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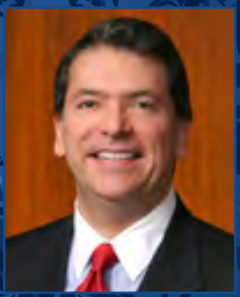

Roland Garcia
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Program

Welcome
Khambrel Marshall, Emcee

Chairman's Remarks
Sanjay Ramabhadran, LH Class XXV

Leadership in Action Award Presentations
Mayor Annise Parker, LH Class XII
Honorary Chairman

Key Note Speaker
Louise Parsley

Adjourn

Pianist
Scott Graham

Philamena Baird
Event Chair

Philamena has been actively involved in charity programs in every community in which she has lived. Her desire has always been to better the communities and improve the lives of children through Education and the Arts.

One of Philamena's hobbies and great passions is golf. Her accomplishments include chairing numerous golf tournaments including the NFL Charity Golf Tournament benefiting the March of Dimes and The Shell Houston Open Eagle Awards Charity Gala for Houston Golf Association as well as The Golf for the Darrell Royal and Willie Nelson Celebrity Golf Tournament benefiting Boys and Girls Clubs. She was the first woman vice president of the Houston Golf Association (HGA).

She is the founding president of the Harris County Education Foundation, member of the Houston Business Promise to Education, and served as chairman of the board of the Jung Education Institute and as co-chair with Barbra Bush of Houston Chronicle's Book and Author Evening. She worked with Avance where the Baird Family received the Spirit of the Family Award and with the Houston Grocers Association Scholarship Program for High School Students.

Philamena has been active with the Houston Symphony, Child Advocates and chaired the Mayor's Gala for the International Festival. She served as President of the Moore's School of Music Society, on the Houston Opera Guild and the Houston Achievement Place Advisory Board. She served on the Houston Heart Association Guild, where she chaired the Heart Ball. She is actively involved with the Houston Ballet Foundation, serving on the board and co-chairing the Nutcracker Market Preview Party, Fashion Show and Luncheon. She was president of the Ballet Guild and in 2010-11 she co-chaired The Women of Distinction Winter Ball, Houston Women's Hall of Fame, The Hunting Art Prize, Answering the Call Houston Fire Fighters Gala, the Tapestry Gala, and the Consular Corp Gala.

In 2012 she chaired the Children at Risk Golf Tournament, Texas Bowl Texas Legends Golf Tournament, Pink in the Park Golf Tournament, The Astros Wives Cancer Research Golf Tournament and the Theater Under The Stars Gala. She also chaired the State of the Business for the Arts for GHP, the Fire Fighters Foundation Benefit, the Akshaya Patra Foundation with Deepak Chopra event, the Houston Arts Alliance Leadership Committee and served on the Board of The Collegiate Texas Bowl.

Philamena has been honored as a Woman of Distinction, by the Social Book as one of Houston's Treasures, Macy's Savvy Award, Houston Golf Association Life Time Achievement Award, John P. McGovern Life Time Achievement Award, Taping for the Blind, Hats off to Mothers, Children's Defense Fund, Greater Houston Chamber of Commerce Women's Hall of Fame, Ambassador for Women of Distinction, and was named Honoree of The Mayor's International Gala , The Silk Road, where she received the Mayor's Award for Excellence for her work in Cultural, Visual, and Performing Arts in the City of Houston. She and her husband Arthur were honored in 2012 at Memorial Hermann' Children's Hospital's Inaugural Gala "Under The Board Walk."

Her 2013 endeavors include serving as a Board Member and Event Chair of the (9/11) Fire Fighters Foundation Gala, Co Chair for the Crisis Hot Line, Legends Golf Tournament, the Children at Risk Golf Tournament and the Business for the Arts Luncheon Event as well as Chair for 90 Year Celebration for Miller Outdoor Theater.

Philamena and her husband Arthur have 6 children and 8 grandchildren and enjoy golf, travel, fly fishing, jewelry design, photography and cooking for friends.

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HONOREE

Gilbert A. Garcia

Chairman, Board of Directors,

Houston Metro received a B.A. in Economics from Yale University. After graduating in 1985, he joined Salomon Brothers in New York City where he became a Vice-President specializing in mortgage-backed securities. In 1990, Mr. Garcia joined former Mayor Henry Cisneros and Criterion Investment Management Company to build Cisneros Asset Management Company, ultimately becoming its President. In 2002, he joined Garcia Hamilton & Associates, and is the firm's Managing Partner.

Mr. Garcia has been involved in numerous community organizations having served as Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Houston Downtown Management District, member of the Board of Directors of the Yale Club of Houston and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System. He currently serves as Chairman of the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO). In addition, he is a Class X graduate of Leadership Houston.

Gilbert is married with four children and enjoys martial arts and coaching youth soccer.

HONOREE

Roland Garcia

Shareholder, Greenberg Traurig, LLP received his BBA from Baylor University with Honors in 1981 and his JD from South Texas College of Law in 1986. He is a graduate of the United States Marine Corp., OCS/PLC Officer Training Program. He served as a Briefing Attorney for the Texas Supreme Court. He was named a "Super Lawyer" by Texas Monthly Magazine, and is rated "AV" by Martindale Hubbell, its highest rating of legal ability and ethical standards.

Garcia is a community leader. President Barack Obama appointed him to the prestigious Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy. He is Chairman of the Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Board and serves on the boards of the Greater Houston Partnership and Harris County Hospital District Foundation. He is on the Advisory Boards of the Aspiring Youth of Houston, Taipei Society, and Baylor Medical School/UH Law Center Joint M.D./J.D. Committee.

He is President of the Houston YET Center, Inc. and is a graduate of Leadership Houston, the American Leadership Forum and the Center for Houston's Future. He is a Past President of the Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans (AAMA) and has volunteered his services to the United Way, March of Dimes, Girls Inc., Special Olympics, YWCA, Boy Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, Mental Health Association and numerous mentoring programs for youth.

His honors include the Hispanic Bar Association's Lifetime Achievement Award, Leadership Houston's 25 Distinguished Alumni, Cadillac Texas Legends Award, South Texas College of Law Alumni of the Year Award, AAMA Hero Award, Bikur Cholim Hospital Jerusalem International Brotherhood Award, Savvy Award, NAACP ALEX Award, United Way Project Blueprint Leadership Award, Center for Houston's Future Leadership Award, Baylor University Outstanding Young Alumni Award, Five Outstanding Young Houstonians Award, and awards from the State Bar of Texas, HBA, TYLA and Houston ISD

Roland and his wife, Karen, have two children--Scott and Kristin. He enjoys tennis, snow skiing, hunting, politics and scuba diving.

Menu

Appetizer

Manchego Cheese, Gouda, Goat Cheese Crushed Pepper,
Brie, Crostini Bread,
Water Crackers, Grapes

Salad

Organic Spinach Salad, Pinot Noir Poached Pear, Heirloom Carrots,
Pecan Bacon Brittle, Deep Elm Blue Cheese,
Apple Cider Vinaigrette

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Main Entrée

Grilled Filet of Hereford Beef
and Roasted Texas Striped
Bass – Citrus Fennel Relish,
Organic Baby Vegetables and
Heirloom Tomatoes, Red Beans
and Rice Risotto

Assorted Dinner Rolls
& Butter

Double Chocolate
Praline Cake

Texas Pecans &
Chocolate Sauce

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Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
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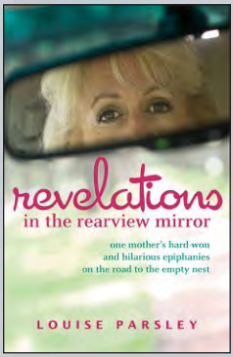
Louise Parsley, Keynote Speaker

Louise Bayless Parsley, native Houstonian, wife, mother, community volunteer and award-winning writer, has entertained readers with her columns in the Houston area for the last decade.

Managing to put into words what we all experience in our daily lives, Louise helps us to realize we are not alone and to be ever mindful of the importance of knowing when to laugh … and sometimes, when to cry. Writing became her therapy. "Unfortunately," she says, "it will be the cause for my children's."

A graduate of the University of Texas, Louise is an "accidental writer." Having never taken a journalism course or read the 100 Greatest Books Ever Written, Louise fell into the world of writing quite unexpectedly penning her column, To Wit, for ten years. She has won awards for Excellence in Journalism from the Houston Press Club and Texas Association of Newspapers.



May 2009 brought the launch of her book, Revelations in the Rearview Mirror: One Mother's Hard-won and Hilarious Epiphanies on the Road to the Empty Nest. A compilation of a portion of her columns, the book leads its readers through the miasma and hilarity of motherhood, from the Holding On years to Letting Go … illustrating that, in the end, it is unclear exactly who raised whom.

Louise remains active in the community through organizations including the University of Texas Fine Arts Council, Change Happens, MD Anderson Cancer Center's Children's Art Project and Strake Jesuit College Preparatory.

Mother of three twenty-somethings, Louise is married to Bob Parsley, better known to her readers as "The Bob." "Family," says Louise, "is the best fodder."

Former First Lady Barbara Bush wrote: "The combination of [Parsley's] wit, wisdom and warmth makes me put her up there with the best ... Erma Bombeck."

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Mr. Ed Wulfe, Event Corporate Chair

Mr. Wulfe is the Founder of Wulfe & Co., L.L.C and serves as its Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President. He has more than 46 years of experience incommercial real estate, community redevelopment and civic leadership.

Prior to launching Wulfe & Co., he served as an Executive Vice President at Weingarten Realty Investors. He began his career as a Mechanical Engineer with Texaco. Since 1998, he served as Chairman of the Mayor's Main Street Coalition where he led the redevelopment of Houston's Main Street Corridor into a "Signature Boulevard".

In 2003, he successfully chaired a city wide referendum to expand Houston's light rail and transit systems. He served as the Chairman of the Urban Land Institute's Houston District Council. He serves as a Director of the Greater Houston Partnership, the Symphony and Scenic Houston. He also serves on the Boards of the Center for Houston's Future, Trees for Houston; Uptown Houston, Holocaust Museum Houston, the African American Museum of Houston; the Methodist Hospital Center for Performing Arts Medicine; and the UT Health Science Center. He serves as also a Member of the Industry Advisory Board at Pinto Partners and Pinto America Growth Fund, L.P. (PAGF).

He is a Founding Member of the Steering Committee for Houston's Quality of Life Coalition. His innovative redevelopment of Gulfgate Shopping Center and the resulting revitalization of the surrounding area generated two 2003 Landmark Awards for Gulfgate as the "Best Commercial Real Estate Rehabilitation/Renovation Project" and the "Best Impact on the Community Project", and his renovation of Meyerland Plaza Shopping Center earned two Legacy Awards for "Deals That Made a Difference" in 1995 and 1996. He received the 2005 Texas Legends Award presented by the Galleria Chamber of Commerce, the 2005 Exemplary Leader Award from the American Leadership Forum; the 2004 Rice Design Alliance Award for Design Excellence; the 2004 Leadership Award from The Park People and the 2003 commercial real estate Lifetime Achievement Award by the Houston Business Journal. In 2002, he received the American Jewish Committee's Annual Human Relations Award and was honored as Scenic Houston's 2001 Scenic Visionary. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University.

Khambrel Marshall , Emcee

Khambrel Marshall earned his Broadcasting Degree from Arizona State University and his Broadcast Meteorology Certification from Mississippi State University. He is a self proclaimed "weather geek!" and is currently a member of the KPRC Local 2 Severe Weather Team.

Khambrel began his first job in TV as weekend sports anchor in Phoenix. Through the years, he was sports reporter, sports director, then primary news anchor in Miami before joining KPRC-TV as weekday anchor in May 1999.

Khambrel has had a multifaceted career in broadcasting. He took a newsroom leadership role as Executive Producer for several years and is currently host of "Houston Newsmakers with Khambrel Marshall."

Khambrel has won numerous awards in journalism and community service. Among them is one of broadcasting's top awards, the Emmy, for a feature series titled "Guardians at Sea," chronicling the efforts of the U.S. Coast Guard to rescue Cuban and Haitian refugees crossing the Florida Straits.

Khambrel has a tireless commitment to volunteer service and has been honored as March of Dimes Texas Communications volunteer of the year in 2004 and 2006. He was Chairman of the 2011 March for Babies in Houston, the largest walk in the United States for the March of Dimes. One of 12 recipients to receive the National Community Service Award from the Westinghouse Corporation, he was named "Outstanding Young Floridian" by the Fort Lauderdale Jaycees for his humanitarian efforts in the wake of Hurricane Andrew.

Currently, Khambrel sits on the Board of Directors of the Houston Chapter of Susan G. Komen, the March of Dimes, Texas Gulf Coast, and is a trustee for Goodwill Industries of Houston. He is a past board member of the YMCA of Greater Houston and Collaborative for Children and Past Chairman of the Executive Committee of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Texas and he is a Senior Fellow in the "American Leadership Forum: Houston/Gulf Coast Chapter."

Khambrel has been married since 1979 to his wife Debbie and they have two daughters.

Want to drop Khambrel a line? E-mail him at khambrel@click2houston.com. You can also keep up with him on Facebook. The Local 2 weather team also has a Twitter page for regular weather updates.

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