2019 Friends of Fondren Library Gala

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Auction Program
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and

Amy and Robert Taylor, Gala Chairs

welcome you to

The 2019 Friends of Fondren Library Gala

honoring

Phoebe and Bobby Tudor '82

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To place a bid on a silent auction item, adhere 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 portable items must be removed at the conclusion of the evening. Arrangements must be made for the removal of any large items.

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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 a 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 also is 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 upon with availability May 1–June 15 and Sept. 5–Nov. 2, 2019.

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

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UTAH MOUNTAIN RETREAT

Enjoy a week at this modern, yet cozy, townhouse at Deer Valley Resort in Utah. Located in Little Belle, a 20-townhouse midmountain community, the townhouse is only a five-minute walk from Silver Lake Village, featuring skiing, shopping and great restaurants, and directly adjacent to Stein Eriksen Lodge, a five-star rated hotel and spa. Getting from the house to the lifts is a breeze, and during the winter, you can take advantage of Deer Valley’s free ski storage services. At other times of the year, it is a great base for hiking, golf, trout fishing and mountain biking.

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, one with a queen bed and a kid’s room that has three twin beds with trundles. There also is a den with an attached bath that has a sleeper sofa.

This end unit townhouse 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 upon with availability for the next 12 months, excluding the week of July 4th.

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

Donated by Catherine and Brian James ’78
Mark your calendar for Oct. 26–Nov. 3 for eight days of adventure, celebration, reflection and reverence. Your lodging is the lovely Casa Catalina just five short blocks to El Jardin, the central plaza, in historic San Miguel de Allende, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This colonial-era town, steeped in Baroque Spanish architecture with cobblestone streets, remains as much a part of its past as it does its future.

Your home away from home is a beautiful three-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bath home that will accommodate six guests. The master bedroom features a king bed and en suite bath. The other two bedrooms both feature en suite baths, one with a queen-size bed and the other with twin beds. There are two rooftops, one on the third floor and one on the fourth floor, which provide unlimited stunning and spectacular vistas for photographs of the town’s famous pink spired Parroquia, other churches, the hills around San Miguel de Allende and the most incredible sunsets imaginable.

This week is special, because you will see the village children trick or treat on the Jardin, see Dia de Los Muertos para Los Ninos (Day of the Dead for the Children), which is a festive and fun celebration held Nov. 1, and finally, see the Mexican families turn out for All Souls Day Nov. 2 — a true celebration of life where the cemetery becomes a lively, but reverent, party to welcome back the souls who have departed.

Witness life on the Jardin, wander the enchanting Mercado des Artisans, enjoy the sumptuous meals offered by the many international chefs that populate San Miguel and shop the wonderful art galleries that call San Miguel home.

San Miguel is the best — a sanctuary for the heart — a place to live, laugh, learn, love and enjoy life. You will fall in love with this precious town again and again.

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

Donated by Amy and Robert Taylor ’74
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 the City Kitchen Catering events team and sit back to watch the magic happen as their team creates 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 upon. Excludes holidays and the month of December. Buyer provides rentals and beverages.

Donated by City Kitchen Catering

VILLA IN SPAIN

Discover Frigiliana, the most beautiful village in Spain, while spending seven days in a restored villa just five miles north of the Mediterranean in Andalusia. There are two bedrooms each with a queen-size bed and two shower baths. The living room, dining room, kitchen and terrace have breathtaking views of the Sierra de Tejada Almijara natural park and openings to ancient caves. Date to be mutually agreed upon.

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Donated by Barbara Byrd
1. notes of a mad girl

Karin Broker
Professor, Visual and Dramatic Arts

Our home and studio is a 6,000 square foot renovation of a former transmission shop and landscaping firm. There will be a tour of our warehouse and my creative works with a short introduction about each piece. I draw on large Formica panels and paper with Conte Crayon; wire objects with rhinestones and crystals; hammer metal onto wood; and weld formed steel into 2D drawings and make prints. These works are my personal and not-so-quiet conversations with melancholia; the 1,500-mile separation from my family; religion, gender inequality, acts of violence toward my sex, acts of courage and brilliance by my tribe, and as I age the subtle and not so subtle physical changes to our bodies over time. The final objects, I hope, also revel in optimism and fairness with a heavy dose of beauty. Dinner is included.

Hosted by Jennifer and Steve Harding
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019
Number of Guests: 12  •  Price per ticket: $300

2. Concerto Chat: Performance and Conversation

Jon Kimura Parker
Professor of Piano

Jon Kimura Parker, professor of piano at the Shepherd School of Music since 2000, has an internationally active performing career as a guest soloist with symphony orchestras from New York’s Carnegie Hall to the Berliner Philharmonie, Beijing Concert Hall and the Sydney Opera House. Drawing from his popular YouTube series “Concerto Chat,” Parker will take you into the world of symphony orchestras and demonstrate how and why the great composers’ writing style for concertos shows the piano at its most impressive and expressive.

Hosted by Catherine and Brian James ’78
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019
Number of Guests: 12  •  Price per ticket: $300
Two Deans: Reminiscences of Rice

Mary McIntire and James Pomerantz
Retired Dean, Glasscock School of Continuing Studies, and Professor, Psychological Sciences

Mary McIntire ’75 and Jim Pomerantz both served as deans at Rice (Mary from 1986–2017 and Jim from 1988–1995). Individually or together they witnessed — and sometimes initiated or helped to make happen — major changes and events at Rice. The Bush Library proposal, which did not succeed, and the Baker Institute, which did. Baker Hall, the Economic Summit and the naming of the Susanne M. Glasscock School, a new home for Continuing Studies, were all successful endeavors involving Mary and Jim. Throughout, they encountered humorous and bizarre moments and some surprises in navigating the rapidly changing Rice landscape.

Hosted by Julie ’72 and David Itz ’72
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2019
Number of Guests: 14 • Price per ticket: $300

New Ways of Looking: Rice Public Art

Alison Weaver
Suzanne Deal Booth Executive Director, Moody Center for the Arts

The role of public art at Rice has evolved in recent years with the addition of exceptional new campus artworks. What role does the viewer play in the future of public art at Rice? Join Alison Weaver as she details how public art and the immersion of artists on the Rice campus can alter the nature of research, investigation and our collective perception.

Hosted by Leslie Davidson and Robins Brice ’67
Date: Friday, April 26, 2019
Number of Guests: 10 • Price per ticket: $300
Magical Molecular Gastronomy: Cuisine of the Future

Roger Elkhouri
Senior Executive Chef

Molecular gastronomy takes the old cuisine as a base and turns it into something magical. It enhances the presentation of any food, boosts its flavor to the extreme and makes mealtime a fun event. Eating an apple is delicious but by taking the whole apple — juice and peel — and turning it into a sphere will double the natural flavor of the apple and make a stunning presentation. Molecular gastronomy requires a lot of research, precision, patience and a high level of culinary skills.

Hosted by Shelley and Arthur Gottschalk
Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019
Number of Guests: 12  •   Price per ticket: $300

Rice’s International Touch and Impact

Adria Baker
Associate Vice Provost for International Education, International Students and Scholars
Executive Director, Office of International Students and Scholars

With a significant international presence on and off campus, Rice mirrors what a global university looks like, and how its ripple effects help to build international community. Adria Baker will describe the international student and scholar population, reference the breadth of Rice’s education abroad and share heartwarming examples of international touches as a result of Rice’s globalization efforts.

Hosted by Y. Ping Sun and David Leebron
Date: Monday, April 29, 2019
Number of Guests: 18  •   Price per ticket: $300
Richard Tapia
University Professor
Maxfield-Oshman Professor of Computational and Applied Mathematics

Richard Tapia will discuss the extreme growth in the nation’s Hispanic population, primarily Mexican American, which is forcing educational challenges to a crisis level for the country. Because the country’s economic health is based in large measure on technical advances, we must incorporate this growing population into the mainstream of scientific and technical endeavors. Tapia’s remarks will focus on the successes and failures of the nation’s tier 1 institutions regarding their representation at all levels in science, engineering and mathematics. This presentation and dinner will be accompanied by Rice’s own Mariachi Luna Llena and feature a delicious Mexican cuisine buffet.

Hosted by Molly and Jim Crownover ’65
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2019
Number of Guests: 12  •   Price per ticket: $300

Kathy Jones
Associate Vice President for Facilities Engineering and Planning

Kathy Jones will discuss the potential impact of the V2C2, Second Decade on the Rice campus relative to new construction, major renovations, utility infrastructure and the city of Houston’s Hurricane Harvey ordinance.

Hosted by Amy and Robert Taylor ’74
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2019
Number of Guests: 14  •   Price per ticket: $300
What Does a University Attorney Actually Do?

Richard A. Zansitis
Vice President and General Counsel

Colleges and universities are among the most highly regulated industries in the United States, and the regulatory environment seems constantly to expand in amount and complexity regardless of which political party controls Congress or the White House. Richard Zansitis, Rice’s general counsel since 2001, will discuss the role that the university counsel plays in aiding the university in fulfilling its mission and some of the current legal issues being faced by colleges and universities.

Hosted by Susan ’75 and Ken Alexander ’75
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2019
Number of Guests: 12 • Price per ticket: $300

The Business of College Athletics

Tanner Gardner
Senior Associate Athletic Director and Chief Revenue Officer

Are college athletics just business? Should student-athletes be paid? Tanner Gardner will discuss macro trends in college athletics, the inner workings of the Rice Athletics Department and its position in the college athletics landscape, and his life-changing experience as a student-athlete, which led him first to the Boston Consulting Group and then to Rice. The evening’s dinner will be catered by Jim Ewing’s City Kitchen.

Hosted by Debby and Clif Crabtree ’73
Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019
Number of Guests: 18 • Price per ticket: $300
11 SPARKLING SENSATION

Rutilated quartz is favored for its silky details and said to enhance determination. Exude power with this 18-karat yellow gold bracelet, featuring 0.04 carat diamonds, satin gold links and the craftsmanship of Italian designer Nanis. Donated by our friends at Deutsch Houston, who are currently celebrating their 90th anniversary. No substitutions, returns or exchanges. No refunds or store credit.

Donor: Deutsch Houston Jewelers
Value: $4,800

The Opening of the Institute (Items 12, 13 and 14)

The formal opening of the Rice Institute included three days of celebratory events and lectures in October 1912. Dignitaries from around the world attended the opening, and here are a few items from that celebration.

12 LOVETT HALL, OCTOBER 1912

Rice history buffs will want to bid on this beautiful oversized print from a glass plate negative of the opening ceremonies of the Rice Institute. Among those pictured are original Rice trustees James Baker, Benjamin Botts Rice, Emmanuel Raphael and President Edgar Odell Lovett, along with many of the distinguished scholars visiting Houston for the opening ceremonies.

Donor: Geoff Winningham ’65
Value: $1,400

13 OWN AN ORIGINAL

Imagine yourself in the Academic Quadrangle for the opening ceremonies with an original leather-bound “Programme for the Formal Opening of The Rice Institute.” This program is well-preserved and will be a treat to read.

Donor: Elizabeth and Albert Kidd ’64
Value: $250

14 THE BOOK OF THE OPENING

An account of the academic festival held in celebration of the formal opening of Rice Institute, Oct. 10–12, 1912, the book includes inaugural lectures, lists of delegates, programs of concerts, dedication exercises and religious services.

Donor: A Friend of Fondren Library
Value: $75
Silent Auction

15 LET’S HEAR IT FOR THE INSTITUTE
Cheer on your Rice Owls with this vintage Rice Institute pennant. What a lovely accent for your home or office.

Donor: Barbara Gibbs ’73
Value: $150

16 INSTANT ART
New York-based artist Stephen Keene creates fast-paced art to make it accessible to everyone. This Keene painting of the Rice President’s House was given to Ralph O’Connor by Rice’s sixth president Malcolm Gillis. Prior to his passing, Ralph generously donated it for our auction. Now you can own this piece of Rice history.

Donor: Ralph O’Connor
Value: $175

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-famous moon speech.

Donor: Kathleen E. and John A. Dobelman ’79 and Village Frame Gallery
Value: $500

18 1953 SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS
This wood-mounted vintage photograph of the 1953 Owls football team with head coach Jess Neely and quarterback Leroy Fenstemaker would be the perfect addition to your man cave. Take a peek to see familiar faces among the players.

Donor: Woodson Research Center
Value: $125

19 A ROOM WITH A VIEW
Tommy Lavergne, university photographer, captures beautiful images of Rice’s campus, and this framed set of four images will look great in your home or office.

Donor: Tommy Lavergne
Value: $600

20 A ROGERS’ ORIGINAL
This crisp, bright and cheerful watercolor painted by Friends of Fondren Library past president and member extraordinaire Karen Hess Rogers is sure to delight.

Donor: Karen Hess Rogers ’68
Value: $200
**21 A ‘GOOD’ DREAM**
Jenny Good’s one-of-a-kind dreamscapes bring together her original watercolor paintings and carefully edited antique ephemera. The artist created this owl collage especially for Friends of Fondren Library.

Donor: Jenny Good  
Value: $625

**22 CONTEMPLATIVE OWL**
Show your Owl pride with a framed original watercolor and mixed media owl donated by the artist.

Donor: Jenny Good  
Value: $425

**23 “A PRINT OF TIME”**
Geraldina Interiano Wise discovered art at a young age. Geraldina’s early art education was under the tutelage of modernist painter and muralist Violeta Bonilla, a student of Diego Rivera. A lifelong learner, her latest education is happening in the Print Palace at Rice under printmaker Karin Broker, with 10 Rice students and new friends. Geraldina’s studio in the Washington Arts District is her laboratory of art. Her 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. In January, she broke into the performance art arena, as guest artist in Musiqa’s “Traces of Blue,” doing live painting to the music of Annie Gosfield. With a winning bid, you can own “A Print of Time,” a 28-by-20-inch oil print on archival paper, donated by the artist.

Donor: Geraldina Interiano Wise ’83, ’85  
Value: $650

**24 NOTRE DAME DOOR**
Return to Paris in a single image with this silver gelatin photograph by Robert Borne. It was custom framed by Hollywood Frame Gallery, showing off their exquisite skill.

Donor: Hollywood Frame Gallery  
Value: $495

**25 BOTANICAL BEAUTY**
Enhance your décor with this pair of framed dimensional artworks in natural hues.

Donor: A Friend of Fondren Library  
Value: $300
26 ‘BARRED OWLS’
A pair of owls for your favorite pair of Owls! This framed, limited edition print of two barred owls by Charles Beckendorf is signed by the artist and numbered 33/250.

Donor: Arden’s Picture Framing and Gallery
Value: $375

27 JOURNEY BACK TO HOUSTON’S TREASURED HISTORY
Tour historic Glenwood Cemetery where the likes of Howard Hughes and Eugene Heiner, famed Texas courthouse architect, are buried. Bear witness to the wonderful graveyard architecture that is quintessential to one of the oldest cemeteries in Houston and hear the stories of Houstonians past. It all comes to life with Jim Parsons, director of special projects for Preservation Houston, who will lead the tour for up to 20 guests. An elegant picnic lunch, catered by Rice’s Karen Hess Rogers, will follow the tour that will certainly leave you transformed.

Donor: Jim Parsons and Karen Hess Rogers ’68
Value: $500

28 ‘CRIMES OF THE HEART’
This premium Alley Theatre ticket package includes two Gold Circle seats to “Crimes of the Heart,” running April 12–May 5, 2019, with valet parking and Green Room access and dinner for two at Spindletop, the revolving restaurant atop the Hyatt Regency Houston. Please request your theater tickets at least one week before the performance. Spindletop certificate valued at $125 expires March 22, 2020.

Donor: Nancy and Alan Shelby and Spindletop
Value: $365

29 AN EVENING WITH THE HOUSTON SYMPHONY
Enjoy an evening at the Houston Symphony with these four premium orchestra tickets to any classical concert during the Houston Symphony’s 2018–19 season. Valet parking and Green Room access are included. Make your evening even more special with dinner for four at Perry’s Steakhouse and Grille in the River Oaks Shopping Center, a value of up to $300. Symphony certificate expires Friday, May 17, 2019.

Donor: Houston Symphony and Perry’s Steakhouse
Value: $872
Silent Auction

30 A NIGHT OF THE TRIUMPHANT AND SUBLIME
Enjoy an evening out for four at a Mercury Orchestra performance and reception. The “Beethoven’s Fifths” concert is set for May 11, 2019, and in addition to four premium tickets, the package includes attendance for four at a postconcert reception, a valet parking pass and a CD collection for your enjoyment.
Donor: Kristine and Stephen Wallace ’68
Value: $425

31 ‘DAVE DOUGLAS: DIZZY ATMOSPHERE’
Trumpeter and composer Dave Douglas returns to Da Camera Friday, April 12, 2019, with a one-of-a-kind tribute to Dizzy Gillespie, with Gillespie’s repertoire as a starting point for improvisation and exploration. This package includes four concert tickets and a $150 gift card to Ouisie’s Table.
Donor: Jeff E. Ross ’75 and Doris A. Williams ’75 and Ouisie’s Table
Value: $370

32 WEINBERG AND MENDELSSOHN
Mark your calendar for Friday, May 10, 2019, to attend the Da Camera concert, featuring the Daedalus Quartet, the Brentano Quartet and Sarah Rothenberg on piano, with these two tickets in the front orchestra.
Donor: Annette Eldridge
Value: $108

33 ‘FROM BRANDENBURG TO ESTERHÁZY’
ARS Lyrica, specializing in music from the golden age of the 17th and 18th centuries, invites you to a concert in their Out of the Box season with two tickets to the “From Brandenburg to Esterházy” performance and reception Sunday, May 19, 2019. Redeem certificate for tickets by April 20, 2019.
Donor: ARS Lyrica
Value: $120

34 PARTY WITH STAGES
Invite your friends to join you for an evening at the theater with this gift certificate for 20 tickets to one Stages Repertory Theatre production during its 2018–19 season. Use of the Impresario Donor Lounge for up to 30 guests is included. Tickets are subject to availability and must be reserved through the box office at least 30 days in advance. Certificate expires Sept. 30, 2019.
Donor: Stages Repertory Theatre
Value: $1,800
35 DOUBLE DATE NIGHT
It’s double date night with a $200 gift certificate for dinner for four at benjy’s in the Village and two vouchers for two tickets each to 4th Wall Theatre Company’s “Collected Stories,” which runs May 16 to June 8, 2019. Each set of 4th Wall tickets must be used at the same performance. The certificate to benjy’s excludes alcohol and gratuity and expires November 2019.

Donor: benjy’s in the Village and 4th Wall Theatre Company
Value: $264

36 INNOVATIVE OPERA
Select Houston Grand Opera’s performance of “Don Giovanni” or “The Phoenix” in April or May 2019, with this certificate for two orchestra seats, then enjoy the contemporary classic American fare with a $150 gift card at Relish Restaurant and Bar. Please request your opera tickets four weeks before the performance.

Donor: Houston Grand Opera and Relish Restaurant and Bar
Value: $650

37 BROADWAY BOUND
“Miss Saigon” opens at Houston’s Hobby Center Tuesday, May 7, 2019. This opening-night package includes two tickets to the opening night party, two seats in Center Orchestra, Row LL, two discounted drink tickets and a parking pass. Top off a great evening with dinner at Ibiza Food and Wine Bar or any Clark Cooper Concepts restaurants with a $100 gift certificate.

Donor: Memorial Hermann Foundation and Ibiza Food and Wine Bar
Value: $300

38 GET TO KNOW ROCO
Discover ROCO — River Oaks Chamber Orchestra, a dynamic and innovative ensemble playing in intimate venues with this voucher for two tickets to any ROCO concert at St. John the Divine. After the concert, enjoy dinner at State of Grace with a $100 gift certificate.

Donor: ROCO (River Oaks Chamber Orchestra) and State of Grace
Value: $180
39 MEET THE MAYOR
West University mayor and Rice alumna Susan Sample will host lunch for four and a tour of selected West University facilities. The tour, which includes meeting available directors and staff and visiting the fire station to view a working firetruck, is best suited for children age 6 and older. Date to be mutually agreed upon.

Donor: Susan Sample ’85
Value: $200

40 ‘THE MERRY WIDOW’
A special evening might begin with dinner at Brennan’s of Houston using this $150 gift certificate, followed by the Houston Ballet’s performance of “The Merry Widow.” This package includes a certificate for two orchestra seats at the performance of your choice: May 31, June 1, 2, 7, 8 or 9, 2019. Ballet certificate must be redeemed at least one day before the performance. Brennan’s certificate excludes alcohol and gratuity and expires Oct. 1, 2019.

Donor: Houston Ballet Foundation and Brennan’s of Houston
Value: $430

41 MOMENTS OF TRUTH
Here’s the ultimate Axiom Quartet fan package: Four tickets to any Axiom concert in the 2019–2020 season, a CD of their debut album, “Axiom — Moments of Truth,” and a signed poster.

Donor: Axiom Quartet
Value: $150

42 THE INSIDE SCOOP ON OWLS BASEBALL (No. 1)
Do you have a few questions for Matt Bragga, Rice’s new baseball coach? Join him for lunch at Cohen House and learn about his game plan. Lunch for four guests will be scheduled at a mutually agreeable date. The value of lunch is $100; the value of chatting with the new coach is priceless.

Donor: Rice Athletics
Value: $100
Silent Auction

**43 THE INSIDE SCOOP ON OWLS BASEBALL (No. 2)**
Do you have a few questions for Matt Bragga, Rice’s new baseball coach? Join him for lunch at Cohen House and learn about his game plan. Lunch for four guests will be scheduled at a mutually agreeable date. The value of lunch is $100; the value of chatting with the new coach is priceless.

Donor: Rice Athletics
Value: $100

**44 ONLY THE FINEST**
Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 27, 2019, for Rice Owls vs. Louisiana Tech baseball. This “suite” deal includes use of a Reckling Park suite, 16 game tickets and two parking passes. After the game, head over to Washington Avenue, just minutes from downtown, to visit B&B Butchers with this $400 gift card. They have an old-fashioned steakhouse menu with a contemporary twist, serving exemplary meats, all dry-aged and hand-cut daily, including the finest Texas and Japanese wagyu beef.

Donor: Elle ’00 and Clarke Anderson ’01 and B&B Butchers
Value: $900

**45 FRONT ROW SEATS**
Exhilaration, excitement and extraordinary all in one evening. Watch and cheer on the Houston Astros from four front-row seats offered courtesy of Bess ’82 and Matt Wareing ’81. It will surely be a game to remember.

Donor: Bess ’82 and Matt Wareing ’81
Value: $700

**46 TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME**
Cheer on the Astros with these four tickets located in Section 116 to a home Astros baseball game in 2019, then visit Alice Blue for a delicious dinner for four with this certificate worth up to $200. Baseball dates are to be mutually agreed upon. The Alice Blue certificate excludes alcohol and gratuity.

Donor: Amy Sutton ’89 and Gary Chiles ’86 and Alice Blue
Value: $588
**47 A HOME RUN**

Astros games are extra exciting when you sit behind home plate in front of the owner’s box in Club Section 220. This package includes two tickets to the Astros vs. Kansas City Royals Monday, May 6, at 7:10 p.m. Dinner for two at Sorrento, valued at $150, will round out a lovely evening.

Donor: Donna and Jim Wade and Sorrento Ristorante  
Value: $450

**48 PRESEASON FUN WITH THE TEXANS**

Two tickets to attend the Texans’ second preseason home game in the Partners Suite, including food and drink service and a parking pass, can be yours with this special package.

Donor: Harry Gee ’60  
Value: $800

**49 RUN AS ONE WITH THE HOUSTON ROCKETS**

Cheer for the Rockets up close from these spectacular floor seats when they play the Phoenix Suns, Sunday, April 7. Game time is 6 p.m. This package, donated by Coventry Homes, includes four tickets in Section C108, Row 3, and two parking passes.

Donor: Coventry Homes  
Value: $1,926

**50 WEEKEND FUN**

For some fast fun, plan your weekend around breakfast at Buffalo Grille with two $25 gift certificates and two regular and two super go-cart ride packages at Houston Grand Prix Family Entertainment Center. Buffalo Grille certificate expires Dec. 31, 2019.

Donor: Buffalo Grille and Amy and Robert Taylor ’74  
Value: $146

**51 GOURMANDS AND GASTRONOMES GATHER AND DELIGHT**

Ibiza offers a lovely chef’s dinner for four. What a great date night with your spouse or significant other and two additional guests. It will surely be an evening to relish for years to come. Certificate expires March 22, 2020. Alcohol, tax and gratuities are excluded.

Donor: Clark Cooper Concepts and Ibiza Food and Wine Bar  
Value: $400
52 MODERN CAJUN-CREOLE CUISINE
Executive chef Drake Leonards brings the flavors of his Louisiana hometown to Houston at Eunice. At a chef’s dinner for six, you will explore the brasserie-style menu inspired by the flavors of his childhood.

Donor: Eunice Restaurant
Value: $800

53 CULINARY SOUL
At this Frank’s American Revival chef’s dinner with wine for six guests, experience the freshest farmer’s market flavors created by chef Colin Shine. The ingredients for your feast might well have come from the Eastside Farmer’s Market that very morning.

Donor: Frank’s American Revival
Value: $1,500

54 AN AMERICAN CLASSIC
Round up your friends for dinner at Cleburne Cafeteria, a Houston tradition since 1941. With six gift certificates of $50 each, you can choose whether to spend it all at once or over a few outings.

Donor: Cleburne Cafeteria
Value: $300

55 THE ORIGINAL CARRABBA’S
This exclusive dining experience for six guests at Carrabba’s — the Original on Kirby will delight your taste buds with their Italian grill cuisine. Excludes alcohol, tax and gratuity. Bidder is responsible for amounts over $300. Valid Monday–Thursday through Oct. 31, 2019.

Donor: Johnny Carrabba
Value: $300

56 EXPERIENCE BENIHANA
Celebrate your special event with an evening of teppanyaki dining for six guests. Your table-side chef will delight you with Benihana’s signature Japanese cuisine. Excludes alcohol.

Donor: Benihana
Value: $200
57 ¡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 through March 22, 2020, and excludes beverages, appetizers, desserts and gratuity.

Donor: Armandos
Value: $440

58 WINE, WINE …
Basket No. 1 — Take home this selection of red wines to pair with your culinary successes or with delightful cheeses from Houston Dairymaids with this $50 gift certificate.

Donor: Patricia R. Brice
Value: $550

59 … AND MORE WINE
Basket No. 2 — This selection of white wines will delight you and your guests. Pair them with delightful cheeses from Houston Dairymaids with this $50 gift certificate.

Donor: Patricia R. Brice
Value: $550

60 AMERICAN SPARKLING WINES
Toast any occasion with this collection of Pétillant Naturel or natural “pét-nat” wines. Adults only, please!

Donor: Donna and Leonard Lane ’74
Value: $200

61 OWL HAVE A WEE DRAM
George and Susannah Webb have traversed Scotland’s whisky trail once again to bring you two delightful tastings to add to your own collection. Susannah’s recommendation, Dougie MacLean’s Caledonia selection, a special single-cask release by Edradour, is reminiscent of how Highland whisky was made years ago. For those looking for a bolder tasting, George suggests the Islay malt of Toiteach A Dhà by Bunnahabhain. Included in this package are whisky stones etched with owls, David Wishart’s guide to choosing single malt scotch and a carrying case for your bottles.

Donor: Susannah and George Webb ’88
Value: $225
**SILENT AUCTION**

**62 CHEERS!**
Toast to your good fortune with this delightful whiskey bar collection, featuring an antique French silver tray, a decanter and four delicately etched glasses.

Donor: Back Row Home  
Value: $400

**63 AN OWL FOR ALL SEASONS**
Use this versatile ceramic owl as an umbrella stand in your foyer or dress it up with this Fresh Cut Gardenia LAFCO candle. The crackle glaze adds charm and dimensions to the owl-feather cutouts.

Donor: A Friend of Fondren Library  
Value: $175

**64 VINTAGE BEAUTY**
This early 1900’s English revolving dome server from Marples & Co. of Sheffield would be an elegant addition to your dining or buffet table. It is silver plate and includes both original removable trays. It measures approximately 14-by-10-by-8 inches.

Donor: Jan Austin Antiques (San Antonio)  
Value: $375

**65 COFFEE OR TEA?**
Whether you are serving coffee or tea, this beautiful antique cut glass sugar and creamer set will dress up your table and impress your guests. It is in excellent condition.

Donor: Jan Austin Antiques (San Antonio)  
Value: $145

**66 EXQUISITE TREASURES**
This collection of exquisite treasures includes a vintage sterling silver wine coaster from the early 1900s marked I.S. Co. Sterling and a pair of silver plated wine goblets engraved “Paris 1975.” Accent the collection with a delicate hinged porcelain Limoges Owl Box for your tiniest treasure.

Donor: Debby Crabtree and a Friend of Fondren Library  
Value: $425
67 BEAUTIFUL LIBRARIES

Donor: Debby Crabtree
Value: $140

68 ICONIC EVENTS
Visit Events’ new location on Westheimer Road to use this $250 gift card and select from their luxurious gifts, home and stationary items.

Donor: Regina Garcia, Events
Value: $250

69 HOP INTO SPRING
This beautiful needlepoint pillow is handcrafted by our talented gala chair Amy Taylor. The charming bunny design and delightful pastel colors will charm your guests this spring.

Donor: Amy Taylor
Value: $750

70 COASTAL LIVING STYLE
Creative Flooring Resources will custom bind a seagrass rug to the exact size you need, up to 9-by-12 feet, to bring texture and natural color into any room in your house.

Donor: Creative Flooring Resources
Value: $900

71 A READER’S DELIGHT

Donor: Brazos Bookstore
Value: $181
Silent Auction

72 INSPIRATION

Donor: LAM BESPOKE and AREA-Houston Antiques and Furniture
Value: $210

73 TIMELESS BEAUTY
AREA’s offerings represent a refined selection of furnishings and decorative arts edited by constant collectors. Take home this stunning etched buffalo-horn tray accented with an orchid in a julep cup and a Star Magnolia LAFCO candle. No exchanges, please.

Donor: AREA-Houston Antiques and Furniture
Value: $1,150

74 FINE DINING
Set an elegant table with 21 silver-colored plate chargers from Round Top. No exchanges, please.

Donor: Melinda Snell
Value: $200

75 A DESIGNER ACCENT
This hammered drink table, with an antique brass finish, is a striking accent piece for your home. It measures 7-by-12-by-21 inches.

Donor: Mecox
Value: $280

76 YOUR CHOICE
Feliz Interiors Houston offers a distinctly unconventional take on luxury home furnishings. Find your favorites with this $100 gift card.

Donor: Feliz Interiors Houston
Value: $100

77 HOOT!
A custom owl topiary will enhance your garden or living space.

Donor: River Oaks Plant House
Value: $200
**78 FESTIVE BALLOONS**
All Pops of Color will create a glorious custom balloon arrangement in the theme of your choice and install at your Houston metropolitan area location. It is perfect for your next celebration.

Donor: All Pops of Color  
Value: $300

**79 OWLS OF CHRISTMAS**
Celebrate the season with 14 owl ornaments and a festive metal display stand from Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth, Mich., the world's largest Christmas store.

Donor: Shelley and Art Gottschalk  
Value: $153

**80 OWLS AROUND THE WORLD**
Enjoy this eclectic selection of beautiful owls, including two hand-carved owls and two silk owls from Thailand and Cambodia, plus a sweet owl-embroidered tea towel and darling owl tote bag.

Donor: Shelley and Art Gottschalk and Debby Crabtree  
Value: $130

**81 MAKE-OVER PARTY AT SAKS**
Take home this basket of Clarins skincare tonight, then schedule a make-over party for 10 at Saks Fifth Avenue, including makeovers, prosecco and party favors. Please schedule at least two weeks in advance. No returns or exchanges.

Donor: Saks Fifth Avenue  
Value: $750

**82 ELEGANT**
Dress up any outfit with these elegant accessories. The beautiful Julie Vos gold-plated link bracelet pairs so well with this Captiva featherweight cashmere scarf in navy and ivory.

Donor: Melinda Snell and á bientôt  
Value: $548
83 FABULOUS
This stylish Eric Javits Maven black bag will fit all of your essentials, including a laptop. It’s a fabulous find.

Donor: Melinda Snell and á bientôt
Value: $450

84 OWL YOU NEED
The Maida family is known for generations of exquisite craftsmanship. Experience the beauty of this handcrafted sterling silver owl necklace, and pair it with this playful owl handbag for your next campus outing.

Donor: Jason C. Maida, Maida’s Belts and Buckles and a Friend of Fondren Library
Value: $250

85 BEAUTIFUL PAMPERING
Wear your new Kendra Scott Didi earrings and Crowley necklace, while you set aside some time for a relaxing manicure and pedicure at Beautique Day Spa and Salon in the Rice Village.

Donor: Liz Crowell ’76, Beautique and Kendra Scott
Value: $290

86 CLASSIC ELEGANCE
This vintage sterling silver Tiffany Atlas bracelet is an open cuff design and will look stunning with any outfit.

Donor: ITBE, LLC Fine Estate Jewelry and Watches (San Antonio)
Value: $395

Kai-Yin Lo (Items 87 and 88)
Jewelry designer Kai-Yin Lo created one of Asia’s first international brands. Her jewelry brings together design elements from the East and West. All earrings offered here are set in vermeil over sterling silver.

87 GARNET AND AMETHYST
Two pairs of Kai-Yin Lo vintage earrings: the first pair feature garnet and mother-of-pearl with pearl and onyx drops and the second pair are cabachon amethyst and onyx.

Donor: Nancy Shelby
Value: $635
88 AMETHYST AND MOONSTONE
The second lot of vintage Kai-Yin Lo earrings features two pairs of earrings: the first are carved amethyst, onyx, jade and mother-of-pearl and the second pair are moonstone, mother-of-pearl and jasper.

Donor: Suzie Shelby
Value: $615

89 COTTON CLUB COLLECTION SHOPPING PARTY

Donor: Cotton Club Collection
Value: $750

90 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. Certificate expires March 22, 2020.

Donor: Mariquita Masterson
Value: $250

91 LUNCH DATE
Treat yourself to a little shopping after lunch. A $50 Local Foods gift certificate pairs well with a $100 gift certificate to Kick Pleat.

Donor: Kick Pleat and Local Foods
Value: $150

92 FCB SHOPPING EXPERIENCE
When your friends see you wear this fabulous Taylor and Tessler IPSA wrap bracelet, they will want to be one of the lucky guests to join your French Cuff Boutique shopping experience. This package includes a private shopping party for 10–20 guests with sips, sweets and light bites, a personal styling appointment for one-on-one techniques and advice, and a $100 gift card. You and your guests will receive a 15 percent discount at the shopping party, and you will receive the same discount at your styling appointment. Certificate expires March 22, 2020. No exchanges, please.

Donor: French Cuff Boutique
Value: $805
93 CASUAL STYLE
Wear this handsome J McLaughlin cotton cashmere shirt in a soft blue plaid, (men’s size large), on your next visit to Goode Company. The $50 gift card is good at any Goode Company Restaurant. No returns or exchanges, please.

Donor: J McLaughlin, Melinda Snell and Goode Company Restaurants
Value: $235

94 GEAR UP!
Are you searching for the perfect sportswear or suiting up for your next ski or snowboard trip? This $500 gift certificate to Saint Bernard will help you find just the right look.

Donor: Saint Bernard
Value: $500

95 MAIDA IN TEXAS
Jason Maida is carrying on his family’s legacy of reverence for tradition and commitment to quality with this beautiful sterling silver owl letter opener. What a unique gift for someone who treasures exceptional handcraftsmanship.

Donor: Jason C. Maida, Maida’s Belts and Buckles
Value: $360

96 EXPLORE THE KATY PRAIRIE CONSERVANCY
Tour the Katy Prairie Conservancy to discover the prairie’s history, its rich biodiversity, and its role in shaping our region and culture. This tour accommodates up to six guests and includes two T-shirts and two books to enhance your knowledge of the prairie: “Butterflies of Houston and Southeast Texas” and “Native Host Plants for Texas Butterflies.”

Donor: Katy Prairie Conservancy and Elisa Donovan
Value: $150
Explore the City Different (Items 97 and 98)

Rich in history and surrounded by natural beauty, Santa Fe, New Mexico, is known as a city of art galleries, museums, performing arts, fabulous food and wonderful outdoor activities such as hiking, biking and skiing. While in Santa Fe, take time to explore the historic districts, museums and craft markets, or just enjoy the beautiful sunsets.

97 LAS CAMPANAS RESORT, SANTA FE

Elizabeth and Albert Kidd ’64 offer a one-week stay in their two-bedroom, two-bath guesthouse in Las Campanas resort for your enjoyment. 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. Dates to be determined by mutual agreement; July and August are excluded.

Not included: Airfare, airport transfers and taxes, ground transportation, car rental, dining or activity fees
Donor: Elizabeth and Albert Kidd ’64
Value: $3,000

98 SANTA FE’S HISTORIC EASTSIDE

Sample all Santa Fe has to offer 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 guesthouse has a fully furnished kitchen and sleeps four adults or a family of six. The studio has a separate entrance and sleeps two adults or a family of four. Dates to be determined by mutual agreement; no smoking or pets, please.

Not included: Airfare, airport transfers and taxes, ground transportation, car rental, dining or activity fees
Donor: Liz ’76 and Steve Crowell
Value: $3,000
**99 GALVESTON, OH GALVESTON**

You will see Galveston’s sea waves crashing from a beautiful three-bedroom, three-bath condominium at Maravilla for a lovely, long, unwinding weekend donated by Donna and Jim Wade. The visit includes a round of golf for two at the Galveston Country Club courtesy of Dan Thelen. A great way to recharge. Dates to be determined by mutual agreement, Sept.–Dec. 15, 2019. Golf certificate expires Dec. 31, 2019.

Not included: Required $200 deposit, $20 parking fee per stay, airfare, airport transfers and taxes, ground transportation, car rental, dining or activity fees

Donor: Donna and Jim Wade and Dan Thelen, Galveston Country Club
Value: $1,160

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**100 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. Dates to be determined by mutual agreement. Smoking not permitted. Pets require owner approval.

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

Donor: Tania and Bobby Muraro ’00
Value: $3,500

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**101 GALLEY BAY RESORT, ANTIGUA**

Galley Bay Resort and Spa is situated on the northwest coast of Antigua, a 40-acre exotic paradise surrounded by a tranquil bird sanctuary and three-quarter-mile long stretch of white sand beach along the crystal blue Caribbean Sea. An intimate hideaway for discerning adult travelers, this award-winning resort features just 98 accommodations, spectacular sunset views, sumptuous beachside dining, watersports and relaxing in Indulge Spa. This resort certificate provides accommodations for seven nights (double occupancy) for up to two rooms (valued up to $1,750 per room depending on season) at Galley Bay Resort. All reservations are subject to a required supplemental of $160 per person, per night which provides dining, beverages, resort facilities, activities, service charge and gratuities. Reservations are subject to availability. Some restrictions apply. A surcharge will apply Dec. 21, 2019–April 15, 2020.

Not included: Required supplemental per person/per night fee, airfare, airport transfers and taxes, ground transportation, car rental, motorized activities or scuba diving fees

Donor: Elite Island Resorts
Value: Up to $3,500
Silent Auction

102 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, nonmotorized water sports, nature trails, tennis, fitness center, free-form swimming pool with waterfall and a beachfront spa. 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. Reservations are subject to availability. Some restrictions apply. A surcharge will apply Dec. 21, 2019–April 15, 2020.

Not included: Required supplemental per person/per night fee, airfare, airport transfers and taxes, ground transportation, car rental, motorized activities or scuba diving fees

Donor: Elite Island Resorts
Value: Up to $3,000
Friends of Fondren Library Mission

The Friends of Fondren Library was founded in 1950 by a group of dedicated Rice alumni and friends for the purpose of building a “great library (that) can assist a greater Rice Institute develop intellectual leadership.” For over 60 years, the Friends of Fondren Library has steadily contributed to the growth and quality of library resources and facilities for the benefit of Rice students, faculty, staff and the community. The Friends today continues in its mission to heighten community and alumni interest in Fondren Library and support academic programs at Rice University by funding library collections and facilities.

Proceeds from the 2019 Friends of Fondren Library Gala will benefit the new Friends of Fondren University Librarians Endowment, generously founded in 2018 by Pat and Ira Gruber, the Harris Masterson Jr. Professor Emeritus of History.