

New York Social Diary

More from Houston: An extraordinary evening recently took place at the Hotel ZaZa where Houston was introduced to two women who have recently made history.

Marilyn Wilhelm, Founder-Director of Wilhelm Schole International, hosted the dinner honoring **Qiao Hong**, first woman Consul General from China in the history of the United States and **Alexandra Theodoropoulou**, first woman Consul General of Greece in the history of Houston.

This magical evening celebrated the differences between the East and West and how these differences create an unforgettable harmony. No detail was overlooked, from the enchanting floral arrangements provided by **Jeff Bradley**, which combined roses, bamboo and olive branches, all symbolic forms of wisdom, to the authentic Chinese and Greek dances performances by Dance of Asian America and the Olympian Dancers, arranged by **Jefferson Todd Frazier**, Executive Director of Young Audiences of Houston.



Joanne King Herring and Lily Chen Foster Javier Morena Valle and Carolyn Farb

Mayor Bill White issued a proclamation, presented by former Texas Secretary of State, **Jeffrey Conner**, declaring October 25, 2007 Consul General Qiao Hong and Consul General Alexandra Theodoropoulou day in the City of Houston. Ms. Wilhelm also took this opportunity to share news of the Confucius and Socrates Project, which involves three pairs of life-size bronze statues of Confucius and Socrates: one pair for Athens, Greece, one pair for Beijing, China in 2008 and one pair for the United Nations in New York in 2009.

The statues were inspired by the theme of the XXIX Olympiad *One World One Dream*. This project provides a golden opportunity to honor Confucius and Socrates and the unchanging principles of civilized life as taught by these two most revered teachers of the East and the West.



Caryl Carothers



Joan Blaffer Johnson



Chris LaWell



Todd Frazier, Anthony Brandt, and Konstantinos Kouzas



Steve Wilhelm with Phil and Anastasia Moss



Greece Consul General Alexandra Theodoropoulou, Marilyn Wilhelm, and China Consul General Qiao Hung



Jeffery Conner, former Secretary of State of Texas



Loretta Castle and Thomas Au



Valerie Sherlock and Austin O'Toole



John and Zoitsa Dale



Danielle and John Ellis



Anna Au and Barbara Ogwude



Kathryn and Jeff Smith



Nicholas Phillips



Rachel Frazier and Dr. Johnathan
Dora



China Consul General Qiao Hung, Harris Pappas, and Greece Consul General Alexandra Theodoropoulou



Lauren and Tom McDaniel



Sharon and Frederick Forlano



Nancy Allen



Millie Rouche and Anthony Kouzounis
