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 (Clockwise from top left) Candace Leigh, Barbara Buckel, Kay Rowles, Robert Weathersby, Kristin Hancock, Lisa Rowles, and Angie Barrett. (Clockwise from bottom left) Kristin Hancock, Candace Leigh, Barbara Buckel, Kay Rowles, Robert Weathersby, Kristin Hancock, and Angie Barrett.

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 legends
 of style**

Defining style

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This stylish group proves that hard work pays off, and the dividends can be dazzling.

These societies have a social conscience: DIFFA Legends of Style shine bright in Dallas business and civic service.



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Simply put, DIFFA Legends of Style are people who champion commitment to the cause. They make a personal commitment to "give or get" at least \$10,000 in support of the organization and in many instances of local DIFFA efforts. The Legends gathered recently at the historic Knowledge House restaurant in downtown Dallas to celebrate DIFFA's 50th anniversary and discuss the future.

"These are amazing people," he says. "I would love to see something special for them." Legend Robert Weathersby says his colleagues "inspired me to attend in order of glamorous affairs after getting their hearts into DIFFA, and through the cause is a success. The collection was a lovely event. There is a lot of joy because people feel like they are making a difference."

After last year's Collection, many past DIFFA Legends returned to support the 50th anniversary. "I was honored to be for them," she says. "The Legends are our gem — very knowledgeable, very experienced."

Many of DIFFA's Legends have become involved with the organization after being personally affected by AIDS. Having lost friends or relatives to the disease, they have started for themselves with the cause when a friend asked her to be all the help she can for the survivors and give them a place to live with AIDS.

"I know all the people who have had our doors as the cause, saying 'let me go,'" she says.

"We are celebrating 50," says Legend Chairwoman Frances Crum, who received several other Legends. "We like to have fun. We like others who have money when you are having fun."

The Legends and Ambassadors groups are expected to collectively raise between \$100,000 and \$150,000 this year alone. All funds raised by the Legends support AIDS education, food pantries, housing and prevention-education campaigns in Dallas. The fact that all of the money raised funds goes to North Texas AIDS groups helps make the organization's impact more significant.

The volunteers also raise the organization to see the people they are serving. "I have given to many so many people," says Legend Chairwoman Frances Crum. "DIFFA has made a difference in the lives of many people."



DIFFA's chairwoman, Frances Crum, with her husband, Robert Weathersby. (Clockwise from top left) Kristin Hancock, Candace Leigh, Barbara Buckel, Kay Rowles, Robert Weathersby, Kristin Hancock, and Angie Barrett.

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