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## REPORT on the ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The annual luncheon was held at the Briar Club on Thursday, May 6, 2010, and the theme was two-fold. Texas Medical School at Houston: (1) Image Development Locally and (2) the Global Presence in Haiti.

First: our President, Dr. Larry Kaiser, gave a talk on the new image of the UT Health Sciences Center. Our institution has suffered from a lack of identity; many people locally think that we are the same as the "Medical Branch", the common name for the UT medical center in Galveston, or that the UT Health Science Center is in Dallas! A recognizable "brand" and new logo were deemed necessary, and henceforward, we are to be known as UTHealth - Academic Health Center at Houston. And we have a new logo which represents all the schools in the Center. We will give you more information on these changes as it becomes available.

Second: Dr. Milan Sen, of the Department of Orthopedics then gave us a fascinating talk on how a 28-member multidisciplinary orthopedic team of physicians, nurses, technicians and therapists went to the Hôpital Sacre Coeur in Milot, Haiti to render aid to the victims of the devastating earthquake of January 12. This 73-bed hospital is located about 70 miles north of the earthquake epicenter (near Port au Prince) and is regarded as the finest hospital in Haiti. Severely injured patients were sent there by helicopter. While the hospital's reputation is fine, in actuality the conditions were incredibly primitive, the overcrowding intense as the hospital census grew to 400 patients, and the logistics of finding even the most rudimentary surgical tools were nearly impossible. Yet they, and the staff, and the townspeople, worked hard and long. One of the most pressing problems was the lack of sanitation. The result was that as little invasive surgery was done as possible, due to the large problem of infections which would often result in the necessity for amputations later on because of these infections. After an intense week of medical and surgical work, the team came home

largely shoeless (!) as the local helpers there admired the shoes the team was wearing, and so the shoes were donated. This observation resulted in the FWWF luncheon guests being asked to bring shoes to donate to Haiti (see photo) and these are being sent to the hospital courtesy of the same kind donor who financed the medical/surgical trip.

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**Save the Date: Saturday, September 25, 2010. This is the date of our annual Fall Coffee which will be held at the home of Blanche Tyson from 10:00 am to noon. Details and invitations will follow at a later date!**

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### **Report on the Year's fundraising for the Doris Simon Student Fund**

This year, the "No Go Gala", our favorite non-event, raised \$6375.00 for the fund. The recipients of the 2010-2011 Doris Simon Scholarship Fund have recently been announced. Loren Brown is receiving the 4<sup>th</sup> and final year of her \$2500.00 per year scholarship. John Pham, an incoming 1<sup>st</sup> year medical student, will receive a one-time award of \$4000.00.

### **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

Selections for part of the upcoming academic year 2010-2011 were made at Carol Milam's house at the May meeting. The next meeting will be in September and as usual, we have picked a classic to keep us busy during the hot summer.

**Book:** *Crime and Punishment*, by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

**Where:** at the home of Blanche Tyson  
2921 Robinhood, Houston 77005  
RSVP: 713-432-7598

**When:** Monday, September 13, 2010, 7 PM

### **Upcoming books:**

October 11 *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson

November 8: *Half Broke Horses*, by Jeanette Walls

January 10: *Cutting for Stone*, by Abraham Verghese

(We will choose the books for the remainder of the year in the fall and the venues will be announced in the next newsletter.)

Other books that were recommended include:

*Outliers*, by Malcolm Gladwell

*The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett

*The Big Short*, by Michael Lewis

*Lacuna*, by Barbara Kingsolver

*Omnivore's Dilemma*, by Michael Pollan

*Amigoland*, by Oscar Casares

*Year of Wonders*, by Geraldine Brooks

*Let the Great World Spin*, by Colum McCann

*The Women*, by T.C. Boyle

*The 19th Wife*, by David Ebershoff

This is the very last newsletter for the academic year 2009-2010. If there is special breaking news, we will send it out as an addendum.

Please remember to mark down September 25 (Saturday, 10 am –noon) on your calendars for the opening coffee of the academic year 2010-2011.

Some pictures from the luncheon:



Rhonda and Dr. Milan Sen holding some of the many shoes bound for Haiti (see later photo)..



Sharon Faro, President Vicki Rosenstein and Julie Knobil examining a copy of the newsletter.



Are you in this luncheon picture?



President Vicki Rosenstein with gift from grateful board.



Harriet and Stanley Schultz, MD



Becky Hunter and Cathy Weisbrodt (who was the major engineer of the luncheon!).



Gerlind Wolinsky and Donna Buja



Neshia Brown, Becky Hunter, Gerlind Wolinsky and Donna Buja



Dana Davies with speaker Milan Sen, MD



And look at all the shoes contributed by the luncheon guests! Rhonda Sen sent this picture to the newsletter just before packing them all up to send to Haiti.