

# ORGANIZATION OF FACULTY WIVES & WOMEN FACULTY



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## JANUARY PROGRAM

### OUR ANNUAL POT LUCK COCKTAIL PARTY

**JANUARY 20, 2007, 7 pm**

at the home of Jon and Blanche Tyson  
2921 Robinhood, West University

Bring spouses, guests and a goodie ready to serve **and/or** a bottle of wine. We are honoring our scholarship recipients at this festive and fun party and hope to see them all there, as well as you, too! See later in this news letter for the scholarship awardees' pictures.

Please RSVP to Blanche Tyson 713-432-7598 or  
[iontyson@houston.rr.com](mailto:iontyson@houston.rr.com).

### SAVE THESE DATES! Upcoming programs

**Thursday, March 8, 2007:** We will be the honored guests of Consul Zha for high tea at the Consul General of China's residence. March 8 is "Women's Day" in China and a most appropriate time for our tea. More details will follow.

**Friday, April 27, 2007** The Johnson Space Center will host a group of the UT Faculty Wives and Women Faculty Association. We will plan to visit the Mission Control Centers, the Space Vehicle Mockup Facility, and if time permits, the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory. More details on this exciting trip will follow,

**Thursday, May 17, 2007:** We'll end our year with a lovely luncheon at Tony's. What a fitting ending to a wonderful year. Of course, details will follow!

## WOMEN IN THE NEWS

**Anna Steinberger**, Ph.D., Professor Emerita in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at UTMS-H was honored with the Women in Endocrinology Mentor Award of 2006 in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the mentoring and training of endocrinologists who are now practicing and doing research all over the world. The award was presented at the Annual Endocrine Society Meeting in Boston in June, 2006. She pioneered *in vitro* approaches to the study of spermatogenesis in organ culture and developed methods for the isolation and culture of pituitary and testicular cells. She is a member of many scientific societies and has received many prestigious awards. After her retirement from scientific research, she held the position of assistant Dean for Faculty Affairs at UT-Houston, implemented a number of highly successful career development programs, and was awarded the Women in Science Silver Professional Achievement Award for her contributions to the development of women in academic medicine. She is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Holocaust Museum—Houston and also serves as a docent there.

Anna and her husband Emil have remained in Houston after retirement. Emil Steinberger is a world-renown clinical endocrinologist and researcher and served as Chairman of UT's Department of Reproductive Medicine. He was the founding president of the Texas Institute of Reproductive Medicine. He is currently writing his memoirs, the first volume of which is "Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea" which describes how his family, and Anna's, struggled to survive in wartime Europe and how they met in Central Asia. It is at once uplifting, and heartbreaking, fascinating and scary. The book is available at Amazon.com.

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## BOOK CLUB

**DATE:** January 9, 2007, 7:30 PM

**WHERE:** At the home of Mary Stancel, 5807 Rutherglenn, 77096

**BOOK:** *Vanishing Acts*, by Jodi Picoult

**RSVP:** Mary Stancel, 713-729-5803 or [mlshouston@aol.com](mailto:mlshouston@aol.com)

Jodi Picoult explores how life-as we know it-might not turn out the way we imagined it; how the people we've loved and trusted can suddenly change before our very eyes; how the memory we thought had vanished could return as a threat. Picoult handles an astonishing and timely topic with understanding, insight, and compassion. \

**DATE:** February 13, 2007 7:30PM  
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**WHERE:** At the home of Brenda Morris, 6707 Belmont, 77005

**BOOK:** *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*, by Mark Haddon

**RSVP:** Brenda Morris, 713-432-9823

## BRIDGE CLUB

If you are interested in playing bridge this month, please call Judy Fred (713-661-9430) and let her know. We are uncertain at this time when a date will be scheduled to play bridge. All levels of players are welcome, and we even like to talk while we play!

## FW&WF YEARBOOK and DIRECTORY

If you are a member and did not receive a yearbook, please call or email Julie Knobil, 713-666-4926, [jhknobil@cs.com](mailto:jhknobil@cs.com).

## **REPORT ON THE ART WALL EXHIBITION AND AUCTION**

The Art Wall Auction was held on December 1 and after considerable competitive bidding, \$4000 was raised and 24 of the 25 pieces were sold. In addition several people who failed to win the fiercely fought-over color photo, "The Waiting Room", ordered prints of that piece for the price of their highest bid. This has suggested a means of enhancing profits in future auctions. The Art Wall gift fund now has approximately \$19,000, with a verbal commitment for \$5000 more. When \$35,000 is reached, the formal endowment fund will be established to support the Art Wall in perpetuity, and all proceeds from future silent auction exhibits will go to the FWWF Doris Simon Student Scholarship

## **REPORT ON THE CLINICAL and SURGICAL SKILLS CENTER TOUR**

If you weren't there, you missed a 21<sup>st</sup> century view of how medical and surgical training has advanced. We are indebted to Dr. Eric Reichman for shepherding us through the demonstrations. I don't know how the others felt, but I felt as if I was a refugee from the Stone Age looking into the future.

## **NOMINATIONS ARE IN ORDER**

The Nominating Committee of the FW&WF will meet in February to select next year's slate of officers. If you would like to get involved (either on the committee or as an officer), please call Becky Hunter at 713-838-0137.

## **FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES TO THE MCKINNEYS**

We are very sorry to have to say good-bye to Mike and Lou Ann McKinney. Mike was the Chief Operating Officer for the UT Health Science Center and is now serving as Chancellor of the Texas A & M University System in College Station. We will miss their smiles and enthusiasm.

Lou Ann was our president-elect and sends us this message, "I just wanted to let everyone with UTFWWF know that I am so sorry that I won't be able to serve as President of UTFWWF. I was really looking forward to next year and I hope everyone understands how much I hate to miss it."

Lou Ann also served on our Program Committee this year and planned so many wonderful activities. Thank you so very much for all you did for this organization, Lou Ann. We miss you.

**Our current Doris Simon University of Texas Medical School at Houston Scholarship holders will be honored at our winter Potluck Cocktail Party on January 20<sup>th</sup>.**



Ashley Lee, first year



John Healy, fourth year student (to graduate in June 2007)



Dung Anh Nguyen, first year



Melanie Anderson, second year