



Tuesday, March 9 Speaker Luncheon

“OVERCOMING ADVERSITY”

GALLERY ★ FURNITURE

Jim “Mattress Mack” McIngvale

Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale is a Texas-grown phenomenon who knows how to "Save You Money, TODAY!"

In 1981, Mack and his wife Linda started Gallery Furniture with five thousand dollars and a dream. Mack began television advertising early on and with his motto of "Early to bed, early to rise, work like hell and advertise", he quickly became a household name.

In 2009, Gallery Furniture opened a second store on Post Oak Blvd in the Houston Galleria area. This proved to be a blessing as Mack, Linda, and the entire Gallery Furniture family faced a horrific fire on May 21, 2009 at the flagship Interstate 45 store location which destroyed the warehouse. By bringing their positive approach and "TODAY" philosophy to everything they do, Gallery Furniture was able to re-build the "World's Greatest Furniture Store" bigger and better than ever with a full Grand Opening on September 7, 2009.

The triumph of Gallery Furniture is mostly attributed to Mack's "do-whatever-it-takes" approach to pleasing the customer. With just 2 locations, Gallery Furniture sells the most furniture in the nation per square foot, including furniture and sleep sets from designers such as Tempur-Pedic, Mayo, United Leather, American Leather, Ty Pennington Collection by Howard Miller, Drexel Heritage, Kreiss, Berg Beds, and so much more.

Mack's strong work ethic is matched by his philanthropy and exceeded only by the commitment he has to his family. Past charitable contributions include:

- Annual Christmas give-away furnishing 30 households of furniture every year
- Furniture donations to hundreds of teacher lounges in Houston area schools
- Raising over \$12 million to aid those affected by the Tsunami in Southeast Asia and Hurricane Katrina
- Underwriting the YMCA playground at Reliant Stadium for Katrina Evacuees
- Housing several hundred evacuees during hurricane crisis
- One of the largest contributors the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
- Furnishing George Bush Presidential Library at Texas A&M
- Donating racquets to inner city kids who otherwise would not have had an opportunity to take tennis lessons
- Sole sponsor of Pilgrimage of Faith sending 500 kids and chaperons from the Galveston/Houston to Rome
- Feeding 25,000 people Thanksgiving dinner for several years
- Purchasing 10,000 toys for needy children, distributed during the holidays
- Large annual contributions to Baylor College of Medicine and Harvard Medical School

In addition to Gallery Furniture, Mack and Linda also own and operate Westside Tennis and Fitness and enjoy spending time with their three children James, Laura and Elizabeth.

During Mack's speech, he will capture your attention with a subject he knows quite well ... "**Overcoming Adversity**".

Lunch Menu Selections

Indicate your entrée selection when registering on-line for the meeting:

Beef: *Grilled Marinated Flat-Iron Steak with Chimichurri*

Chicken: *Grilled Breast of Chicken with Smoky Ancho Chili*

Vegetarian: *Vegetarian Lasagna*

Each selection is served with a classic Caesar salad, side vegetable and starch, freshly baked rolls & butter, dessert, and ice tea & coffee service.