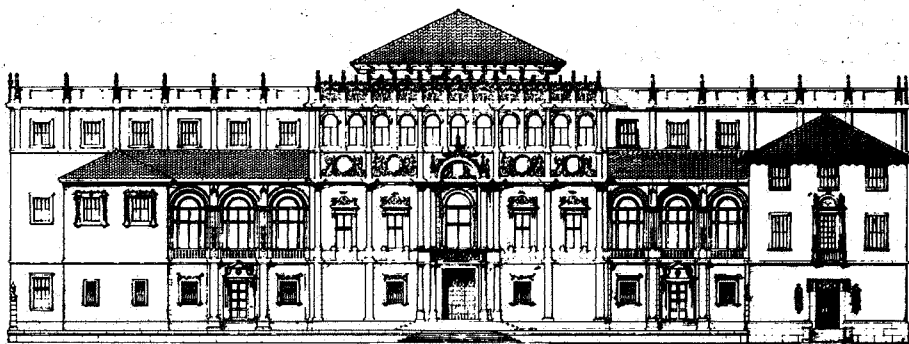


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# Between Friends

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## Notable authors shine at Book & Author Dinner

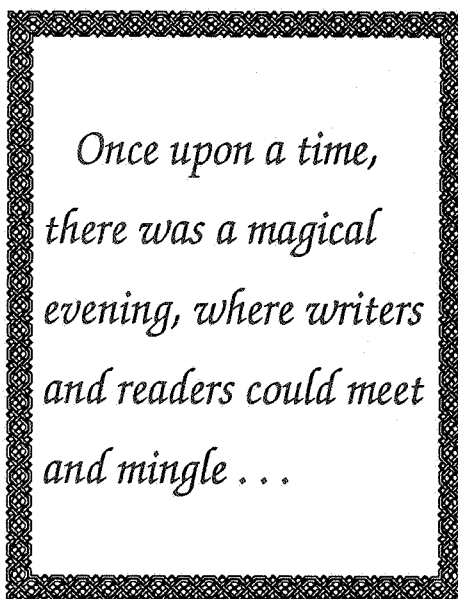
*15th annual event brings out the best!*

The 1994 Book & Author Dinner, sponsored by the Houston Chronicle and the Houston Area Booksellers Association (HABA), promises an evening of entertainment and enlightenment like never before.

Scheduled for October 16 at the Galleria Doubletree Hotel, featured authors include former First Lady Barbara Bush, whose latest book is *A Memoir*, a compelling look at the private side of her very public life; Peter Maas, author of *Serpico*, *Valachi Papers*, *King of the Gypsies* and *Marie: A True Story*. His latest work, *China White*, is also his first thriller; Robert B. Parker, bestselling author of 26 books, including *All Our Yesterdays*, which tracks three generations of the Sheridan family from 1920s Ireland to modern-day America; and Lawrence Sanders, a prolific mystery writer whose latest Matthew Scudder adventure is entitled *A Long Line of Dead Men* (more biographical information about the authors was mailed to all Friends, along with ticket information).

Mistress of Ceremonies at this year's dinner is Liz Carpenter, well

known newspaper columnist, political confidant and author. Her latest work, *Unplanned Parenthood: The Confessions of a Septuagenarian Surrogate Mother*, is her story about rais-



ing her brother's three teenagers.

In addition to these authors, notable "Literary Lions," including David Lindsey and Kinky Friedman, will be in attendance and will sit at selected tables.

A reception and book signing will begin at 5:30 p.m., with dinner and

the program to follow at 7 p.m. Tickets are selling fast and may be purchased at HABA affiliates or by calling the Friends office at 247-2189 to request an order form. To sit with other Friends at the dinner, a completed order form and check for \$40 per ticket should be completed and submitted as soon as possible. Tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis. Requests received by October 7 will receive tickets via mail; requests received after that date can be picked up at the door on the night of the event.

In addition to single tickets, Friends may purchase Patron Tables of 10 for \$1,250 or Benefactor Tables of 10 for \$2,500. Call the Friends office for more details.

This year's Book and Author Dinner will benefit the Houston Public Library's Parent Reading Program. Make plans now to support the library in this effort and enjoy a night of literary excellence. Watch the Houston Chronicle for more details about featured authors.

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# Expenditures of Gifts for 1993-1994

## **Employee Recognition - \$2,698.56**

Recognition program held in April 1994 to recognize employees, managers and rookies of the year.

## **Branch Library Services - \$6,290**

Purchased two portable video projectors and cases to be located at regional branch libraries.

## **Programming and Outreach - \$3,144.14**

Funds used to support a number of programs and exhibits including Black Expo, Babar project and purchased one portable display to be used for the conferences and exhibitions.

## **Public Information Office - \$4,500**

This year's funds are being held over for purchase of equipment in new fiscal year.

## **Central Library Services - \$5,752**

Purchased publications display furniture for the Central Library. Funds also used to purchase one atlas

stand for Texas Room and to upgrade software for Archives unit.

## **Volunteer Services - \$1,507.66**

Supported the Youth Volunteer Recognition program and conference attendance.

## **Training & Development - \$16,393.02**

Funds supported a variety of training and conference opportunities for library staff. Highlights included management training and customer service training by University of Houston consultant.

## **Administration - \$616.44**

Allowed the library to address a number of projects for which there were no City funds, including travel and recruitment.

## **Pending Expenses (American Library Association) - \$3,239.34**

**TOTAL \$44,141.16**

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## Library association sponsors legislative reception

District VIII of the Texas Library Association is sponsoring a reception October 5 at the University of Houston Hilton Hotel for legislators and candidates in our area. The purpose of this event is to inform legislators of library related issues which will be addressed in the 1995 legislative session. This is a wonderful opportunity for each legislator and candidate to meet librarians, vendors and library supporters and to be made aware of how important libraries of all types are to their constituents.

More than 250 people attended the 1992 reception to share ideas and opinions on library issues. With the current funding crisis facing libraries, it is crucial that we communicate the value of libraries at every opportunity.

Your participation is crucial to our efforts. We encourage you to attend the reception and to voice your concerns for the library.

