

# ORGANIZATION OF FACULTY WIVES & WOMEN FACULTY



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## FEBRUARY PROGRAM

**WHAT:** A Heartwarming Evening of Wine Tasting, Art, and More!

**WHERE:** At the home of Emily and Alton Steiner  
5014 Glenmeadow, Houston 77096

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 7, 7:30 pm

Hola! We will taste and enjoy a selection of the wines of Chile and Argentina. These two countries are producing a wide variety of red and white wines with great varietal character, food friendliness and excellent value.

By now you must have received an "evite" from Cathy Weisbrodt ([cweisbrodt@msn.com](mailto:cweisbrodt@msn.com), 281.565.0641). The cost is \$ 20 per person and the check should be made out to and sent to Cathy Weisbrodt at 811 Clarendia Falls Dr., Sugar Land, TX 77479. Or bring a check with you when you come.

## SAVE THE DATE!

The annual Faculty Wives/Women Faculty May luncheon will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 -1:00 pm at the Briar Club.

Dr. Larry Kaiser, our new President of the Health Sciences Center will speak and we hope his wife Lindy Snider will also attend and speak.

Details to follow!

## UTMSH ART WALL MEETS ENDOWMENT GOAL AFTER 2008 AUCTION

Members of the FWWF helped make the 2008 Art Wall Silent Auction a success for the third year in a row. Beautiful photographs, color pencil sketches, collages, and watercolors all sold to enthusiastic bidders to raise a total of approximately \$2800 on December 5. This included some additional profit gained from offering unframed copies of popular photo prints.

In addition to bringing the endowment total to nearly \$26,000, the event yielded an anonymous donor who offered to provide the additional funds needed to reach the \$30,000 endowment goal. The Art Wall will be self-perpetuating through the endowment after one more year of support from the Dean's Office.

The group's support for this project will become even more important in 2009 when, for the first time, all the Silent Auction profits will be donated to the FWWF Doris Simon Student Scholarship Fund. The Art Wall committee expressed its ongoing gratitude to Dr. Regina Verani, whose initial seed donation of \$15,000 made it possible for them to meet the endowment fund goal so quickly!

### Review of upcoming events:

**March 12, 2009**, 10:30 to 1:00 PM Ladies' Day Off in Chinatown; shopping, visiting a Buddhist Temple (if possible and available) and enjoying a dim sum lunch.

**April 7, 2009**: Federal Reserve Bank tour and no-host lunch at locale to be announced. (RSVP required by March 31, 2009).

If you have questions, comments, concerns, feedback, or ideas, Contact: Vicki Rosenstein, Program Chair, and Cell: (949) 842-9100, Home: (281) 888-3950

And remember the May luncheon (see above)

## REVIEW of the BAYOU BEND TOUR

Five of us came for what was a wonderful tour on a chilly but beautiful day! Our Docent was so knowledgeable and well spoken, pointing out interesting bits of history and details about the most beautiful home, furnishings, art, and grounds. Everyone should take this tour, especially newcomers!

Lunch after the tour at Max Chin's in the Heights - great Asian cuisine and interesting ambiance.

### BOOK CLUB – FEBRUARY 2009

**WHEN:** Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 7 pm

**WHERE:** at the home of Sally O'Malley  
6602 Brompton, Houston 77005

**RSVP:** 713-661-9987 or  
[saomalley@comcast.net](mailto:saomalley@comcast.net)

**BOOK:** *The Journey of Ibn Fattouma*,  
By Naguib Mahfouz

In this pithy, powerful parable, the masterly Naguib Mahfouz, Nobel Prize-winning Egyptian author, explores life's secrets and the mysterious maze of the human heart--a mystical and lyrical *Pilgrim's Progress* set in a mythical, timeless Middle East. The book, first published in Arabic in 1983, ponders the question: What is the best way to organize a society? Betrayed by his sweetheart, young Ibn Fattouma of "the land of Islam" begins a journey in search of wisdom. He never reaches his ultimate goal, Gebel, land of perfection. Mahfouz mocks the hypocrisy of nations that wage war and maintain empire in the name of brotherhood and freedom.

### BOOK CLUB - MARCH 2009

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF BOOK FOR THIS MONTH**

**We will be reading *People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brooks.**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 10, 2009:

**WHERE:** at the home of Carol Murad  
3324 Nottingham, Houston 77005

**RSVP:** 713-664-3509

In her newest novel, Geraldine Brooks creates a story about the survival of the Sarajevo Haggadah, a lavishly and real illuminated Hebrew manuscript created in medieval Spain. *Publishers Weekly* says, "Her depiction of the Haggadah bringing together Jews, Christians, and Muslims could not be more timely. Her gift for storytelling is timeless."

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### **BOOK CLUB – APRIL 2009**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 7 pm

**WHERE:** to be announced

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

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### **BOOK CLUB – MAY 2009**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 12, 2009

**WHERE:** to be announced

**BOOK:** *Year of Wonders*, by Geraldine Brooks

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**FYI:** Did you know that the Rice Gallery on the Rice University campus hosts many exciting and innovative exhibits! Gallery admission and all events are free and open to the public. For more information call 713.348.6069 or go to [www.ricegallery.org](http://www.ricegallery.org).

### **PERSONAL NEWS**

Jack and Susan Byrne are proud to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Jackson Blake Smeal, born to their daughter Kathryn and her husband Roy. Jackson was born in Salt Lake City on January 12, 2009 and weighed 7 lb 15 oz and was 21" long.



**Could not resist adding a picture of Jackson and new grandma Susan.**