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### The Board of Trustees of the St. Anne School Foundation unanimously selected the St. Anne Guild as the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Honoree.

"The Guild positively impacts so many ministries of St. Anne Parish, while providing support to its members through fellowship, prayer and the joy of good works," Foundation President Matt Veech said. "The Guild is a wonderful example of an organization that wholeheartedly places its focus on serving God and others."

St. Anne's Guild was founded in 1984 and currently has a membership of more than 200 women in the St. Anne Catholic Parish. The goals of the organization are prayer, service, grace and growth. The 2014-15 officers are Betty Boatman, president; Michele Yanta, vice president; Valerie Sheppard, recording secretary; Mary Ward, corresponding secretary; Gretchen Penny, treasurer; and Connie Hamlin, parliamentarian.

"Speaking on behalf of all the Guild members, we are absolutely thrilled to be the honoree of the 2015 Gala. Over the years, we have worked beside the Foundation to help make St. Anne an outstanding parish," Boatman said. "It is such an honor to be recognized for doing what we love to do."

The Foundation works with the Guild to grow and enhance the St. Anne Guild Scholarship for Service to support students at St. Anne Catholic School. For the 2014-15 school year, the Guild designated a \$2500 scholarship for an eighth grade student, who was recognized for her service to the church and school.

## The St. Anne Community Celebrated Lunar New Year at the 2015 Gala!



Gala Chairs were Ginnie & Tim McConn and Sybil & Terrence Starling. The McConn's and the Starlings are both St. Anne Catholic School parents. They led a 45-member Gala Committee that included a 10-member Gala Leadership Team.

More than 460 guests filled River Oaks Country Club on Saturday, February 7, 2015, to participate in the fun, fundraising and fellowship at the St. Anne School Foundation 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala. The Asian-themed event raised more than \$650,000 (gross) to benefit St. Anne Catholic School.

Members of the Gala Leadership Team were St. Anne Catholic School parents Laura & Rich Wolfe, Cathy & Ken Brown, Nancy & Jose Almodovar, Alicia & Juan Hartsfield, and Jacqueline & Michael Kenneally. They worked for nearly 12 months to plan event logistics, solicit sponsors, and acquire auction donations, as well as reach out to the St. Anne Community and beyond.

New aspects of this year's Gala were a pre-Gala event hosted by Asia Society Texas Center at its award-winning building in the museum district and a VIP Reception immediately prior to the Gala opening — both events for Gala sponsors and top-level table sponsors.

St. Anne School Foundation President Matt Veech commended the McConn's, Starlings and their committee for their "hard work, energy, creativity, and infusion of all things Asian that produced a truly amazing evening."

The 2015 Gala Honoree was the St. Anne Guild. Michele Yanta, Guild vice president, accepted the award on behalf of the Guild.

Also recognized during the festivities were Kathleen Barnosky, St. Anne Catholic School principal, and the more than 20 members of her faculty and staff in attendance. In addition, a "St. Anne welcome" was extended to special guest, Dr. Julie Vogel, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Also receiving special recognition as "Volunteers Extraordinaire" were Jacqueline & Michael Kenneally and their sons Liam, Sean and Ryan. Jacqueline and Michael are St. Anne parishioners, parents and, along with their sons, have been ongoing dedicated Gala volunteers, including three-time Gala Chairs.



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# From start to finish, Asian influences inspired the evening festivities!



- 2015 Gala Committee Chairs**
- Gala Chairs*  
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Gala guests were greeted with the rich tone of a Wuhan Gong as they entered the River Oaks Country Club. After check-in and a welcome by one of the St. Anne School Foundation trustees, guests could take advantage of Red Carpet photos by Amy Kidd Photography.

A fabulous array of auction venues were available throughout the club – Silent Auction, Socials, Calligraphy Bar, Red Envelopes, Wine Pull, Class Creations, and Almost Live. While enjoying drinks and hors d'oeuvres, guests placed their bids via their mobile phones with auction technology provided by Qtego.

A Hong Kong Casino also provided entertainment and an opportunity to earn raffle tickets for awesome prizes, including an iPad mini, Amazon Kindle Paperwhite, Microsoft Surface 2, Bose Speaker, and GoPro Hero Camera.

An authentic Lion Dance Parade led guests into the beautifully decorated ballroom for a thematically gourmet dinner.

Gala guests were welcomed by Foundation President Matt Veech and Fr. Al Sinasac, C.S.B., pastor of St. Anne Catholic Community. Joining Fr. Al in an opening video, 17 St. Anne Catholic School students extended "Happy New Year" greetings in five different Asian languages.

The St. Anne Guild also was highlighted in a video prior to the presentation of the 2015 Gala Honoree award.

As a trio of desserts was served, the Live Auction began with Auctioneer Vikki Vines, who not only celebrated her birthday with the Gala guests, but also helped set records for the auction.

More than \$28,800 was raised for the Bourse Scholarship Fund, which was graciously matched by \$50,000 by an anonymous donor. The 13 items in the Live Auction, including an adorable Shih Tzu puppy, raised more than \$300,000, thanks to the kind generosity of the St. Anne Community.

The evening wrapped up with final bidding on Class Creations and on the Almost Live Auction items, led by Auctioneer Jon Goodling, plus more action in the Hong Kong Casino, a late-night snack of crisp egg rolls, and dancing to the music of the Opposite Attractions band.

# The role of the St. Anne School Foundation is to support St. Anne Catholic School

The St. Anne School Foundation benefits the children and families served by St. Anne Catholic School, whose mission is to develop each student academically, spiritually, culturally, physically and interpersonally in a Catholic environment. The Foundation provides funds to the school through scholarships as well as grants.

Proceeds from the 2015 Gala will provide a grant to St. Anne Catholic School for the 2015-2016 school year to help fund needs-based tuition assistance, faculty continuing education, and classroom enhancements. Proceeds also will help the Foundation grow the St. Anne Endowment for the future needs of the school.

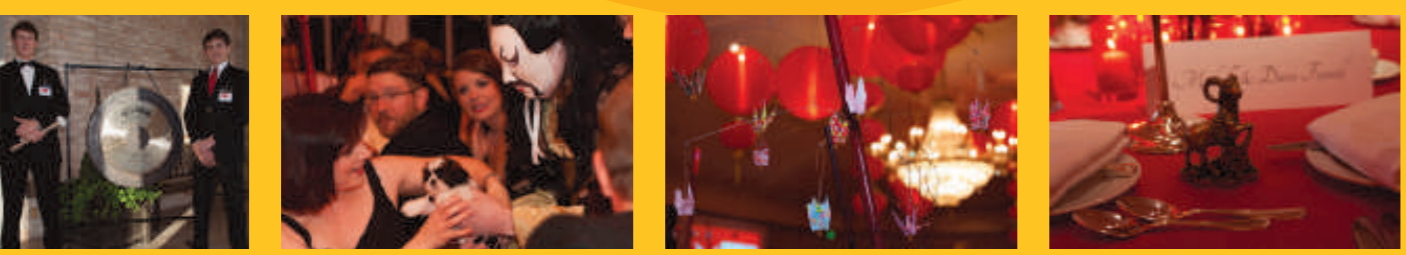
Throughout its history, the Foundation has been committed to ensuring that the facilities and resources of St. Anne Catholic School support the exceptional teaching staff and provide an academically enriching environment for students. All of the Foundation's fundraising activities benefit St. Anne Catholic School.

The St. Anne School Foundation raises funds through two major initiatives – an Annual Gala and the Father John Robbins Bourse Scholarship Campaign. In addition, the Foundation solicits, manages and disperses more than 20 scholarship funds for students and teachers. For the long-term support of the school, the Foundation is building an endowment to benefit future generations of St. Anne Catholic School students.

The Father John Robbins Bourse supports the enriching diversity of the school through tuition assistance to families in financial need. As a parish school, St. Anne Catholic School strives to help children have the opportunity to receive a Catholic education regardless of their financial circumstances. The Foundation is pleased to support the socio-economic diversity of the school.

The St. Anne School Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that was established in 1982. Governed by a Board of Trustees, the Foundation today manages assets exceeding \$3 million annually.

More information at [www.saintannefoundation.org](http://www.saintannefoundation.org).



## Gala Red Carpet and Candid Photos available

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- Click on Browse.
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