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## Report on our Fall Coffee Event and a Letter from our President

Dear friends,

The Fall Coffee kick off on September 26<sup>th</sup> was a big success. It was so nice to meet and greet several members of our organization and to see many new faces. The goodies were delicious, the conversation, engaging, and the venue, most welcoming. Every year the Coffee seems to appear magically, with all the parts in place, but, of course, it all comes together due to a hardworking group. A hearty thanks to Anna Melnikov, Social Chair, for opening her home (pictured above) to us and for providing the lovely custom soap party favors for everyone. Some of you asked where the interesting soaps came from! For those wishing to purchase additional soaps with customized messages, please visit [www.SoapSaysIt.com](http://www.SoapSaysIt.com).

Sincerely, *Vicki Rosenstein*

Comment from the editors: The picture above, of Anne Ribble and Emily Steiner, was chosen because first, they are faithful FWWF members, and second, because it displays the genius of Cathy Weisbrodt, our historian, who put together a DVD (check the big screen TV) which displayed pictures taken at our various programs over the years. It was riveting to see what we were doing, and where, and see old friends! More pictures later on.

## FWWF PROGRAMS

**WHEN: Thursday, October 15:**

**WHAT: International Quilt Festival**

**WHERE: G. R. Brown Convention Center.**

Judy Fred will coordinate car pools and lunch. RSVP to her at 713-661-9430 or [jfred69@att.net](mailto:jfred69@att.net). We will meet at 10 a.m. at the Brown.

**WHEN: Tuesday, November 10 at 1 p.m.:**

**WHAT: FWWF Antiques Roadshow!!!**

**WHERE: At the home of Carol Murad**

3324 Nottingham  
Houston, TX 77005

**RSVP:** 713-664-3509 or [cleomurad@peoplepc.com](mailto:cleomurad@peoplepc.com)  
Bring your treasures! Two or three professional appraisers will speak briefly about their work and give you an informal verbal appraisal. The \$10 fee per appraisal will go to our Doris Simon Student Scholarship Fund.

**WHEN: Thursday, December 10:**

**WHAT: Art Wall Auction, (11:45-12:30)  
followed by Lunch and Talk by Rabbi Sam Karff (12:30-1:30)**

**RSVP:** [htschultz@msn.com](mailto:htschultz@msn.com) or 713-729-7660  
Auction will be at Art Wall (ground floor of Medical School Bldg, outside Dean's office). Lunch in Dean's conference room. All auction proceeds will now go to our Doris Simon Fund.

## SAVE THE DATE

January 30, 2010

Third Annual Winetasting! Watch for details.

## Other programs of interest

There are 2 events coming up sponsored by groups of people in the community with the help of the UT-H Development Office. A number of you expressed interest in attending.

On the evening of October 14, there is a cocktail dinner at the River Oaks Country Club which is an evening with the Dean. If you want to attend, contact Jet Phillips in the Development Office at 713-500-3543 ([Gevetta.W.Phillips@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Gevetta.W.Phillips@uth.tmc.edu)) and let her know that you are a member of the FWWF Organization.

On Tuesday, October 20, there is a box lunch and lecture on health care reform by Dr. Guy Clifton at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church sponsored by The Friends of UT-H. It begins at 11:30 and cost \$25 per person. If you want to attend with or without guests, call Melinda Carter in the Development Office at 7130500-3547. Tell her you are part of the FWWF organization. Checks should be made out to Friends of UT-H Medical School and mailed to Melinda Carter. She'll give you the address.

Email me if you have questions. Hope to see you at both events!

Blanche Tyson 713-432-7598, [jontyson@aol.com](mailto:jontyson@aol.com)

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You are NOT an FWWF member yet?

Our membership drive for 2009-2010 is now in full swing. We invite you to be part of the fun and support that encompasses the Faculty Wives/Women Faculty Organization. A full year of programs, camaraderie and events awaits. We extend heartfelt thanks to the following women for their membership dues. If perchance your name is not on this list yet, please send your \$35 dues payable to UT FWWF to Treasurer Sharon Faro, 4305 Rice Ave., Houston 77005. Today would be a perfect time! Thank you. We look forward to seeing you soon.  
Becky Hunter, Membership Chair

Current members (to September 26, 2009)

Arnett,Lynne;	Murad,Carol
Arnold,Mary	O'Malley,Sally
Brown,Dot	Ribble,Anne
Brown,Neshia	Rosenstein,Vicki
Buja,Donna	Ross,Irene
Byrne,Susan	Ross,Pinky
Castriotta,Laura	Schultz,Harriet
Denicourt,Catherine	Sen,Rhonda
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Faro,Sharon	Tyson,Blanche
Fred,Judy	Weerasingha,Priya
Gebru,Hiwot	Weisbrodt,Cathy
Gorenstein,Debbie	Willerson,Nancy
Hamilton,Carolyn	Wright,Susan
Hunter,Becky	
Ivey,Bobbie	
Knobil,Julie	
McLaughlin,Anne	
Melnikov,Anna	
Milam,Carol	
Moore,Alice	

## The Doris Simon Student Fund

Many of you do not know why our scholarship fund is named in memory of Doris Simon. Who was she and why is she so important to our organization?

Doris Simon came to Houston with her husband Frank and daughters Lisa, Susan and Patti in June of 1973. She was a member of the UT FWWF from its inception in 1973, and served as the program chairman in 1987-1988 and as its president in 1979-1980. She spearheaded the formation of the FWWF Scholarship Fund and was a driving force behind many of the fundraising activities that started the fund. She managed these activities while undergoing treatment for breast cancer which was diagnosed in 1980, and after a tough fight, succumbed on July 7, 1988.

Doris was active in many other venues besides the FWWF. When her youngest daughter entered school, she worked at Elrod Elementary School, serving as clerk, then as nurse there until the spring of 1988. She was passionate about education and books, especially children's books. Her love of books made such an impression on the students and teachers that a special reading center was dedicated to her in the fall of 1991 and her portrait hangs on the wall there, with the benches, books and rocking chairs where the students can sit and read their favorite books.

Doris loved life and always remained fun and optimistic in spite of the adversities her illness inflicted. When chemotherapy resulted in loss of her hair, she turned to wearing bright and colorful hats. She always had a mega-watt smile. The Student Fund is named for Doris Simon because of her outstanding work for the FWWF, and because of her deep commitment to education and health care.

This biographical sketch is excerpted from an article written in 1993 by Susan Byrne.

**Event:** Exhibit of Works in Collage at Galeria Regina, 1716 Richmond Ave, Houston, TX 77098. There will be a reception on Saturday, October 24, from 5-8 PM. The exhibit runs from October 124 through December 5. The Galeria is open Thursdays through Saturdays, 1-5 PM. 50% of all sales from the second floor gallery will be donated to the charity of your choice.

Dr. Verani is a member of the FWWF, an accomplished artist, and a benefactor of the Art Wall exhibit in the UT Medical School lobby.

## October Book Club

### Monday October 12, 2009 at 7 PM

**Where:** At the home of Judy Fred  
9226 Marline  
Houston, 77025.

**RSVP:** [jfred69@att.net](mailto:jfred69@att.net) or 713-661-9430

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

This is our chance to review two classic books (both short) which you may have read before.

### More photos from the Fall Coffee.



Harriet Schultz of the Program Committee (holding the script) outlines the programs for 2009-2010.



President Vicki Rosenstein (left) and hostess Anna Melnikov.



Kathryn Grotta and Nina Tatevian



Dr. Nina Tatevian signing in with Becky Hunter.



President Rosenstein (at fireplace) addressing the group at the Fall Coffee.



Judy Fred, Nancy Willerson, Carol Milam, and Carol Murad (foreground)



Emily Steiner and Donna Buja. Cannot identify the person in the background.