

Fly Away With The Bridge, A Night in The Emerald City, benefiting The Bridge Breast Network Kick Off

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Celebrating The Bridge Breast Network's 20 Years of Service

Kicks Off at the Marquee Grill & Bar

Joining event chairs Janie Morris and Hamilton A Sneed were

Lynn McBee, Dena Miller, Mrs. Highland Park 2012 and Dawn Neufeld of VH1's Football Wives

Fly Away with The Bridge - A Night In The Emerald City celebrating The Bridge Breast Network's 20 years of service in North Texas kicked off at the Marquee Grill & Bar at Highland Park Village with an evening beginning with cocktails and gourmet bites in the patio and bar and ending with guests shopping at Anne Fontaine, Q Custom Clothier and Stella McCartney, all donating a portion of their sales to The Bridge Breast Network.

As the champagne flowed, VeeV Açai Spirits were poured alongside delicious hors d'oeuvres prepared under the supervision of executive chef Tre Wilcox and the exciting news began. Event chairs Hamilton A Sneed and Janie Morris welcomed guests and reminded everyone that The Bridge Breast Network is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to save lives by providing access to diagnostic and treatment services for breast cancer to low income, uninsured and underinsured individuals, serving women and men in 16 counties in the DFW area.

(Photo: Janie Morris-Groom, a Fly Away With The Bridge Chair; Finley Moll, an Honorary Chair)
Hamilton introduced Honorary Chairs Finley Moll and Dr. Sally Knox, who reiterated the powerful and positive impact The Bridge Breast Network has on lives every day.

(Photo: Hamilton A Sneed, a Fly Away With The Bridge Chair; Debbie Stagg, Million Air Dallas, a sponsor)

(Photo: Sue King, Hedy Rittenmeyer, President, Board of Directors, The Bridge Breast Network)
Janie recognized the Board of Directors, including Suzanne Bock Grishman, Board Advisor; Hedy Rittenmeyer, President; Sheila Taylor, Vice President and Interim Treasurer; Karen Gray, Secretary; Dr. Keith Argenbright; Mitch Dean; Jessica Hoffmann; Walton Taylor, MD and Linda Perez Yater and introduced event Co-Chairs, Tracey and Micah

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Tracey thanked this evening's event sponsors: Marquee Grill & Bar, M&M Special Events, Laura's Events, Highland Park Village, Stella McCartney, Q Custom Clothier, Anne Fontaine, Equinox, Gilt City, Kiehl's, VitaminWater, POPLife Jewels by Jacque Martin, Bootglams, HELPS Tea and Chocolate Secrets and named the event sponsors and partners to date, including host location, Million Air Dallas, plus VeeV Açai Spirits, Classic BMW, Community Coffee, Adams Communications Public Relations, HAS Events, Lomo Creative and Grand Luxe Magazine.

Hamilton announced Preview Host Committee and Event Host Committee members would be joining everyone for dessert, cocktails and shopping beginning at 7:30 PM. Detailed listings are below.

At Stella McCartney were Finley Moll; Dena Miller, Mrs. Highland Park 2012; Kimberly Hall Alexander and Tara Harper. Joining supporters at Anne Fontaine were Sherri and Dr. Mason Yeary, Dawn Neufeld, from VH1's Football Wives and her husband retired NFL player Ryan Neufeld. At Q Custom Clothier were Dawn and Jon Mellon.

Slated for Saturday, February 18, 2012, Fly Away with The Bridge ‐ A Night In The Emerald City celebrating The Bridge Breast Network's 20 years of service will be held at Million Air Dallas's brand new airplane terminal and hangar in Addison, with hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert and dancing to the live tunes of TruBone Band.

Celebrity chef stations include Tre Wilcox from Marquee Grill & Bar, along with fellow executive chef and restaurant stations serving up fabulous dinner and desserts: Tim Bevins, Craft Dallas; Tim Byres, SMOKE; Tiffany Derry, Private Social; Jeff Harris, BOLSA & Bolsa Mercado; Chad Houser, Parigi & Café Momentum; Julari Ishizuka, Dee Lincoln's Restaurant & Bubble Bar; Kent Rathbun, Rathbun Concepts; Abraham Salum, Komali.

Join in the live and silent auctions and an exciting online auction, including an experience from Top Chef All-Star Tre Wilcox: Training with Tre for one week, including four hours each day in the kitchen plus chef's tasting for two at the end of your culinary experience. Priceless!

Preview Host Committee members are Dena Miller, Dawn and Ryan Neufeld, Dan Pritchett. Event Host Committee members are Kimberly Hall Alexander, Tara Harper, Lynn and Allan McBee, Torii and Katrina Hunter, Jerricka Kelly of Odyssey Concierge, Dawn and Jon Mellon, Maribeth Peters, Sherri and Dr. Mason Yeary.

Tickets start at \$125.00 for general admission and tables with general seating beginning at \$1,000 with sponsorships available. For details visit the web site at www.bridgebreast.org/flyaway or contact Event Chairs Janie Morris at janie@lomocreative.com or 214-908-1234, Hamilton A Sneed at h@hasevents.com or 214-454-5683 or The Bridge Breast Network Office, Terry Wilson-Gray, Executive Director at terry@bridgebreast.org or 214-821-3820.

History and Mission:

In the past decade, The Bridge Breast Network has served over 100,000 North Texans and connected more than 10,000 with medical treatment. The Bridge Breast Network was founded in 1992 to serve as the link between uninsured and underinsured women and men and the life-saving care they so desperately need. Only through the help of volunteers and generous donations from the North Texas community is The Bridge Breast Network able to carry out this vital mission. Status or circumstance shouldn't be a factor in the fight against breast cancer. Cancer doesn't care whether a person is Asian or Caucasian, 16 or 60, insured or not. The care shouldn't discriminate either.

For every dollar donated, Bridge clients receive nearly 10 times that amount in medical care. Hundreds of physicians and medical facilities in the Metroplex have volunteered their professional services or drastically reduced their fees to make a large discount possible. Your tax-deductible donation goes toward lifesaving evaluations and treatment, such as biopsies, medication, and chemotherapy.

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