Osteria and Punk’s, and he has two more restaurants under development.

If you are the lucky bidder for this item, Chef Clark will prepare dinner for eight in the privacy of your home. He will supply all of the ingredients for a sumptuous meal, a waiter and his superb culinary skills. In addition, he will entertain you and your guests as he prepares the meal. The menu and date of the event is to be mutually agreed on (preferred dates are Sunday–Thursday). There is no expiration date for this item.

Donated by Tania and Bobby Muraro ’00

Diamond and Sapphire Link Bracelet by Almaza

Sheer elegance! Ziad Noshie of Almaza Jewelers has designed and created a one-of-a-kind bracelet exclusively for the Friends of Fondren Library Gala. The handcrafted, hammered gold links are accented with diamonds and sapphires, Rice’s colors. The bracelet is absolutely stunning and would be a perfect addition to any wardrobe.

Donated by Almaza Jewelers

Note: Photo is representative of the bracelet that will be offered at auction.
**Bulgari Serpenti Watch**

An eternal symbol of Bulgari, the Serpenti collection is iconic to the brand's history. A symbol of wisdom, vitality and elegance, the serpent has transcended centuries, traditions and cultures to become the ultimate emblem of beauty and strength. This stunning Serpenti timepiece features a curved steel case and bracelet, grey dial, quartz movement and crown set with rubellite. This heirloom quality timepiece can be yours with the winning bid.

*Donated by Stephanie Von Stein  
Manager, Bulgari Corporation of America*

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**Santa Fe Getaway**

Rich in history and surrounded by natural beauty, Santa Fe, New Mexico, is known as a city of artists, museums and performing arts. Santa Fe offers plenty to see and do, and you will have a chance to sample it all with this one-week stay in Elizabeth and Albert Kidd’s ’64 two-bedroom, two-bath guesthouse in Las Campanas resort. The guesthouse sleeps four adults or a family of six and has a private entrance. As part of your Santa Fe experience, the Kidds will treat you to a round of golf at one of the two courses, ranked no. 1 and no. 3 in New Mexico by Golf Digest. In addition, arrangements can be made for you to use the club’s extensive facilities, including the spa, pool or the equestrian center. As an added bonus, you will receive a gift certificate for dinner at The Compound, a Santa Fe landmark. While in Santa Fe, take time to visit the historic districts, art galleries, museums and craft markets; dine at a variety of great restaurants; enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, biking or skiing (only 45 minutes away); take a day trip to nearby points of interest; or just sit on the portal and watch the sun set over the mountains. Dates to be determined by mutual agreement.

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

*Donated by Elizabeth and Albert Kidd and  
Roxanne Shaw Apple*
Auction Highlights

Island Retreat

Enjoy seven nights of beachfront resort accommodations at St. James Club in Antigua. Perfect for couples or family escapes. Situated on a 100-acre peninsula, this lush tropical oasis offers two magnificent white-sand beaches and breathtaking ocean views. A warm club-like atmosphere prevails throughout with a variety of accommodations and plenty of activities, including a supervised Kids Club and exceptional water sports to keep everyone entertained.

Enjoy fabulous onsite dining, nightly entertainment and daily activities, including windsurfing, snorkeling, kayaking, paddleboarding, sailing, tennis and pedal boating (some restrictions apply). The resort offers a fitness center and spa. All rooms have flat-screen televisions, air-conditioning, en suite baths, a balcony or terrace, phone, hair dryer, safety deposit box and a coffee-tea station.

Not included: Airfare, airport transfers and taxes, ground transportation, car rental, motorized activities or scuba diving fees.

Donated by Elite Island Resorts

Own a Masterpiece

Own a piece of original art created by John Sparagana, the Grace Christian Vietti Chair in Visual and Dramatic Arts and chair of the Department of Visual and Dramatic Arts at Rice University. Internationally acclaimed, Sparagana’s work has been shown most recently with exhibitions in Berlin, Chicago, Houston, New York and Zürich and is included in the collections of the Art Institute of Chicago, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, The Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, and The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, among others. Sparagana received his M.F.A. from Stanford University in 1987 and has been on the faculty at Rice University since 1989.

Photo shown is representative of his work and not the actual item that will be offered at auction.
Auction Highlights

Special Occasion Events

A Sneak Preview of a MOOC — America Through Chinese Eyes

Anne Shen Chao
Adjunct Lecturer, School of Humanities

Chao and several colleagues at Rice have developed a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on “America Through Foreign Eyes” that will launch in Fall 2015. In this sneak preview, Chao will discuss her portion of the course “America Through Chinese Eyes.” Chao earned her master’s and doctoral degrees from Rice University, where she currently teaches as an adjunct lecturer in the history department, focusing on the field of modern Chinese history and in the Program in Poverty, Justice and Human Capabilities. This lecture is hosted by Y. Ping Sun and David Leebron.

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Film and a Director’s Control Over Our Responses

J. Dennis Huston
Gladys Louise Fox Professor of English, School of Humanities

Films are often evaluated on the emotional response they produce in the audience. Did the film make you laugh, cry, get angry, raise awareness or influence your opinion of current events? In this dinner presentation, Huston will discuss a film director’s control over our responses. This presentation will show clips from films as different as “The Graduate,” “Some Like It Hot,” “The Third Man,” “Sleepless in Seattle,” “Dirty Dancing,” “Thelma and Louise,” “Tootsie” and “Shane” to show how camera angle, costume, set, color, lighting and sound control our responses to what is going on in the film. Amy Sutton ’89 and Gary Chiles ’86 will host this dinner presentation at Canopy Restaurant.

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2015
**Auction Highlights**

**Special Occasion Events**

**Lunch with the Master**

Jack Burke, Jr.
Join Ira Gruber, the Harris Masterson Jr. Professor Emeritus of History and research professor at Rice, for lunch with American golfing legend Jack Burke, Jr. at the beautiful Champions Golf Club. Burke won the U.S. Open in 1955 and the Masters® Tournament and the PGA Championship in 1956, following two Ryder Cup victories in 1951. He was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2000 and won the PGA Tour Lifetime Achievement Award in 2003 and the Bob Jones Award in 2004. Burke shares his permanent locker at Augusta National Golf Club, home of the Masters in Augusta, Georgia, with Tiger Woods. In more recent years, Burke has continued to coach and mentor many professional golfers. Lunch is limited to four guests.

*Date: A mutually agreed date in April, close to the Masters® Tournament, will be determined.*

**Medicine in the Digital Age: Making Stories From Data**

Kirsten Osterr
Professor of English, School of Humanities

We live in the era of self-quantification. Mobile sensors on our phones continuously track data points related to our health, and wearable technologies are enabling delivery of health care outside of the clinical setting. How do we make sense of all of this data? And what does it mean for our understanding of doctor-patient communication? These are the questions that Osterr will discuss in this dinner presentation hosted by Barbara Jenkins Gibbs ’73, M.D., and David K. Gibbs ’77.

*Date: Thursday, May 7, 2015*
Auction Highlights

Special Occasion Events

What Makes a Rice Basketball Player Succeed

Mike Rhoades
Rice Head Men’s Basketball Coach

Being a great athlete is only one part of the formula for Owls basketball team members to succeed. An eagerness to learn, discipline, hard work, self-control, competitiveness and coachability are also a part of the equation. At this dinner presentation, Rhoades will discuss the characteristics that make a player successful as an athlete, a student and as a person. The dinner presentation will be hosted by Debby and Clif Crabtree ’73.

Date: Thursday, September 17, 2015

The Cargo Space

Christopher Sperandio
Assistant Professor, Painting and Drawing, School of Humanities

The world’s first mobile artist residency is housed inside a refurbished diesel transit bus at Rice University. Sperandio, artist, Rice professor and now bus driver, will talk about the project and the 7,000 miles it has covered since its inception last year. Sperandio will use visual media to illustrate the project in this dinner presentation hosted by Catherine B. Callaway and Brian R. James ’78.

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2015
Auction Highlights

Special Occasion Events

The 2015 Houston Mayoral Election

Robert M. Stein
Baker Institute Fellow, Urban Politics
Lena Grohman Fox Professor of Political Science
Faculty Director, Center for Civic Engagement,
School of Social Sciences

In this timely presentation, Stein, an expert on urban politics and public policy, will discuss the upcoming November election for city of Houston mayor, controller and city council and include a review of current polling and what we might expect the impact of this election will be on policies in the city of Houston. Stein’s presentation will be hosted by Sofia Adrogué ’88 and Sten Gustafson.

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2015

Reimagining Rome: The Process of Rebuilding a Lost Cityscape

John Hopkins
Assistant Professor of Art History and Classical Studies,
School of Humanities

Scholars of the ancient Greek and Roman world frequently talk about complex architectural plans, soaring columns, ornate sculptures and lavish paintings from the great monuments of the Mediterranean. Yet anyone who has walked through Rome — or any ancient site — knows that often, only tiny fragments and seemingly incoherent foundations remain. For this dinner presentation, Hopkins will navigate the waters of architectural historical restoration and explain the tools he uses to piece ancient Rome back together. The dinner presentation will be hosted in the home of Amy Dunn Taylor and Robert Taylor ’74.

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2015
Auction Highlights

Special Occasion Events

Neuroplasticity of Language and Short-Term Memory

Randi Martin
Elma Schneider Professor of Psychology,
School of Social Sciences
Recent evidence indicates considerable plasticity in brain organization in response to training in healthy young and older individuals and during recovery for individuals who have sustained brain damage. Martin’s research is investigating the neural organization of language and short-term memory and how that changes due to stroke or degenerative brain disorders. An important recent focus of this research is how neural reorganization and behavioral improvement following treatment can be augmented with brain stimulation methods. Join us as Martin discusses her research at this dinner hosted by Leslie ’81 and Jack Blanton, Jr. ’01.

Date: Monday, October 12, 2015

Engineering Human Tissue

Antonios G. Mikos
Louis Calder Professor of Bioengineering, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Director, Center for Excellence in Tissue Engineering
Director, J.W. Cox Laboratory for Biomedical Engineering
Tissue engineering is a multidisciplinary field with the goal of creating strategies to replace injured or missing human tissues. While the body has an amazing inherent capacity to regenerate injured tissue, patients with cancer, massive trauma or other diseases often present tissue deficits too large for the body to naturally overcome. Over the last 20 years, tissue engineers have combined advances in materials science, cellular biology, chemical engineering and other fields to produce new devices and materials approved for clinical use by the Food and Drug Administration to improve the lives of patients. Mikos will discuss these developments and their impact on human health care at this dinner hosted by Carol ’83 and Gregg Thompson at Tiny Boxwoods.

Date: TBD
Silent Auction Highlights

Fore!
Rice alumnus Clif Crabtree ’73 will host a round of golf for four at Houston’s distinguished Lochinvar Golf Club designed and perfected by golfing legend Jack Nicklaus. Set in a natural wooded environment with 58 strategically placed bunkers, each and every hole presents a new set of challenges to the golfer’s skills. Date to be mutually agreed upon by winning bidder(s).
Value: $1,000

Own a Piece of Rice History
Take advantage of this rare opportunity to own an original leather bound “Programme for the Formal Opening of The Rice Institute.” It can be yours if you have the winning bid. Donated by the Woodson Research Center, Fondren Library.
Value: Priceless

High Tea for 10 at Kiran’s
Experience high tea with an Indian flair on a Saturday afternoon for 10 people at Kiran’s, a fine dining Indian restaurant. You and your guests will be served a variety of delectable treats and drinks, including owner Kiran Verma’s famous masala chai tea. It’s a perfect blend of British tradition and the sweet and spicy flavors of Indian cuisine served up in an elegant setting with live music. Donated by Shonali and Rakesh Agrawal ’97.
Value: $350

The Texans
Who doesn’t love to see J.J. Watt and the fabulous Houston Texans play at NRG Stadium? 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 included. Donated by Tracy ’00 and John Dennis ’93.
Value: Priceless

Garden Owl
This gracious garden owl sculpture, standing 22 inches, would be a beautiful addition to your patio or garden or even as a decorative addition to your home. Donated by Thompson + Hanson.
Value: $250

A complete list of auction items will be available March 15, 2015, at http://library.rice.edu/friends.
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