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SPRING LUNCHEON

**When: Thursday, May 8, 2008
11:30 am-1 pm**

**Where: Tony's
3755 Richmond Ave
(Greenway Plaza Area)**

You have probably already received your "e-vite" to this annual festivity! But if you haven't and you would like to join the group, please call Cathy Weisbrodt (281-565-0641) or Blanche Tyson (713-432-7598) or Andrea Walters (713-723-8835) by May 2. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Checks should be made out to UTMS-FWWF and mailed to Blanche Tyson at 2921 Robinhood, Houston 77005.

Our featured speaker for this event is Peter J.A. Davies, MD, PhD. The title of his talk is

**"When the Center of the Universe Shifts –
Biomedical Research in the 21st Century".**

Also joining us will be members of the Medical School's Advisory Council. These are distinguished community leaders who serve as our ambassadors to raise awareness of the many programs of excellence at UT Medical School. They also provide insight and guidance for identifying potential contributors to our educational, medical research and clinical programs. This will be an opportunity for us to meet them and for them to become acquainted with FWWF and the work we do.

We have also invited staff members from the school who have assisted us in our efforts this year and many years prior. You've been meeting some of them in our new newsletter column called "Introducing....." Pat Caver is featured this month. Read on!

The Organization of Faculty Wives and Women Faculty is pleased to announce the elected officers for the upcoming 2008-2009 year. They are:

Donna Buja, President
Vickie Rosenstein, Vice-President and Program Chairman
Dana Davies, Secretary
Sharon Faro, Treasurer

We congratulate them all and expect to have a banner year!

MAY BOOK CLUB

WHEN: Tuesday, May 13. 2008 7PM

WHERE: at the home of Judy Fred
9226 Marlive
Houston 77025

RSVP: to Judy, 713-661-9430 or
jfred69@comcast.net

BOOK: *The Road*, by Cormac McCarthy

In a barren, ashen landscape that was once the United States of America, a weary man and his young son are traveling south in search of the ocean. They scavenge for food and shelter, and they must constantly avoid marauding bands of fellow survivors who would prey on them. The one thing that sustains them on their way is their ferocious love for each other. *The Road* is the story of their heartbreaking journey.

Report on the visit to the Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts:

Native American beaded tapestries, blown glass, handmade furniture, silver tea sets, and

exotic jewelry were among the many items, old and new, investigated by members of our group visiting the Center on Saturday, April 12th. A working potter, who held one of six residencies at the Center last year, guided the members through "**Craft in America: Expanding Traditions**", which continues through May 4th.

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If you are interested in the Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts, here is some information you should know about.

If you go on Saturday, May 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 pm (4848 Main St. or the Lawndale Art Center, 4912 Main St.) you can be a part of the "**Empty Bowls 2008**" benefit. This worthy cause is being sponsored by Whole Foods and will benefit the Houston Food Bank. For a \$25 donation you will receive a simple lunch and a one-of-a-kind bowl handcrafted by Houston ceramists and craft artists.

For tickets and more info, go to www.emptybowlshouston.org. Their flyer says that the ticket purchase fills 100 bowls for the hungry.

By now you should have received our letter about this year's fundraising drive for the Doris Simon Scholarship Fund. By contributing you will help the School continue to attract excellent students, who want to come to UT Medical School at Houston for the high quality of its education and faculty. But our School lags behind many others in available scholarships, and students are sometimes lured to other institutions by larger financial incentives. Your donation will help!

Checks can be made out to the Doris Simon Student Scholarship Fund and sent to The University of Texas Medical School at Houston, 6431 Fannin, JIL 450, Houston 77030 or use the enclosed envelope.

Remember that you can always send a donation in honor or memory of someone; just request it and include the names and addresses of the person it is to go to and also the person sending it.

We want to thank Jacquelyn Callies and Claire

Lindsay of the Development Office and Jennifer Bailey, a graphics designer in the Office of Institutional Advancement, for their tremendous assistance and financial support in the design, production, and mailing of these letters, and to our own Andrea Walters, Chair of our Ways and Means Committee, for her work on the flyer. Harriet Schultz, FWWF President

Introducing..... Pat Caver!

Pat was born in Washington, D.C., grew up in Richmond, Virginia and graduated from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Virginia, where she majored in French. She earned a masters degree in French from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and then taught French at colleges in Ohio and North Carolina. She moved to Houston in 1974 with her husband, William Gilbert, who accepted a job in public affairs with an oil company. In 1975 a friend recommended her for an opening at the Medical School in the Department of Reproductive Medicine and Biology that later merged with the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Pat joined the Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy in 1978.

Associate Dean for Student Affairs Richard DeVaul recruited her to the Dean's office in 1980. She has been working under Margaret McNeese, M.D., now Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs, since 1984. Taking classes part-time over a period of five years, she completed a Masters in Public Health in 2000, which she describes as challenging and fun.

Pat's primary interaction with the OFWWF has been in the area of fundraising and scholarships. When Betty Murphy's duties shifted to admissions and recruitment, Pat acquired scholarships and financial aid as part of her responsibilities. She worked with a number of the Organization's leaders, including the late Doris Simon, to develop strategies and craft solicitation letters to raise funds to provide scholarships for students and to select scholarship recipients for the available funds.

Money raised from the cookbook took the Organization to a whole new level. She helped market the cookbook to medical student parents at events such as the White Coat Ceremony and graduation.

In the early days of the medical school, there were even fewer sources of scholarship funds for students than now, and at this juncture we still lag significantly behind the other UT medical schools in the amount of scholarship assistance we can offer our students. This particularly affects our ability to recruit the most sought-after applicants in the pool we share with Galveston, Dallas, and San Antonio. The OFWWF was one of the first medical school organizations to realize the importance of scholarships and has been a steady source of support for our students.

In her free time, Pat is active at her church and volunteers in the community. She and William, now on the English faculty at the University of Houston-Downtown, have a 26-year-old son, Alex, a graduate of the University of Houston. She is devoted to her long-standing reading group and enjoys travel. "We take advantage as much as we can of Houston's cultural events, particularly music, theater, and dance. We feel very lucky to have landed in Houston and plan to stay after we retire."