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IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENT!

Annual Fall Coffee Organization of Faculty Wives and Women Faculty

When: Saturday, September 26, 2009, 10 am - noon

Where: At the home of Anna Melnikov
8907 Loch Lomond Ct.
Houston, TX 77096

Welcome to all of our returning members, and to all of you who are new to Houston and the Medical School! Becky Hunter, our energetic membership chairwoman, and the rest of the Board invite you all to our annual Fall Coffee. This is where we renew old friendships and make new ones.

We would love to introduce the new folks to our group, but most importantly we want to welcome you to Houston and offer you our help and friendship as you settle into your new home. We really hope that you will make time in your busy schedule to come and enjoy coffee, light breakfast treats and an introduction to FWWF.

Our annual programs include a winter wine tasting social event, a monthly book club, art gallery tours, and fund raising events for our student scholarship fund, to mention just a few of our activities. Later in this newsletter you will find a listing of our 2009-2010 proposed program offerings and information on how to become a member. If you need more membership information, please call Becky Hunter at 713-838-0137.

We are sending out electronic invitations ("evites") to this Fall Coffee, but in case we do not have your email address, **please respond by Email or Phone to Anna Melnikov, annmelnikov@gmail.com or 713-443-6952.**

President's Letter

Dear Faculty Wives and Women Faculty, Current and Prospective Members,

It is very exciting time to begin the 36th year of the Organization of Faculty Wives & Women Faculty.

This year brings a time of transformation in many ways. There is no question that looming health care changes and economic pressures are upon us. Now, perhaps more relevant than ever before, is our group's mission to promote friendship and camaraderie, while benefiting the medical school and its students.

Scholarships generated over the years through our Doris Simon Fund have clearly helped many medical students advance and thrive in their quests toward medical excellence. That is our group's altruistic element. Yet, while striving toward our goals, we enjoy social interaction, educational enhancement, synergy, a unified sense of accomplishment, and friendship.

The Program Committee has planned a fabulous year of activities ahead, including art events, parties with spouses, behind-the-scene tours, an antique road show and more. You are invited to be a part of it all.

I look forward to greeting you at the Fall Coffee on September 26, 2009 and encourage you to join in and become an active member of the group.

Sincerely,
Vicki Rosenstein
President

How to become a member of the FWWF:

Please send your **name, address**, (include city and zip!), **telephone number, email address, your affiliation (your department)** in the Medical School and **the name and UT affiliation of your significant other** to our treasurer, **Sharon Faro, at 4203 Rice Blvd., Houston, 77005**. The dues are \$35 per year and checks should be made out to UTMSH-FWWF and send with your information. Or sign up at the Fall Coffee!

We send out the newsletters by email attachment. If you do NOT have an email address, or would prefer to have a "hard": copy sent by snail mail, let us know.

BOOK CLUB

BOOK: *I Know This Much is True*, by Wally Lamb

WHEN: Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 7:00 pm (**NOTE: This date is a day later than mentioned in the June newsletter**).

WHERE: at the home of Mary Stancel
5807 Rutherglenn Dr, Houston, 77096
RSVP to Mary at 713-729-5803 or
mlshouston@aol.com

The following list of books is what we have planned to read so far this year. The location of the meetings will be announced later. Meetings will be held on the second **Monday** of the month, beginning in October. We welcome new members! We are a fun, relaxed group and it is **not** necessary to have read the book.

October 12, 2009

Heart of Darkness, by Joseph Conrad
and *Catcher in the Rye*, by J.D. Salinger

November 9, 2009

The Attack, by Jasmina Khadra

December 2009 No book due to holidays

January 11, 2010

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle, by David
Wroblewski

February 8, 2010

Loving Frank, by Nancy Horan

Other books under consideration but not yet scheduled include:

44 Scotland Street, by Alexander McCall
Smith

The Sparrow, by Mary Doria Russell

The Prospector, by J.M.G. Le Clezio

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie
Barrows

White Tiger, by Aravind Adiga

Proposed Programs for 2009-2010

Saturday, September 26: Fall Coffee (see above for details)

Thursday-Sunday, October 15-18: International Quilt Festival—George R. Brown.

End of October/ beginning of November: FWWF Antiques Roadshow

Bring your treasures! Two or three professional appraisers will speak briefly on antiques and do a verbal appraisal. The \$10 fee will go into the Doris Simon Scholarship Fund.

Thursday, December 10, Art Wall Auction, Lunch, and Talk by Rabbi Sam Karff about the McGovern Center for Health, Humanities, and the Human Spirit. For more about the Art Wall, see later in this newsletter. All auction proceeds will now go to our Doris Simon Student Scholarship Fund.

End of January---Winetasting.

Spring- Buchanan's Nursery in the Heights.

They can arrange a talk on different topics, like roses, tropicals, and vegetable gardening. We may follow this with some plant shopping and lunch (optional).

April---Tour of the Ship Elyssa and Seaport Museum in Galveston.

May—Annual FWWF Luncheon

The UTMSH Art Wall committee wants to remind all family members of UTMSH faculty and staff that they are eligible to submit art work and photography for review for possible inclusion in an Art Wall exhibit on the medical school's Art Wall. We accept submissions in all media (except three-dimensional work, which is incompatible with the hanging mechanism). Exhibits rotate every three months and have been enthusiastically received by the medical school personnel. This is a wonderful way to humanize the school and to reveal unexpected aspects of the artists to their colleagues.

Any faculty/staff member or their family members can find the entry regulations and an entry form on the Art Wall's web site at www.uthoustonartwall.org. Click on "submit" to retrieve a printable entry form. Please note that we prefer electronic submissions if possible to expedite screening, but hard copies may be submitted to the Communications Dept. (MSB B.340) as well. The deadline for consideration for the Winter Exhibit is September 8, 2009. However, you can submit up to five images at any time for review for a future exhibit. Don't be concerned if you don't hear from us for awhile since submissions sometimes wait months to be exhibited.

Don't be shy!! This is a wonderful opportunity for amateur or professional artists to display their work and even enhance their potential for private sales. While university regulations prevent our brokering private sales for the artist, your biographical information provides a means for viewers to contact you if you wish.

Congratulations!

ATTENTION ARTISTS!!

Harriet and Stan Schultz are delighted to announce the arrival from China of their newly-adopted granddaughter, Keira. She's the daughter of their older son Jeff and his wife Carol and little sister to Kelly, 7 1/2, who has been eagerly awaiting her. They live in Palo Alto, CA.



Kelly and Kiera Schultz

Donna and Max Buja are the proud grandparents of Henry Louis Buja born in Dallas 7/27. 9.5 lbs. He is the 5th generation Louis Buja. All are doing well and Henry is keeping his parents busy.

If you have any good news, let us know about it! Email Julie Knobil at jhknobil@cs.com, or Mary Stancel at mlshouston@aol.com.

photo below. Back row, left to right: Gerlind Wolinsky, Vicki Rosenstein (President), Donna Buja, Sharon Faro, Anna Melnikov, Carol Murad, Julie Knobil, Andrea Walters. Front row, left to right: Harriet Schultz, Dana Davies, Becky Hunter, Susan Byrne.

Not present: Blanche Tyson, Rhonda Sen, Judy Fred, Joyce Ericsson, Leslie Zinsmeyer, Mary Stancel, Cathy Weisbrodt. ,



Would you like to know who your board members and committee people are? Check the