

KidneyTexas Transforming Lives

It was a celebration of friends and family joining together in support of KidneyTexas, Inc. at The Runway Report Transforming Lives Luncheon and Fashion Show at the Brook Hollow Golf Club recently.

Luncheon chair **Annalee Aston**, and her co-chair and mother **Anna Bland “AB” Aston**, along with **Mary Lee Cox**, president of KidneyTexas, Inc. and her daughter **Therese Rourk**, Advisory Board chair and luncheon underwriting chair, combined efforts with dear friend **Lauryn Gayle White**, luncheon advisor and **Sue Goodnight** Service Award Recipient, and honorary chairs **Lisa Cooley**, her daughter **Ciara Cooley** and daughter-in-law **Bela Cooley**, in support of the nonprofit’s mission and beneficiaries. Dad, **Clay Cooley** also attended as the Lisa and Clay Cooley Family was also honored with a Community Award, naming Chase and Bela Cooley, Ciara Cooley, Chance Cooley, along with the **Faye C. Briggs Family: Faye Briggs, Vinette** and **Michael E. Montgomery, Pebble** and **Mike McGhee**.

Andrea Alcorn, former president of KidneyTexas, Inc., had chosen the butterfly last year to symbolize KidneyTexas, Inc.’s The Runway Report Transforming Lives because around the world, it represents change, hope, life and powerful transformation. The fabulous logo was created for KidneyTexas, Inc. by **Lynn Townsend Dealey**, a longtime member who has created the luncheon logos for many years.

The event honored community leaders, kidney donors and recipients, underwriters and sponsors spotlighting the hottest fall fashions from fashion show sponsor **TOOTSIES** in a beautiful runway presentation produced by **Jan Strimple**.

Brook Hollow Golf Club was filled for one of the favorite events of the season to benefit KidneyTexas, Inc. and its beneficiaries Baylor Health Care System Foundation, \$28,955 for a Program Coordinator; Children’s Medical Center Foundation, \$26,000 for a Nephrology Child Life Specialist; Camp Reynal of the National Kidney Foundation, \$19,500 for campers and counselors; Methodist Health System Foundation, \$30,000 for a Kidney Transplant Study;



Left to right: AB Aston, Scott Aston, Annalee Aston, Clay Cooley, Lisa Cooley, Ciara Cooley, Bela Cooley, Mary Lee Cox and Therese Rourk.

Parkland Health and Hospital Foundation, \$30,500 for a Kidney Dialysis Unit; Texas Health Resources Foundation, \$10,943 for a Hemodialysis Unit and UT Southwestern Medical Center, \$10,950 for PKD drug research.

Scott Murray, emcee, took the stage and welcomed guests including many doctors and surgeons who touch people’s lives every day with their life-saving kidney transplant operations. He filled the room with the reality of how many are affected by kidney disease by asking kidney donors, those who have been touched by kidney disease and their families to stand, receiving a rousing ovation from the crowd. He congratulated KidneyTexas, Inc. on raising almost \$3.5 million in the past 19 years. Scott asked everyone who has a connection to someone who has had a transplant or with kidney disease to stand. Among those standing was **McKamy Tiner**, a former luncheon chair and kidney donor to her dear friend **Ian Arena**, she was 27, one of the youngest kidney donors in the United States. Also standing was 2017 luncheon co-chair **Christine Martin** who battled kidney disease for years. Thirteen years after her first transplant, it was discovered that kidney was failing. Her brother **Fred** donated one of his kidneys to her and today, they both are enjoying healthy, normal lives.



President's Message

Dear KT Members,

What a great year it's been because of you KidneyTexas, Inc. continues it's goal providing funding for treatment, cure and prevention of kidney disease as well as other contributory diseases.

KUDO's to Membership Chair **Donna Weitzman** who proudly announced 13 new Life Members for 2018 - **Norman Bagwell, Lisa Cooley, Mary Lee Cox, James Galli, Richard Gray, Caroline Rose Hunt, Gene Jones, Sandy Nachman, Patti Niles, Ginny Tigue, Donna Weitzman, Herb Weitzman** and **Betty Jean Willbanks**, all of whom KidneyTexas is deeply

grateful.

Recalling a year that began on January 1, 2018, a Charity Selection Meeting was held that month at Royal Oaks Country Club, **AB Aston**, Sponsor; **Kendra Karlock**, Chair, setting the year in motion.

The Beneficiaries selected for 2018 were **Baylor Health Care System Foundation, Camp Reynal, Children's Medical Center Foundation, Methodist Health System Foundation, Parkland Health & Hospital Foundation, Texas Health Resources Foundation** and **UT Southwestern Medical Center**.

A lovely Spring Tea was held in March at the home of **Gigi Potter Salley; Deborah McKeever**, Chair. **McKamy Tiner Looney** planned the Annual Visit to Camp Reynal in May. **Therese Rourk** hosted a Board Meeting in June at her home. In September a Board Meeting was held at The Dallas Woman's Club.

The anticipated annual Fashion Show and Luncheon was now "front and center" with a grand Patron Party in September at the home of **Bernadette Schaeffler**. Highlight of the year, the annual Fashion Show and Luncheon was held at Brook Hollow Golf Club opened by Multi-Emmy Award Winning **Scott Murray**, who served as Master of Ceremonies. Accolades to **Anna Lee Aston** and **AB Aston** who served as Luncheon CoChairs, for the premiere Fashion Show. Producer **Jan Strimple** made it an "Event to Remember," featuring fabulous **Tootsies, Pockets** and **KidBiz**.

Honorary Chairs were **Lisa Cooley, Ciara Cooley** and **Bela Cooley**. **Lauryn Gayle White** received the Sue Goodnight Service Award. Community Awards were presented to two most deserving recipients: - **Faye C. Briggs Family - Faye, Mike** and **Vinette Montgomery** and **Pebble** and **Mike McGhee**; and - **Lisa** and **Clay Cooley Family - Lisa** and **Clay, Chase** and **Bela, Ciara** and **Chance**.

In October a lovely Fall Tea was held at the home of **Ann Stodghill; Dyann Skelton**, Chair. Kidney Kids Christmas Party Chair **Cheri Weyman** and **Therese Rourk** distributed gifts to children at Children's Medical Center in December. "Wrapping It Up" in December with an amazing Check Presentation to Beneficiaries which was held at Tootsies, and we were welcomed by **Nerissa von Helpenstill** and **Dustin Holcomb; Jan Ward**, Chair. It was the perfect ending to the KT club year.

We were most grateful to the Media this year - **Modern Luxury Dallas; The Park Cities News/The Waters Family, Marj Waters; MySweetCharity, Jeanne Prejean; Katy Trail Weekly, Sally Blanton; SocialWhirl, Sharon Adams;** and **Highland Park Estate Life Magazine**. Also, an enormous debt of gratitude to members who were a vital part of KidneyTexas this year, and included **Patty Jo Turner, Lynn Dealey, Jolie Humphrey, Karen Key, Rosemary Haggard, Vaughan, Robin Bagwell, Helen McGraw, Emilynn Wilson, Patricia Cowlshaw, Diane Brierley, Stacey Wiggins, Natalie Taylor, Carole Murray, Jeannie Nethery, Jennie Gilchrist, Joanna Tollenaire, Cindy Hanson, Andrea Alcorn, Renee Winter, Pam Brock, Fran Cashen, Patra Fazel, Brent Christopher, Steelcase, Gail Corder, Mary Claire Emamuelson, Clare Finney, Kevin Flynn, Tricia George, Barton Foundation, Sue Ann Ley, Dottie Neustadt, Marilyn Oates, Diane Scovell, Charles Redin** and **Deborah Brown**. A heartfelt Thank You to each and every member for your support and continuing dedication to KidneyTexas, an organization that has made a difference since 1999, touching many lives with positive results.

And lastly, may we offer warmest congratulations to **Sandy Secor**, Incoming KidneyTexas President, wishing her the best. - May the KidneyTexas year that follows exceed the year before.

Mary Lee Cox

Kidney Texas Luncheon



1. Michael Montgomery, Pebble McGhee, Community Award Recipients. 2. Patricia Cowlshaw, John Castorr and Cristine Martin. 3. Model on Runway. 4. Dyann Skelton, Mary Black and Pat McDonough. 5. Pat Holder Ritter, Fran Cashen and Kendra Karlock. 6. Nell Broughton with family and Jan Strimple. 7. Abby Aldrich , 4 years old and Reagan Houston, 7 years old, modeling fashions from KidBiz. 8. Terri Baumgartner, Ramona Jones and Susan Russell. 9. Rose Gault and Jana Shafer.



Kidney Texas Luncheon



1. Lauryn Gayle White received the Sue Goodnight Service Award. 2. Dee Wylly, Jill Rowlett and Emilyynn Wilson. 3. C'Leste Huck, Jan Grant and Evelyn Ponder. 4. Runway fashions at luncheon. Gail Vesledahl, Jill Goldberg, Sharon Ballew and Susan Scullin. 6. Suzanne Charriere, Gini Marston, Liz Minyard Lokey 7. Donna Arp Weitzman and Lorraine Meenan.

Spring Tea



1. Therese Rourk, Mary Black and Donna Arp Weitzman. 2. AB Aston and Mary Lee Cox, President of KidneyTexas, Inc. 3. Natalie Taylor, Pat McDonough and Regina Bruce. 4. Mary Lee Cox, President of KidneyTexas, Inc. and Diane Skelton, Tea Chairman. 5. Terri Bumgartner, Susan Russell, Patty Jo Turner and Suzette Derrick. 6. Cindy Hanso n, Kim Dale and Therese Rourk.

Check Presentation at Tootsie's



Check Presentation

1. Grant recipients received checks from KidneyTexas, Inc. They include: **Baylor Health Care System Foundation: Dr. Goran Klintmalm; National Kidney Foundation: Amanda Crowley-Rios, Jenny Moore, Jenny Moore, Tiffany Archibald, Thelma Okotie, Amanda Crowley-Rios; Children's Medical Center Foundation: Brent Christopher, Kyra Barnett; Methodist Health System Foundation: John Mitchener, Devon Smith; Parkland Health & Hospital Foundation: Carol Seay; Texas Health Resources Foundation: Vanida Vongdara; UT Southwestern Medical Center: Sharon Neal, Kelly Thomas; with Mary Lee Cox, President of KidneyTexas, Inc.** 2. **Therese Rourk, Mary Lee Cox.** 3. **Mari Epperson and Sandy Secor.** 4. **Jolie Humphrey, Dyann Skelton, Emilynn Wilson** show their thank you gifts from **Mary Lee Cox.** 5. **Ramona Jones and Billie Leigh Rippey.** 6. **Nancy Walker and Jan Ward.**