

# ORGANIZATION OF FACULTY WIVES & WOMEN FACULTY



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## MAY PROGRAM

**WHAT:** The Annual FWWF Luncheon

**WHERE:** The Briar Club  
2602 Timmons  
Houston, TX 77027

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 5, 2009  
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

**RSVP:** Please RSVP by April 29 to the evite.  
Or you can call Cathy Weisbrodt at 281-565-0641  
The cost is \$35.00 per person.

**SPECIAL SPEAKER:** Dr. Larry Kaiser, the new  
President of the UT Health Science Center at Houston.

For those of you who have not had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Kaiser, this short biography will introduce him to you.

Dr. Larry R. Kaiser became the fifth president of UT Health Science Center in August 2008. He came from the University of Pennsylvania Health System, where he was Surgeon-in-Chief, chairman of the Department of Surgery and held the John Rhea Barton Professorship in Surgery, the first fully endowed surgical chair, established in 1877.

He received his M.D. at Tulane University, and received his cardiovascular and thoracic surgery training at UCLA and at the University of Toronto. His areas of interest include lung cancer, malignant mesothelioma and mediastinal tumors, as well as lung transplantation and complications associated with emphysema.

A Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Kaiser, also is a member of every major surgical society. In 2005, he was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Science. He is author or co-author of 13 books and more than 250 original papers, serves on numerous editorial boards

and holds a patent on 'video-thoracoscopy' instrumentation he designed.

In addition to his full-time duties as president of the health science center, Dr. Kaiser, an internationally recognized expert in his field, hopes to continue to perform surgery one day a week. He also holds the Alkek-Williams Distinguished Professorship at our institution.

## **BOOK CLUB May 2009**

**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](mailto: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.

**Please bring suggestions of books that we might read for the 2009-2010 school year. We may make a decision about books to read for the first few months.**

## **Report on the trip to the Federal Reserve Bank in Houston, April 7**

The Federal Reserve Bank (a branch of the main office in Dallas) is that rather garish new red-and-blue building along Allen Parkway close to downtown. That's where the money is - billions and billions! It is the "bank's bank" taking in daily deposits of huge amounts of cash and dispensing it as needed. You can appreciate the fact that security is very tight, and entering the building is like going through airport security. No cameras allowed! But as you will see later, some

of us had cameras anyway but you will note that the photos taken were done outside the building. Our tour guide was a wonderful and enthusiastic source of information. We saw the vault where the money is sorted and stored, and worn-out bills were destroyed. And each of us was allowed to take as much money as we wanted home with us as a souvenir. Admittedly, the money was in the form of ground-up bills in a plastic container. But irresistible anyway!

## **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  
Membership - Becky Hunter  
Programs - Andrea Walters  
Secretary - Dana Davies  
Treasurer - Sharon Faro



Some of the FWWF tour group stood in the freezing cold on the deck outside the Federal Reserve Bank while Vicki Rosenstein, President-elect, took this stunning picture of the Houston skyline.