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MAY PROGRAM

WHAT: ANNUAL LUNCHEON

WHEN: Thursday, May 17, 2007 11:30 AM

**WHERE: TONY's
3755 Richmond Avenue**

You are cordially invited to the annual FWWF Spring Luncheon to celebrate the conclusion of yet another successful year! Your guests are most welcome to join us.

This year we are delighted to welcome Kim Anderson, Project Director, **Reach Out and Read—Texas**, Children's Learning Institute, The University of Texas Health Science Center- Houston. Reach Out and Read (ROR) is a national non-profit organization that promotes early literacy by giving new books to children in pediatric clinics and giving advice to parents about the importance of reading aloud to their children. The ROR program provides the tools to help promote children's developmental skills and later school success.

RSVP with your check for \$30.00 payable to UTFWWF. Mail to Blanche Tyson, 2921 Robinhood, Houston, TX 77005.

If you would like to contribute a book for a child from the ages of six months to 5 years, please bring a book to the luncheon.

Help a Student while Relaxing at Home

By now you have received your invitation to the "No Go Gala", the fun opportunity to contribute to the Doris Simon Fund from which your Organization of FWWF awards scholarships to deserving medical students. We hope that you had a good laugh reading the invitation and realized what a smart move it is to help a student rather than buying a ticket to "yet another" gala. So, put on your comfy clothes rather than a long dress, read a good book rather than hearing another speaker, eat your favorite snack food rather than chicken, and contribute to this important scholarship fund. Our medical students need and deserve our help.

Make your check out to UT Medical School at Houston Doris Simon Fund and mail to
UTMS-H Development Office
PO Box 20036
Houston, TX 77225

If you prefer to charge your donation to your credit card, have your card ready and call Keri Valdes at 713-500-5065.

If you can't remember what our hilarious No-Go Gala invitation looks like, Eric Rasch in communications has posted the invitation and reply card on the Faculty Wives web page of the UT Medical School website. See the URL at the beginning of this newsletter.

NEWS FLASH!

Many of you were at the dinner recently to celebrate 35 years for UT-Houston and to honor Jim and Nancy Willerson. But, if you weren't there, you will be pleased to know that the Doris Simon Fund received a gift of \$25,000 from the money raised for the dinner. As a way to honor the Willersons, the profits from the ticket purchases were used to fund scholarships for each of the six schools and, in honor of Nancy—and at Nancy's request—donated \$25,000 to our cause.

Surely with this big boost, we can encourage others to follow this example and make this year a milestone in our efforts to help outstanding students who choose to attend the University of Texas Medical School at Houston.

DORIS SIMON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

And while we are on the subject of our fundraising, we are pleased to announce the recipients of our medical school scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Loren Brown will be receiving the 4 year award of \$2,500 per year. She is from Meridian, TX.

Maisie Beversdorf and **John Sneed** will each be receiving a one-time \$1,000 scholarship award

BOOK CLUB—MAY

WHEN: Tuesday, May 8, 2007, 7:30 PM

WHERE: The home of Carol Murad
3324 Nottingham
Houston, 77005

RSVP: 713-664-3509

BOOK: *Kafka on the Shore*, by Haruki Murakami

In Murakami's dreamily cerebral novel, a 15 year-old boy calling himself Kafka Tamura runs away from home and his father's Oedipal prophecy: Kafka, he insists, will kill his father and sleep with his mother and sister, both of whom vanished when the boy was 4. Kafka relates his adventures in chapters that alternate with another story.

We will be choosing some books for the following year, so please bring your ideas with you.

BOOK CLUB—JUNE

WHEN: Tuesday, June 12, 2007

WHERE: At the home of Carol Milam
11927 Arbordale
Houston, 77024

RSVP: 713-465-5759

BOOK: *The Year of Magical Thinking*, by Joan Didion

From one of America's iconic writers, a stunning book of electric honesty and passion. Joan Didion explores an intensely personal yet universal experience: a portrait of a marriage—and a life, in good times and bad—that will speak to anyone who has ever loved a husband or wife or child.

UTMSH ART WALL SUMMER EXHIBIT

A new exhibit featuring four artists will open in the Medical School on May 2 and run through August 15. There will be a "Meet the Artists" reception on Friday, May 11, from 12 to 12:30. One of the features is a collection of photographs taken by Jeff Schultz, son of Dean Stanley Schultz, of the family's recent trip to Thailand where Dr. Schultz received the Prince Mahidol Award in Medicine from the King of Thailand for his seminal work in working out the scientific basis of the oral rehydration therapy which has profoundly simplified and improved the treatment of diarrheal diseases such as cholera. Jeff and his family will be there at the artists' reception.

At 12:30, following the reception, Dr. Schultz will present a talk in the Fifth Floor Lounge of the Medical School. The title of the talk is "*From the Broad Street Pump to Oral Rehydration Therapy*" and is intended for general audiences.

MEMBERSHIP

We have another new member—Susan Wright. Please add her name to your list.

Lynne Arnett has a new address and phone number.

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Breaking news – just came in as the newsletter was going to press.....

A letter from our President

April 26, 2007

Dear Friends:

I have some news I want to share with you. Gwin (Brenda's husband) has announced that he is retiring from UT-Houston effective May 18. We have sold our house and bought a house in the Dallas area and look forward to being closer to our boys and their families.. Our last day in Houston is May 18.

We have both loved Houston and UT-Houston. I can't tell you how much I have grown by just knowing each of you. From the very first coffee when I felt welcomed into this new community to the upcoming Spring Luncheon on May 17, it has been a joy to be part of such an intelligent and diverse group of women. I admire and respect each of you for your individuality, your humor and your commitment to UTFWWF. To those on the UTFWWF board this year, thank you for your support. My schedule has been hectic and we've done many things by email, but you have always been there in support and in leadership. Thank you.

To those with whom I have served on the Board in years past, thank YOU for your leadership and for building a foundation on which I could build.

Warmest regards,

Brenda Morris, President