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Toast of the Town hosts 20 events  
from April to May benefiting  
St. David's Neal Kocurek Scholarships

# Toast of the Town 2011

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Toast of the Town parties have featured, clockwise from top left, Darrell Royal, Mack Brown and Bevo at Happy Trails and Tales; sips from Larry Peel's wine cellar at A Grape Affair; Jeanne Parker, Stacey Lowenfield, Allison Angelillo and Ann Schneider at Next Top Iron Chef Gets Chopped; and Eddie Safady and John Paul DeJoria at Tequila Talkin'.



“Toast of the Town is eagerly anticipated, with a wide array of different kinds of events to choose from in exclusive destination locales across the Austin area and often featuring sought-after celebrities. With most parties accommodating 25 to 30 guests, Toast veterans know that becoming a sponsor of the event as early as possible is the best way to make sure they have their pick of the parties.”

— Wendy Kratzer, 2011 Toast of the Town chair

■ Toast of the Town parties change each year and can range from an intimate dinner for 10 in Larry Peel's **private wine cellar** to a **boot-scootin' barbecue** featuring the swing sounds of Ray Benson at a working ranch. Some events are interactive, such as becoming a guest at a **lively Italian wedding** staged by Greater Tuna producer Charles Duggan or emerging from the smoke-filled tunnel of Darrell K. Royal Texas Memorial Stadium to find oneself as the **latest Longhorn "recruit"** splashed on the Jumbotron.

■ Special guests over the years have included **astronauts, authors and Grammy-winning performers**. Celebrated local chefs have had throwdown-style cooking contests. **University of Texas coaches** share tales of winning a National Championship football game, taking a team to the College World Series and runs at the Final Four.

■ Many of these special parties are held in **private homes** and venues not generally accessible and are only open to a **limited number of guests**.

■ Guests select which event they want to attend from the list of **18 to 20 parties** each year.

This year's parties  
will be announced on  
Feb. 28 — see Page 2  
for a preview.



Memorable moments from the 2010 Toast of the Town events include, clockwise from left, Ray Benson performing at Revelry at the Ranch; David Garza and Dr. John Hogg sharing a laugh at Preludes and Accolades; Anita Maxwell, Janna Jacobson and Stacey Hammer at a Mad Men party; a poolside faux wedding; and Jeanne Parker, Venus Strawn, Mary Tally, Janna Jacobson, Rusty Tally, Teresa Long and Joe Long at An Evening at the Longwood Estate.

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# a taste of Toast of the Town parties 2011

■ Celebrated Chef David Bull has returned to Austin and will show off his culinary skills and his latest restaurant, Congress, at an intimate dinner.



■ See the lights of Austin from high above. The top of The Austonian, Austin's tallest building, serves as the stage for an evening of fabulous food, dancing to the smooth sounds of the Lucky Strikes and amazing views.

■ With a breathtaking view overlooking Lake Travis, Beau Theriot's home, Villa del Sol, is the setting for an evening featuring the swing sounds of Asleep at the Wheel's Ray Benson and fabulous food from Soleil at The Oasis.

■ Author S.C. Gwynne shares his fascinating chronicle of the Comanche Indian tribe, "Empire of the Summer Moon," over dinner at the home of noted food and wine enthusiasts Martha and Richard Coons.



■ Garrido meets Garrido in a showdown of food and baseball when Coach Augie Garrido joins forces with Chef David Garrido for dinner on the shores of Lake Austin.

■ Talk swings, handicaps, birdies and sand traps with golf legend Ben Crenshaw and his wife Julie over dinner (served on Masters china, of course) at their home.

■ Consummate philanthropists Lynn and Tom Meredith will open their penthouse at the new Four Seasons Residences for an evening downtown.

■ The private wine cellar of noted wine connoisseur Larry Peel is the setting for a dinner paired with fine wine and prepared by Chef Elmar Pramb of the Four Seasons Hotel Austin.



■ W Austin, the latest hotel to join the vibrant downtown Austin scene, will host an intimate wine dinner at its hot new restaurant, Trace.



Wendy Kratzer and Kathy Taylor serve as this year's Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.

## 2011 Toast of the Town committee

Sponsorship Chair Cindy Busby with Four Seasons Executive Chef Elmar Pramb.

Malia Aycock  
Dinah Barksdale  
Cindy Busby  
Heather Fagin  
Robert Godwin  
Susan Hackney  
Stacey Hammer  
Christina Hester  
Becky Hopkins

Wendy Kratzer  
Sandy Mann  
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Jeanne Parker  
Frances Pearce  
Emily Shrum Price  
Kathy Shelly

Debby Slater  
Kristin Stephens  
Venus Strawn  
Dinah Street  
Diana Taber  
Mary Herr Tally  
Kathy Taylor



## About St. David's Neal Kocurek Scholarships

Raising money for St. David's Neal Kocurek Scholarships is the cause behind all the fun of the Toast of the Town parties. Learn how your attendance can benefit future leaders in health care.

■ Since the program began in 2004, 128 Neal Kocurek Scholarships have been awarded.

■ The scholarships are named after the late Neal Kocurek, who was the longtime CEO of St. David's Foundation and a visionary leader in Austin.

■ The recipients share common themes: many are overcoming challenging odds, including significant financial barriers. Many have had to learn English while going to school. Many students are pursuing careers in health care because a family member has dealt with a serious illness and they want to help find cures or help others in similar situations.

■ Central Texas high school seniors who are pursuing degrees in health care professions at any Texas college can receive up to \$6,000 per year for up to six years. Areas of study range from nursing, pre-med and biomedical en-

### Scholars' stories

■ One bilingual recipient is becoming a nurse because she saw the challenge her mother experienced finding bilingual nurses during a lengthy hospital stay.

■ Another scholar chose his field because he was in a car accident. After spending a lot of time in rehab, he decided he wanted to become a physical therapist and help others.

■ One student who lives at home with her parents rides the bus an hour each way to classes at the University of Texas, helps her parents navigate a language barrier, helps take care of a younger sister and works as an intern, all while juggling her pre-med coursework.

gineering to physical therapy, dental hygiene and more.



From left, Olivia Forehand, Tevon Hood and Meagan Giles are three of the 2010 Neal Kocurek Scholarship recipients. Forehand graduated from Georgetown High School and is attending Texas A&M University as a biomedical engineering/pre-med major. Following his graduation from Del Valle High School, Hood is studying biochemistry/pre-med at the University of Texas. Giles is a graduate of Cedar Park High School and is working toward a degree in genetics from Texas A&M.

■ In 2010, 32 students from 16 high schools across nine school districts were selected and paired with a mentor from St. David's HealthCare to help guide them. Also, 25 Austin Community College students received \$2,000 scholarships.

■ The scholarships are need-based, and most recipients are first-generation college students. Most are graduating in the top 15 percent of their classes.



Holding an award he was given at the Neal Kocurek Scholarship awards dinner, scholarship recipient Karim Sayani, center, is surrounded by his friends. Sayani is a graduate of McNeil High School and is a pre-med major at the University of Texas.

# St. David's Foundation CEO Earl Maxwell looks ahead

**Q: What does the St. David's Foundation do?**

**A:** We are dedicated to impacting community health right at home in Central Texas. This means that we partner with more than 50 nonprofits that are providing essential health care services in our community. The grants we provide to local agencies, including the area's private safety-net clinics, allow us to ensure a healthier life for this and future generations of Central Texans.

**Q: With which nonprofits does the Foundation collaborate?**

**A:** Local organizations that we support range from People's Community

Clinic, Family Eldercare and El Buen Samaritano to Lone Star Circle of Care, Breast Cancer Resource Center and SafePlace, among others.

**Q: How does St. David's Foundation generate the funds for this work?**

**A:** St. David's Foundation is a joint owner of St. David's HealthCare and invests its share of the proceeds from the hospitals back into the community. In 2010, the Foundation returned more than \$25 million to Central Texas to help address the health care needs of our area.

**Q: What are some of the more recent additions to the**

**Foundation's grants programs?**

**A:** Healthy Living is an area that is of growing interest at St. David's Foundation, and we are increasingly looking to programs that help address the issue of childhood obesity and other prevention efforts. Austin is a very health-conscious community, and we want to support organizations that provide innovative ways to stay healthy throughout life.

**Q: What investments in future health care is the Foundation making?**

**A:** I am particularly proud of our support of area health care educa-



St. David's Foundation supports health care education at area schools, a move that CEO Earl Maxwell calls a wise investment in the future of Central Texas.

tion. Schools such as Texas State University and Austin Community College are educating the next generation of nurses and other health care professionals. With

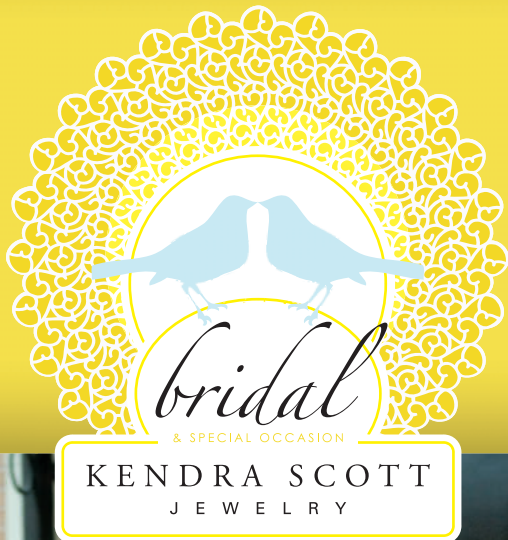
our anticipated population growth, we will need many more health care workers, and providing world-class educational opportunities is a wise investment in our region's future.



St. David's Dental Program, a St. David's Foundation-operated fleet of six mobile dental vans, treated more than 6,000 children at school and adults at safety-net clinics in 2010.

## QUICK FACTS: St. David's FOUNDATION

- Is the second-largest philanthropic foundation in Central Texas
- Supports every major safety-net clinic in Central Texas to provide health care to low-income families
- Invests the proceeds from hospitals back into the community as joint owner of St. David's HealthCare
- Provided more than \$25 million in 2010 to health-related causes in Central Texas
- Funds innovative efforts in six program areas: Healthy Aging, Healthy Futures, Healthy Living, Healthy Minds, Healthy People and Healthy Smiles
- Supports most health sciences higher education programs in Central Texas, including nursing schools



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Let's raise our glass and toast St. David's Foundation Community Fund and the Neal Kocurek Scholarship Fund. Through the scholarships provided to our youth, the future of Central Texas is stronger and brighter than ever. Here's to you!



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