



The HOUSTON Club

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January Events

January 6th -

Martinis with the Manager

January 11th -

Ladies Texas Hold'Em

January 12th -

Wine Tasting

January 20th -

Dinner & Movie Night featuring,
"Friday Night Lights"

January 21st -

LIVE Breakfast TALK650 Radio

January 25th -

Frost Bite Cigar Night brought
to you by the *Houston Business
Journal* and *The HOUSTON Club*

January 27th -

Business Networking Social - "Mad
Men", Ladies Wine Social, YP Game
Night and Black Tie Boxing Night

January 28th -

Robert Burns Scotch Dinner

Breakfast with TALK650 Radio!

Come enjoy a complimentary hot breakfast and watch the first LIVE radio broadcast from your Club. The first airing will be Friday, January 21st with breakfast from 6:30am - 9:30am. The following radio breakfast events will take place the second Friday of each month.



The HOUSTON Club

and the

Houston Business Journal

proudly bring you

Frost Bite Cigar Night



\$35 per person (Cash Bar)

*(includes 2 handpicked cigars from Van at
Cigar Emporium and hors d'oeuvres)*

*"History of KDNT Radio in Denton, Texas" KDNT Radio DJ, Dan Clark,
<http://www.knus99.com/kdnt2.html>*

The HOUSTON Club

and the
Houston Business Journal
proudly bring you

"Frost Bite Cigar Night"



January 25, 2011
5:30pm – 8:00pm
The Grill Room – The HOUSTON Club

\$35 per person (Cash Bar)
(includes 2 handpicked cigars from Van at Cigar Emporium
and hors d'oeuvres)

RSVP to Arteerean at (713) 225-1661 or
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Join us on Facebook! Search for The HOUSTON Club and click "like". First twelve members to click "like" will receive complimentary lunch for two at the Club!

New Member Relations Coordinator



Hanna Doyle joins The HOUSTON Club with previous work experience from two other clubs in the Houston area. She is originally from Finland and is fluent in three languages.

She graduated from the University of Houston in December 2009 with honors and in April 2010, married native Houstonian, James Doyle.

Hanna has great passion for food, especially sushi. She also likes to travel to England and Finland where all of her family lives.

Hanna's goal at The HOUSTON Club is to make sure that all members can find an area of interest within the Club. She will create new member events and develop new marketing methods that will reach every member of the club.

The HOUSTON Club

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In Memoriam -

Mr. Matthew Simmons

Member Spotlight



Ken Beaman is a managing director for Frank Crystal & Company, the second largest privately held insurance brokerage firm in the country. As manager of the Private Client Services practice, Ken works with many trusted advisors and affluent clients to help protect tangible assets and personal liability exposures. Through a highly consultative, risk management approach Ken and his Private Client Services team conduct complimentary insurance reviews, consulting, placement, and ongoing personalized service. As a national, full service, family-owned insurance brokerage, Frank Crystal & Co. also provides risk management services to middle market business in all industries. With 30 years experience, Ken has worked as an agent, broker, and manager including senior leadership positions with Fortune 500 companies and major insurance brokers. Beaman received his Bachelor's degree from Baylor University and maintains the professional designation of Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC).

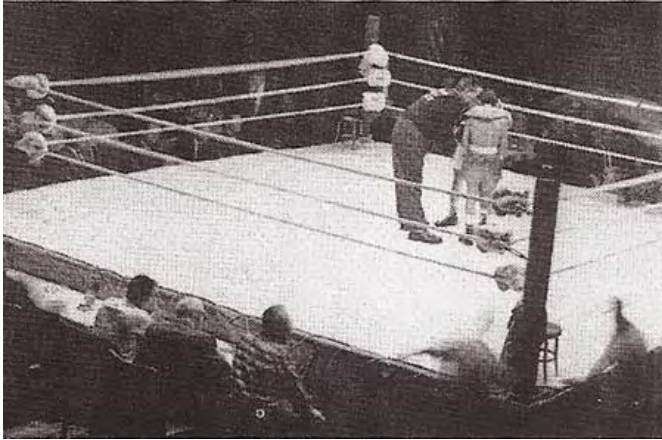
Born at St. Joseph's hospital, Ken is a third generation Houstonian. His grandparents owned and operated a full service Humble/Enco/Exxon gas station located at Fannin and Leeland for over 30 years. Ken has fond memories of working there as the downtown high rises began changing the Houston landscape. Ken is an active member of The HOUSTON Club since April, 2010 and enjoys meeting people. His company is a sponsor for The Houston Polo Club and Ken is involved in many other professional associations and network groups. Ken actively participates in many of our special events and has referred several new members to The HOUSTON Club. He enjoys golf, the great outdoors, and spending time with his twin 9-year old girls.

Employee Spotlight



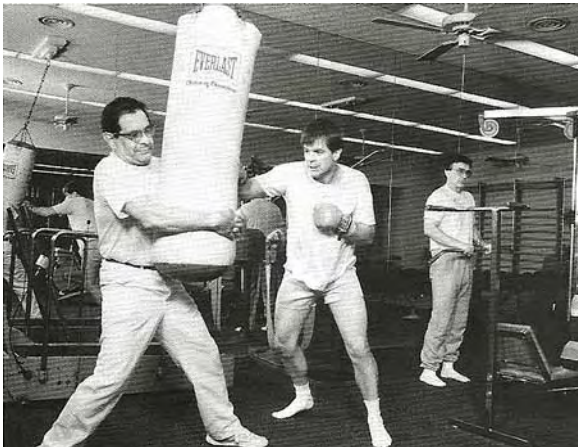
Arteerean Jefferson - Who would not want to be greeted by our very courteous, attentive and joyful Arteerean as you enter the Club? Arteerean joined our Club in 2001. Her most visible duty is that she is the "Director of First Impressions" for the Club. However, she also performs many administrative duties, drums up attendance to our events, but maybe not known to our Members is that Arteerean is the Club's Bridal attendant. When booking a wedding at our Club, Arteerean takes care of every need of our bridal party from the moment they arrive to when they depart the building. It is this kind of very personal attention that makes weddings at The HOUSTON Club even more special. Thank you Arteerean!

HISTORY at The HOUSTON Club



***Houston Club Championship Boxing
Tournament, April 20, 1961***

The Texas Room was transformed into a boxing arena with a standard fighting ring at the center for exhibition matches between the champion of the previously completed Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament. The intent was to help promote amateur boxing in Houston as well as to entertain Club Members.



***Rudy Santillan, masseur, assists a member in
the Health Club.***

The HOUSTON Club was the first club in Houston to install exercise equipment.

*The HOUSTON Club and Its City, One Hundred Years,
Dorothy Knox Howe Houghton, 1994, pg. 123.*

Get ready to start
the New Year
with
The HOUSTON Club's
**Black Tie Boxing
Night**



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**SAVARESE
PROMOTIONS**

**Thursday, January 27th
7:00pm**

Doors open for Members
at 5:30pm

Pre-Fight Buffet \$25++

Reservations: Call Arteerean at (713) 225-1661

or online at www.houstonclub.org

Catering at The HOUSTON Club

The HOUSTON Club is the perfect place to hold your next corporate meeting and we would like to reward you with the following special offers.

CORPORATE CATERING

Introductory offer:

- Try The HOUSTON Club on us. Call today to receive a complimentary breakfast for 10 with complimentary audio visual equipment. First time bookings only.
 - Book a second meeting with us and receive complimentary AV, and 10% off food and beverage.
- * Offer expires March 31, 2011

PROM SEASON IS UPON US

Prom season is approaching and the catering department is pleased to announce a donation drive for **The Fairy Godmother Project**. The Fairy Godmother Project of Houston was started in 2000 as a grass roots organization to help students in the Houston area who cannot afford to purchase a prom dress or tux. Each year they provide hundreds of students in the Houston area with free prom and graduation dresses and tuxedos. More information can be read at www.fairygodmotherproject.com.

Here is what's needed:

- Gently used or new formal dresses (less than 3 years old and in good condition)
- Cocktail or casual dresses
- Women's shoes
- Jewelry
- Evening bags
- Hair accessories
- Cosmetics & cosmetic bags
- Perfumes and lotions

A box will be placed on the 9th floor to accept your donations until January 31, 2011. Help make someone's prom dream come true!

Also, as a special incentive: If you refer a prom that books The HOUSTON Club for 2011 or 2012 you will receive a \$50 club gift certificate and we will cover the cost of their DJ. * *Promo must be referenced at initial contact.*

To book your meeting or special event today contact Mesita Partridge at 713-229-2211 or mpartridge@houstonclub.org.



Meet our Catering Director

Mesita Partridge has a great passion for meetings and events and comes with 5 years of experience in the catering industry. She most recently held the position of Private Event Director at the Houston City Club; along with prior experience at Starwood Hotels and Resorts and Levy Restaurants. Mesita hails from Nassau, Bahamas and has been happily married since June 2009 to Durante Partridge. She enjoys shopping, spending time with friends, decorating and traveling.

Mesita's goal is to increase revenue for the club by booking more corporate and social events through strategic prospecting and marketing.



Know anyone getting married? If the answer is yes, Save the Date of February 20, 2011 for The HOUSTON Club's Bridal Open House from 2pm-5m. Featuring cocktails, light bites, Houston's Finest Wedding Vendors, Bridal Fashion Show and fabulous door prizes. RSVP by February 16, 2011 to mpartridge@houstonclub.org.

Complimentary Admission

The HOUSTON Club in conjunction with HALLIBURTON present **The Energy Summit**

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 11th to participate in THE ENERGY SUMMIT brought to you by The HOUSTON Club in conjunction with HALLIBURTON. There will be notable Subject Matter Experts from across the oil / gas / energy spectrum, an Exhibition Hall, one-on-one discussion opportunities with our Presenters for exhibitors and sponsors, and a Networking Cocktail Reception. More details to follow!

"As the year drew to a close, certainly the highlight has been joining The HOUSTON Club. I have made dozens of new friends, enjoyed numerous events, and spent many an evening enjoying the camaraderie of Allen's Landing. If the January calendar of events is any indication, 2011 will be an even better year for our Club."

~ Chris Cookson, UBS Financial Services



Scene at the Club



DSS - Brian Rogers

LEFT: (l to r) Mr. Kelly Frels, Club President - Mr. Charlie Henke, Mr. Ronald Joe, Mr. Brian Rogers, Mr. Gene Vaughn, Ms. Leah Bennett, Mr. Jim Jordan and Mr. William Hanna.



Thanksgiving Day Brunch



ABOVE & RIGHT: A colorful array of fruit along with many other delicious foods were on display at the Thanksgiving Day Brunch.



ABOVE: Kitchen staff, Brenda, shows off a plate of mussels to Kate Hinnant.

Ladies Holiday Luncheon



ABOVE: (l to r) Erin McCary, Tonya Anderson and guests getting ready to enjoy a holiday luncheon.



ABOVE: TSU singers stop by to spread some holiday cheer.

RIGHT: Betty Ghio (back) with Stephanie Gilmore (r) and Stephanie's sister-in-law (l).



Scene at the Club



Children's Christmas Party

LEFT: Santa Claus shows an eager little girl how Rudolph's nose glows.

RIGHT: Grace Breeding and grandfather, Gene Boriskie enjoy some time together.

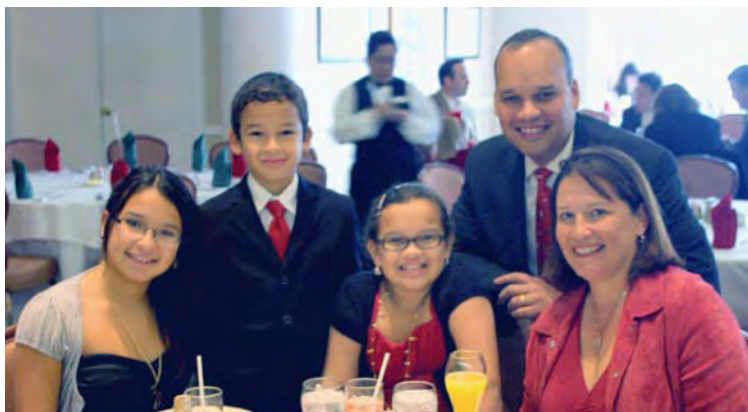


LEFT: Member Drayton Prator (center left) with his wife and family, along with Mike and Carolyn Garofalo (back right) and their family.

LOWER LEFT: Santa listens while two eager kids tell him their Christmas wish list.

LOWER CENTER: Chris Cookson with his three sons sampling the Egg Nog and Cider.

LOWER RIGHT: Nothing but smiles for Santa!



ABOVE: Mr. Robert Purnell and family enjoying brunch at the Club.

RIGHT: Wait Staff, Denisha, assists young guests with decorating their Gingerbread cookies.



Featured Reciprocal Clubs

The City Tavern Club is a private social club located in the heart of Georgetown, in Washington, DC. The Club provides fine dining, elegantly appointed rooms for entertaining, popular member events and a diverse membership. The historic Federal-Style clubhouse, acquired by Club founders in 1959, is one of oldest buildings in the nation's capital, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



The City Tavern was constructed in 1796 and first managed by Clement Sewall who served in the American Revolution alongside his friend George Washington Parke Custis, George Washington's adopted son.

The City Tavern served not only as a traditional lodging house but also as the meeting place for Georgetown's governing body, the Georgetown Corporation and the location for elections and meetings of the Mayor's Court. It also served as the terminal stop of the Georgetown-Frederick stagecoach line. Of the several taverns that were constructed in Georgetown during the founding era, the City Tavern is the only one that remains today.

Club Lespri, UT - Whether a romantic getaway or business function, a family outing or corporate retreat, come create memorable experiences in the tradition of Club Lespri, "good spirits".

Club Lespri is a full service boutique hotel in Park City, UT, minutes from Main St. Club



Lespri hotel rooms are luxuriously designed to represent an environment full of relaxation and comfort. Step into a world class boutique hotel offering studio-style rooms, each featuring a gas burning fireplace, a large soaking tub, a king-sized bed with the finest sheets and linens, a queen-sized sofa sleeper, and a beautifully designed and compact kitchenette. Enjoy Cellar's, an award winning

100% USDA Prime Steakhouse, and the European-style Rain Spa, offering body treatments and facials ensuring a calming traveling experience. Cellars Prime Steak & Spirits Invigorate your palate with the savory USDA Prime steaks, market fresh seafood and fine wine at Cellars restaurant. The decor of Cellars Prime Steak & Spirits invokes the old world feel of a vineyard tasting room through corkwood flooring, stone walls, heavy wood wainscoting and cabinetry, and luxurious leather upholstery.

The Western Club, Glasgow, UK - In a fast moving world, the Western Club in Glasgow's Royal Exchange Square provides a haven amidst the stress of everyday life.

Founded in 1825, the Club has maintained the first class standards of service, comfort and individual charm which have drawn loyal membership from businessmen and women throughout the years.



From its founding in 1825, the Club joined with the Junior Club (founded in 1868), the New Club (founded in 1869) and the ladies Kelvin Club (founded in 1897). In more recent times the Club has also become the adopted home of former members of the R.N.V.R. Club (Scotland). History also records that the purpose of the Club was to furnish its members with cheap and well cooked dinners and "wine free of death in the bottle".

Today, from fine dining to business meeting and function facilities, members of the Western Club can enjoy professional service in elegant surroundings.

The club maintains a unique character and style whilst providing a wide range of services to satisfy members' social and business requirements.

Nizels Golf & Country Club, Hildenborough, Kent, UK -



Situated less than 10 minutes from Tonbridge and Sevenoaks, Nizels was established in 1992 on an historic estate that dates back to 1397. It is situated on high ground

overlooking Kentish Weald countryside. The golf course is a classic English parkland design offering a tough challenge with a number of strategically placed hazards including several testing water holes.

The club hosts the Sir Henry Cooper Junior Masters Golf Championship.

Cellar Notes



*Gie him strong drink until he wink,
That's sinking in despair'
An' liquor guid to fire his bluid,
That's prest wi' grief an' care;
There let him bowse, and deep carouse,
Wi' bumpers flowing o'er,
Till he forgets his loves or debts,
An' minds his griefs no more.*

These lines from Solomon's Proverbs, xxxi, 6,7. preface Robert Burns' poem, Scotch Drink. These lines are a fitting invitation to join the members of the Wine Committee for our annual Single Malt Tasting and Burns Dinner on Friday, January 28th, 2011 at 6pm.

Many years ago my good friend, Bear Dalton, the wine buyer at Spec's introduced me to Jim Detmore, who buys Scotch for Spec's. Through Jim Detmore's good offices, the Wine Committee arranged the first Single Malt Tasting and Dinner at The HOUSTON Club. Each year, since 1993, with the help of Jim, we have presented a fine selection of Single Malt Scotch whiskies for our Club Members and their guests. The presenter of the whiskies has been a representative of a

distributor, a representative of the distillery, and in one year the master distiller himself.

Over the years we have enjoyed Single Malt whiskies from Oban, Talisker, Glenlivet, Glenfidich, Lagavulin, Laiphrog and others. Last year the tastings were from Springbrook, the oldest-owned distillery still operating in Scotland.

The tastings have been accompanied by a significant amount of Scots pageantry. For many years until his death, our piper was Bob Roberson of the Houston Highlanders Pipe Band. Faber McMullen, who at our wedding twenty-four years ago, piped us into our wedding reception, has been invited to skirl the pipes again this year.

The Scotch tasting is followed by an elegant seven course dinner. Members of the Wine Committee have selected the wines to go with each course.

Over the years we have worked more of the poetry of Robert Burns into the evening. His birthday is the 25th of January. Burns' poems and songs and Scotch whisky seem to go well together. Other than the piper, who has skills no member of the Wine Committee possesses, we provide our own entertainment. We believe there is sufficient talent among our Club Members to continue that tradition.

Come join us as a spectator or as a performer. Our aim is to see that none go away from the evening dissatisfied.

- Ted Hirtz

The HOUSTON Club Wine Committee
presents

ROBERT BURNS SCOTCH DINNER

Friday, January 28th, 2011

6:30pm - Scotch Tasting

7:00pm Seven Course Dinner with Select Wines

\$70++ per person

Ceremonies include -

Piping in the Haggis & The Selkirk Grace

Highland Dress is encouraged.



Reservations: Arteerean (713) 225-1661 or online at www.houstonclub.org

Save the Date!

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



Wednesday, February 2nd
Wine Tasting
5:30 - 7:00pm



Thursday, February 3rd
Martinis with the Manager
5:30 - 7:00pm



Sunday, February 5th
Super Bowl Party
5:00pm



Friday, February 11th
Valentine's Queen of Hearts
6 - 10pm, \$65++
Exemplary food stations and live music



Wednesday, February 16th
**New Members
Welcome Dinner**
5:30 - 7:30pm

Please join us in welcoming our Club's newest Members!

Thanksgiving Food-to-Go testimonial...

"Wow! The dinner was excellent. You have no idea how great and easy you all made it. Thanks so much."

- Judge Joseph "Tad" Halbach

The HOUSTON Club

presents

Dinner & a Movie

"FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS"

Thursday,
January 20th
5:30 - 8:30pm

Admission:
\$30++

Make a memory:

bring your family to enjoy this incredible film about Texas and how they feel about their football!

With commentary by Joshua Starnes, VP, Houston Film Critics Society and



Featuring special guest, Matt Malatesta, Publisher of VYPE Magazine and national recruiter for Rivals.com. Hear him on 790AM with Randy McIlvay on the Football Hour.

Reservations: Please register online or contact Arteerean at (713) 225-1661

Thursday, January 27th
5:30 - 7:00pm

Ladies Texas Hold'Em
and

YP Game Night

resume for the New Year



Business Networking Social

"Mad Men"



Grab your friends and enjoy stylized and provocative cocktails of the 1960's like an "Old Fashioned," a "Sloe Gin Fizz" or a "Manhattan." Accompanied by appropriate canapés and featuring a special guest.

Thursday, January 27th
5:30pm - 7:00pm

Reservations: (713) 229-2215 or online

LIVE Radio Returns Downtown

TALK650 - Live from The HOUSTON Club - January 21, 2011

CBS Radio's Talk650 Morning Show's "Breakfast Broadcast" Series at The HOUSTON Club

- Brent Clanton, CPO/Clanton Communications, LLC

Live Radio broadcasts from downtown Houston are nothing new; the city has a long and colorful telecommunications history. The first telegraph service between Houston and Galveston started in 1860, and the nation's second telephone system was installed here in 1880, the same year we started using electric street lights. The first wireless transmissions from Houston were sent in 1906, and private business like The Texas Company and The Rice Hotel installed and maintained wireless operations in 1908—as back-up systems for unreliable telephone exchanges.

According to "A History of Radio in Houston," by Christopher Varela, the Rice's owner, James Lawlor, used the hotel's wireless rig to communicate with his farm, miles away on Dairy Ashford Street.

The Hurlburt-Still Electric Company was the first Houston business with a commercial broadcast license. WEV originated from the company's store in December 1920, and in May 1922, the station's programming was sponsored by a fledgling newspaper, The Houston Evening Post.

WEAY broadcast from The Iris Theater, across the street from The Rice Hotel, in June 1922...sponsored by The Houston Post. In July The QRV Radio Company launched its station, WGAB, from its store at 1213 Prairie. The Houston Chronicle briefly held a license for WFAL.

WEAY pioneered remote broadcasting in 1924, networking with WEAJ/New Jersey to carry the Heavyweight boxing title match between Luis Angel Firpo and Harry Wills. The station also broadcast dances from The Rice Hotel, and the 1924 Rice Owls/Texas Longhorn game from Rice University.

WEAY was replaced by KPRC in May 1925, broadcasting from a studio at The Houston Post. The call letters were an acronym for "Kotton, Port, Rail Center," according to Varela's book.

In 1926, KTUE began to broadcast from a spare room in the basement barbershop of the new State Hotel at the corner of Rusk and Fannin, with transmitter equipment atop the Houston Chronicle. In 1930 the station changed its call letters to KXYZ, with a new transmitter on The Gulf Building.

KTRH began to operate in March 1930 from Jesse Jones' Rice Hotel—the call letter acronym: "Kome To Rice Hotel."

According to Bruce Williamson's HoustonRadioHistory.blogspot.com site, KIKK-AM was originally launched in 1946 as KRCT at 650khz by executives at the Goose Creek Daily Sun. LeRoy Gloger bought the station in the '50's, and changed the call letters to KIKK in May 1961, broadcasting from the old Montagu Hotel at Fannin and Rusk.

I came to KIKK-AM in 1999 to launch Business Radio 650, and in 2008 returned to the station as an entrepreneur, establishing the Talk650 Morning Show. Cynthia Fodell-Mott and Nick Nicholson approached me this Fall about bringing live Radio back downtown, with a series of broadcasts beginning January 21, 2011.

With all the advances in technology—you can now hear Talk650 on your smartphone—live Radio still holds a romantic appeal to people: Sending your voice over the airwaves in real time. I hope you will join us for our inaugural show from The Members Lounge for breakfast, conversation, and entertainment live on the Radio!



www.houstonradiohistory.blogspot.com/2010_08_01_archive.html

"In the twenties and thirties and beyond, communities and broadcasters were proud of their broadcasting facilities and picture postcards were produced showing off buildings, often with the antenna in the background. I've searched for such postcards for the Houston stations and this is the closest I've seen. It at least identifies the Rice as the home of KTRH."

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Houston, Texas 77002



January Event Calendar

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16	17	18 Membership Committee Mtg.	19	20 Dinner & a Movie "Friday Night Lights"	21 Breakfast TALK650 Radio	22
23/ 30	24/ 31 (24th) Finance Committee Mtg.	25 Frost Bite Cigar Night	26 Board Meeting	27 BNS - "Mad Men" Ladies Wine Social & YP Game Night Black Tie Boxing	28 Robert Burns Scotch Dinner	29