

Celebrating 'special' ties that link U.S., United Kingdom

ABOUT 100 merry-makers descended on the Hotel Granduca to toast what Winston Churchill called the "special relationship" between the United Kingdom and the United States.

Chaired by **Lynn Houston** of Continental Airlines and **Valerie Mathieu** of Wood Group,

the soiree was a kickoff for the British-American Business Council's inaugural International Business Awards slated for Oct. 21 at the Hilton Post Oak.

The luncheon will honor BABC member companies and individuals who have led the way in furthering trade, commerce, civic, philanthropic or cultural ties between the two countries. Churchill would have approved.

Making the scene: **Em-**



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ma Briggs of UK Trade and Investment, **Peter Brown** of the Mayor's International Trade and Development Council, Greater Houston Partnership's **Cody Sutton**, BG Group's **David Keane**, **Trevor Parkes**, **John Lee**,

Jamie Ferguson, **Kenneth Harder**, **Sharon Pfeffer**, **Melissa Steinmetz**, **Sherry Wright**, **Becci Himes**, **Cheryl Reed**, **Tim Coolman**, **Bill Howell** and **Ray Guyton**.

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I. **Lynn Houston**, from left, **Mary Grace Gray** and **Valerie Mathieu**

II. **John Lee**, from left, **David Keane** and **Tom Gee**

III. **Bill Howell**, from left, **Tim Coolman** and **Ken Harder**

IV. **Sherry Wright** and **Jamie Ferguson**

V. **Trevor Parkes** and **Sharon Pfeffer**

