

INDUSTRY

REAL PEOPLE

# John Daugherty, Realtors' Martinez welcomes new neighbors at dinner

John Daugherty, Realtors associate **Kristine Martinez** and her husband Joaquin were among the hosts for the recent Southside Place Progressive Dinner organized by the Southside Place Women's Civic Club.

Three homeowners hosted the appetizer portion of the evening and six homeowners hosted dinner. Dessert was served at the Southside Place Clubhouse.

More than 120 Southside Place residents attended the annual event. This was the first time for the Martinezes to participate since moving into the neighborhood last May.

They hosted 10 couples including Southside Place mayor Pat Patterson and his wife, Susan; and mayor pro-tem Randy Sim and his wife, Sue.

**Jack Swanson** and his wife, Kelly, attended the Camp For All "Super Ball" Gala. Camp for All is a camp that provides children with disabilities the opportunity to attend camp during the summer. The gala took place at the Bayou Civic Center with a football theme since it was so close to that other big game. The John Daugherty, Realtors associate and his wife are longtime supporters of Camp for All.

Some folks believe that the best parties take place in the kitchen, but Martha Turner Sotheby's International Realty's **Katrena Friedman** took it a step further by throwing a party for her newly renovated kitchen with her colleagues friends, clients and neighbors in the Brantwood/Windermere area. The event included wonderful food and guests including Telina Armstrong, designer, and **Isabel Dove**, Martha Turner Sotheby's International Realty agent coach.

Martha Turner Sotheby's International Realty's **Karen Harberg** recently enjoyed an extended birthday celebration, starting with at dinner with friends and family at The Lancaster, fol-



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lowed by a very special evening at the Houston Symphony featuring Broadway sensation Sutton Foster. The celebration continued a few days later with lunch at Perry's Steakhouse, where she was treated by **Marilyn Thompson**, vice president of sales, and two of her fellow Memorial area agents — **Kellie Geitner** and **Joann Lammons**. All the celebration is clearly warranted by the fact that one only turns 29 once ... or so.

Martha Turner agents who specialize in the Heights, Garden Oaks, Oak Forest and nearby areas attended the annual Greater Houston Chamber Economic Forecast luncheon at a company-sponsored table. Among those at the table were agent **Leigh Martin**, along with his assistant **Cristina Grosse**, agents **Rachel Conkling**, **Leann Salmons**, **Chris Prince** and **Yvonne Meyer**. Meyer completed the table with her client, Harry Tallichet. All enjoyed speaker Dr. Bill Gilmer of the University of Houston.

**Beth Wolff** and **Theresa Roemer** hosted a special New Year's celebration for approximately 50 key individuals to showcase a special Woodlands listing. Guests were treated to hors d'oeuvres catered by Carlton Woods Country Club and were led through the homes detailing the complete the transformation of the \$12.9 million home. The Beth Wolff team is working on two more special events to showcase the unique property.

Why do you read about some companies almost every week in this space? Not only do they stay very busy in our community, but they are great about letting me know what is happening. If you have an item about a real estate agent or company doing something special in the community or in their life, email me the basics at [realnewshouston@gmail.com](mailto:realnewshouston@gmail.com), including your contact information, and I'll take it from there.

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Twenty years ago, Mike Salomon and Mike Dishberger founded Sandcastle Homes when they realized the potential of Houston's Inner Loop new home market and foresaw the major comeback of inner-city living. When the opportunity to buy lots on Sandman Street presented itself, they immediately recognized the potential and decided to pursue it, even though only a handful of other builders were active in the Inner Loop Houston market at the time.

"After over a decade in the corporate world, I was eager to nourish my entrepreneurial spirit, my true calling. I had dreamt of having a homebuilding

business since graduating from college but it seemed like little more than a dream," recalls Mike Salomon. "Then an opportunity presented itself. Both Mike Dishberger and I understood firsthand the desirability of Inner Loop living, and we saw that there was an opportunity to address a need that was not being adequately filled. The timing was right and we jumped on it."

Sandcastle Homes continued to grow by constantly pushing the boundaries of developing areas, like Brunner, Garden Oaks and Cottage Grove.

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company. "We are large enough to make an impact but can still be personally involved, meet all of our customers in person and walk every home on a regular basis to ensure the quality is not compromised," Salomon said.

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