presented by the Post Oak Parent Association

Friday, February 10, 2017
Hotel ZaZa

AUCTION PREVIEW

7 NIGHTS ON THE ISLAND OF RHODES

The magnificent Villa Lindos on the Greek isle of Rhodes will be your paradise getaway from April 30 to May 7. One to two couples will enjoy breathtaking views, a dinner at the famous Ktima Lindos restaurant, and the beauty of all Rhodes has to offer.
TELLURIDE

Spend five nights in a 5-bedroom, private home in the quaint town of Telluride, CO. Enjoy golfing or take advantage of hiking, mountain biking, concerts, and all that summer in Telluride has to offer. In addition you’ll receive a $200 gift certificate to Allred’s, Telluride’s flagship restaurant at the top of the gondola, offering a unique mountaintop dining experience.

Donated by Brittany and Max Tribble

COOKING DEMO & DINNER WITH CHEF MONICA POPE

Ten guests join Chef Monica Pope for a cooking demonstration and seated dinner in Monica’s Sparrow Cookshop. Monica and guests will prepare and serve a five-course local market dinner that includes a wine pairing with each course.

Donated by Chef Monica Pope

THIRD COAST OYSTER & SEAFOOD EXTRAVAGANZA

Eight intrepid seafood loving individuals will start the morning being picked up in a limousine provided by R&R Limo and head down to San Leon to board a private boat provided by Prestige Oyster. Guests will learn about oyster farming and check out the magnificent Galveston Bay oyster reefs. Afterward, the lucky winners will head over to the famed Gilhooley’s Restaurant to eat and enjoy oysters and cold beers. Upon returning back to Houston, guests will be treated at their home to a five-course seafood extravaganza hosted by Executive Chef Bobby Matos of State of Grace, with wine paired by certified Sommelier Matt Crawford.

Donors: Bobby Matos, State of Grace, R&R Limo, Prestige Oyster

HOUSTON ROCKETS: SWEET SUITE SEATS!

You and 11 friends will enjoy watching a Houston Rocket’s basketball game from one of the Toyota Center Suites. It’s a great view with delicious food and drink, and a sporting good time!

Donated by Felicia and Rafael Stone
**THE FAMOUS GALA WINE PULL**

**THE FAMOUS GALA WINE PULL IS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENING’S FESTIVITIES.**

Help us fill the wine pull by donating wine from the curated list at Double Decanted. Easy! Helpful! Thank you!

The wine pull is a raffle which gives guests the chance to win a highly selective array of wine bottles. It’s fun and delicious!


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**AWESOME AUCTION OFFERINGS**

**EXQUISITE DINING AT PAPPAS**

Enjoy a sumptuous dinner for two with a wine pairing at Pappas Brothers Steakhouse. And don’t forget the tour!

**MADE TO MEASURE HAMILTON SHIRT**

Amp up your wardrobe with this gift card to receive one free custom made-to-measure shirt from Hamilton, owned by our own Post Oak Hamilton family since 1883. Your Custom Fit is based on four key measurements—collar, chest, waist and sleeve. You can customize the fit on any shirt pictured in Hamilton’s online shop or create your custom shirt.

**FOUR ROUNDS OF GOLF**

Enjoy golf at its finest with four rounds on the tournament course at The Golf Club of Houston.

**A RESERVED PARKING SPOT**

First time ever! One lucky Post Oak High School student will be the recipient of a reserved parking spot for one year at the Museum District Campus. Weekdays from 7 to 4.

**CITY OF HOUSTON VICE MAYOR FOR A DAY!**

Don’t miss this chance to see and experience local government in action. Meet the Mayor and City Council and participate in some of the weekly routines of our city leaders.

**PORSCHE, ANYONE?**

Enjoy a full weekend of driving fun in a Porsche! Pick it up on Friday afternoon and return it on Monday morning.
What and when is the Post Oak gala?
The Post Oak School’s parent association hosts a biennial gala fundraiser, which is a festive, fun, parents-only event. It consists of an extensive silent auction and an exciting live auction of our children’s class art projects. The Gala will take place on Friday, February 10, 2017 at Hotel ZaZa. This year’s event is chaired by Post Oak parents, Jennifer Chavis and Stelli Parsapour. You should have already received your invitation in the mail. We hope to see you there! For more information on the gala, visit the 2017 Great Gatsby Gala page on Post Oak’s website.

What is the financial goal of the gala and how will the funds raised be used?
The biennial gala is the school’s largest fundraiser. Our goal for 2017 is $500,000. Funds are raised through underwriting, ticket sales, advertising, and the live and silent auctions. These funds go toward a variety of school needs, such as technology upgrades, capital improvements, and professional development. Remember, this event is every other year.

What is Underwriting?
Underwriting provides additional support and secures a full table in a prime location or prime seating for individual seats. Parents can underwrite a full table and then invite their guests to attend the event, or they can join together with other families to split a table. Tables have 10 seats. Underwriters are also invited to the Underwriting event on Thursday, Jan. 12. For a current list of underwriters, please visit the Great Gatsby Gala page on our website.

What is the format of the evening?
The event begins at 6:30 with cocktails and a full walk through of the famous Post Oak Fine Art Gallery and live auction preview. From there, guests can view and continue bidding on the silent auction items, socialize, sing along with the piano player, and get into the 1920s swing! Dinner is at 8, program is at 9, and dancing begins when the silent and live auction closes around 10 p.m. If dancing isn’t your thing, step into the Speakeasy room for added fun!

What is the dress for the event?
Historically, the event has been cocktail attire; however, this year we invite you to get into the Great Gatsby theme and come in Roaring 20s, flapper fashion style!

Are individual tickets still available?
Yes, but they are going fast! We have sold out the past two galas, so if you’d like to attend, please get your tickets as soon as possible. Go to www.501auctions.com/gatsby. We have seating for 500 guests at this event.

I’m new to the school. How do I go about finding parents to share a table?
The easiest way is to just ask fellow parents as you meet them and begin to get to know them. Ask around and see what other parents are doing. Most likely they are navigating this like you and will be glad you asked! Another way is sending out an email to parents in your child’s class saying you are pulling together a class table and would any parent like to join in.

Is it too late to get involved?
There’s lots left to do. Many committees, such as auction display, do not begin work until now. Plus volunteers are needed the day before and the day of the event! Contact Jennifer Chavis (jennifer.chavis@sbcglobal.net) or Stelli Parsapour (stellip2@gmail.com) for more information.

When will the silent auction begin?
The online silent auction opens Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 8 a.m. to anyone who has pre-registered at www.501auctions.com/gatsby (or go to 2017 Great Gatsby Gala page). Bidding and fixed-price items sales will continue until the event on Feb. 10. Many of the sociables sell out fast! Don’t miss this opportunity to sign up early!

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