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JANUARY PROGRAM

WHAT: Wine and Food Tasting

WHEN: Saturday, January 26, 2008 at 7:00 pm

WHERE: At the home of Emily and Alton Steiner
5014 Glenmeadow, Houston, 77096
co-hosts: Harriet and Stan Schultz

This will be a fun evening to taste different and interesting wines and food to enjoy with the wine. There is a small charge of \$15 per person to cover the cost of the wine. Cathy Weisbrodt and the Social Committee have been busy planning this tasty evening. Dr. Max Buja is our resident oenophile and will choose the wines. An added treat to this fun event is your opportunity to view Emily and Alton's spectacular collection of art of Texas artists.

Members will receive an "e-vite" in early January. RSVP to Cathy Weisbrodt by email. RSVP to cweisbrodt@msn.com

Report from the Art Wall Silent Auction

The second UTMSH Art Wall Silent auction raised \$4940, a significant increase over last year's proceeds. Thirty-seven pieces of art were sold, and the bidding was fierce for several of the favorites. This brings the total in the Art Wall Gift Fund account to approximately \$25,000. When the goal of \$35,000 is reached, an endowment fund will be generated to provide maintenance costs for the wall in perpetuity. At that point, proceeds from future auctions will be donated to the FWWF Doris Simon Student Scholarship Fund.

The committee is deeply grateful for the excellent turnout from the FWWF members, and we are appreciative of those members who bid on art work. Congratulations to those of you who took home some fine art at relatively bargain prices!

The Art Wall Auction was followed by a delicious box lunch, thanks to Dean Colasurdo and to Mary Cole and Karen Kozielski in the Dean's office, and was followed by a wonderful tour of the soon-to-be opened new Research Facility adjacent to the Medical School. Our tour guide was Claire Brunson, the long-time Director of Management Services, who oversaw this building's construction from the beginning and shepherded the reconstruction of the Med School ground floor following tropical storm Allison's destruction in 2001. Claire also set up the picture-hanging hardware for the Art Wall.

See some photos on page 3.

BOOK CLUB INFORMATION

January Book Club

WHEN: Tuesday, January 8, 2008, 7:00 PM
(new early starting time)

WHERE: At the home of Gerlind Wolinsky
3311 Rice Blvd., 77005

RSVP: 713-668-4554

BOOK: *American Pastoral*, by Philip Roth

As the American century draws to an uneasy close, Philip Roth gives us a novel that is an elegy for all our century's promises of prosperity, civic order, and domestic bliss. And then one day in 1968, Swede's beautiful American luck deserts him. Swede is wrenched out of the longed-for "American pastoral" and into the indigenous "American berserk".

February Book Club

WHEN: Tuesday, February 12, 2008, 7:00 pm
(new early starting time)

WHERE: At the home of Mary Ann Knolle
10 S. Briar Hollow # 50, 77027

RSVP: 713-272-6801

BOOK: *The Kindness of Strangers*, by Katrina Kittle

A young widow raising two boys, Sarah Laden is struggling to keep her family together. But when a shocking revelation rips apart the family of her closest friend, Sarah finds herself welcoming yet another troubled young boy into her already tumultuous life. The Ladens will have to face difficult truths about themselves and one another- and discover the power of love necessary to forgive and heal.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

WHAT: Decluttering Your Home

WHEN: Wednesday, February 20, 2008

WHERE: At the home of Blanche Tyson
2921 Robinhood, 77005

Look for details and more information as to exact time in the February newsletter.

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 713-668-0137.



Lynne Arnett assiduously wraps what Nancy Willerson bought during the Art Wall Silent Auction on November 30. Darla Brown (in the background) looks like she is counting the money.



At the end of the tour of the new Research Building we posed in front of brushed aluminum logo of the Center for Laboratory Animal Medicine and Care (CLAMC). Note that this clever logo consists of five fetching animals. It was drawn by Deanna Rybak, a summer intern, and executed by our own Roy Pritchard of the Office of Communications. The other mammals in the photo are (left to right) Julie Knobil, Harriet Schultz, Dana Davies, Andrea Walters, Mary Stancel, Anne Ribble, Blanche Tyson, Claire Bronson (our tour leader and Director of Management Services) and Becky Hunter.

FYI NEWS

READ ON IF YOU HAVE TIME TO SUPPORT THE ARTS AS A VOLUNTEER

It's the start of the twelfth season for the Houston Chamber Choir. These 24 professional voices have earned praise internationally for their programs and singing skill.

Led by Artistic Director Bob Simpson, the choir has an office at Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas Avenue. Managing Director Gwen Teasing is based there and has need of volunteers to work in the office.

What tasks would volunteers do? Gwen says possibilities include working in public relations and communications, helping coordinate a festival slated for January 2008, assisting visiting artists, working with HCC's graphic designer, and doing routine office work.

It's quite a palette. Volunteers would have free parking at the church garage across the street, and could buy lunch at Treebeard's Restaurant in the church building.

HCC board member Anne Ribble recently completed a study of funding sources for the choir. She is enthusiastic about the upcoming season. The choir rehearses occasionally at Christ Church and volunteers could attend one of these sessions.

How much time would a volunteer be asked to give? That would be up to the volunteer. A couple of hours a week, half a day a month? This could be worked out with Gwen. If you are interested in taking part, call Anne Ribble 713-783-6942, aribble@comcast.net or Gwen Teasing, 713-224-5566 for more information.

In the offing: A new support group of volunteers. Think about being a charter member!