



What's COOKING

CALENDAR of EVENTS

MAY

- 08 Adult History Tour**
with Nina
- 09 Mother's Day**
Open 10:45 am serving until 10 pm
- 22 Grilling School**
with Chef Lisa

JUNE

- 19 Adult History Tour**
with Nina
- 20 Father's Day**
Open 10:45 am serving until 10 pm

JULY

- 29 Cooking Demonstration**
at Brookwood Community with Chef Lisa

SEPTEMBER

- 11 Adult History Tour**
with Nina

NOTE:

Sign up for special dinners, cooking schools, and adult history tours on line @ www.tasteoftexas.com

MOTHER'S DAY: Sunday, May 09 FATHER'S DAY: Sunday, June 20

Open for Lunch at 10:45 am

"Her children arise and call her blessed"
PROVERBS 31:28

Taste of Texas continues to be a destination for memorable family celebrations.

Planning a fantastic celebration for "Mom" on Mother's Day? The whole family will treasure the memory of Sunday, May 9th at the Taste of Texas. Moms will receive a complimentary rose and, of course, YOUR family picture as our gift to you.

What better way to celebrate "Dad" than with a perfect steak? Father's Day is Sunday, June 20th and along with a great meal, we will have a special grilling gift and a family photo to remember the day.



A New Wagon at The Taste of Texas

A new Burr Oak Wooden Wheeled Farm Wagon has arrived. The wagon came from Chaffee County Colorado near Salida where it was a working farm vehicle for grain and potatoes. It dates back to 1895 and we are delighted to display it on our front lawn next to the windmill.



Taste of Texas on Facebook



We've joined the Facebook Revolution! Visit our page to watch videos, get more information on upcoming events, and learn more about the restaurant. Have a great picture from a special moment at Taste of Texas? Email it to us and we'll put it on our Facebook page. www.tasteoftexas.com



TASTE OF TEXAS ONLINE

www.tasteoftexas.com

At TasteofTexas.com, we've got unforgettable gifts for Mother's Day and Father's Day and an incredible Fourth of July package. The Mother's Day Package includes Four mouth-watering Center Cut Filets, 1 lb. Herbed Garlic Butter and our Marinated Shrimp Skewer for just \$89.95. Our Father's Day Package includes Two 20 oz T-Bones, Two 16 oz New York Strips and our Texas Quail Bites for \$119.95. At TasteofTexas.com, we also have sign up spots for our popular Grilling School. In Grilling School, we explain the four components of a great steak: Grading, Aging, Trim and Preparation. Each class attendee will grill his or her own steak and enjoy it for lunch. Class is \$65 per person.

Our Fourth of July Package will thrill the crowd in your backyard. Includes eight 6 oz Center Cut Filets and eight skewers of Texas Quail Bites (two orders) for just \$174.95. What a deal! All packages come beautifully boxed with seasoning and detailed grilling instructions. Remember, it's as easy as shop, click, done at TasteofTexas.com!





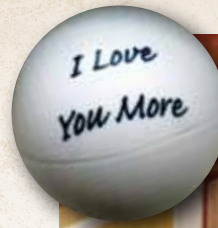
EDD KELLUM HENDEE 1976-2010

This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. 1 JOHN 3:11

This past February 13 we lost our son Edd K in a skiing accident in Vermont. We treasure every card, note, call, and encouragement that you have shared with us in the weeks that followed. Claudine, Campbell, Hudson, and Reagan are now part of our daily lives and life is full again with their love and

company. This loss has caused us to enjoy every day we have together and to share that love openly with others. As Edd K taught us – when someone says “I love you” we now respond with “I love you more!” We wanted to share with you again Edd K’s story of a short life well lived:

EDD KELLUM HENDEE went home to the Lord on Saturday, the 13th of February 2010. He was born on the 19th of February 1976 in Dallas, Texas and attended Second Baptist High School in Houston, the Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1999. Edd went on to earn a masters in English from George Mason University and then served five years in the United States Navy. As a lieutenant on the U.S.S. Denver in Operation Enduring Freedom, he led boarding teams onto foreign vessels in search of al Qaeda. Edd married the love of his life, Claudine Moore Hendee of Houston, Texas, on the 17th of February 2002, and together they had three beautiful children. He considered his family the best accomplishment of his life. After his naval service, Edd graduated from Harvard Business School in 2006, and went to work with Barry Sternlicht at Starwood Capital Group in Greenwich, where he quickly rose to vice president of acquisitions, leading the largest initial public offering at the time, the third-largest real estate investment trust raised in U.S. history, and the largest externally-managed blind pool fund ever completed on the New York Stock Exchange. Edd was extraordinary in every aspect of his life. He balanced a profound intellect with an engaging and kind heart that stemmed from his love for the Lord. He treasured his family and made common, everyday activities exceptional. Edd’s tenacious spirit helped him overcome a Joe Theismann leg break, and he went on to complete a marathon and an Ironman Triathlon despite this setback. He was a tremendous role model and will always be remembered for his infectious laugh, mischievous smile and warm heart. Edd enriched the lives of countless family, friends, and coworkers around the globe who loved him and shared his love of life.



Edd K. Hendee

The Memorial started simple enough
Sanctuary filled with emotion...it was tough
Pretty people and politicians galore
A flag draped casket on the lower floor
The family arrived on the front row
The music was profound and slow
Dr. Young rises and speaks the truth
Many gifts came from Edd’s bounty of fruit
Question why did God make this call?
A young brilliant life taken by a fall
Love and honor was the theme this day
A mother very strong recalled a ring
Then the whole room began to sing
Eulogy after eulogy the same to say
Exceptional talent, gifted, yet full of life
Loving, caring to his family and wife
The love of God and country is evident
This person even alive was heaven sent
I love you yes, but I love you more
So important they even kept score
When we think we have seen and heard it all
Ping pong balls from heaven began to fall
What a sight! Edd in uniform prayed with us
He professes his love of God and the U.S.
A reminder of why and how he served
Then he came proudly around the curve
A twenty one gun salute rang out
The flag folded the stars out, they shout
Heaven is waiting there you can find
A loving God who called one of a kind
A lesson learned today please never forget
Say I love you more often, with no regrets

D.A.T.

Douglas A. Thibodeaux M.D.

Traveling Texas: Galveston Island



They are BACK! Hurricane Ike is only a memory now – our neighbors in Galveston have rebuilt their great city and all the fun places to dine and visit in Houston's island getaway.

Galveston Historic Homes Tour May 1 & 2, and May 8 & 9. The tour offers 10 homes of extraordinary preservation. For more information on the showcase of homes go to http://galvestonhistory.org/Galveston_Historic_Homes_Tour.asp Other historic homes and buildings are open all year for tours through Galveston Historic Foundation.

Moody Gardens The traveling exhibit "Forgotten Gateway – Coming to America Through Galveston Island" chronicles the Port of Galveston as a major point of entry to American immigration from 1845-1924. The exhibit highlights the humanity of the journey and tribulations of immigrants at the time with visitor interactive kiosks, media pieces and more than 200 original artifacts and documents. For exhibit times and fees go to: www.galveston.com/discoverypyramid/calendar/



Lone Star Flight Museum has reopened with dozens of aircraft on display and flights to take you up in their war birds! This is a great attraction for families and aviation enthusiasts – open 7 days a week 9am to 5pm adjacent to Moody Gardens.

La King's Confectionery, Galveston's historic ice cream, candy and soda-fountain shoppe, must be included in every trip to the island. Since the 1920's the King family has been delighting folks of all ages with the master of candy making and confectionery treats. Visit this landmark on the Strand for a perfect ending to your home tour, Schlitterbahn water park adventure or your day at the beach.

STAFF UPDATES

We are celebrating the upcoming graduations of Josh Sieman in July from the Houston Police Academy and Dustin Kalister in August from University of Houston.

Kaycee Teague ran her first ½ marathon in January and completed her second in April in Nashville TN.

Ben Duckett, Jay Fox & David Combs will be competing again in the Texas Water Safari in June – kayak paddling 262 miles!

Manager Scott Gerow just finished the MS150 bike ride from Houston to Austin for his 7th year.

Server and head trainer, Donnel McAllister is now on our management team.

Congratulations to all!

We Recommend...



We love our city. Houstonians have a "Can Do" attitude that we are so proud of.

In 2008, we were honored to host for dinner at the Taste a task force on Human-Trafficking in Houston. We were stunned to learn that Houston is the major hub for trafficking slaves, most of which are young girls headed for the sex-trade. Ugh. The Polaris Project, a study on human trafficking in the US, estimated that 18,000 people are trafficked into the US each year, with a quarter of those brought to Texas. As a major international port and situated on I-10, Houston has the dubious distinction of the trafficking hub not just for Texas, but the entire US.

Enter the good guys. While Houston is the trafficking hub, it's also making great strides toward combating the problem. Groups like the YMCA have teamed up with FBI and ICE to be able to immediately offer services to these girls as they are rescued. But one group in particular is doing something that makes us proud. Redeemed Ministries also offers victims services once they're brought out, but they haven't stopped there. They are actually going into the places where the girls are sold to establish relationships to help the victims out of the trade. Redeemed Ministries is there working hard to help the victims of this growing and heinous crime.

Visit their website, www.redeemedministries.net, to get involved or donate today... and please pray for our city.

Taste of Texas Packages sent to Marines in Afghanistan



This past September Edd had the honor to spend a week with the Marines of 2/8 USMC – "America's Battalion" – at FOB Delhi in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. It was a life changing week to meet these modern day heroes in their part of the "War on Terror". Our staff put together 7 boxes of gifts for them including bags of Taste of Texas coffee! We shipped them out DHL express to Khandahar but they were delayed somewhere in route to FOB Delhi and we thought they were "lost" in the transfer.



This past December we got an email from Chip Abbott whose son Michael is with the 2/2 Marines stationed at the same FOB and found some packages of Taste of Texas Coffee. These "Texas Marines" then commandeered all the Texas Coffee and sent us a picture! Michael's Dad, Chip, updates us that the Second Battalion / Second Marines are looking forward to coming home

the middle of May. They have been stationed south of the city of Kandahar, Afghanistan for more than 6 ½ months. During this period they have supported the Marja offensive and took the town of Laki. Many weapons caches and drug labs have been found and destroyed while continuing the combat patrols against the Taliban and Al Qaeda. Great work 2/2 Marines!

The Abbott family, like many others, will celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas this May as their son returns. The Abbott home still has Christmas lights and a Christmas Tree up waiting for that homecoming. We'll see to it that this Marine also will have a Steak Dinner waiting on him when he returns as well. Thank you to all our military families whose loved ones are serving our country and protecting us all.

Bob Tallman's Pasture Pool Classic: Our friend, Bob Tallman (the Voice of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo) holds a golf tournament in Houston to benefit the Pediatric Programs at MD Anderson Cancer Hospital. Mark your calendar for June 14th at Blackhorse Golf Course in NW Houston. Visit www.bobtallman.com to get more information and to support MD Anderson Pediatric Program!





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*...and I have been
a bombardment
for so long that
at last - now - the enemy
has demanded a surrender of
territory. Otherwise the general
and I will go to the sword to
subvert him - I have no other*



A Mother's Keepsake

Nina brings Texas History figures to life when she shares her love of Texas. One of Nina's most endearing anecdotes is about a keepsake given to Sam Houston by his mother.

When a young Sam Houston enlisted in the militia his mother helped prepare him to leave. At age 19 he would serve under General Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812. Elizabeth Houston gave her son a ring with the word "Honor" inscribed on the inside and told him: "While the door of my cabin is open to brave men, it is eternally shut to cowards."

Tradition has the official ring of Sam Houston State University inscribed with the word "honor" inside of it. When Sam Houston died at age 70, he still had the ring his mother had given him. His wife Margaret, slipped it off his finger and passed it around for the children to look at. The ring is considered "the crown jewel" of Houston artifacts. It is displayed at the San Jacinto Museum of History, La Porte TX.



TEXAS FUN FACTS

Sam Houston was the original Texas Renaissance man. Living in Tennessee with his mother and his siblings at age 15 young Houston went to live with a band of local Cherokee. He went on to enlist in the War of 1812 and after the war studied law. Later he won a seat with the US House of Representatives. After 5 years in the House he successfully ran for Governor of Tennessee. Houston resigned as governor and once again went to live with the Cherokees who named him Raven (for intelligence and quickness of mind). He protected the Cherokee's interests in Washington D.C. and protested injustices done to them.

Houston's words in regard to Congress' decision to move the capital to Austin (not Houston): "the most unfortunate site on earth for a seat of government." Other Texans agreed and the infamous "Archives War" ensued.

UPCOMING EVENTS: We've got exciting events coming up here at the Taste! Please check our website for details.

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May 08 Texas History Tour with Nina. Nina brings Texas History to life as she presents our rich history. \$20 plus tax per person benefits our Taste of Texas Scholarship fund. We include lunch.

May 09 Mother's Day at Taste of Texas. Let us help you celebrate your mom for lunch or dinner. She'll receive a complimentary rose. Doors open at 10:45 am serving until 10 pm.

May 22 Grilling School. Take an in-depth look at the four components of a great steak: Grading, Aging, Cut and Preparation.

June 19 Texas History Tour with Nina

June 20 Father's Day at Taste of Texas. Bring Dad for a great meal, special gift and a family photo to capture the occasion. Doors open at 10:45 am serving until 10 pm.

July 29 Taste of Texas at Brookwood Community. Chef Lisa joins Chef Laura Day from the Brookwood Community to demonstrate cuisine with Texas flair. 10:30 am. Call Brookwood for more information and reservations. 281.375.2400.

September 11 Texas History Tour with Nina