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APRIL PROGRAM

WHAT: A tour of the Federal Reserve Bank

WHERE: The Federal Reserve Bank building
11801 Allen parkway, Houston, 77019

WHEN: April 7, 2009
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM
(meet in the lobby at 10:20 AM)
Followed by lunch at La Griglia Restaurant
2002 W. Gray St., Houston, TX 77019
(713) 526-4700

RSVP: A must! Please contact Vicki Rosenstein by April 3rd
at Vickilla@hotmail.com or (949) 842-9100

Stimulus will be in the air in April as UTFWW attends a private tour of the Federal Reserve Bank, Houston Branch.

The Federal Reserve Bank ("The Fed") is the central bank of the United States. It's an independent organization which was created by Congress to keep our money valuable and our financial system healthy. It was designed to be the guardian of the payments system and lender of last resort. And with global financial and economic turmoil in the air, now more than ever, this tour promises to be exciting.

SAVE THE DATE:

Our annual spring luncheon will be held on May 5th, 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!

REPORT ON THE "LITTLE ASIA" TRIP

The March tour of Little Asia turned out to be a fun and informative adventure. The UTWFFW were warmly received at the beautiful and exotic Teo Chew Temple, where we enjoyed a firsthand explanation about many of the Buddhist gods and their importance in everyday (Buddhist) society. The Gods blessed marriages, created wealth, caused good luck in war, and cured everyday ailments. We were given incense to light in front of the particular Gods, if we were so inspired, and sent off with bottles of blessed water to bring us each good fortune. Then we dined on intriguing and delectable dim sum tidbits till we could not consume another bite. Delicious! Although we must admit that it was a little difficult to dig in with gusto into the chicken feet.

The adventure continued at the Hong Kong mall, where we shopped for the freshest seafood and produce in town. The event was well attended and well worth the trip. You should really make a special trip out to the big Asian market on the corner of Bellaire and Boone way out in west Houston!

BOOK CLUB April 2009

WHEN: Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 7 PM

WHERE: at Carol Milam's home
11927 Arbordale
Houston, TX 77024

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

RSVP: cjilam@msn.com, or 713.465.5759

Riveting, says Amazon. The epic described formed the basis for Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*. In 1819, *the Essex* set sail on a routine whale hunt. Fifteen months later, the ship was rammed and sunk by an enraged sperm whale. The surviving crew set out in three small boats for South America. A story of adventure and survival.

BOOK CLUB May 2009

Please note that the May book has been changed from that listed in last month's newsletter. Since we just finished Geraldine Brook's *The People of the Book*, we decided to select another author for May.

WHEN: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 7 PM

WHERE: At Mary Stancel's home
5807 Rutherglenn
Houston, TX 77096

BOOK: *Digging to America*, by Anne Tyler

RSVP: mlshouston@aol.com or 713.729.5803

This is a novel about the slow amalgamation of two very different American families drawn together by their chance meeting at the Baltimore airport where they are both picking up a newly adopted daughter from Korea. The novel extends over a decade of their lives.

No Go Gala '09

If you did not receive an invitation to The "No-Go Gala" (our painless fund-raising event) please contact Leslie Zinsmeyer at 713-992-4454. Relax and contribute to the Doris Simon Endowment to fund much needed scholarships for medical students. This Endowment Fund is approaching \$200,000. Let's put it over the top this year! Your contributions are very much appreciated.

The Ways and Means Committee

Breaking news!

The following members have been voted in at the last general meeting and will serve as our officers for 2009-2010. They will be installed at the luncheon in May.

President - Vicki Rosenstein
Vice- President – Gerlind Wolinsky
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