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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The month of October was a real month of change in the world of the MFA. The weather has cooled down. We had a board meeting on September 29th and voted on a change in our By-laws sponsored by Eileen Hoffman. The change will affect only the name of the Gifts and Awards Committee to the Endowment, Gifts and Awards Committee. The change will be published in this newsletter for your consideration and you will be able to vote on that most important change at the next general meeting which is the Holiday luncheon. I promise it will only take minute or two so you won't have to worry about not having enough time for the auction which is my favorite event for that day.

We had a great Pot Luck Dinner at the home of Dr. Edward and Francis Reid even though it did rain. A million thanks to the Reids for their flexibility on the weather issue and allowing us to use their beautiful home. Linda Eton did a great job of coordinating the menu and the food was absolutely wonderful. As usual, the conversations were diverse and plentiful. It is so much fun to see our membership and their spouses in an informal and relaxed setting.

I am sad to inform all of you of the passing of Martha Halbert's dear husband, Si. He passed away on November 4th in the afternoon. True to his personality and life, he passed away while working on his computer. There was an obituary in the Miami Herald on Friday, November 12th and a article about him again in the Herald on Saturday, November 13th. Martha held a beautiful wake for him on Sunday the 14th. Martha has asked that any memorial donations be made to the Margaret Whelan Graduate Student Scholarship fund.

In more member news, we were very sad to hear that Meredith Olavarria lost her dear grandmother and Nettie Belle Robinson had some emergency abdominal surgery. Rest assured that Nettie Belle is recovering well. Dr. William Whelan celebrated his 80th birthday.

Coming up next is our third big event of the year, the MFA Holiday Luncheon and Chinese Auction at the home of Drs. Susana and Leopoldo Rajj. Please mark your calendars for December 8th at 11 and buy a nifty gift valued at \$25 or over and cleverly wrap the package for the Auction.

I love this time of year—The mosquitoes are gone!—Nadia.

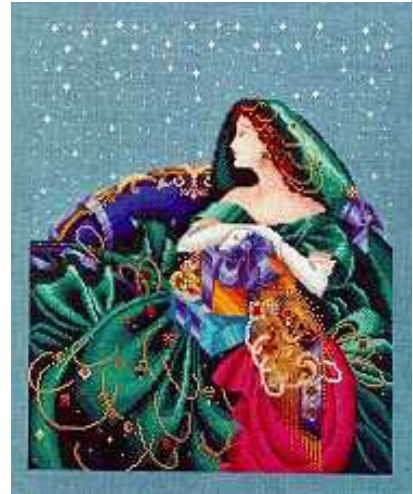




# **MFA HOLIDAY LUNCH & CHINESE AUCTION**

**Wednesday, December 8  
11:00 am**

At the home of  
Drs. Leopoldo and Susana Raij  
3806 Solana Road  
Coconut Grove



Please join us for an Argentine brunch and holiday merriment as we raise funds for MFA. Members are asked to bring a festively wrapped gift of \$25 and up value to be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

No invitation will be mailed. RSVP by phone to Susana Raij at (305)446-8351 or by email to Valerie Ricordi at ricordi@hotmail.com.

Solana is off of Poiciana between Douglas Road and LeJeune.  
Park in empty lot across the street

## **MFA SPRING PARTY SET FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2005**

Submitted by Linda Fitzpatrick

Be sure that to mark your 2005 calendars for the MFA Spring Party on Friday, April 1 at the Ritz-Carleton in Coconut Grove. The committee is planning a lovely, low-key evening of dining, musical entertainment, and a small silent auction featuring some special treats. All money raised at this event will be used to fund our Medical and Graduate Student Awards and Scholarships. If you would like to invite some special friends who are not MFA members, please contact Spring Party Chairs Linda Fitzpatrick (305)774-9207 and Kristin Podack (305)285-1477 so that they may be added to the mailing list. In addition if you have an item or a service you would like to suggest or donate to the silent auction, it would be much appreciated. Auction items must have a value of \$100 or more. We need everyone's assistance to make this a pleasant as well as profitable evening. The next meeting for the Spring Party will be held on Thursday, December 2, 10 a.m at Nadia Maudsley's home. New committee members are welcome. Please plan on attending the Spring Party, April 1 and help us continue our mission of providing financial assistance for students of the University of Miami School of Medicine



## MFA POT LUCK DINNER

Our second annual pot luck dinner was held on November 6 at the beautiful home of Frances and Edward Reid in Coral Gables. Despite stormy skies, 45 members and their significant others were in attendance. Attention was divided between the wonderful selection of dishes members brought to share and the captivating Canes football game. It was a relaxed and enjoyable way to share time together in such a lovely setting. Many thanks to Frances and Ed for their wonderful hospitality and to Linda Eton who helped recruited members to attend and coordinated the menu.





## 2004-2005 CALENDAR

### Spring Party Planning Meeting Dec 2, 2004

Home of Dr. Andrew and Nadia Maudsley

10:00 a.m.

### Holiday Lunch & Auction Dec. 8, 2004

Home of Dr. Leopoldo and Susanna 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.

### Dinner at the Ritz April 1, 2005

Ritz Carlton, Coconut Grove

7:00 p.m.

### General Meeting April 27, 2005

Home of Dr. Camillo and Valerie Ricordi

10:00 a.m.

### Installation Luncheon May 25, 2005

Ritz Carlton, Coconut Grove

11:30 a.m.

## MFA DIRECTORY

The 2004-2005 Medical Faculty Association Yearbook is published and has been sent to member. Special thanks to Eileen Hoffman who once again performed a yeoman's task of compiling information, editing copy, overseeing the printing and then distributing the yearbooks. We are also grateful to Nettie Belle Robinson who designed a cover with a tropical garden theme so beautiful it should be framed. Thanks also to Nadia Maudsley, Margaret Howell, Any Muench, Linda Fitzpatrick and Linda Eton for their help with formatting and editing. If you have not received your MFA Yearbook or have a correction please contact Eileen at 305-665-0221 or by email Eileen\_hoffman@bellsouth.net.

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### DR. SEYMOUR HALBERT 1917—2004

The MFA lost a dear friend and supporter with the passing of Dr. Seymour "Si" Halbert on Saturday, November 6. Si was the beloved husband of MFA Past President and active longtime member Martha Halbert.

A devoted researcher, Dr. Halbert began his career at UM in 1965 as a Professor of Pediatrics. There his work focused on rheumatic fever, cystic fibrosis, the growth of heart cells in 3D organized masses and autoimmune reactions of the heart. In 1977 he became the Director of Immunology and Director of Research at Cordis Laboratories and then Manager of Biomaterials Science for Cordis Research Corporation. At Cordis he oversaw the development of diagnostic tests for over 30 diseases. In memory of Si Halbert, memorial donations may be sent to the MFA's Margaret Whelan Graduate Student Scholarship Fund care of Nadia Maudsley, 2925 Seminole St., Coconut Grove, FL 33133

### MFA MEMBER NEWS

*Congratulations* to Zelda and Lars Jensen on the marriage of both of their sons this year: Bjorn and Julina Bock on February 7 and Lars Peter and Haidy Smith on October 16.

### FOUND

A pair of purple framed glasses at the Fall Champagne Brunch. Contact Valerie Ricordi it claim them.