Our entire family has been busy chronicling 40 years of the Taste of Texas Recipes and History from “our table to yours.” Our cookbook is a family labor of love and includes favorite recipes by Nina and Edd as well as Chef Lisa Blackard, while Kristin and Corbin Blackford write treasured family memories. The Taste of Texas Cookbook is crafted to be an inspiration for you to bring genuine Texas hospitality to your table. We have been working with an amazing team led by Roni Atnipp, Deborah Smail, and the creative force of Limb Design. These are the top “cookbook people” in the industry and the Taste of Texas Cookbook is going to be a must have for your home. There will be a fantastic section on Certified Angus Beef and “How to pick and grill a Great Steak!”

Pre-order this month – visit tasteoftexascookbook.com to reserve your signed copy. Cookbooks will be available in October just in time for the 40th Anniversary and early Christmas Shopping! Order your cookbook today!

“Customer Thank You Party”
and Former Employee Reunion:

Come join us for a fun morning right on our parking lot with food and entertainment for all on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 10 am to 12 noon. This event is complimentary; no ticket is required. We will have food trucks, kettle corn, a climbing rock wall, 2 live Long Horn Steers with saddles for pictures and many other fun activities. Also benefiting the employee scholarship fund will be a dunk tank featuring Manager Norm & others with 3 balls for $5.

Calling all former Taste of Texas employees! Join us in the Sam Houston room on Oct 21 at 12pm for a fun reunion. We look forward to catching up with you and hearing what the Lord has done in your life!

Taste of Texas 40th Anniversary Gala
at the San Jacinto Monument:

On Sunday, October 22, 2017, Taste of Texas will host a VERY Special Evening of great food, wine, entertainment, and Texas History at the site where Texas won its Independence 181 years ago. This unforgettable event will benefit Memorial Hermann Trauma Center and Life Flight. Mark your calendar today! Tickets and tables are available at www.tasteoftexas.com/events. Looking forward to celebrating with you at San Jacinto!
Mother's Day: Bring your family and join us to celebrate Mom on Sunday May 14th at Taste of Texas. We will open at 10:00 am and serve continuously till 10:00 pm. Each Dad will receive a complimentary Texas “Come and Take It” Grilling Apron and a photo with his family.

Father's Day: There is no better way to celebrate Father’s Day than to treat Dad with a great steak dinner surrounded by family. We open at 10:00 am and serve continuously till 10:00 pm. Each Dad will receive a complimentary Texas “Come and Take It” Grilling Apron and a photo with his family.

Taste of Texas by the Numbers:

- 6 million pounds of Certified Angus Beef® sold
- 200 current employees
- 400,000 4th grader classes have come through on school tours.
- 978 combined years of Taste of Texas in our current staff
- 7,000 customers per week, 363,000 customers last year.
- 40 years in business, 15 at Town and Country Village.
- 27 years on the Katy Freeway.

When Moses Austin wanted to bring settlers into Texas, he met with a singular response: “Texas is too wild.” The land itself reflects the spirit of the people who made Texas home. Because of the unique climate and soil, it’s not easy to grow excellent grapes and perfect reds for wine in Texas. But when Texas wine is done well, it is extraordinary, and it pairs well with a great steak.

Texas Wine

The Taste of Texas would like to introduce you to authentic, 100% Texas-grown wines by William Chris Vineyards of Hye Texas in the Hill Country. We are adding four of their wines:

1. 2016 Malbec Rosè
2. 2015 Mourvèdre
3. 2016 Malbec Rosé
4. 2016 Mary Ruth

Supplier Spotlight: Tramontina

For nearly three decades, our dear friends and suppliers Antonio Galafasi & his wife Regina of Tramontina USA have been supplying our sliced steak knives. Each month, the Tramontina crowd enjoys fun at the Taste, but women at the Taste are the leaders in manufacturing and distribution facilities located in Stafford. They recently toured this facility and were so proud to learn they are among the leading manufacturers of these products in the world. Our customers loved the knives so much, Tramontina began supplying us engraved box sets to sell online and in our gift store. Congratulations Tramontina for your success!

“My family’s relationship with the Hendee family and Taste of Texas has evolved beyond a business relationship, as we consider Edd and Nina and their entire family to be dear and treasured friends. After all these years, Tramontina remains extremely proud to be aligned with this great restaurant. Taste of Texas is not only a preferred destination for me to entertain both our domestic and international business associates and customers, but remains a preferred dining destination for my family and friends.”

Texas Trivia

Jane Long: The Mother of Texas

1. When was Jane Long born?
2. How many children did Jane and her husband have?
3. Jane Long is called the “Mother of Texas” because she was the first English speaking woman to give birth on Texas soil. What peninsula did she give birth on?
4. What Texas town was the first place Jane and her husband, James, settled in?
5. What city in Texas did Jane open a boarding house and develop a plantation in?

Stephen F. Austin: The Father of Texas

1. Who persuaded Stephen F. Austin to take his dad’s empresario and pursue the colonization of Texas after his father’s death?
2. What is the name given to the first settlers Stephen F. Austin brought to Texas?
3. President Sam Houston appointed Stephen F. Austin to what seat in government in the new republic of Texas?
4. Why is Stephen F. Austin called the “Father of Texas”?
5. What does the “F” in Stephen F. Austin stand for?

Looking Back at 1977

On November 19, 1977, Taste of Texas opened its doors on the back side of Town and Country Village in a location that had been 4 restaurants previously. Our original place included the “Lone Star Saloon”, Chicken Fried Steak, and a much more casual dining theme. Over the years we found our place as a great Steakhouse and the rest is history.

Here’s a look back at the world of 1977:

- Jimmy Carter had just been elected President of the United States and urged a 55 mph national speed limit to save gas.
- Dolph Briscoe was the Governor of Texas.
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- Houston had a population of between 1.2 and 1.5 million.
- A gallon of gas was about 65 cents.
- The Trans-Alaskan oil pipeline open on May 31, 1977.
- The Space Shuttle Challenger launched with disaster.

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Building Expansion Plans

After a year of painstaking planning and permitting, our building expansion plans are under way! Changes will include a retail area in the front to pick up meals you can prepare at home and a general expansion of the kitchen and retail areas.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check our website for details and register online at www.tasteoftexas.com

**September 9th & October 14th**
Adult History Tour with Nina: Please join Nina for a morning of exciting stories about Texas History and Legends of our beloved state. Lunch is included. Cost is $40 plus tax per person.

**June 6th**
Grandparent and Grandchildren History Tour with Nina: Grandparents, bring your grandchildren to Nina’s wonderful Texas history tour and lunch on Tuesday, June 6th! Nina will entertain everyone with true stories from our state’s colorful past. Lunch is included. Space is limited and cost is $25 per adult and $25 per child.

**June 24th**
Steak School: You’ll learn about USDA grading, trim specifications, the aging process and how to grill a perfect steak every time. This makes a wonderful gift for any steak lover or grill master in your life. Cost is $75 plus tax per person and includes a steak lunch. Come hungry!

**September 18th**
Taste of Texas Wine Dinner: Please join us for our next Taste of Texas Wine Dinner. This will be another amazing 5 course dinner and wine pairing. Cost is $149.95 per person plus tax and gratuity. Space is limited.

**October 21st**
40th Anniversary Customer Appreciation Party and Former Employee Reunion: The Taste of Texas turns 40 this year and we cannot wait to celebrate with you! Please join us at the restaurant on Saturday, October 21 from 10am-12pm for a fun parking lot party. Immediately following will be a former employee reunion. We cannot wait to catch up with you all!

**October 22nd**
40th Anniversary Gala at the San Jacinto Monument: Join us for an unbelievable evening of food, fun and entertainment on the hallowed ground where Texas won her independence 181 years ago celebrating our 40th year! Benefitting Memorial Hermann Life Flight.

Proceeds from these events benefit our employee scholarship program at the Taste of Texas. Space is limited, so please reserve early. Thank you for your support!