Table Talk
Past Conversationalists

1998
Kathy Ashby – Lecturer and Consultant on Image and Presentation and Feng Shui
Lucia Betler – Owner, Lucia's Garden
Susan Bischoff – Assistant Managing Editor, Houston Chronicle
Shern Min Chow – Weekend Anchor, KHOU
Jan Carson Connolly – Former TV Personality
Irene Scott Cox – Owner, Fabrications by Irene and Lecturer, “If I Only Had the Time”
Jan Woodward Fox – Head, Texas Trial Lawyers' Association
Diane Howell – Director of Olympic Athletics, University of Houston
Kathy Huber – Gardening Columnist, Houston Chronicle
Janis Hutchinson – Professor of Anthropology, University of Houston
Marguerite Johnston – Houston Historian and Author
Kay King – Head of Fashion and Interior Design, Houston Community College
Brenda Kirk – Executive Director, Houston Food Bank
Lisa Malosky – TV Show Host, Sideline Reporter & Commentator, Houston Rockets and Houston Comets
Dixie Melillo – Physician and Founder, The Rose
Trinh Pham – Local Architect and Active Community Volunteer
Carol Porter – Founder, Kid Care
Patricia Smith Prather – Executive Director, Texas Trail Blazer Preservation Association
Roseann Rogers – Entertainment Reporter & The "Buzz” Lady, KPRC-TV
Sandi Stromberg – Executive Director, Brigid's Place, Christ Church Cathedral
Diann Dishongh Teas – Director of Public Relations and Advertising, Teas Nursery
Sybil Todd – Vice-Chancellor, University of Houston
Lori Valencic – Corporate Nutritionist, Randall’s
Lois Zamora – Dean of Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications, University of Houston

1999
Lauren Anderson – Principal Dancer, Houston Ballet
Judge Mary Bacon – State District Judge, State of Texas
Susan Bischoff – Assistant Managing Editor, Houston Chronicle
Karey Bresenhan – CEO, Quilts, Inc.
Sylvia Castañeda – Health Beat Reporter, Channel 2 News
Betty Chapman – Local Historian
Ellen Cohen – President and CEO, Houston Area Women’s Center
Gabrielle Cosgriff – Co-Author, Chicks on Film
Chitra Divakaruni – Author, The Mistress of Spices and Sister of My Heart
Debbie S. Gibson – Senior Vice President, Personal Trust Department, Chase Bank of Texas
Dr. Nellie Grose – Holistic Family Practitioner
Rev. Helen Havens – Rector, St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church
Elizabeth Heflin – Resident Company Actress, Alley Theatre
Glenda Joe – Asian American Community Advocate; Executive Director, Houston’s Asian American Festival
Kay King – Head of Fashion and Interior Design, HCC
Lisa Malosky – TV Show Host; Sideline Reporter; Commentator; Houston Rockets and Houston Comets
Trinh Pham – Local Architect and Active Community Volunteer
Patricia Smith Prather – Executive Director, Texas Trailblazer Preservation Association and Community History Center
Chris Rogers – Mystery Writer, Dixie Flannigan Series
Rev. Angela Shannon – Pastor, Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church
Gail Donohue Storey – Novelist and Poet, God’s Country Club and The Lord’s Motel
Lori Valencic – Corporate Nutritionist, Randall’s
Mitzi Vorachek – Community Education Vice President, Houston Area Women’s Center

2000
Michelle Barnes – Artist and Director, Community Artists’ Collective
Gertrude Barnstone – Artist and Activist
Anita Bunkley – Novelist and Motivational Writer, Steppin’ Out with Attitude and Emily, The Yellow Rose
Meryl Cohen – Vice President of Education, Planned Parenthood
Cath Conlon – Environmentalist; Permaculturalist; Educator; Founder; Owner, Blackwood Land Laboratory; Blackwood Construction Company
Sarah Cortez – Poet and Police Officer
Ann Criswell – Food Editor, Houston Chronicle
Eunice Drexler – Owner/Chef, Drexler’s Barbeque
Sissy Farenthold – Human Rights Activist
Betty Fitzpatrick – Resident Company Actress, Alley Theatre
Barbara Foorman – Professor of Pediatrics and Reading Researcher
Elizabeth Ghrist – Corporate Director; Former Director, Harris County Commissioner
Hon. Vanessa Gilmore Judge – US Federal District Court
Laura Groppe – Chairman and CEO, Girl Games, Inc.
Cynthia Freeland – Professor of Philosophy and horror film expert, UH Department of Philosophy
Elaine Kennedy – Announcer/Producer, KUHF Radio
Yani Keo – Refugee Activist; Volunteer & Resource Development Coordinator; President, Alliance for Multicultural Community Services; Cambodian Women’s Association of Houston
Sandy Reese-Kessler – Executive Director, SEARCH
Monica Lamb – Center (Basketball Player), Houston Comets
Ninfa Laurenzo – Chef and Founder, Ninfa’s restaurants
Mariquita Masterson – Jewelry Designer
Linda May – Executive Director, Greater Houston Women’s Foundation
Rev. Leonora Montgomery – Minister Emerita, Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Church of Clear Lake
Monica Pope – Owner/Executive Chef, Boulevard Bistro
Bapsi Sidhwa – Author, *Cracking India*
Brenda Beust Smith – Lazy Gardner Columnist, *Houston Chronicle*
Carolyn Sumners – Astronomer, Houston Museum of Natural Science
Suna Umari – Executive Director, Rothko Chapel
Genevieve Vaughan – Founder, Center for the Study of the Gift Economy

2001
Elma Barrera – Television Reporter, Channel 13
Anna Pearl Barrett – Children’s Novelist, *Neecie series*
Kathleen Cambor – Novelist, *In Sunlight, In a Beautiful Garden*
Deborah Cannon – President, Bank of America
Ann Criswell – Food Columnist, *Houston Chronicle*
Nabila Drouby – Former Executive Director, Rothko Chapel
Ana Edwards – Host and Community Affairs Director, Radio One
Deborah Gary – Professional Stunt Pilot
Celina Garza-Ridge – Board Member, Harris County Houston Sports Authority
Barbara Gubbin – Director of Libraries, Houston Public Libraries
Uma Gupta – Dean, UH College of Technology
Jennifer Hays – Director, Center for Women’s Health at Baylor College of Medicine
Rose Harris – Visiting Scholar, UH African American Studies
Maria Jimenez – Director, Immigration Law Enforcement Monitoring Project, American Friends Service Committee
Eloise Jones – Proprietress, Ouisie’s Table
Barbara Karkabi – Features Writer, *Houston Chronicle*
Vanessa Lacoss – Executive Director, Teach for America Houston
Carol Lewis – US Olympian, Track and Field
Lydia Lum – Journalist and Author, project on elderly Chinese immigrants and Angel Island before WWII
Jackie Martin – President, United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast
Annise Parker – City Councilwoman, City of Houston
Elizabeth Rockwell – Investment Advisor, CIBS Oppenheimer
Gracie Saenz – Lawyer, former City Councilwoman, City of Houston
Betsy Schwarz – Executive Director, Mental Health Association of Greater Houston
Patty Salles – Creative Consultant & President, Vista Design Associates, Inc
Sandy Sheehy – Author, *Connecting: The Enduring Power of Female Friendship*
Terrie Sultan – Director and Chief Curator, Blaffer Gallery
Angela Thompson – Marriage and Family Sociologist, TCU & Author, *Unveiled: Secrets of the Wedding Industry*
Wendy Watriss – Artistic Director and Co-Founder, FotoFest
Jane Weiner – Dancer/Choreographer and Artistic Director, Hope Stone, Inc.

2002
Rev. Betty Adam – Canon Theologian, Christ Church Cathedral
Dr. Selina Ahmed – Professor of Food and Nutrition, TSU
Carol Alvarado – City Councilwoman, City of Houston
Yolanda Alvarado – Brighter Futures / Planned Parenthood
Decie Autin – Chemical Engineer & Deep Water Offshore Project Manager, ExxonMobil
Shannon Buggs – Financial Columnist, *Houston Chronicle*
Dr. Joyce Carter – Chief Medical Examiner, Harris County
Katherine Ciesinski – Professor of Voice, UH Moores School of Music
Hon. Cathy Cochran – Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals
Mimi Del Grande – Co-Owner, Café Annie
Kathleen Douglas – President, *The Greensheet*
Dr. Neelofer Durrani – Gynecologist
Juanita Elizondo – Director of Corporate Relations, Fiesta
Leslie Elkins – Architect
Carolyn Farb – Fundraiser and Author
Billie Gollnick – Yoga Instructor
Deedee Guggenheim – Corelli’s
Sara Hickman – Singer
Jennifer Holmes – Executive Director, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse
Dr. Mae Jemison – Former Astronaut & President, The Jemison Group,
Gin-Ru Lee – Community Activist, Taiwanese Women’s Association
Mary Lee – Attorney
Marie Lenormand – Singer, Houston Grand Opera
Marie LeNotre – Culinary Director, LeNotre Culinary Institute
Aimee McCrory – President, McCrory Investments & thespian
Linda McIngvale – Gallery Furniture & Westside Tennis Club
Dr. Farnoosh Moshiri – Novelist, *The Bathhouse* and *At the Wall of the Almighty*
Niobe Ngozi – Director of Art Education, Children’s Museum
Dr. Sarah Noorbaksh – Physician and Professor, Baylor College of Medicine
Marilyn Oshman – Gart Sports
Mary Lou Retton – Olympic Gymnast
Sarah Rothenberg – Da Camera of Houston
Dominque Sachse – News Anchor, Channel 2
Dr. Lisa Santos – Plastic Surgeon
Gail Seavey – Agent, FBI
Cynthia Shepard-Perry – Former Ambassador
Gael Stack – Artist and Professor of Painting, UH
Diane Stanley – Children’s Writer
Kaye Stripling – Superintendent, HISD
Dr. Louise Strong – Director, Human Cancer Genetics Research Program, MD Anderson
Cheryl Thompson-Draper – CEO, Warren Electric
Ileana Trevino – Vice Chancellor & Vice President for University Advancement, UH
Anne Tucker – Photography Curator, MFAH
Becky Udden – Founder and Executive Director, Main Street Theatre
Evelyn Velasquez – President, Leadership Houston
Margie Walker – Novelist
Nancy Weems – Piano Department Head, UH
Francie Willis – Fundraiser and CEO, Urban Retreat Day Spa and Franché Cosmetics
Janice Windle – Author
Beth Wolff – CEO, Beth Wolff Realtors
Martha Wong – former City Council Woman, City of Houston

2003
Dr. Dina Alsowayel – Associate Director, UH Women’s Studies
Yolanda Alvarado – Director, Brighter Futures Project, Planned Parenthood
Dr. Tahirh Baker – Physician and Women’s Health Specialist, Kelsey Seybold
Jacquie Brennan – Disability Lawyer
Carolyn Campbell – Reporter, Channel 11
Dr. Rebecca Clearman – Medical Director, Personal Physicians Group
Laura Clements – Divorce Consultant and Mediator
Rie Congelio – Yoga Instructor
Cynthia Cooper – Basketball Player and Coach, Houston Comets
Tamarie Cooper – Actress, Infernal Bridegroom Productions
Isabel Creixell – Artist and Creator of Icons
H. Joan Erlich – District Director, US EEOC Houston
Patricia Gras – Reporter and Producer, KUHT
Shirin Herman – Refugee Counselor, HISD
Jolanda Jones – Activist and Lawyer
Syd Kearney – Travel Writer, Houston Chronicle
Tina Knowles – Fashion Designer
Elyse Lanier – Former Houston First Lady
Vanessa Leggett – Writer/Lecturer
Sue Liska – Artist
Dena Marks – Associate Director, Anti-Defamation League Houston
Rebecca McDonald – President, Houston Museum of Natural Science
Terry Morales – Vice President of Small Business, JP Morgan Chase
Janie Parker – Choreographer and retired Prima Ballerina
Gabriela Rangel – Wortham Curator of Latin American / Latino Art, MFAH
Zeba Shah – Co-Founder, Developments in Literacy
Laura Sheinkopf – Associate Rabbi, Congregation Emmanu El
Carrie Shoemake – Architect
Iris Sizemore – Feminist Activist
Dr. Pricilla Slade – President, Texas Southern University
Mimi Schwarz – Author, book on Enron
Kim Szeto – Director, Asian-American Family Counseling
Cassandra Thomas – Sr. Vice President, Direct Services, Houston Area Women's Center
Cheryl Thompson-Draper – Commissioner, Port of Houston
Becca Cason Thrash – Fundraiser and Hostess
Dorothy Weston – CEO, The Rose
Barbara Wilson – Amateur Astronomer/Teacher, Museum of Natural Science

2004
Carol Alvarado – City Council Member, City of Houston
Dr. Kristin Anderson – Sport Psychologist, Houston Community College & Quarterback, Houston Energy
Teresa Byrne-Dodge – Publisher & Editor, My Table Magazine
Lisa Chenevert – Project Manager, Dow Chemical
Dr. Christine Cocanour – Trauma Surgeon, Hermann Hospital
Carolyn Dahl – Artist
Debra Danburg – Attorney, Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson, LLP
Sue Davis – PR, TV & Radio Consultant, Sue Davis Communications
Sue Gantz – Yoga Instructor
Pam Gardner – President, Business Operations, Houston Astros
Dixie Friend Gay – Sculptor & Texas State Artist of the Year
Yolanda Green – Reporter, Channel 39
Andrea Grover – Executive Director, Aurora Picture Show
Therese Hartwell – Executive Director, Girls, Inc.
Dai Huynh – Food Columnist, Houston Chronicle
Sushila Matthew – Board Member, Arab American Educational Foundation
Anita Jaisinghani – Owner, Indika Restaurant
Argentina James – Director of Public Relations, Port of Houston
Rev. Lucretia Littlejohn – Canon Priest, Christ Church Cathedral
Susan Llanes-Meyers – Director, Holocaust Museum
Sushila Matthew – Indian Flower Arranger
Kathryn McNiel – Political Consultant
Nancy Middleton – President, Houston Rotary
Anna Nunez – Host, KPFT/Latino Voices
Roksan Okan-Vick – Director, Houston Parks
Sandra Organ – Dancer & Choreographer, Sandra Organ Dance Company
Lakshmy Parameswaran – Director, DAYA
Kate Pogue – Librettist & Founder and Writer, Drama Program, Houston Community College
Susan Rafte – Founder, Pink Ribbons Project
Varsha Shah – Poet
Josanna Smith – President, WWW United
Terry Sultan – Director, Blaffer Gallery
Alice Valdez – Director, MECA
Dr. Jennifer West – Biologist, Rice University
Andrea White – Children’s Book Author and Houston First Lady
Lynn Wyatt – Socialite
Gwendolyn Zepeda – Author, To the Last Man I Slept With and All the Jerks Just Like Him

2005

Alice Aanstoos – General Manager of External Affairs, SBC
Yolanda Black-Navarro – Community Activist and Civic Leader
Dr. Camille Cash – Plastic Surgeon
Jacqui Baly Chaumette – Political Consultant and CEO, Baly Projects, Inc.
Iris Correa – Executive Director, Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Franci Crane – Partner, Susman Godfrey LLP
Cheryl Creuzot – President & CEO, Wealth Development Strategies
Gladys Forde – Professor Emerita, Fisk University
Irma Galvan – Owner, Irma’s Restaurant
Andrea Georgsson – Editorial Writer, Houston Chronicle
Gaelyn Godwin – Zen Priest & Resident Teacher, Houston Zen Center
Susie Gogue – First Lady, University of Houston
Jean Goodwin – Author, Psychiatrist and Childhood Trauma Expert, UT Medical Branch
Galveston
Irene Guenther – UH History Professor and Author, Nazi Chic: Fashioning Women in the Third Reich
Janet Gurwitch – CEO, Laura Mercier Cosmetics
Hon. Eva Guzman – Justice, Texas 14th Court of Appeals
Judy Hollinger – President, League of Women Voters, Houston Chapter
Kasi Jackson – Post-Doctoral Fellow, UH Women’s Studies
Ann C. James – Actor & Founder, dAdA Productions
Jill Jewett – Mayor’s Assistant for Cultural Affairs, Mayor’s Office
Kathryn Kase – Staff Attorney, Texas Defender Service
Sara Kellner – Executive Director, Diverse Works Artspace
Yolanda Londono – Senior Vice President, Manager of Public Affairs Houston Region, JP Morgan Chase
M.G. Lord – Author, *Forever Barbie* and *Astro Turf: The Private Life of Rocket Science*
Dr. Michelle Lyn – Medical Director, Pediatric Emergency Care, Ben Taub General Hospital
Cynthia MacDonald – Poet & Founder, UH Creative Writing Program
Sonny Messiah-Jiles – Publisher, *Houston Defender*
Andrea Moore – Production and Outreach Director, Da Camera of Houston
Laura Morris – Senior VP and Market General Manager, Infinity Radio Houston
Kim Ruth – President, Bank of America, Houston Region
Sehba Sarwar – Founding Director, Voices Breaking Boundaries
Lynn Schroth – Executive Vice President, The Methodist Hospital
Myrle Sims – Director of Admissions, St. John's School
Claire Smith – Executive Chef & Owner, Shade
Liz Spencer – Business Affairs Manager, J. Walter Thompson
Sally Sprout – Owner, Sally Sprout Fine Art
Nadia Stein – President, Community Doula Program
Karen Stokes – Founder, Center for Choreography, University of Houston
Linda Sylvan – Executive Director, Rice Design Alliance
Helen Terry – Founder, NiaMoves Houston -- Body, Mind, Spirit Fitness
Vu Thanh Thuy – Co-Owner, Little Saigon Houston & Publisher, *Saigon Journal*
Susannah Wong – Executive Director, Asia Society
Rosie Zamora – Founder and President, Houston Wilderness

2006

Saba Abashawl – Chief Economic Development Officer, Houston Airport System
Sofia Adrogue – Attorney, Epstein Becker Green Wickliff & Hall P.C.
Hataji Aziz – Talk Show Host, Earth 101 KPFT
Elizabeth Baxter – Producer, KTRK Channel 13
Alison Ayres Bell – Breast Cancer Survivor
Patricia Bernstein – Author, *The First Waco Horror: The Lynching of Jesse Washington and the Rise of the NAACP*
Christina Cabral – Director of Boards and Commissions, City of Houston
Dr. Debra Chernosky – Dermatologist
Lynn Elsenhans – Executive Vice President, Global Manufacturing, Shell Downstream
Diedra Fontaine – Director of Sales Development, Continental Airlines
Beatrice Garza – Executive General Manger, Human Resources, HISD
Kellye Gray – Musician (Jazz Singer)
Ellen Elkins Grimes – Attorney
Dr. Gail Gross – Family and Child Development Specialist, Radio and TV Host, *Let's Talk*
Bettie Hankamer – Director of Admissions, Kinkaid School
Sherri Hickman – Maritime Captain, Houston’s Pilot Association
Pauline Higgins
Debra Innes – Executive Vice President for Retail Banking and Treasury Management, Amegy Bank
Laura Jaramillo – Vice President of Community Development, Wells Fargo Bank
Dianne Johnson – Board President, HISD
Judy Gray Johnson – Director of Finance and Administration, City of Houston
Chelby King – Executive Director, Lawndale Art Center
Susan Lieberman – Author and Founder, Collaborative for Intentional Leadership
Dr. Elizabeth MacNaughton – Psychologist
Patricia Mercer – President, Houston SPCA
Vickie Milazzo – President/CEO, Vickie Milazzo Institute, Inc.
Dr. Laura Murillo – Sr. Executive Director, Memorial Hermann Foundation
Sharon Murphy – Partner, McConnell, Jones, & Murphy, LLP
Kyrie O’Connor – Deputy Managing Editor/Features, Houston Chronicle
Ann Owens – Interim General Director, Houston Grand Opera
Lynn Randolph – Artist
Claudia Rankine – Poet, Don’t Let Me Be Lonely: An American Lyric and Professor, UH Creative Writing
Olga Rodriguez
Barrie Scardino – Executive Director, Houston Chapter, American Institute of Architects
Cindy Siegel – Mayor, City of Bellaire
Nancy Sims – Senior Vice President of Public Affairs, Pierpont Communications
Margaret Cooke Skidmore – Philanthropic Strategic Planning Consultant
Anita Weber Smith – Interior Designer, Webb Design Interiors
Danyna Steele – Executive Producer and Host, The Art of Doing Business, with Dayna Steele
(BizRadio Network)
Ellen Susman
Rev. Cheryl Thompson-Draper – Commissioner, Port of Houston
Toby Topek – Artist (Jewelry Design)
Martha Turner – President, Martha Turner Properties
Connie Tuthill – Chief Financial Officer, American Red Cross, Greater Houston Chapter
Dr. Cecilia Valdes – Reproductive Endocrinology and Fertility Specialist, Fertility Specialists of Houston
Helen Vollmer – CEO, Vollmer Public Relations
Naomi Warren – Holocaust Survivor
Nicole West – Private Investigator, NCA Investigations
Dr. Jody Williams – Nobel Peace Prize Laureate & Distinguished Visiting Professor, UH Graduate School of Social Work
Dr. Huda Zoghbi – Professor of Pediatric Neurology, Baylor College of Medicine
Constance Adams – Space Architect, NASA
Debora Alsup – Partner, Thompson & Knight LLP
Nancy Ames – Creative Director, Ward and Ames Special Events
Dr. Nancy Ayres – Pediatric Cardiologist, Texas Children’s Hospital
Rogene Gee Calvert – Director of Personnel and Volunteer Initiatives Program, Mayor’s Office
Gracie Cavnar – Founder, Recipe for Success
Janet Clark – CEO, Marathon Oil
Ellen Cohen – State Representative, State of Texas
Dr. Yvonne Cormier – Anesthesiologist, UT Medical School
Chloe Dao – Fashion Designer, Lot 8
Marian Davenport – President and CEO, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Houston
Dr. Judith Feigin – Chief of the Clinics for Attention Problems and Autism, Texas Children’s Hospital
Fena Garza – President, Southeast College, Houston Community College
Gina Gaston – News Anchor, Channel 13
Melanie Gray – Partner, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP
Mary Margaret Hansen – President, Greater East End Management District
Glenda Harris – Katrina Coordinator, Children’s Defense Fund
Rachel Hecker – Painter and Associate Director, UH School of Art
Winell Herron – Vice President of Public Affairs, HEB Group
Gigi Huang – Restaurateur, Hunan Downtown
Jackie Ingram – CFA Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch
Chinhui Juhn – Economist, University of Houston
Nathelyne Kennedy – Founder & President, Nathelyne A. Kennedy and Associates, Civil and Structural Consulting Engineers
Nancy Levicki – CEO & Executive Director, Dress of Success
Kristen Loden – Executive Director, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft
Janeice Loden – Commissioner, Port of Houston
Aurora Losada – Spanish Language Editor, Houston Chronicle
Sue Lovell – City Council Member, At Large Position 2, City of Houston
Sultana Mangalji – Board Member, US Fund for UNICEF
Diana Marshall – Partner, Marshall and Lewis LLP
Su Marshman – Founder, Kid Yoga
Rebecca McDonald – President, Gas and Power, BHP Billiton Petroleum
Sister Jane Meyer – Head of School, St. Agnes Academy
Nicky Mondellini – Actress
Rosanna Moreno – Assistant Vice President & Executive Director of International Business Development, Memorial Hermann Hospital
Georgianna Nichols – President & COO, CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric
Sarah Peterson – Senior Vice President, Corporate and Investor Communications, Amegy Bank
Belinda Phelps – Director, Citigroup Private Bank
Dr. Michele Pola – Executive Director, A+ Challenge
Jeanne Scheper – Post-Doctoral Fellow, UH Women’s Studies
Beth Schneider – Education Director, MFAH
Doreen Stoller – Executive Director, Herman Park Conservancy
Cecelia Tsai – President, North America Taiwanese Women’s Association
Laura Viada – Handweaver & Fiber Artist
Dancie Perugini Ware – President, Dancie Perugini Ware Public Relations
Rabbi Amy Weiss – Rabbi & Director, Initiative for Jewish Women
Toni Whitaker – Fashion Designer

2008
Linda Addison – Partner, Fulbright & Jaworski
Roberta Anding – Sports Dietician, Houston Texans
Maida Asofsky – Houston Regional Director, ACLU Houston
Laura Bell – Host, Wild About Houston, KTBU Channel 55
Ann Best – Executive Director, Teach for America
Chree Boydstun – Chief Development Officer, Legacy Community Health
Judy Camarena – President, Taquerias Arandas
Elizabeth Campbell – Partner and Chief Diversity Officer, Andrews Kurth
Valerie Cassel Oliver – Curator, Contemporary Arts Museum
Frances Castaneda – Director of Corporate Account Management, Rockets Powerdancer Coach
Katherine Center – Novelist, The Bright Side of Disaster
Anne Chao – Community Volunteer
Anne Clutterbuck – City Council Member, City of Houston
Charlotte Coffelt – President, ROAD Women
Colonel Eileen Collins – Former Astronaut & Space Shuttle Commander, USAF
Tamersen Critchlow-Glenn – Selection Officer, USMC Recruiting
Lily Foster – Actress
Laura Genung – Wealth Management and Trust Officer, Chilton Capital Management, LLC
Elizabeth Gregory – Author, Ready and Director of the UH Women’s Studies Program
Peggy Grodinsky – Food Editor, Houston Chronicle
Paula Harris – Community Affairs Manager, Schlumberger
Natasha Kamrani – Attorney and Trustee, HISD
Renu Khator – President & Chancellor, University of Houston
Carolyn Khourie – Principal Scientist
Joanne King Herring – Honorary Consul, Former Hon. Consul General to Pakistan & Morocco
Cathy Lopez Negrete – CFO, Lopez Negrete Advertising
Elena Marks – Director of Health and Environmental Policy, City of Houston
Dr. Fatima Mawji – Anesthesiologist & Board Member, Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston
Susan McMillian – Executive Staff Analyst, Dept. of Public Works and Engineering
Lisa Melancon Ganucheau – President, Junior League of Houston
Merideth Melville – Film and Video Producer, Zenfilm
Jane Moser – Manager, Brazos Bookstore
Susan Neptune – Owner, Neptune Heritage Restorations
Melissa Noriega – City Councilwoman, City Council Member
Michele Ostrander – Executive Director, Susan G. Komen Foundation - Houston Affiliate
Sharon Michael Owens – VP of Corporate Community Relations, Centerpoint Energy
Cynthia Pena – Manager, Federal Reserve Bank
Hazel Pierre – Caribbean Literature Professor, University of Houston
Gilda Ramirez – Director of Small Business Development, Port of Houston Authority
Mia Rogers – Clothing Designer & Owner, Eve Francis Boutique
Juanita Romans – CEO, Memorial Hermann System
Dr. Linda Saranaga Magill – Anesthesiologist, Private Practice
Mary Sit – METRO Blogger & Host, METRO
Naomi Smulian Mendel – Painter and Owner, Art Studio on the Boulevard
Doreen Stoller – Executive Director, Hermann Park Conservancy
Marian Szczepanski – President, WIVLA
Kiran Verma – Owner/Executive Chef, Kiran’s Restaurant & Bar
Mia Vu – Special Projects Consultant, Reliant Energy, Inc.
Rev. Belinda Windham – Pastor, New Hope Presbyterian Church in Katy

2009
Connie Acosta – Division Chief – Labor, City of Houston, Legal Dept
Mallory Agerton – Owner, Mallory L Agerton Portraits and Art
Catherine Anspon – Social Editor / Fine Arts Editor, PaperCity Magazine
Deborah Moncrief Bell – Feminist and GLBT Activist, Community organizer
Nelda Blair – Regent, University of Houston System & Attorney, The Blair Law Firm, P.C.
Dr. Rhea Brown Lawson – Director, Houston Public Library
Bonnie Campbell – Director, Bayou Bend Collection & Gardens
Jill Carroll – Executive Director, Boniuk Center for Religious Tolerance, Rice University
Cynthia Clayton – Assistant Professor, Moores School of Music, University of Houston
Thao Costis – President & CEO, SEARCH Homeless Services
Beverly Denver – Editor & Publisher, Houston Woman Magazine
Chitra Divakaruni – Novelist, Poet, and Creative Writing Professor, University of Houston
Dr. Rachelle Doody – Professor of Neurology, Baylor College of Medicine
Dr. Carmel Dyer – Chair of Geriatrics, UT
Rev. Becky Edmiston-Lange – Co-Minister, Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church
LaTanya Flix – Executive Director, The Women’s Resource of Greater Houston
Betsy Gerdeman – VP for Community Engagement, Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston
Eleanor Gilbane – Bankruptcy Litigation Associate, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP
Melissa Givens – Assistant Professor of Music, Houston Baptist University
Marie-Theresa Hernandez – Texas Anthropologist & Professor of World Cultures, University of Houston
Elsie Huang – President, Asian Chamber of Commerce
Hon. Aneeta Jamal – Associate Judge, 314th District Court
Jenna Jackson – Producer, CBS News/48 Hours
Jolanda Jones – City Council Member, District D, City of Houston
Carmen Jordan – Senior VP Manager, Corporate Energy Services, Amegy
Rainey Knudson – Founder/Executive Director, Glasstire
Misha Laird – Yoga Coordinator & Instructor, The Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa
Dr. Shelena Lalji – Medical Director & CEO, Dr. Shel Wellness & Medical Spa
Francesca Leoni – Assistant Curator of the Arts of the Islamic World, MFAH
Dr. Susan Levin – Executive Director, Houston Galveston Institute
Pat Lykos – Harris County District Attorney
Brenda Lyon – Chief Nursing Officer, Memorial Hermann-TMC
Tracye McDaniel – Executive VP & COO, Greater Houston Partnership
Anna Mod – Historic Preservation Consultant, SWCA Environmental Consultants
Minerva Perez – Talk Show Host/Executive Producer, Latina Voices
Sylvia Quan – Director of Administration, Foster Quan LLP
Shantha Raghuthaman – President, Asians against Domestic Abuse (AADA)
Carroll Ray – Attorney, Andrews Kurth LLP & Regent, University of Houston
Louise Richman – VP & CFO, Houston METRO
Becky Rush – VP Wealth Management Advisor, Merrill Lynch
Ping Sun – Attorney, Yetter, Warden & Coleman LLP & Rice University Representative
Mary Ross Taylor – Cultural Entrepreneur and Arts Activist
Telisa Toliver – VP Commercial Development, Chevron Global Power Company
Dr. Elizabeth Travis – Associate VP for Women Faculty Programs, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Donna Vallone – Owner, Tony’s Restaurant
Michelle White – Assistant Curator, The Menil Collection
Emilee Whitehurst – Executive Director, The Rothko Chapel
JoAnne Woodard – Executive Artistic Director, HITS Theatre
Karey Bresenhan – Mayor, City of Piney Point Village
Gabriela Gerhart – President, The Motherhood Center

2010
Laura Bellows – Chairwoman of Board, W.S. Bellows Construction Corp.
Helen Berger – Head Mistress, Houston Preparatory Academy
Susan Bischoff – President, The Houston Public Library Foundation
Carroll Blue – Filmmaker, Author & Visiting Scholar, University of Houston
Dr. Abenaa Brewster – Breast Cancer Researcher, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
Brené Brown – Shame & Empathy Researcher and Author, UH School of Social Work
Sue Burnett – Owner, Burnett Staffing
Lilian Care – Radio Host, KPFT / The Progressive Forum
Cindy Clifford – Founder and President, The Clifford Group, Inc.
Franci Crane – Lawyer/Advocate, Susman Godfrey, Partner (retired)
Jane Cummins – Co-Founder, HEART Program
Irma Diaz Gonzalez – Chairman Elect, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Karen Farber – Director, UH Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts
Samina Farid – Co-founder, Merrick Systems
Sylvia Garcia – President, NALEO
Kalyani Giri – Journalist, Indo-American News
Patricia Gras – Host & Producer, Latina Voices
Shelby Hodge – Editor-At-Large, Culturemap
Helen Hodges – President, Separation Systems Consultants, Inc
Dr. Karen Otazo Hofmeister – Executive Director & Board Treasurer, Citizens for Affordable Energy
Pam Holm – City Council Member, City of Houston
Heidi Horton – President, Bodywork by Heidi, Inc.
Willa Hsueh – Diabetes Researcher, The Methodist Hospital Research Institute
Kathleen Kelly – Music Director, Houston Grand Opera
Rathna Kumar – Founder, Anjali Center for Performing Arts
Mary Lawler – Executive Director, Avenue CDC (Community Development Corp)
Alecia Lawyer – Executive Director, ROCO
Lee Loe – Co-Editor, Houston Peace News
Laura Mayes – Founder, KIRTSY
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