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APRIL PROGRAM

WHAT: Special NASA Tour

WHEN: Wednesday, April 25, 2007 10 AM – 2 PM

WHERE: We will meet at the NASA security office off Saturn Lane.

RSVP: The tour is limited to the first 20 people who RSVP to Pam Bungo at pbungo@houston.rr.com or by calling 281-286-0616. Please reply before April 10 and include your name, email or phone number, and your country of citizenship (required by the Johnson Space Center) when you make your reservations. Non-US citizens must complete a form (we will email that to you on request).

Have you ever wanted to be an Astronaut? If so, you will want to join us for a "behind the scenes tour" of the NASA Johnson Space Center and find out what it takes. We will visit the Mission Control Centers, the Space Vehicle Mockup Facility, and if time permits, the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory.

NASA has some special instructions:

1. Safety is a priority for everyone at the Johnson Space Center. Since JSC is a working facility, it is required that guests wear flat or low-heeled, fully-enclosed shoes (no sandals, flip-flops, slides, mules, etc.) during their visit. We also recommend that guests wear slacks (instead of shorts or skirts) as an additional safety precaution.
2. The visit may require walking and standing for extended periods and may require climbing several flights of stairs.
3. Cameras are welcome in all facilities unless instructed otherwise. However, photography of individuals is discouraged without permission.
4. Please do not bring children under 6 years of age, as they will be denied access to some areas. Also, children under 16 must be accompanied at all times by a parent, legal guardian, or teacher.

MAY PROGRAM

WHAT: Spring Luncheon,

WHEN: May 17, 2007, 11:30 am 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Tony's, 3755 Richmond Avenue,

RSVP: Watch for your invitation coming in the mail. RSVP (with check for \$ 30.00 made out to the FW&WF) to Blanche Tyson, 2921 Robinhood; Houston, TX 77005. If you would like to contribute a book for a child from the ages of six months to 5 years, please bring a book to the luncheon.

Mark your calendar now for the annual "Spring Luncheon" of the Organization of UT Faculty Wives and Women Faculty. This year, we are delighted to welcome Kim Anderson, Project Director, Reach Out and Read – Texas, Children's Learning Institute, The University of Texas Health Science Center – Houston.

Reach Out and Read (ROR) is a national non-profit organization that promotes early literacy by giving new books to children in pediatric clinics and giving advice to parents about the importance of reading aloud to their children. Doctors and nurses know that growing up healthy means growing up with books. The ROR program provides the tools to help promote children's developmental skills and later school success.

BOOK CLUB – April

WHEN: Tuesday April 10, 2007, 7:30 PM

WHERE: The home of Nancy Willerson
3314 Georgetown
Houston, 77005

RSVP: 713-667-0175

BOOK: *The Crow Eaters*, by Bapsi Sidhwa

Loading his pregnant wife, infant daughter, and widowed mother-in-law into a bullock cart, Faredoon Junglewalla leaves his ancestral village in the forests of central India, bound for the bustling city of Lahore. Despite the nagging of his unbearable mother-in-law, Freddy's

business and family flourish, and he soon becomes a patriarchal figure in the thriving Parsee community. This endearing family saga provides a vibrant window onto life in India under British colonial rule and a nation on the threshold of historic transformation.

BOOK CLUB-May

WHEN: Tuesday, May 8, 2007. 7:30 PM

WHERE: The home of Carol Murad
3324 Nottingham
Houston, 77005

RSVP: 713-664-3509

BOOK: *Kafka on the Shore*, by Haruki Murakami

In Murakami's dreamily cerebral novel, a 15-year-old boy calling himself Kafka Tamura runs away from home and his father's Oedipal prophecy: Kafka, he insists, will kill his father and sleep with his mother and sister, both of whom vanished when the boy was 4. Kafka relates his adventures in chapters that alternate with another story, that of Satoru Nakata, a witless old man who can talk to cat...

We will be choosing some books for the following year, so please bring your ideas with you.

High Tea at the Residence of the Consul General of the People's Republic of China.

On Thursday, March 8 (Women's Day) about 30 of our members, and some additional members of the Chinese-American Friendship Society were the guests of the Consul General, the Honorable Jinzhou Hua, and the entire staff of the Consulate. They arranged a spectacular show for us that included musical performances, exhibitions of regional dances, and a beautiful fashion show illustrating the wide variety of ethnic costumes from all regions of China, modeled by the male and female staff of the consulate. Many pictures were taken, but

alas, the publisher of the newsletter could not fit them into this publication. A small picture is included in the next column. We hope that a slide show of this event will be available at the May luncheon. Our heartfelt thanks go to all the members of the Consulate for putting on a show that was stunning.

MARCH GALLERY TOUR

Thank you so very much, Emily, for the wonderful gallery tour of the foundry of sculptor Joseph Havel. Mr. Havel gave us one of his rare tours of his workshop and foundry---revealing to all of us a glimpse of his uniqueness and his ideas on creating art. The process of producing bronze sculptures is most fascinating, but very hard to understand and visualize.

PARTNERS' LUNCHEON

WHEN: Tuesday, April 17, 2007

WHERE: Hilton Americas Hotel
Lamar St.

Speaker: Dr. Mehmet C. Oz, cardiothoracic surgeon and author of *You, the Owner's Manual*.

If you are interested in attending, please call Blanche Tyson at 713-432-7598. She would like to put together a table or two of faculty wives/women faculty. The tickets this year are \$150, \$120 of that goes to nursing scholarships/research.

PERSONAL NEWS

Mike and Lu Ann McKinney are the proud grandparents of Hannah Claire, born on February 27th, weighing in at 7.2 lbs, 20 inches long, with light brown hair. Claire is the daughter of their son Seth and his wife Paige.



The picture above was taken at the High Tea at the residence of the Consul General of the People's Republic of China. Can you spot our members Brenda Morris, Becky Hunter, Judy Fred, and Dr. Ming Chang? Perhaps there are others as well! Just a clue: they are all dressed in native costume! Of course you recognize Nancy Willerson (front row) because she is not in costume!