

## Society

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, left, and Vincent Kickerillo attended the Men of Distinction luncheon, which was held at River Oaks Country Club.

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### A hand for the Men of Distinction

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It was standing ovations for five of the city's leading men at River Oaks Country Club Wednesday during the second annual Men of Distinction luncheon.

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Dr. **Ralph Feigin**, **Walter Johnson**, **Don Jordan**, **Corbin Robertson Jr.** and, in absentia, Dr. **Michael DeBakey** were each honored for outstanding community leadership and professional accomplishments.

The country club ballroom was filled with contemporaries and peers, including last year's honorees, **Lester Smith** and **Kent Anderson**, and chairs of the inaugural benefit luncheon, **Harry Mach** and **Tony Gracely**.

The luncheon, which supports children's medical research and treatment, raised \$350,000 for Texas Children's Hospital Cancer Center and the Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine. **Mary** and **John Eads** once again underwrote expenses of the luncheon.

Among notables were Cardinal **Daniel DiNardo**, who gave the invocation, and **Rick Terry** of event sponsor Compass Bank Wealth Management.

Also in the crowd were Dr. **David Poplack**, Dr. **C. Kent Osborne**, Dr. **Peter Traber**, **Mark Wallace** and steering committee members **Ed McMahon**, **David Wuthrich**, **Steve Mach**, **Leslie Bennett**, **Scott Basinger** and **Scott Evans**.

#### Literary salon

**Courtney Lanier Sarofim** and **Christopher Sarofim** rolled out the red carpet at their River Oaks abode last Tuesday for **Jonathan Sandys**, Winston Churchill's great-grandson, and **Andrea White** for an evening celebrating White's new book *Window Boy*.

Sandys made his first visit to Houston to honor White, who two days later received the Literacy Advance of Houston Champion of Literacy Award. Churchill plays a major role in the book, and Sandys was on hand for that fundraiser.

In the Sarofim A-list crowd were **Phil Conway**, **Susan Baker**, **B.A. Bentsen**, **Gene Vaughan**, **Louise** and Dr. **Denton Cooley**, **Elyse** and **Bob Lanier**, **Susan Cooley King** and **Elise** and **Russell Joseph**.

### Tea cozy

Tea guru to the Hollywood stars, **Mark "Dr. Tea" Ukra**, swept through Houston Wednesday in a flurry of tea bags and books, specifically his new cookbook, *The Ultimate Tea Diet*.

The fun steeped into high gear at Longoria Collection, where Ukra wowed the ladies with his charm, wit and tea wisdom. Among those lapping it up were **Mary Kickerillo, Cynthia Petrello**, store co-owners **Elizabeth Fertitta** and **Sylvia Dorsey, Meredith Riddle**, Tea in Texas editor **Leigh Garcia, Janet Gurwitch** and **Janeen** and **Julian Fertitta**. They snatched up flavors such as Orange Sherbet, Blueberry Pie and Caramel Dream.

### Flying high

New Orleans transplant **Susan Krohn** joined the philanthropic social swirl Thursday by stepping out as host of the Memorial Hermann Life Flight fundraiser luncheon and fashion show at Tootsies.

Joining Krohn for the midday fete were **Mickey Rosmarin, Ileana Trevino, Soraya McClelland, Sheridan Williams, Dr. Kelli Fein, Astrid Van Dyke** and **Joanne King Herring**.

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