The Post Oak School’s Gala—Be in the Know!

Friday, February 10, 2017 at Hotel ZaZa

The Big Big Board!

Art Talk, Tour, & Dinner with the Marks

An art lover’s evening—view one of the world’s top 200 art collections. Eight guests will join Penelope and Lester Marks in their home for an intimate dinner, art talk, and tour of the collection.

Lester Marks, President of LCM Partners, Ltd. and a represented artist himself, has been collecting contemporary art for 25 years. He has served as a trustee for both the Museum of Fine Arts Houston and the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, among numerous others. Mr. Marks has been included in Art News as one of the top 200 collectors in the world, and in Art & Antiques as one of the top 100 "collectors making a difference" in the art world. Lester Marks also serves as the Mayor’s Ambassador to the Arts.

The home of Lester Marks is a “mini-museum” of contemporary art. It is built around an outdoor courtyard displaying the stone sculpture of the British environmental artist Richard Long. There are passageways to three small gallery spaces, a studio, and even a “subterranean playroom” for the adventurous.

Telluride

Spend SEVEN nights in a 5-bedroom, private home in Mountain Village, a gondola ride to the quaint town of Telluride, CO. In addition receive a round of golf for two; tee off at 9,417 feet, an altitude that puts you at one of the highest golf courses in the world.

Enjoy hiking, mountain biking, concerts, and all that Telluride has to offer. Includes a $200 gift certificate to Allred’s, Telluride’s flagship restaurant offering a unique mountaintop dining experience.

Donated by: Tribble Family | Restrictions: June 2017
THE BIG BOARD CONTINUES

Houston Rockets: Sweet Suite Seats!
Cheer on the home team with 11 friends in the private catered suite of the Houston Rockets. Your suite will put you right on top of the action while providing a private atmosphere for you and your guests. Catering presented by the Levy Group.
Donated by Felicia and Rafael Stone

Spring Break in Pirates Cove, Galveston
Spring Break in Galveston! One-week stay at Post Oak parents Daniela and Manolo Sanchez’s 3-bedroom Pirates Cove property with stunning views over Galveston Bay. Availability for either Spring Break 2017 or July 29 through August 18, 2017.

A Sparkle in Your Eye and on Your Ears
Spoil yourself or a loved one with a pair of 18 karat rose gold diamond and genuine amethyst dangle earrings from Deutsch & Deutsch! The earrings consist of 6.58 carats of oval and round amethyst, and 1.14 carats of accentuating round diamonds.

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

A Reserved Parking Spot? You Bet!
Is your High School student late for school? If you have the FIRST EVER reserved parking spot at the Museum District Campus, getting to school on time will be a breeze!
Is your child not yet driving? Consider donating it to a Middle or High School teacher!

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 oystering and check out the magnificent Galveston Bay oyster reefs. Afterward, the lucky winners will head over to the famed Gilhooley’s Restaurant to 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
DONATE TO THE FAMOUS GALA WINE PULL

Donate now to help fill the famous Gala wine pull!
Help the Gala Wine Pull sell out once again. Donate a bottle(s) through Double Decanted’s website, and the wine you purchase will be delivered directly to the gala.

1) Follow this link to Double Decanted:
   http://doubledecanted.com/the-post-oak-school/
2) Select a favorite wine to donate
3) Purchase the wine
4) Double Decanted will do the rest!

Thank you for helping us fill the wine pull!

PROHIBITION IS OVER

The Prohibition Tub donated by the Fun Committee!
Bathe yourself in high end spirits! One lucky winner will take home this Williams Sonoma enameled tub is filled with over 20 bottles of premium spirits—the good stuff!
Pappas Bros. Dining
Head to Pappas Bros. Steakhouse for a sumptuous dinner for two, wine pairing, and a behind the scenes tour. Perfection!

Exquisite Dinner for Four at Masraff’s

Summer of Fun Package
- Half-off dance camp at West U Dance Centre
- $50 gift certificate to any Houston Swim Club location
- One Week at Gymnastics Summer Camp

Movie-Making Class at Joy Kids Studio
Give your child the opportunity to write, direct, film, and star in their very own movie at this 8 week session at Joy Kids Studio.

BreakAway Speed Sports Training—Under 12
Good toward eight Speed and Agility Training sessions for children 12 and under.

BreakAway Speed Sports Training—Over 12
Good toward eight Speed and Agility Training sessions for children 12–16.

Baking Party at Studio June
Private baking party for 10 children, ages 18 months to 6 years. Each child, accompanied by a parent, will bake their own pastry in this fun and educational class.

Go-Kart Party
Have a blast with a 30-minute go-karting party for 6 people.

Experience Virtual Reality with Sky High Party Rentals
Ten people will have the chance to experience virtual reality for two hours anywhere within 40 miles of Houston, Texas.

4 Houston Livestock & Rodeo Tickets during Spring Break 2017
Four Houston Livestock and Rodeo club-level tickets 2017 for Meghan Trainor on Tuesday, March 14 OR Fifth Harmony on Friday, March 17.

Culinary Taste of Chinatown—Dim Sum Brunch
Have a delicious Dim Sum Sunday brunch with the Lai Family at their Culinary Taste of Chinatown event for one family (with or without children).

Made to Measure Hamilton Shirt
Amp up your wardrobe with a custom made-to-measure shirt from Hamilton Since 1883, owned by our own Post Oak Hamilton family.

Necklace and Earrings from The Jewel Box
Sterling silver diamond necklace with matching earrings from Gabriel & Co. New York.

One-of-a Kind Sea Glass Pebbles Bracelet with a Sterling Silver Chain from Rare Plum Jewelry

Yves Saint Laurent Handbag
Fall in love with this versatile YSL monogram Blogger handbag—perfect for day or night.

A Day in the Country
Enjoy a little patch of heaven in Hockley, Texas as you and your family (up to 5 people) spend a day in the country with a Lower Elementary Post Oak family.

Gather ‘round the fire pit and watch the kids swing on tire swings, play in the tree house, or cruise up and down the driveway on riding toys! This all day adventure includes a home-cooked lunch and dinner. Watch the stars come out after sunset while enjoying all you can eat s’mores for dessert.

You and your children are guaranteed to leave completely exhausted but full of fresh, country air!

Family Friendly Home
Custom, one-of-a-kind set of toddler furniture by Family Friendly Home.

Antique Children’s Furniture
Two antique children’s chairs.
SILENT AUCTION PREVIEW

Serenade Your Guests
This musical performance by Francesco Vetrini includes Italian music and classical Napoletan songs performed on guitar and mandolin.

Fine Art Print from Karen Sachar & Co.
Add artwork to your home with a $525 gift certificate to Karen Sachar & Co.

City of Houston Vice Mayor for the Day
Be Vice Mayor for the day with City of Houston Vice Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Davis. One lucky bidder will get to either attend an Economic Development Committee meeting (chaired by Vice Mayor Pro-Tem Davis), or observe a Council meeting, meet the Mayor, and work the floor with an Agenda Director.

Vietnamese Cooking Class for 6 people at Home
Learn how to make traditional “Pho” chicken or beef soup, spring rolls, vermicelli bowl, and stuffed tofu with Jennifer Penchas. Everything provided.

Culinary Taste of Chinatown—Yummy Noodles Sunday Brunch
Enjoy a yummy noodle Sunday brunch for one family (with or without children) hosted by the Lai family.

ZaZa Staycation
Relax at ZaZa with a one night stay in the Magnificent 7 suite, massage for two at ZSPA, and bottle of champagne

Wine Tasting in Sonoma
Enjoy this comparative wine tasting for up to 6 guests in the Sojourn Tasting Salon in the town of Sonoma, CA. Try their highly acclaimed Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Chardonnay paired with local artisan cheeses.

Tour Channel 2 with News Anchor Dominique Sachse
Lights, Camera, Action! Come to a behind-the-scenes tour of the Local 2 studios with Emmy award-winning Anchor Dominique Sachse. You and five guests will meet Local 2 personalities and watch a live news broadcast. Includes autographed headshots of your favorite Local 2 personalities.

Children’s Songwriting Workshop, Concert, & Wrap Party
During this unique experience, five children will have the opportunity to collaborate with Anita Kruse, Founder and Executive Director of Purple Songs Can Fly, and Teresa Procter, Mezzo Soprano of the Houston Grand Opera, to write, record, and perform an original group song.

Each child will contribute ideas and lyrics, help compose music, sing the original song, and take home their very own recording. The children will share the recording or sing the original song during a post production concert for parents. The concert will include additional performances by Anita, Teresa, and other guest singer songwriters.

Bullet Girl Bracelets
Adorn your wrists with Bulletgirl bangles! Each of the three bangles comes in a different finish to match your favorite outfit.

Bullet Girl Cufflinks
These unique cufflinks will dress up any wardrobe.

UT Longhorns Touchdown Club Level Seats
Have the ultimate game day experience at a UT vs. Kansas State game on October 7! Enjoy four Touchdown Club Level seats, which offer an incredible view of the live game. Fans can visit the Club area for free food buffets and desserts, complimentary water and tea, and a cash bar. Includes a green parking pass for the Manor garage (the closest parking to the stadium available for fans).

Porsche Power!
Drive a Porsche for the weekend! Recipient will be able to pick up car on Friday at or after 5 p.m. and return it the following Monday by 10 a.m.

2016–2017 Houston Rockets Tickets

Houston Texans Game Tickets
Cheer on the Houston Texans with two 2017 game tickets with complimentary parking in the nearby red lot.

Houston Dynamo VIP Experience
4 tickets to a mutually agreeable 2016 Houston Dynamo regular season home game and 4 pre-game warm up viewing passes.

8 Tickets to the 2017 Shell Houston Open
Attend the 2017 Shell Houston Open with eight good-any-day tickets! Tickets include entry into the tournament and the Champions Pavilion Tent, where food and beverage may be purchased.

James Harden Signed Jersey
Houston Rockets Autographed Basketball & Bobbleheads
Show your Houston Rockets spirit with this team autographed basketball and collectable bobbleheads of Mario Elie, Calvin Murphy, and Elvin Hayes! This is a Spalding NBA Rockets Team Game Ball Series basketball autographed by your favorite team players!

Patrick Beverley Autographed Jersey
Corey Brewer Autographed Rockets Jersey
J.J. Watt Autographed Jersey (child’s medium)
**TEACHER TREASURES**

- Personalized Reading List For Your Child by Post Oak Librarian Cory Eckert
- Pajama Movie Night at Post Oak with Lindsay Mistretta and Suzette Vetrini (March 24)
- Tortillas and Talking with Spanish Specialist Ninfa Bridges
- Movie and Lunch with Coach Treviño (Beauty and the Beast, March 25)
- Learn to Make Authentic Italian Pizza with the Rebuffinis
- Bollywood Nights for 12 at Post Oak’s Simran Sood’s Home (May 12)
- Saida Fagala original work—Abstract Painting
- Saida Fagala original work—Ceramic Wall Pieces
- French Classes for Adults or Children—5 hours of lessons with PHE teacher Dinah Chetrit
- Painting and Ice Cream Playdate with Emily Hansen and Lauren Bergeron
- Handmade Greeting Cards—Set of 12 beautiful handmade greeting cards by PHE students
- Houston Zoo Day with Ms. Kluk
- Picnic and Games with Ms. Taj Mahmood at Hermann Park
- Day at the Astros with Ms. Pel (Sunday, May 21, 2017)
- Spanish Dinner for 10 UE students with Ms. De Leon and Ms. Samano
- Hand-Painted Gatsby Martini Glasses celebrating the Roaring 20s by Sandra De Leon
- Friday Night Fun with the Admin Team—games, dinner, music and more for 10 students (ages 6–9) (May 12)
- Galveston Bay Fishing Trip
  Join Facilities Director Matt Thompson on his boat for a very memorable trip of fishing, relaxing, and dolphin watching in Galveston Bay.

**SOCIAL SOCIABLES**

- Dinner with Chef Bryan Caswell
  Join Chef Bryan Caswell (chef/owner of renowned local restaurants REEF, El Real Tex-Mex, and Little Bigs) in the beautiful home of Brittney and Max Tribble for a seated dinner. REEF has been recognized as the Best Seafood Restaurant in the country by Bon Appetit Magazine, and Caswell has been named a Finalist for a James Beard Award and one of the “Top 10 Best New Chefs” in Food & Wine magazine. Caswell has also competed on The Food Network’s The Next Iron Chef and hosted The Food Network’s Best in Smoke.

- American Girl Party for 8 students with the Lamuño and Salinas Families on April 7, 2017.

- Interactive Cooking Class with Chef Monica Pope
  Relax with a private two-hour interactive cooking class with Chef Monica Pope. The class features four recipes driven by the local farmers markets that you help make—and then eat! Includes wine and cocktail pairing.

- Indian Cooking Class and Dinner with the Chana Family
  Learn to cook a delicious Indian meal and enjoy dinner with Post Oak parents Payal and Manny Chana.

- Back to the 80s! Hosted by the Marshalls and the Kirchners
  Madonna, Mohawk, or mullet? Put on (or pull out) your favorite 80s garb and join us at the home of Jenny and André Marshall on Saturday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. for an all-80s celebration. Mingle to music from our mix tape collection as you drink, dine, and dance your way back to the decade that brought us such marvels as the Rubik’s cube, Cabbage Patch dolls, MTV, boom boxes, wine coolers, Flashdance, and PacMan. Can you really resist this trip back in time?

- Speak Easy and Dine Well
  Don’t miss this three-stop shindig, Friday May 19 from 6:30–11 p.m! The evening will kick-off with cocktails and appetizers at the Wykoffs, followed by a sit-down dinner at the Greggs, topped off with dessert at the Walshes. This moving feast (all within a block walking distance) is sure to be the cat’s pajamas!
LIVE AUCTION | CLASS PROJECTS

Deidre Brooks
Sue Guerrero
Emily Hansen
Cynthia Blessman

Elizabeth Dickson
Danielle Dalsey Kimball
Julie Paraguine

Orly Kluk
Tamara Townsend
Lindsay Mistretta
Beth Olitzki

Simran Sood
Anita Taj Mahmood
Debbie Nickerson
Errol Pinto

Maya Pinto
Middle School
Ninth & Tenth Grades
Eleventh & Twelfth Grades
Online Auction Opens February 1 at 8 a.m.

Make sure to pre-register at www.501auctions.com/gatsby/register to view auction items and place your bid. Silent, Live, and Big Board Auctions close Friday evening at the event.

Bidding at the Gala happens on your smart phone or on tablets set up at the auction. Once you pre-register, you will get a link to access the auction.

**OTHER NEWS!**

*Dietary restrictions?* Pre-register to let us know.

We need *volunteers* for setup on Thurs., Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. throughout the day and on Fri., Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon.