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FWWF FALL GET-TOGETHER! 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, **Galeria Regina**, at 1716 Richmond in the Houston arts area. What a wonderful opportunity to visit with old friends, and make new friends, and see some terrific art all at the same time! But please plan to join us for the party and do join the FWWF group. Of course, spouses and others are welcome!

Please RSVP to Gerlind Wolinsky (gwolinsky@aol.com or 713-668-4554) by September 24.

What does the Faculty Wives and Women Faculty group do? Besides promoting fellowship among the faculty and faculty wives, we have a monthly series of programs (details to follow later). In addition, interest groups meeting monthly are the **Book Club** (see book list in this newsletter) and the **Bridge Club**. Special splendid **Art Tours** are arranged by Emily Steiner several times a year. And we are proud sponsors of the **Art Wall** project to beautify the Medical School (see later for details).

To join the FWWF group: Please send your name, address, (with zip code please), **email address**, your UT affiliation and your spouse's/partner's name and UT affiliation, if any to our membership person, Gerlind Wolinsky, 3311 Rice Blvd, Houston 77005 with a check for our dues of \$35.00 (made out to FWWF).

BOOK CLUB NEWS, 2008-2009

BOOK: *Buddenbrooks*, by Thomas Mann

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

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

Thomas Mann was a German novelist and critic, one of the most important figures in early 20th-century literature, whose novels explore the relationship between the exceptional individual and his environment, either the environment of family or of the world in general. He won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1929

Buddenbrooks, first published in Germany in 1901 when Thomas Mann was only 25, has become a classic of modern literature. Set in Northern Germany it tells the events of 1835-1877 in the life of a wealthy bourgeois family over four generations. Its eventual decline from prosperity to bankruptcy, brought about by the weakening of the business and ethics of the family, is an example of the socio-historical changes of the time.

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. Meetings are held on the evening of the second Tuesday of the month.

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

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

Other books coming up but the order may be changed. Stay tuned for more information.

The Omnivore's Dilemma, by Michael Pollan

The Journey of Ibn Fattouma, by Naguib Mahfouz

Evidence of Things Unseen, by Marianne Wiggins

In the Heart of the Sea, by Nathaniel Philbrick

Year of Wonders, by Geraldine Brooks

PREVIEW! UTMSH ART WALL PLANS FOURTH SILENT AUCTION

The UTMSH Art Wall, which features the original art work of faculty, staff, students, physicians-in-training, alumni, and their families, plans to hold its fourth annual Silent Auction **December 1-5, 2008**. Once again, previous exhibitors will donate their work for the benefit of the Art Wall endowment fund. As in the past, a wide range of media will be available for sale (photography, collage, oils, pastels, and computer-generated works) just in time for Christmas shopping!

Funds raised will be donated toward the endowment goal of \$30,000, an amount that will allow the Art Wall's maintenance costs to be funded in perpetuity. The endowment fund currently stands at more than \$23,000. Once the endowment goal is reached, proceeds from future Silent Auctions will be donated to the Organization of Faculty Wives and Women Faculty Doris Simon Student Scholarship Fund. See below for more details on the Doris Simon Student Fund.

The FWWF members have been devoted contributors to this cause in the past, and they have some truly lovely art to show for it! Plan to join us at the Art Wall Friday, December 5, at the noon hour for the grand finale event when final bids will determine the winners. The auction art will be available for preview on the Art Wall's web site (www.uthoustonartwall.org) approximately one week in advance of the opening of bidding December 1. Further details will be provided in a later newsletter.

Letter from our President:

September is here and that brings the start of fall activities for us. It also means the new medical students have begun their first year. And FWWF begins getting into gear for our yearly activities with our Membership Social. We look forward to seeing MANY of you there. This year we are going to send as much

information as possible by e-mail which will give us a much more efficient way of communicating. But we need to hear from you and get an e-mail to be in touch. So please return the membership form promptly!

Join in and make this an interesting, productive and FUN year! As they say, life comes at you fast.

Donna Buja

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Notes on the FWWF Doris Simon Student Scholarship Fund

One of our organization's main goals is boosting scholarship money for future doctors of Texas--namely our school's own medical students, who typically graduate with heavy debt, averaging \$110,000. What a way to begin a professional career! Our school lags behind other schools in available scholarships, and we want to keep attracting excellent candidates rather than have them go elsewhere for better financial packages.

From the interest on our Doris Simon Fund endowment, we've recently been able to give three scholarships: one is for \$2500 a year for each of the four years and two are one-time \$1000 scholarships. Sizable donations last year will likely enable us to give an additional \$1000 scholarship in 2009-2010.

Our annual fundraising efforts have included our popular cookbook, "**Something's Cooking**", and last year's No Go Gala. This inspirational Gala asked people to stay home, order take-out food, feed the cat--and send us the money rather than attend an actual event! Nancy Willerson graciously donated a significant amount that had been collected for the 35th anniversary of the UT Health Science Center. This year's letter, asking for help in lifting the student's heavy burden, has to date, brought in 46 donations, totaling \$5365. The dramatic-looking letter was prepared for us by the school's Development Office and graphic designers at the Office of Institutional Advancement.

All in all, counting this year's collections, the Doris Simon endowment fund now totals around \$192,000--unofficially. We will receive the official total in the fall. You may send a donation to this fund with a check made out to UT Houston Medical School at Houston and mailed to UT Medical School at Houston, 6431 Fannin St., JIL 450, Houston, TX 77030.

Harriet Schultz,
FWWF Past-President