

## The HOUSTON Club

# Clubber

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#### **MARCH Events**

March 2nd - Texas Independence Day Luncheon

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April 6th - Bush Room Closed

April 8th - Easter Brunch

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April 11th - Wine Tasting

April 12th - Members' Social

April 13th - Business Breakfast
Broadcast and YP Horse Track Night

**April 14th** - Battle of San Jacinto Symposium

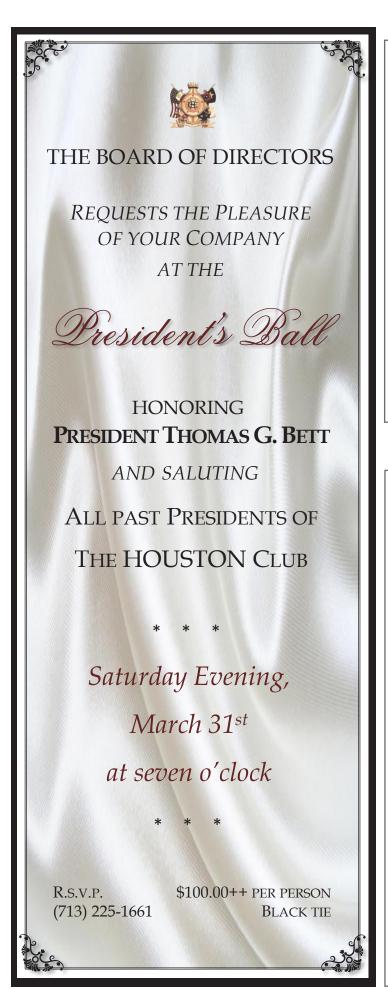
April 18th - GLO Speaker Series and Dinner and a Movie Night (Sam Houston Movie)

April 19th - Ladies Wine Social and Wine Dinner

**April 25th** - Executive Women in Leadership

**April 26th** - BNS and YP Game Night **April 27th** - Supper & the Symphony





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# the **Texas Independence Day Luncheon**

Friday, March 2nd

12:00pm

\$30++ per person

(\$28++ per person for tables of 10)

Guest Speaker: Harris County Judge Ed Emmett

Reservations required. Please reserve online or call (713) 225-1661.

Join us for

# The HOUSTON Club Golf Tournament

Sunday, March 11th | 12:00pm

Play where the Pros Play – Redstone Golf Club
Tournament Course –
The Shell Houston Open Course!! REDSTON

\$175+

(includes green fees, forecaddie, golf cart)

We will also do prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin!

This Golf tournament is open for both, male and female!

All fees will be charged to members' THC account.

Reservations required. Please reserve online or call (713) 225-1661.

## **MARCH**

## **Member Spotlight**



Astronaut Leroy Chiao, Ph.D. holds appointments in Baylor College of Medicine and Rice University, works in business and consulting, and is an active speaker. He has worked extensively in both government and commercial space programs, and is a part of the National Space Biomedical Research Intitute and the Center for Space Medicine. He has extensive experience as a NASA

Astronaut and prior to that, as a Research Engineer. He is involved in entrepreneurial business ventures, including Diomics, a startup company which promises to revolutionize DNA collection and analysis. He is a fellow of the Explorers Club, and a member of the Committee of 100. Dr. Chiao also serves in various capacities to further space education.

Dr. Chiao left NASA in December, 2005 following a fifteenyear career with the agency. A veteran of four space missions, Dr. Chiao most recently served as Commander and NASA Science Officer of Expedition 10 aboard the International Space Station. He has logged over 229 days in space - over 36 hours of which were spent in Extra-Vehicular Activity (EVA, or spacewalks). From June–September 2009, he served as a member of the White House appointed Review of U.S. Human Spaceflight Plans Committee, and currently serves on the NASA Advisory Council.

A native English speaker, Dr. Chiao also speaks Mandarin Chinese and Russian. He has flown space missions and worked closely with Russian, Japanese and European Astronauts and their affiliated space agencies.

In September 2006, Chiao became the first American to visit the Astronaut Research and Training Center of China. There, he met the first two national Chinese astronauts, Yang Liwei and Fei Junlong.

Dr. Chiao studied Chemical Engineering, earning a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1983. He continued his studies at the University of California at Santa Barbara, earning his Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in 1985 and 1987.

## Employee Spotlight

Ollie Stephens has proudly served The HOUSTON Club since December 3, 2004. "He has an eye for how best to lay out a room," says Cynthia Fodell Mott. "When I host a function, Ollie always comes to my office to discuss the venue and the number of attendees I expect . . . and then he creates magic."

Ollie is a talent and tireless employee who puts his heart and soul into every event he stages. He always has a smile on his face and a big bear hug for his fellow employees. In every way one can imagine, Ollie is the backbone of The HOUSTON Club.

## A Message from the Membership Director



It has been my honor and great pleasure to serve as your Membership & Marketing Director for nearly three years. During this time, our Club has enjoyed a nearly 200% increase in our Young Professionals demographic. Additionally, we have dramatically increased the diversity in our membership now reflecting the

international city that we call home.

The recruiting, retention and experience of our members is always top-of-mind and towards that end, I am proud of the programming that we have worked hard to develop and implement, as a source of enrichment and fulfillment for our members. Our Supper & the Symphony series has been met with rave reviews, as our members have enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the Club prior to attending one or more of the eight concerts we showcased. In addition, I have received outstanding response to the Executive Women in Leadership Luncheon series, featuring one of our accomplished members each month, speaking to the strengths and attributes that have made them highly successful as managers, decision makers and role models in their communities. The Young Professionals Executive Round Table continues to be a highly anticipated event as it brings C-level executives from across the legal, financial and energy sectors to discuss the latest forecasts and trends in a Q&A format that enables the participants a highly energetic and interactive experience.

The Mentorship Program has been successful for those mentors and mentees who have made it a priority in their busy schedules. Please remember that this inaugural program will continue until September 2012 at which time we will plan for the next class. I would encourage those of you who have not reached out to your mentor or mentee to make it a point to do so, as I have heard from many of the participants that they are learning much from each other and how rewarding this experience continues to be for both parties involved. "If you want to know the road ahead, talk with someone who is coming back."

In closing, I would like to thank those of you who continue to refer your friends and colleagues that you think will benefit through affiliation with our great Club-many have joined and are bringing so much to enhance our HOUSTON Club family.

Thank you for your continued ideas, support, and participation; for your gracious confidence.

Respectfully,

Cynthia Fodell Mott Membership & Marketing Director

#### The HOUSTON Club

Louis Aulbach - Buffalo Bayou: An Echo of Houston's Wilderness **Beginnings** 



## Wednesday, March 21st

11:30am | \$30++ per person

(\$28++ per person for tables of 10)

One of the most interesting chapters in Houston's history was written in Memorial Park along the banks of Buffalo Bayou.

Reservations required. Please reserve online or

SAVARESE PROMOTIONS and The HOUSTON Club presents

## Black Tie Boxing THURSDAY NIGHT FIGHTS

Thursday, March 22nd

5:30pm Pre-fight Buffet

7:00pm Fight



\$100 Club Members \$150 Non-Club Members

Come see 8 world class bouts!



For Reservations: Please call (713) 225-1661 or visit us online at www.houstonclub.org



## Texas High Holy Days

Our city, state and Club all have rich and vibrant histories, in many ways intertwined. This is an excellent year to establish a new tradition at our Club; a celebration of the "High Holy Days of Texas History"

What are the High Holy Days of Texas History, you ask? Beginning with the siege of the Alamo on February 23, 1836, and ending with the decisive battle of San Jacinto on April 21 of that year, these were the days and events that changed the history of not only the great State of Texas, but indeed, the world. All or part of TEN states joined the U.S. as a result of the events of 1836, equaling nearly one third of the country.

For our inaugural celebration this year, we have six highlighted events:

March 2: Texas Independence Day Luncheon featuring Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, outstanding leader and lover of Texas history. This event is co-sponsored by FBR Capital and San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy. 12:00pm - 2:00pm | \$30++ (Register to win a sapling deeply "rooted" in the Texas Revolution.)

March 21: Louis F. Aulbach "Buffalo Bayou: An Echo of Houston's Wilderness Beginnings". Join us for what promises to be a very interesting luncheon with a leading authority on Buffalo Bayou. 11:30am - 1:30pm | \$30++

March 29: \*NEW DATE\* Story Sloane – "Houston in the 1920s and 1930s". Story Jones Sloane III will present a visual representation of what life was like in vintage Houston during the 1920s and 1930s. Photographic examples of home life, work, play and civil involvement will be showcased. Mr. Sloane is a third generation native Houstonian and owner of Story Sloane's Gallery. In 1990, Mr. Sloan's father acquired a collection of vintage negatives of Houston's past. Since then Storey has been indexing and archiving the images from this collection to preserve and present the history of Houston. The collection has been featured in many news stories such as "The Eyes of Texas" and the PBS series "Houston Remember When".

April 11: Texas Wine Tasting. Join the Wine Committee for what will undoubtedly be the most popular wine tasting of the year. This tasting features visits by several Texas Winemakers to discuss their art. 5:30pm – 7:00pm | \$35++

April 14: Battle of San Jacinto Symposium. The premier, award winning academic event on the Texas Republic, sponsored by San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy. 9:00am - 3:00pm Cost: \$55 (includes lunch, parking, tax and gratuity) Please call 237-8997 for reservations.

**April 18:** Dinner and a Movie, "Sam Houston: American Statesman, Soldier, and Pioneer" with film maker Denton Florian. This epic production uncovered a great deal of new material on this great Texas hero. 5:30pm - 8:00pm | \$35++

Please keep an eye on The Clubber as well as the on-line calendar for other events featuring history of The HOUSTON Club and the City of Houston (Hint: Birthday celebrations for the Club in June and for Jesse Jones in August!)

- Jan DeVault & Chris Cookson



The HOUSTON Club presents

## **Executive Women In Leadership Lunch Series**



Wednesday, March 28th 11:30am - 1:00pm

> \$30++ per person Seating is limited to the first 50 reservations.

with Katherine Cabaniss

Leadership: The Non-Profit Model for eading the Country

Learn from Katherine, Executive Director - Crime Stoppers of Houston, about Houston's progressive, forward thinking non-profit and leadership for public safety!

Reservations required. Please reserve online or call (713) 225-1661.

The HOUSTON Club presents



GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUNDS with new host, Kristen Andreasen

Check our calendar for 3 new dates!

## mmmmm Scene at the Club









- 1) Jeff and Elise Cross ready for a delicious dinner.
- 2) The Breeding Family posing for a picture.
- 3) (I to r): Lori Shipman, William Paden, Alexander Paden, Lyman Paden, Marion Paden, Jennifer Paden, and Caroline Paden.
- 4) Richard "Lee" Bischoff II, O.J. and Elvie Bischoff take time for a picture.



- 1) Roxanne Pirooz and Jaime Rabanales taking in the New Year celebrations.
- 2) The Moran Family pose for a family picture.
- 3) Mr. & Mrs. Reese enjoying the evenings festivities.
- 4) (I to r): Bill McGovern, Cindy McFerrin, Brian Gonterman and Renae Hunter show they're ready to bring in the New Year.





## Scene at the Club minimum

## 2nd Annual Frost Bite Cigar Night

- 1) Adam Siegel, Pierce Adkins and John Dunn.
- 2) Chris Popjoy and Aaron Navarro smile for the camera.
- 3) (I to r): Scott Harris, Cheryl Wentz, Candace Beeke and John Beddow
- 4) Members and guests gather at the Frost Bite Cigar Night.





## Robert Burns Scotch Dinner



- 1) Piper Ian Martin, Ted Hirtz and Chef getting ready for the Selkirk Grace.
- 2) Members and guests getting ready for a feast.
- 3) Gerard Vacca examing the scotch bottles.
- 4) (back) Mr. and Mrs. Lampson with Mr. and Mrs. Towber.

5) (I to r) Tracy Sneider, Lauren and Alan Semple, and Barry Scneider.







## **APRIL**

## **Member Spotlight**



**Emily Cotton.** When Emily's father relocated his pipeline service company, Cotton Houston Inspection Incorporated, to Houston in 1987 she was just three years old. Raised within arm's length of her mother's auction catalogs from Christie's and Sotheby's, it is no small wonder that

she would find herself as an interior design consultant. Specializing in residential textiles she is the woman behind the curtain in many of Houston's most exclusive zip codes.

Her interior design prowess aside, Emily decided to leave the trade in order to pursue a degree in Art History from the University of St. Thomas so that she could specialize in art consulting for private collectors. When the Cotton family business transitioned from oil and gas to iron ore mining in 2005 she could never have imagined that in April of 2011 she would learn, via press release of all available avenues, that she would be named the Director of Investor Relations in the family business.

Emily dedicates her "spare time" as the President of Starlight, which is the premier young, urban, professional's charity league benefitting the American Cancer Society. Alongside Starlight, Emily is a chair person for Oscar Night America, as well as an active member of Women of Wardrobe. Oil, gas, iron ore, and art aside, Emily hopes to be remembered as one of the premier fundraisers of Houston when the dust all settles. As an active member of The HOUSTON Club there is no doubt that this lifelong dream will end in reality.

## The HOUSTON Club and GLO Speaker Series presents

"Taking A Look at the 2012 Presidential Campaign...
and also...



How I survived Helen Thomas, Sam Donaldson and the White House Press Corps!"

Wednesday, April 18th 11:30am - 1:00pm \$30++ (includes lunch)

**Mr. Peter Roussel**, Current ABC-13 Political Commentator and Warner Chair of Journalism appointee at Sam Houston State University

Reserve online or call (713) 225-1661.

## Catering at The HOUSTON Club

## **SPRING INTO ACTION...**

Book your next Corporate Meeting at The HOUSTON Club. We have several meeting rooms available to accommodate your specific needs. Visit our new website to view our meeting space.





Contact Mesita Partridge 713-229-2211 to book your meeting today!



### There's no time like the present!

Book your next event with the Catering Department. Reservations are filling up quickly with Weddings and Holiday Parties.

Reserve your space today.

Contact:

Mesita Partridge at 713- 229-2211 or by email at mpartridge@houston club.org

Terri Porche at 713- 229-2214 or by email at tporche@houstonclub.org

Join us at The HOUSTON Club for

# Easter Brunch



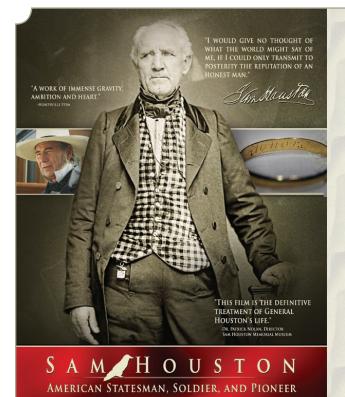
We will have an Easter Egg Hunt at 12:00pm (12 years and under) and a petting zoo in the Rotunda.



Sunday, April 8th 11:00am – 2:00pm (seating every 30 minutes)

\$34++ Adults \$15++ Children 5-12 Ages 4 and under are Free





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The HOUSTON Club presents

# Dinner & a Movie "SAM HOUSTON"

Wednesday, April 18th | 5:30 - 8:00pm \$35++ per person (includes dinner)

with Guest Speaker: Denton Florian, Executive Producer, Sam Houston Movie

SAM HOUSTON (1793-1863) is remembered today primarily for his activities in Texas, but in fact he was also a giant of the frontier and a dominant American political figure in the 1800s.

> Reservations required. Please reserve online or call (713) 225-1661.

## Young Professionals at The HOUSTON Club



"As YP Membership continues on the steady rise, the YP Committee has been working on some excellent programming for the coming months. On April 13th we will be hosting a trip to the Horse Track in which all Membership and guest are welcome to join. Transportation and entry

ticket will be provided all inclusive with the cost. Also, we plan to host some fantastic speakers for our Executive Roundtable Speaker series in both March and April, so be sure to keep an eye out for both of those events. As always, YP Poker night the last Thursday night of every month continues to be a great success, so be sure to come join us for poker and great company.

I would like to thank all of our new members of the YP Committee hard work in planning all of these activities. If you are a Junior Member at the club and have an interest in becoming active within the YP group, please contact the club and let us know.

> - Stephen Morgan YP Chairman



The HOUSTON Club Young Professionals

## HORSE TRACK RACING NIGHT

Friday, April 13th 5:00 - 10:30pm \$50 per person



(includes transportation and gate entry)

## **The YP Fantasy Football**

**Year End Standings** 

Name	W-L-T
1. Jason Cain	11-4-0
2. Michael Lanier	7-7-0
3. Stephen Morgan	12-2-0
4. Jodie Parker	9-5-0
5. Paul Stephens	6-8-0
6. Mark Graber	6-8-0
7. Steve Reed	6-8-0
8. Ben Manning	6-8-0
9. Jeffrey Roumfort	5-9-0
10. John Best	3-11-0

#### **MEMBERS** ON THE MOVE...



In September 2011, Eric Standlee formalized the founding of Shale Oil and Gas Placement. As principal of a 23year old alternative funding company, and founder of the wildly successful Online / Offline Social Network, InHouston, an InCity Network, he realized that founding the company

would help him make a larger impact on the Houston business community. Since 2008 the number of "in-transition" members of InHouston have grown steadily. A large portion of those are Oil and Gas related. The influence Eric Standlee has gained from being the founder of InHouston could best be put to use helping Houston's unemployed and underemployed find their dream jobs.

Shale Oil and Gas Placement aims to help Oil and Gas companies place hard-to-fill positions from Landman, to Project Engineer and GIS and some executive placements. We are seeing great activity in the Pennsylvania Shale and the Eagleford Shale plays. Due to Eric Standlee's massively large business network on LinkedIn well over 11,000 and the 20,000 member InHouston reach, Shale has access to large amounts of qualified both active and passive candidates.



The HOUSTON Club presents

## **Executive Women In Leadership Lunch Series**



Wednesday, April 25th 11:30am - 1:00pm

> \$30++ per person *Seating is limited to the* first 50 reservations.

with **Cynthia Sinatra** 

"War crimes & Being Sinatra"

She was an actress and lobbyist before attending law school. Sinatra has been a practicing attorney in Houston for more than 20 years.

#### The HOUSTON Club's

## Come meet our new neighbors to the north:



The Houston Dynamo Management

& Key Players!

Thursday, March 29th | 5:30 - 7:00pm

with Live Music from Allen's Landing Trio

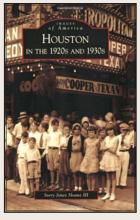
Reservations required. Please reserve online or call (713) 225-1661.

#### The HOUSTON Club

presents

## Story Sloane Speaker Series





#### March 29th

11:30am

\$30++ per person (includes lunch)

Reservations required. Please reserve online or call (713) 225-1661.

#### HOUSTON in the 1920s and 1930s

## The HOUSTON Club's BUSINESS NETWORKING SOCIAL





Maker's (SIV) Mark

with Live Music & Cigars

Thursday, April 26th | 5:30 - 7:00pm

with Live Music from Allen's Landing Trio

Reservations required. Please reserve online or call (713) 225-1661.

# Featured Reciprocal Clubs

#### The Exchange Club - Medan, Indonesia

The Exchange Club is located in the heart of town. It is an ideal city club with great amenities yet lending a cozy atmosphere to its users. The club was established by a Founding Board of Governors composed of prominent business figures representing all sectors. It features 2 Restaurants, 5 private Dining Rooms, Bar, Convention Room, Health and Fitness Centre which was designed to meet the lifestyle needs of the active professionals.



The Club is situated on the three Penthouse floors on level 7, 8 and

9 of the state of the art Uniplaza building.

The magnificent views of the constantly changing skyline of the city and classic interior are the Club's distinguishing features, which create a homely atmosphere.

#### Washington Athletic Club (Seattle, WA) -

They have been on the forefront of Seattle since 1930. From modest beginnings, they've evolved into one of the best athletic clubs in the nation. But above all else, they value excellence, service, integrity, leadership and sensitivity.

Because of their uncompromising touchstone, they have been repeat winners of the Five-Star Platinum Award.



Their beautiful historical landmark – designated building reflects the great traditions of the WAC, and the new facilities and services inside represent the best of the present and the basis for a most successful future.

## **MARCH Events**

## **APRIL Events**

Cancellation Policy: Reservation cancellations must be made at least 48 hours prior to all events, otherwise the full charge will be incurred.



## **TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY** LUNCHEON

Friday, March 2nd | 12:00pm



#### **RAMIAN WINE DINNER**

Thursday, March 8th | 6:30pm \$75++ per person



**MEMBERS' SOCIAL** 





## THE HOUSTON CLUB **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Sunday, March 11th | 12:00pm shotgun

#### YP HORSE TRACK NIGHT

Friday, April 13th | 5 - 10:30pm \$50 per person (includes transportation & entrance fee)





#### **LADIES TEXAS HOLD'EM**

Tuesday, March 13th | 5:30 - 7:00pm

## **BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO SYMPOSIUM**

Saturday, April 14th | 9am - 3pm \$55 per person





## **LOUIS AULBACH -BUFFALO BAYOU:** An Echo of

Houston's Wilderness Beginnings

Wednesday, March 21st | 11:30am

## **DINNER & A MOVIE**

Wednesday, April 18th 5:30 - 8:00pm \$35++ includes dinner





#### **BLACK TIE BOXING NIGHT**

Thursday, March 22nd 5:30pm Pre-fight Buffet 7:00pm Fight

## **LADIES WINE SOCIAL**





## STORY SLOANE - "Houston in the 1920's and 1930's"

Thursday, March 29th 11:30am

## **BUSINESS NETWORKING SOCIAL with LIVE MUSIC**

Thursday, April 26th



#### The HOUSTON Club presents

## **Houston's Sporting Life: 1900-1950**

Speaker Series Luncheon



**Wednesday, May 16**<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am – 1:00pm \$30++ per person

(\$28 per person for a table of 10)



with Mike Vance

A Native Houstonian and founder of Houston Arts and Media, a non-profit organization dedicated to producing educational media about history.

Houston has been a sports crazy town since its founding in 1836 when the biggest pastime was horse races.

Please reserve online or call (713) 225-1661.

The HOUSTON Club is looking for people to take part in a documentary called "Home Front in Texas during World War II". If you can relate experiences at military bases here in Texas including training, experiences with the coastal defenses along the Texas Gulf Coast, women who worked in some war-related capacity, people who moved from a small Texas town to work in the war industry, especially people who worked in any of the refineries or ship yards or similar industries along the ship channel or coast, please contact Hanna Doyle. Other relevant topics might be people who were a little younger and who vividly recall rationing, air defense, other war sacrifices. If there are women who recall volunteering at the USO or working with service men during the War, please contact Hanna and get signed up to be interviewed. The interviews and filming the documentary will take place at The HOUSTON Club during business hours.

#### **Bush Room Testimonial**

"I am very happy to see a menu in the Club. It allows me to maintain flow in my conversation, and there are a nice array of options available. I have been very satisfied with the food quality & service." - Roxanne Pirooz

## **MAY - Save the Date!**

WINE TASTING - Antinori Portfolio
Wednesday, May 2nd | 5:30 - 7:00pm

#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

Thursday, May 3rd | 5:30pm

#### LADIES TEXAS HOLD'EM

Tuesday, May 8th | 5:30 - 7:00pm

#### YP 4th ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

Thursday, May 10th | 5:30pm Greater Houston Gun Club

#### **BUSINESS BREAKFAST BROADCAST**

Friday, May 11th | 6:00 - 10:00am

#### **MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH**

Sunday, May 13th | 11:00am - 2:00pm (Seating every 30 minutes)

#### **LADIES WINE SOCIAL**

Thursday May 17th | 5:30 - 7:00pm

#### **BUSINESS NETWORKING SOCIAL**

Thursday, May 31st | 5:30 - 7:00pm



As part of this year's celebration of the High Holy Days of Texas history, the Wine Committee has selected Texas wines as the theme for the April event, scheduled for April 11th. Fellow members who were at last summer's Texas Wine

event can vouch for the veracity of my words, but trust me, friends, last year's event was outstanding, and the most popular of the entire year. We are expanding the wine offerings this year, to showcase even more of the industry.

I believe that we can safely view our membership through two prisms, those who fully embrace our Texas juice and those who simply require a bit more exposure, education, and sophistication. Since the latter group is more numerous, I shall address them first:

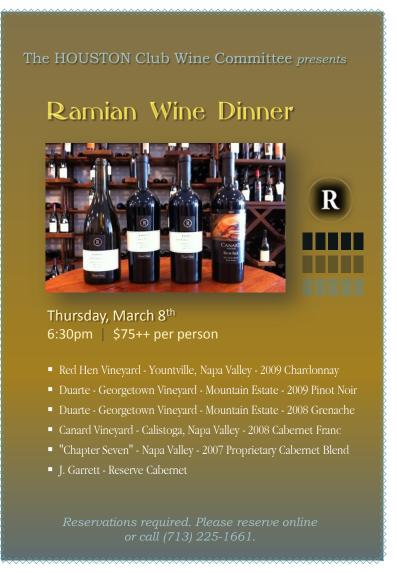
If your response to she subject of Texas Wines ranges from, "Never had it" to "Don't want it," then our event will be especially of interest to you. We are pouring a number of reds, a white or two, and one of only 3 domestic Madeiras. Along the way, we answer a series of questions. What is the 5th

largest wine-producing state in the nation? On which state's native rootstock was the French wine industry replanted after the 19th century phylloxera scare? Which state has more than doubled its wine production over the past 10 years, as California's increased at less than one fifth the rate? Hint, people, it is not Louisiana!

To those of you who fully embrace Texas wine, the event will be especially of interest to you as well (there is a universality to this theme, you see). Each wine we pour is not only from a Texas maker, but also Texas vineyards, which means we will experience the full terroir our grand state has to offer. Sonoma is fine, but we have San Angelo. Why drink Loire Valley juice when we have Lubbock in our midst?

We will have several winemakers join us to tell the story of their wines, a Texas-themed tasting menu, as well as the conversation for which our wine tastings are so well-known (at least for their volume, if nothing else!) Please make plans to join us to celebrate some Texas History, as well as some Texas Wines.

- Chris Cookson









# MARCH Event Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				Activities Committee Mtg.	Texas Independence Day Luncheon	3
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The 11 HOUSTON Club Golf Tournament  Daylight Savings Begins	Membership Committee Mtg.	Ladies Texas 13 Hold'Em Wine Committee Mtg.	14	Ladies Wine Social	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	Louis Aulbach 21 - Buffalo Bayou: An Echo of Houston's Wilderness Beginnings	BOD Mtg. Black Tie Boxing	23	24
25	26	Finance Committee Mtg.	Executive Women in Leadership Lunch Series	Story Sloane 29 Speaker Luncheon BNS & Live Music YP Game Night	30	President's Ball

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## APRIL Event Calendar

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	Activities Committee Mtg.	Bush Room Closed	7
Easter Sunday 8 Brunch  EASTER	9 Membership Committee Mtg.	Ladies Texas 10 Hold'Em Wine Committee Mtg.	Wine Tasting - Texas Wines	Members' Social	Business 13 Breakfast Broadcast YP Horse Track Night	"Battle of San Jacinto" Symposium
15	16	17	THC and GLO Speaker Series Dinner & a Movie: Sam Houston Movie	Ladies Wine Social Wine Dinner	20	21
22	23	Finance Committee Mtg.	Executive Women in Leadership Lunch Series	BOD Mtg. 26 BNS and Live Music YP Game Night	Supper & the Symphony	28
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