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The Social Book 2018 Launch Party

“The River’s Lazy, but Houston is Not!” ~ #HoustonStrong #TexasProud
Produced by PDV Special Events in partnership with The Social Book celebrating the
twenty-third anniversary edition of The Social Book



Social Book Treasures
photo credit: Fulton Davenport

The Social Book's owners Scott Evans, Jeff Henry and Sami Shbeeb welcomed more than 600 guests to celebrate the grand occasion of its 23rd anniversary edition. Guests nibbled on bites provided by the Marriott Marquis Houston at the VIP private reception honoring the 2018 "Houston Treasures" which included David Adickes, Frank Billingsley, Marie Bosarge, Gayla Gardner, Carmen & Harry "Butch" Mach, III, Dr. David Poplack, Rachel Regan, Cyndy Garza Roberts, Susan Sarofim, Virginia Steppe, Wessel and Henry J.N. "Kitch" Taub, Leticia & Steve Trauber.



Warner Roberts, Scott Evans

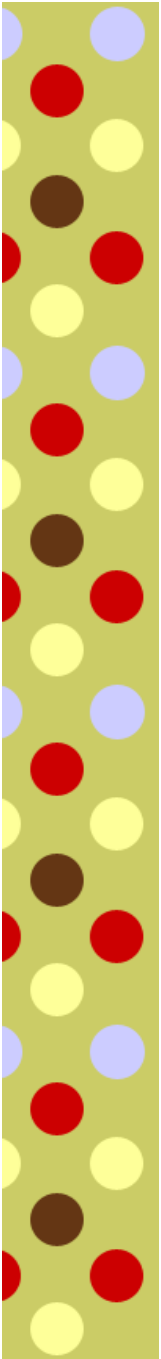
Eleven food and dessert stations provided the evening's Texas fare. Guests lined up for: Benjy's, Local Foods, Cakes by Gina, Chocolate Fountain Express, CULINAIRE Inspired Cuisine & Events, FUEL Kitchen & Health Bar, H-E-B, Marriott Marquis Houston's elaborate food corral featured café tables, lounging furniture and yellow rose-fastened split-rail fencing, Ristorante Cavour, Sushic and Tila's Taco Truck.



Cakes by Gina

The Houston and Texas décor throughout the ballroom from iconic Texas metal sculptures of boots, cacti, and horses to oil derricks and cowboys. Richard Brown Music and his orchestra played all evening and gave guests a vast array of musical styles.

Lash Lounge



All eyes were on The Lash Lounge Memorial Green during the “Sneak Peak”! The VIP Party was a fabuLASH event that welcomed guests into the sleek eyelash salon for an exclusive preview of the new Houston location. The sparkling event included light bites provided by Memorial Green’s Dish Society, a lavender-inspired floral wall arrangement from LIVE! Event Design, candles and scents from Lavande to match the aesthetics and DJ Mermae to set the mood.



Rola Salah, Aimee Turcios, Mysti Brown, Vicky Nguyen, Tammy Ouu

Guests mingled and meandered about the newest franchise location and left the event with swag bags.
12525 Memorial Drive, Suite 275

Have you made your Valentine's plans??

Chama Gaúcha Brazilian Steakhouse

On all Tuesday, February 13th – Thursday, February 15th, Chama Gaúcha will be festively decorated and have live music from 7pm-midnight. Guests can choose to do a special Valentine's Day package for \$150 (plus tax and gratuity), which includes the traditional, [rodizio](#) menu for two people along with a bottle of Ceretto Santo Stefano Moscato d'Asti or The Hess Collection Napa Valley Allomi Cabernet Sauvignon. Chama will also offer the regular dinner pricing for \$52.50 per person. Reservations are required, so please call 713.244.9500 to book your reservation today.

#DTR with CRAVE's Cupid-Approved Valentine's Day Treats



[CRAVE](#) rolls out their Valentine's Day cupcakes and bakeshop items in-store beginning Thursday, February 1st through Wednesday, February 14th.

Continue that forever love affair with classic cupcake favorites adorned with piped rosettes and mint green leaves. Give a little more than X's and O's with a dozen of assorted minis, iced perfectly with double fondant hearts or make it unforgettable with hand-crafted heart-wink emojis and love birds. Create custom toppers made just for that special someone or go beyond with bakeshop items such as heart-shaped rice krispie treats dipped in white chocolate and coated with pink and red sprinkles and heart shaped frosted sugar cookies. Define the relationship: Customers that place orders during the first week of February (2/1-2/7) will receive a 15% discount with code DTR18. Don't miss CRAVE's Uptown Park pop-up drive thru tent on Valentine's Day from 8am – 5pm to get you on your way to date night!

- In-store pick up begins February 1st-
- Pre-orders available beginning January 31st-
- Delivery and shipping available-

Lucille's

In the downstairs dining room, Executive Chef/Owner, Chris Williams, has created a Valentine's Day 3-course prix-fixe menu for \$75 per person (plus tax and gratuity).

In the upstairs dining room, guests can elevate their evening with a special "Dinner on The French Quarter" with live music for \$125 per person (plus tax and gratuity). The New Orleans-inspired evening will feature festive décor and a saxophone player that will take you back to The Big Easy.

In addition to the 3-course menu offered downstairs, the \$125 includes the following:

- The option of table-side bananas foster for dessert
- White tablecloth service with a small take-home floral arrangement

- A glass of champagne to begin the evening
- Wine pairings with the first and second courses
- A special after-dinner cocktail with Cafe Du Monde coffee to enjoy with dessert

Reservations are required for dinner in the downstairs and upstairs dining rooms, so please call 713.568.2505 to book your reservation today. For more information and to view the full menu, please visit: <https://goo.gl/hRYPT1>

MAX'S WINE DIVE FAIRVIEW

On Saturday, February 10th and Wednesday, February 14th, enjoy #puppylove on the patio at [MAX's Wine Dive Fairview](#)! Bring your first true love, your dog, and enjoy the patio and a special menu for you and your best friend. MAX's will be offering up a special menu with delicious dishes for the humans, including Lobster Ravioli, Prime Rib, Deep Fried Oreos and more, and MAX's has partnered with local Houston business [Wag Tantrum](#) to bring their tasty, human-grade and organic dog food options for your furry friend! The restaurant will also be offering special orders of chocolate covered strawberries to-go available for pre-order. Starting on February 1st, guests can call 713.528.9200 to place an order for pick up on Valentine's Day (all pre-orders must be places by February 13th at 4pm). Visit OpenTable or call the restaurant to make a reservation.

MAX'S WINE DIVE WASHINGTON

Fried chicken and Champagne for Valentine's Day... why the hell not?! On Wednesday, February 14th, guests can dine at [MAX's Wine Dive Washington](#) and enjoy gourmet comfort food along with a special dessert offering of Deep Fried Oreos. Those looking to have a romantic night in with their sweetheart can stop by to grab a bottle of wine with the help of our educated staff and pick up some chocolate covered strawberries to-go (available through pre-order). Starting on February 1st, guests can call 713.880.8737 to place an order for pick up on Valentine's Day (all pre-orders must be places by February 13th at 4pm). Visit OpenTable or call the restaurant to make a reservation.

MEZZA GRILLE



Coconut tres leches

[Mezza Grille](#) is offering a special Valentine's Day menu on Wednesday, February 14th. For \$125 per couple (tax and gratuity not included), guests can enjoy a romantic celebration and choose from a select menu for a four-course meal that includes one appetizer to share, choice of soup or salad for each person, one entrée for each person, one dessert to share and the choice of one bottle of wine to share.

Travel the World with The Tasting Room CityCentre and Uptown Park

[The Tasting Room CityCentre](#) will be offering a pre-fixe four-course dinner menu and wine pairing from 5pm to close on Wednesday, February 14th. For \$100/guest, enjoy an "Around the World" themed menu inspired by Thailand, Italy, France and America. Enjoy Myanmar tiger shrimp with rice noodles, sweet chili, cilantro and apricot paired with Trimbach Gewürztraminer France 2014, pan-roasted duck breast with foie gras, cherry, bacon and truffle paired with OTTO NOTE Barbera D'Alba Italy 2013, and much more. Listen to the tunes of a violinist, sip on a complimentary glass of bubbles before dinner, and each lady will receive a rose along with two chocolate covered strawberries per couple courtesy of The Tasting Room's pastry chef. Purchase a half-dozen or dozen strawberries to take home with you on the way out. Call 281-822-1500 to make a reservation.

Romance heats up at [The Tasting Room Uptown Park](#) with a 4-course "When France Meets Italy" inspired Valentine's Day dinner menu from 6pm to 10pm on Wednesday, February 14th. For \$150/guest, enjoy grouper almandine with haricot vert, almonds, cauliflower puree, and brown butter sauce, braised veal shank with creamy polenta and smoked tomato jus, and much more. For an additional \$35, receive a wine pairing with each course. All guests will receive a complimentary glass of champagne before dinner. Purchase a half-dozen or dozen chocolate covered strawberries to take home with you on the way out. Call 713-993-9800 to make a reservation.

Toulouse



Nestled in the heart of River Oaks District, [Toulouse](#) will offer Houstonians a romantic retreat this Valentine's Day serving the regular menu as well as a special menu in the sophisticated, yet cozy, bistro atmosphere.

The special dinner menu includes **asparagus cream soup** topped with ruffle coulis and brioche croutons, **jumbo lump crab cakes** with petite salad and espellette aioli, **seared halibut** over a hazelnut risotto, **filet mignon** with roasted potatoes, onions, mushrooms and a truffle sauce, and finished with a decadent **chocolate tart** with raspberries and rose flower cream.

Reservations will be accepted from Monday, February 12th through Wednesday, February 14th. On the night of Valentine's Day, Toulouse will have *live music* in the courtyard from 7-11pm.

BASU AESTHETICS & PLASTIC SURGERY ANNOUNCES 2018 OPENING OF BRAND NEW CYPRESS LOCATION

**Award-Winning Plastic Surgeon Opens
Unique Office in Cypress Towne Lake**



Basu Aesthetics & Plastic Surgery announces the spring 2018 opening of the one-of-a-kind destination for aesthetics and wellness in Cypress. The 10,000-square foot facility will also be the home for Beleza Surgery Center, a state-licensed ambulatory surgery center designed solely for the aesthetic plastic surgery patient, and is conveniently located at The Boardwalk Towne Lake (9899 Towne Lake Parkway, Suite 100, Cypress, Texas 77433). “This entire facility is a one-of-kind destination developed and designed specifically for the aesthetic and cosmetic plastic surgery,” said Dr. Bob Basu, MD, MPH, FACS, Founder and Director of Basu Aesthetics & Plastic Surgery with over 12,000 procedures under his belt. “The destination immediately sets the stage of the patient experience – patients will walk in and instantly feel relaxed and at ease.”

Upon entrance, the lobby conveys a luxury hotel rather than an accredited surgical center, and the high, dramatic ceilings and upscale art throughout lend to the feeling of a grandeur getaway. The location features four private consultations rooms, several non-surgical treatment rooms, two med-spa rooms for facials and skin care, and four post-op care rooms, along with a glass-enclosed conference room designed for community and patient education events. For cosmetic procedure patients, the ambulatory surgery center has two state-of-the-art operating rooms, private pre-op areas and luxurious post-op surgical recovery areas with the option for overnight stays for those seeking a little extra pampering. Almost every room features a lake view, and the soothing color scheme creates a relaxing atmosphere that caters to those looking to Dr. Basu for his expertise in the surgical and non-surgical plastic surgery arenas. The facility has been equipped with mood-relaxing LED lighting technology, as compared to traditional, harsh clinic fluorescent lighting, not just for energy efficiency, but to help patients relax. Additionally, all windows in consultation rooms are specially designed with privacy glass, so that patients can enjoy the water-front view, but no one can see in from outside. After treatments and procedures, patients have the option to depart through a private, covered exit as their privacy is of utmost importance.

Houston Philanthropy

**THE VINTAGE CONTESSA DANCES
IN THE STREET FOR KNOWAUTISM
Donae Cangelosi Chramosta Raised \$23K
to Support Local Non-Profit at Italian-Themed Birthday Bash**



Rob, Donae, and Bella Chramosta

Photo credit: Daniel Ortiz Photography

FIFTY and FABULOUS! Over 200 of Houston's finest arrived at River Oaks District to kick off Donae Cangelosi Chramosta's, better known as The Vintage Contessa, birthday celebration with a cocktail hour inside Dolce & Gabbana. Surrounded by colorful majolica patterns and D&G's finest pieces, guests were dressed to impress in black and gold attire and soaked up the lavish ambience while they mingled. As the festivities continued, guests made their way over to Toulouse Café and Bar to dance the night away on the open patio and enjoy mouth-watering appetizers such as crispy tuna tartare tacos, butter poached lobster shooters, and salmon cannelloni.



As the champagne flowed, Italian dancers performed in the courtyard, the DJ played classic Italian music to set the “Spicy Sicilian” theme, and Hahn Tran created art representative of The Vintage Contessa. An ornate cake and birthday toast and song led by Donae’s husband Rob, helped the crowd wish The Vintage Contessa a happy 50th. In lieu of gifts, guests were encouraged to donate to KNOWAutism. Event underwriters included Bentley Houston and Toulouse Café and Bar, both of which are also donating silent auction items to the upcoming KNOWAutism Gala in February 2018.

Check our calendar to plan your social and shopping schedule!

February 9

Celebrate Valentine’s Day in Nature with Delicious Food and Wine Pairings
and a Romantic Evening at the Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
6 p.m. – 10 p.m. (last trail admittance 8 p.m.)



Houston Arboretum & Nature Center’s always popular *Tapas on the Trails* is back for Valentine’s Day 2018.

Bring your special someone for a romantic evening getaway without leaving the city. Enjoy a softly-lit walk through the Arboretum's nature sanctuary, pausing along the way to indulge in four delicious Spanish-inspired courses paired perfectly with carefully selected beers and wines. Guests receive a commemorative glass to take home. The evening begins at the Meadow, overlooking a one-acre pond and ends at the Nature Center, where guests will enjoy sparkling wine, handcrafted desserts, a coffee and espresso bar, and the company of a live owl.

February 10

Direct Energy Presents Casey James in Concert at Levy Park



Blues music rules the day, while Chef Tim Love will also host food pop ups. Direct Energy is the presenting sponsor for a free concert at Levy Park on Saturday, Feb. 10, featuring Texas country and blues musician and former American Idol finalist Casey James from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. performing on the Pavilion Stage.

Kicking things off at 12:30 p.m. is Jonn "Del Toro" Richardson, while the Diunna Greenleaf Band performs from 3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., both from the Houston Blues Society and sponsored by the Levy Park Conservancy.

Texas-based celebrity chef Tim Love (who will open his flagship restaurant Woodshed at Levy Park in late 2018) and his team are providing delectable food offerings and beverages Saturday from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., in addition to Friday from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Some of the items available include elotes, crispy sprouts, chile parm chips, pulled pork sandy, shaved pastrami sandwich, griddled dog, Texas red elk chili dog, along with beer, wine, mixed drinks, sodas and water. Come and get a taste of Chef Love's offerings all weekend long.

Guests are invited to come out earlier in the day to enjoy a good workout with and Joy Yoga at 10 a.m. People can always enjoy other park amenities, including imagination playground blocks, arts and games carts, corn hole, children's play area, dog parks, ping pong and much more.

February 10-11

LET'S MENO-PAUSE AND TALK ABOUT YOUR HEALTH, YOUR WAY





Barbie Taylor, M.D. Provides a Comprehensive and Unbiased Education on Long-Term Menopause Management

Forget your fears! Menopause Taylor (Barbie Taylor, M.D.) is here to host a live two-day seminar on February 10-11 at the Hotel Granduca. She'll provide women with a unique, comprehensive, and unbiased education on menopause and beyond, regardless of their learning styles, timelines, or budgets. Utilizing slides, props, models, and outline notes, attendees will have no trouble navigating the pros and cons of all the options, including diet and lifestyle, vitamins and minerals, botanicals and herbs, hormonal medications, and non-hormonal medications. In addition to learning, there will be loads of laughter, special giveaway prizes, and delicious food to enjoy throughout the two days. Takeaways include your own tailored approach to managing your menopause your way now and for the rest of your life, seminar outline notes, Menopause Taylor's book, Menopause 101 for Men DVD, and a DVD of the actual seminar.

TARIFF:

Tickets: \$950

Register online: <https://menopausetaylor.me/product/live-two-day-seminar/>

10% discount applied to group total when you book four or more spots.

\$100 off when you book using discount code "hotflash".

March 4

CHILDREN AT RISK Spring Party 2018

12:00 - 3:00 pm

The Astorian 2500 Summer St., Houston, TX 77007

Chairs: Norma and Alberto Cardenas, Tracy and Harry Faulkner, Doc and Henry Florsheim, Theresa Hildreth Chef

Chair: David Cordua

Savor the creations of Houston's top chefs as you enjoy brunch favorites paired with bottomless cocktails and mimosas. Bring your appetite to this epic brunch throwdown as chefs and their mini sous chefs (children) compete for your vote. Enjoy great music, entertainment and bid on exciting auction prizes, while you support the mission of the Houston Food Bank and CHILDREN AT RISK as we "Take a Bite out of Child Hunger."

Prices: Individual tickets \$350, \$500, or \$1,000.

Sponsorships \$3,500 - \$35,000

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April 14

6:30 pm

"Crossroads At 40" Crossroads School 40th Anniversary Gala

The Briar Club

The evening will begin with cocktails and passed Hors D'Oeuvres with music by Infinite Groove, followed by dinner and program, and the exclusive, highly anticipated live Dessert Auction. The night benefits 40 years of teaching exceptional children with learning differences. Melinda Spaulding will emcee.

Individual Tickets - \$250; Tables: \$2500-\$10,000

Contact: Debbie McBride | 832.771.5335 | debbmc2000@yahoo.com | www.crossroadshouston.org

April 19

The Immunization Partnership's Community Immunity Spring Luncheon 2018

11:30a

River Oaks Country Club

Hundreds of community leaders, vaccine advocates and supporters will join us for the 8th anniversary of the Community Immunity Luncheon, benefiting The Immunization Partnership (IIP). Each year, The Immunization Partnership hosts this special event to remind community leaders about the importance of

immunization issues, raise funds to support our programs, and honor those who have dedicated their careers to advancing immunizations and immunization rates.

Individual Tickets - \$250; Tables: \$2500-\$25,000

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