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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to a busy MFA kind of year. We have a lot of things to do and ideas to contemplate and I personally am looking forward to it all.

To start our year, we are going to have a welcome brunch on September 15th in the home of Pat Livingstone (which is in Ye Little Wood here in Coconut Grove and which as I understand, happens to be the first established subdivision in the County of Dade). The area is beautiful, the home is very roomy and Valerie Ricordi will make sure the occasion is worthy of attending.

At the brunch, make sure you sign up for some committee work. We will have sign-up sheets on a table and there are many committees that have activities that can inspire and make you perspire but hopefully you will have fun working with others in areas that interest you.

Our second big event is the Pot Luck dinner on October 23rd that is being organized by Linda Eton. It will be held at the home of Dr. Edward and Frances Reid who live on one of my personal favorite streets, Alhambra Circle in Coral Gables. I am already thinking of what I am going to cook for that event.

We have money in the budget for a beautification project which has been designated for a mosaic mural (size to be determined when we know which wall in the Rosenstiel building we will get) I am working with Debra Durant about space. The consensus is that we are going to do the mural sometime in the fall to early winter, with a time table of October/November and January for wrap-up.

The Holiday Luncheon is going to be on December 8th at the home of Susana Raij. I am personally looking forward to this because I like to bid on holiday packages and have never been disappointed with a surprise in a beautifully wrapped box.

After the first of the year, we will begin our final push to the Gala. This year we are calling it the Endowment Fund Gala so that we can build on the fundraising momentum we have gained for the past 2 years. Ilien Hechtman, Lynda Gordon, Patricia Scerpella and Meredith Olivaria are Co-Chairs and this promises to be another good year.

Remember that all funds raised at the



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TREASURER'S REPORT

During the month of July, MFA Board members met to work on the new budget for the upcoming year. Below is the Operating Budget for 2004-2005 submitted by Lisa Hu Barquist, Treasurer.

Budget items:

1. Welcome Brunch	\$700
2. Holiday Luncheon	\$500
3. Newsletter	\$1000
4. Historian	\$100
5. Yearbook	\$600
6. Projects	\$800
7. Officer Expenses	\$200
8. Corresponding Sec	\$100
9. Hospitality	\$250
10. May Luncheon	\$500
11. Condolences, misc.	\$150
12. Endowment Committee	\$100

Total **\$5,000**

Balance in UM Account:

A check was issued for \$10,000.00 to the MFA Margaret Whelan Graduate Student Scholarship Fund

A check for \$3,000.00 has been issued to the UM School of Nursing

\$1,500.00 will be held until September for the Graduate Student Awards at the Fall Brunch

Balance of \$39,000 will be issued to the MFA Medical Student Endowment Fund in the near future.

With the \$5,111.86 and dues of \$3,280.00 we will have a total of \$8,391.86 in our operating fund at Bank of America.

MFA GOES BACK TO SCHOOL FOR A MURAL

A special projects meeting was held in June at the home of Nadia Maudsley. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss another beautification project that could be done by MFA members interested in working on a special art piece. Linda Eton proposed working on a ceramic mosaic wall mural and everyone liked the idea.

We have been working with Debra Durant at the Medical School to acquire all the permissions we need to do the project. We got a go ahead from Dean Clarkson. Dr. Mark O'Connell has given us some options for some very visible walls and hopefully we will nail down all the details by the next board meeting. If you are interested in helping preplan the mural, give Nadia a call at 305 854-2527. She loves company.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONTINUED — Gala help build our respective scholarship, endowment and awards programs. This year, we were able to award \$6,400 each to two worthy, hard working medical students who met the criteria of being in the top fifty percentile entering their Junior or Sophomore class and demonstrating financial need. We also were able to increase the number of Nursing School recipients to three, each award \$1,000. We also gave three competitive Best Research Awards for a total of \$1,500. \$4000 was given to the Graduate Student Loan Fund and \$6,000 was given to the Margaret Whelan Graduate Student Scholarship Fund to financed competitive travel awards.

All this and you ask what else can MFA do? Check out the schedule on page 6 of this newsletter. You will find details of the Board Meeting and General Meeting Schedules. Mark your calendars and pencil in time for your MFA events! I am "so excited" about the year that I feel like a Pointer Sisters' song!

Respectfully always! —Nadia



SPRING LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS

More than 70 members of MFA and guests came together at the Ritz Carlton on May 26, to celebrate the successes of the



MFA's 50th anniversary year, and to welcome the new 2004-2005 Board and install Nadia Maudsley as President.

Beautifully orchestrated by Patty Scerpella and Ilien Hechtman, the event began with a reception in the hotel lobby, followed by an elegant lunch in the salon, which was resplendent with yellow rose centerpieces and gold ribbons, reminiscent of this year's golden anniversary theme.



Patty Scerpella opened the program by introducing outgoing 2003-2004 President and longtime MFA member Any Muench. Any welcomed special

guests Debra Durant from the Medical School Community Relations office and Patricia Maxwell from the Development Office.

Any stated that efforts by all combined to make this an outstanding year for the organization. Membership increased 25% from 107 members in June, 2003 to 134 members by May, 2004. The Golden Anniversary Gala at the Biltmore on March 19, netted over \$54,000 — more than any other single fundraiser in MFA history. The year's other events, the Fall Champagne Brunch at the Ricordi's attended by

65, the Freshman Welcome Dinner for 150 students at the Muenches, the Pot-Luck Dinner at the bayside home of



Bowkers for 40, the Holiday Lunch and Chinese Auction at the Elsas' and the launch of the *Mrs. Doctor* project and Let's Look Back project, all combined to make the 50th year of MFA one of the best MFA has ever had.

In keeping with our anniversary them, Kristin Podack, past two-term MFA President, 2003-2004 corresponding secretary and current chair of the Endowment Committee, paid a



moving tribute to members who have served the Medical Faculty Association with excep-



tional dedication for 35 years or more. (see separate article). It was particularly moving to have Edith Reiss present at the luncheon. She served as MFA's first president 50 years ago. Each of

these members received an amber crystal to commemorate our golden anniversary.

After many months of research and study, Eileen Hoffman and co-historian Nicole Scagnelli premiered their interesting historical review of the MFA which featuring photos of MFA past members and events. The presentation featured photos from Calder Library archives and members personal collections which captured the highlights of the organization.

Nettie Belle Robinson presented Gala Committee members with paintings she created to commemorate each person's contribution.



Dr. Henry King Stanford, President Emeritus of the University of Miami and long time MFA champion then took the podium to thank MFA for including him and shared memories of the adventurous and lov-



SPRING LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

ing spirit of his late wife, Ruth.

After an elegant lunch of beef tenderloin salad and key lime crème brulee, Ilien Hechtman and Any Muench proceeded with the installation of the new officers. Each new board member was presented each with a small and witty reminder of the task she has ahead.

Finally, Nadia Maudsley was “crowned” queen of the hour and MFA President for 2004-2005. Nadia moved to Miami from San Francisco two years ago with her husband Andrew Maudsley who is head of the MRI Research Lab in the Department of Radiology. A former Manufacturing Director for *PC World*, Nadia has



now established herself as an award-winning artist and runs a business called “Garden Mosaics”. Nadia was one of the creative forces behind the benches MFA created for the medical school upon their 50th anniversary.

Nadia recalled how Chris Quencer invited her to her first MFA event where she met many people in the room, especially Nettie Belle, who has become a pivotal person in her life, as a friend and also as a fellow artist. Her ex-

perience epitomizes the fellowship MFA seeks to promote. Nadia’s great sense of humor, talented business acumen, Californian ease and Southern warmth (she is a Louisiana native) will serve MFA well as we head into our next 50 years of service.



The luncheon concluded with door prizes collected by Lynda Gordon and Ilene Hechtman. Grand prizes were won by Dr. Stanford—dinner at the Grove Isle restaurant Baleen—and Nicole Scagnelli who won a hand knit purse by Ilien Hechtman.

Ilien was also responsible for the invitations, the program, and making sure everyone who attended got a monogrammed pen and an MFA chocolate. Ilien’s witty remarks were a lovely end to a wonderful year. Thank you all who attended and all members who worked very hard to make the luncheon a memorable occasion.



FALL WELCOME BRUNCH

SEPTEMBER 15, 2004

Pat and Alan Livingstone have graciously agreed to host this year’s Fall Champagne Brunch at their stunning new home in the historic and verdant enclave Ye Little Wood, in Coconut Grove. The menu has a Greek theme. We will be awarding two academic achievement awards and we will be voting on the

2004-2005 budget.

If you know someone who might be a potential member or is a newcomer to the medical campus that you would like to invite to the brunch, please contact Any Muench, head of the membership committee at (305)856-8308 or email AnyMuench@aol.com.



HONORARY MEMBER TRIBUTE

EXCERPTS FROM PRESENTATION AT MAY LUNCHEON SUBMITTED BY KRISTIN PODACK

The 50th Anniversary May Luncheon afforded us a chance to honor some of our members who have brought us to the close of our 50th year. Our attempt was to acknowledge those honorary members who have been exceptionally dedicated and have given consistently of themselves for thirty-five years or more.

Our founding member, Mrs. Edith Parker Reiss, was foremost in our thoughts as we reflected on the history of our organization. It is to Edith that we owe our beginning. The idea for a medical school and for the informal greeting committee which became the Medical Faculty Wives was discussed around her dining room table at the Biltmore Casa Loma Apartments where she came to live with her husband following their highly decorated service in World War II. After 50 continuous years, her contribution to the MFA remains brilliant and vibrant. We are grateful to Jean Jannach and Margaret Howell for their continuous kind and gentle service to the MFA. Nettie Belle Robinson delights us still with the heliconias, the orchids, the tropical Florida that are displayed on the cover of our fellowship. We were enchanted again by her individual works of art which she created for the May Luncheon to thank the members of the Executive Board. Mine was an artistic rendition of thank you in ten languages which inspires me to finish my task and to apologize for the handful of letters that will come long after the Gala. (You may receive one yet and I

hope you will forgive me the time it will have taken.) I treasure Nettie Belle's gift.

Dr. Henry King Stanford traveled from Georgia to be at the 50th luncheon. Ruth Stanford is remembered as a most gracious hostess who shared the President's home with the MFA on many occasions. Dr. Stanford charmed us once again with thoughts about Ruth and the poetry she brought to their lives. We were honored by the presence of Dr. Bill Whelan whose wife Margaret will remain a legend to us. Even those of us who know her only through others will permanently celebrate her specialness. We extended our thanks to Sallye Jude for her continuous generosity to the MFA amidst her multifaceted contributions to benefit our lives in South Florida. We also acknowledged the extraordinary contributions of Mary Frances Irvin, Eileen Hoffman and

Martha Halbert whose consistent efforts and dedication are the reason the Medical Faculty Association is here to celebrate its 50th year.

We think fondly of many members who could not be with us on this specific Wednesday in May but who have been dedicated to our organization in an exemplary way. We extend our gratitude to Cicely Zeppa, Sandra Robertson, Peggy Sussex, Toni Avery, Dorothy Malinin and Vee McKenzie. Indeed, we thank all our members for the countless efforts you have made throughout the years to honor the mission of The Medical Faculty Association.

MEDICAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The MFA Endowment Committee has selected two scholarship recipients from a pool of 17 applicants. The \$6,400. each receives will be credited towards their tuition for the 2004-2005 school year. The students, one a sophomore and the other a junior, were selected for their resourcefulness, self-reliance and sacrifice they are making in order to afford their education, while still managing to be ranked in the top third of their class. All of the applicants demonstrated tremendous determination and integrity, making selection very difficult for the committee. Learning about the lives of these students served to reaffirm the mission of MFA Medical Student Endowment in supporting them using our newly established criteria. We can only work harder to raise funds to be able to help more deserving students every year.



2004-2005 CALENDAR

Board Meeting August 25 2004

Home of Dr. Camillo and Valerie Ricordi

10:00 a.m.

Welcome Brunch September 15, 2004

Home of Dr. Alan and Pat Livingstone

11:00 a.m.

Board Meeting September 29 2004

Home of Thomas and Linda Fitzpatrick

10:00 a.m.

Pot Luck Dinner November 6, 2004

Home of Dr. Edward and Frances Reid

7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting November 17, 2004

Home of Dr. Michael and Lynda Gordon

10:00 a.m.

Holiday Lunch & Chinese Auction Dec. 8, 2004

Home of Dr. Leopoldo & Susana Raij

11:00 a.m.

Board Meeting January 26, 2005

Home of Dr. Andrew and Nadia Maudsley

10:00 a.m.

Board Meeting February 23, 2005

Home of Dr. David and Isabelle Andrews

10:00 a.m.

Endowment Gala April 2, 2005

Ritz Carlton, Coconut Grove

7:00 p.m.

General Meeting April 27, 2005

Home of Camillo and Valerie Ricordi

10:00 a.m.

May Installation Luncheon May 25, 2005

Ritz Carlton, Coconut Grove

11:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS

Doris McLeod, MD RETURNING MEMBER

(Allan McLeod, MD/OB-GYN) 305-858-2339

Tracie Miller, MD/ Pediatrics 305-667-5847

(Steven Lipschultz, MD/Chairman of Pediatrics)

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(John Uribe/Orthopedics)

juribe@bellsouth.net

Patricia Sandberg 305-446-2784

(Douglas Sandberg/Pediatrics-retired)

Pat Tzakis, MD 305-854-6339

GALA KICKOFF

October 20, 2004 at 11 am

Luncheon with a Pampered Chef presentation
and cooking demonstrations by

Tracey Zack Johnson and Chef Wes Dallas.

It will be at Ilien Hechtman's home

13821 SW 97th Avenue. RSVP to Ilien:

786-242-4294 or ilienh@aol.com

DUES WERE DUE

Dues were due in May. Most of you have
already paid but if you need to:

Please send **\$40** to:

Any Muench

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AUGUST BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2003

10:00AM, coffee, 10:30 meeting

Home of Valerie and Camillo Ricordi

3734 Matheheson Avenue

Coconut Grove, FL

(off Ingrahm Highway)

Nancy Elsas will be calling and emailing to
collect rsvps.