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SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, September 28, 2008
5-7:30 PM

Every fall, the FWWF hosts a social meeting for all women faculty and faculty wives to promote membership in our organization. Usually this has been a "coffee" at a member's house. This year we have had a gracious invitation from Regina Verani to hold this event at her new art gallery, Gallery Regina, at 1726 Richmond. What a wonderful opportunity to visit with old friends, and make new friends, and see some terrific art all at the same time! More information will follow in September. But please plan to join us. Of course, spouses and others are welcome!

BOOK CLUB NEWS, 2008-2009

WHEN: Tuesday, September 9, ²⁰⁰⁸, 7:00 pm

WHERE: at the home of Gerlind Wolinsky
3311 Rice Blvd, Houston 77005.
Please RSVP to Gerlind at 713-668-4554

BOOK: *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, by Michael Pollan

Of course, we will be sending you a reminder with the first 2008-2009 newsletter.

In case you want to get a jump start on our reading list, here are books we have planned on so far. The location of the meeting will be announced later.

October: *The Madonnas of Leningrad*, by Debra Dean

November: *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*, by Barbara Kingsolver

January: Not yet decided

February: *The Journey of Ibn Fattouma*, by Naguib Mahfouz

March: *Evidence of Things Unseen*, by Marianne Wiggins

April: *In the Heart of the Sea*, by Nathaniel Philbrick

May: *Year of Wonders*, by Geraldine Brooks

Letter from our outgoing president:

Dear Friends,

At the end of this busy year for our organization, I want to thank you all for your great support and hard work. Our Spring Luncheon on May 8 at Tony's drew over 80 people. Our terrific speaker, Dr. Peter Davies, enlightened us about Bio-Medical Research in the 21st century and showed how it relates to exciting new programs at our institution. Dean Colasurdo spoke about the bright future of our School. (Editor's note: See later for some wonderful comments from the Dean!) We are grateful to both of them for their participation.

The event was quite a "hot ticket". The crowd consisted of our own group, members of the Medical School Advisory Council, Development Office, and many from the staff and administration of the School and Health Science Center. A great chance to mingle, enjoy good food, and learn some science.

We're getting a good response to our fundraising flyer, with its theme: "Help Lift our Students Heavy Burden." If you haven't responded yet, please consider doing so. Checks should be made out to: UT Medical School at Houston, earmarked for our Doris Simon Scholarship Fund, and mailed to: The University of Texas Medical School at Houston, 6431 Fannin St. JIL 450, Houston TX 77030. Scholarship money is scarce at the School, so your donation will be much appreciated. We want to keep attracting excellent students and not have them lured away because another

institution offered more money. THEY NEED YOUR HELP!

Thanks to our Development Office and Graphic Designers at the Office of Institutional Advancement for creating the dramatic flyer and the spring-y Luncheon program.

Now, on to next year....Welcome, Donna!

Harriet Schultz, FWWF President 2007-2008.

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The following is an excerpt from Dean Giuseppe Colasurdo's comments in the UT2Me publication. The editors though you might be wowed by the Dean's choice of words!

"I (the Dean writes) had the opportunity this week to attend my first Faculty Wives and Women Faculty event, the group's annual spring luncheon. This organization, a powerful and influential group, has been a great supporter of the Medical School since its founding in 1973. These women serve as ambassadors in our community, and I thank them and encourage them to continue to proclaim the good messages of the Medical School as we reach new heights".

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Letter from incoming President, Donna Buja:

To our friends and members:

We look forward to seeing you and meeting new members and guests at the fall event at Galleria Regina! The new board for '08 -'09 is in the process of putting exciting programs and events together for next fall and spring..

Many thanks to the outgoing board for a successful and fun year. The May luncheon was a standout enjoyed by a big group with members and guests at Tony's. Dr Peter Davis gave a superb talk and overview of current research at UTHSCH. Dean Colasurdo made a few remarks and acknowledged FWWF after the luncheon in his weekly e-mail as a very positive group contributing to the Medical School (see above).

Have a wonderful summer!

Donna Buja, FWWF President, 2008-2009

To Summer : "Summer is when we believe , all of a sudden , that if we walked out the back door and kept on going long enough and far enough we would reach the Rocky Mountains." Edward Houghland (1982)

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The following pictures were taken by Dana Davies at our Spring Luncheon. See how many people you can identify!



Dean Colasurdo and Professor Dr. Peter Davies, featured speakers.



Peter Davies is an eloquent and very energetic speaker!



Dean Colasurdo and wife Leslie, with various FWWF members and two members of the Medical School's Advisory Board.



Treasurer Blanche Tyson (in red) with three members of the UTMS staff who were extremely helpful in putting together the party.



Our outgoing President, Harriet Schultz (on the right) with some members of the 2007-2008 Board (Julie Knobil, Carol Murad, and Blanche Tyson, left to right).



Some members of the new Board. Right to left; Donna Buja, (President, 2008-2009) Sharon Faro, (Treasurer), Dana Davies, (Secretary), and Vicki Rosenstein (Program Chair).



(Left to right) Peter Davies, Irma Gigli, Harriet Schultz, and retired Dean Stanley Schultz.

This is the last newsletter of the 2007-2008 season! See you again in the fall.