



# Forum in Focus

WINTER 2008

## President's Letter

Dear Forum Members:

Happy 2008! I am very excited about the start of a new year. The Forum's fall events were huge successes with lots of enthusiasm and phenomenal participation. At this rate, 2008 will be nothing short of incredible.

We kicked off the school year with our Girls' Night Out at Julian Gold held on September 27, 2007. Fashionistas **Carrie Green** and **Karel Hoffman** chaired the event, which combined food, fashion, friends and fun! And spending time with Forum members and their guests was only half of merriment. The generous folks at Julian Gold donated a portion of their proceeds back to the Forum. \$5,000! Great shopping, ladies! Thank you **Carrie** and **Karel** for all of your work and thank you Julian Gold for your continued support of the Forum.

Under the experienced and gracious coordination of **Julie Dudley**, **Jean Mitchell** and **Ann Lakey-Reeks**, the Foundation Evening Tour was held on Wednesday, October 24, 2007. Following a cocktail buffet and welcoming comments from Foundation Chairman John C. Kerr, guests heard from a handful of scientists speaking about current research and were able to pose questions ranging from funding to scope of work. Among the topics, guests were treated to see actual DNA as well as see the prep area to the BSL-4 lab (including the "spacesuits" the scientists wear). Many thanks to Foundation staff members for their hospitality.

Another ever-popular event, the Fall Lecture Luncheon, was held for a sold-out crowd November 14, 2007, at the Argyle, featuring Mary Kelly, attorney for the Environmental Defense Fund. Ms. Kelly gave an energetic talk about what we can do to be more environmentally friendly. A very special thank you to First Vice President **Laura Moorman** and lecture luncheon assistant **Mary Herff** for our very *green* centerpieces and *green* meal, donated in part by Central Market and deliciously prepared by the Argyle.

*The purpose of the Southwest Foundation Forum is to support the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research through community relations, volunteer service and fundraising.*



Allison Zeller

A special thank you to **Cathryn LeVrier**, **Paola Lloyd** and **Courtney Burkholder** for their help in getting the word out on these events.

Mark your calendars now for the next Lecture Luncheon, planned for March 26, 2008, at the Argyle. We will hear from Morey Kraus, scientist and founder of Viacord, on umbilical cord blood research. Also, we look forward to the added excitement of the Science Education Awards, presented by the V.H. McNutt Foundation and coordinated this year by **Dottie Cooper** and **Julie Zacher**. Helping students get excited about science is the goal of every

science teacher. We are thrilled to be able to help them by providing financial awards for innovative projects in science education. I know you won't want to miss this very special occasion. Reserve your table on the web at [www.swff.org](http://www.swff.org) and pay online with a credit card!

Do you know someone who would enjoy learning more about the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research or supporting its life-changing work? Membership renewal cards will be sent to existing members in February so now is the time to contact Fourth Vice President (Membership) **Karen Lee Zachry**, [zachryk@swbell.net](mailto:zachryk@swbell.net), with your referrals for new members. Many Forum members come to us through their volunteer work on one of our events, so please be a champion for someone you see giving her time to our organization.

The highly anticipated conclusion of our year will be our exquisite Gala to be held at the Argyle on Saturday, May 3rd. The theme, "Beyond the Sea," will surely provide a beautiful setting for our guests. Under the very creative leadership of **Anne Johnston**, **Anne Heaner**, and **Kim Shepperd**, this promises to be a spectacular evening. As you have no doubt heard by now, the Forum donated more gala proceeds than ever before to the Foundation from the Mystical Living Gardens 2007 Gala . . . and the momentum is growing!

Please support their efforts by buying raffle tickets, contributing to the Gala Grants, and attending the Gala and After Party. The Gala Committee began its preparations with a festive kick-off party at the lovely home of **Diane Azar**,

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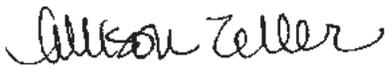
# President's Letter

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former Trustee and former Gala Chair, and I know everyone who attended was impressed by the organized, thorough presentation of materials. Gala Assistant Kim Shepperd shared a deeply personal story about how Foundation research has played a role in her life and the lives of her children, inspiring Gala committee members to give generously of their time for an organization conducting research on rare yet devastating diseases, among others better-known to the general public.

Thank you for your confidence, support and participation in the Southwest Foundation Forum. As your President, I could not (and would not) do all that we do alone . . . we, the dedicated, talented women of the Forum, are doing it together.

Thank you,



Allison Zeller  
President 2007-2008  
Southwest Foundation Forum

## SWFF CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2008

General Meeting

10:30 a.m.

Spring Lecture Luncheon

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2008

Southwest Foundation Forum Gala

6:30 p.m.

The Argyle

### Spring Lecture Luncheon

## Umbilical Cords. . . .What was trash is now treasure!

Stem cells are the building blocks of our blood and immune systems. Umbilical cord blood is a valuable source of **non-controversial** stem cells. There is no political or ethical debate regarding cord blood stem cells. These cells have been successfully used to treat over 40 life-threatening diseases (leukemia, lymphoma, and anemia are a few) and the potential to add more is great. Come learn about umbilical stem cells and why they are so important to scientific research. Morey Kraus, a scientist and founder of Viacord, a company specializing in the collection and preservation of umbilical cord blood, will speak about the value and benefits of these cells and about the exploration of new uses for them.



The last luncheon sold out weeks in advance so mark your calendars and reserve your seats and tables now!

Wednesday, March 26 • 11am • The Argyle (yum!)

You may reserve on-line at [www.swff.org](http://www.swff.org) or send a check to Laura Moorman, 121 E Mariposa Drive, San Antonio, TX 78212. The cost is \$40 per seat or a table of 8 is \$320.

Members will receive an invitation in the mail in early February. We look forward to seeing you and your friends. Invite a potential member if you'd like!

# SCIENCE EDUCATION AWARDS UPDATE

Some exciting new developments are underway on what the Southwest Foundation Forum will now be able to award to support education!

In October, the Forum voted on two key issues related to our Science Education Awards. After 15 years of awarding area high schools with grants for their science programs, we felt it was time to increase our awards and look at new ways to reach more students with our resources. To that end, we've made two changes:

The awards are made to high schools demonstrating the strongest commitment to further the development of innovative and progressive science education programs. Winners are determined by a panel of judges consisting of a representative of the **V.H. McNutt Memorial Foundation, SFBR** scientists and members of the **Southwest Foundation Forum**. This year's forum representatives are Science Education Awards co-chairs **Dottie Cooper** and **Julie Zacher**.

We recently received feedback from some of last year's winners on how these grants aided in their science programs:

- Biology students in **Jennifer Bessonette's** class at **Brackenridge High School**, last year's second place winner, had the privilege of using brand new microscopes this semester as a result of their grant.

Students used the scopes to study cells; by comparing slides from bacteria, plant specimens, and animal tissue, they were able to compare and contrast prokaryotes to eukaryotes and plant cells to animal cells. Then the teachers were able to connect the microscope to an LCD projector enabling the whole class to observe a particular

specimen so that specific features can be emphasized. The new microscopes will be used over the course of the year as students study bacteria in more detail, different types protists, and the structure of human tissue and how it relates to its function.

- Last year's Honorable Mention, **Keystone School**, was able to use their funds to purchase a much needed new Spectrophotometer. This instrument is used in the science labs beginning in middle school, continuing through advanced placement lab work.

The juniors in **Layne Steinhelper's** AP biology class conducted various analyses of enzyme catalysis. They will use the spectrophotometer as part of an investigation of photosynthesis in which they assess DCIP reduction in a chloroplast suspension.

We are thrilled that we have been able to make an impact on these schools, as well as many others over the years, and are looking forward to awarding 6 more schools for 2008!



**Increased Awards**

Thanks to matching funds from the **V. H. McNutt Memorial Foundation**, we have increased the grants to \$20,000, allowing us to increase each award and add another award:

1st Place:	\$7,000
2nd Place:	\$4,500
3rd Place:	\$3,500
4th Place:	\$2,500
5th Place: (new)	\$1,500
Honorable Mention:	\$1,000

To reach more local schools and students, we have expanded our reach beyond just Bexar County, to also include contiguous counties.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**THE SOUTHWEST FOUNDATION FORUM IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS!**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING, PLEASE CONTACT**

**CAROL OLIVER AT 210-829-0841.**

# The Fall Lecture Luncheon Answered the Question “Is Green The New Black?”

The Fall 2007 Lecture Luncheon was a huge success. Over 160 guests learned that yes, green *is* the new black. Mary Kelly of the Austin office of the Environmental Defense Fund, spoke on the current topic of climate change. Ms. Kelly was charming and knowledgeable and provided the audience with attainable examples of how each individual can be more environmentally conscious in their daily lifestyles. Just a few of the examples she gave were:

- 1) Try to buy paper towels and other paper products that are recyclable or made from recycled materials.
- 2) Try to buy locally grown produce, preferably organic.
- 3) Try to use energy-saver light bulbs and LED holiday lights.
- 4) Try to use reusable bags instead of getting paper or plastic at the grocery store.
- 5) Try to use eco-friendly dry cleaning.
- 6) Next time you are in the market for a car, try to pick one that is the most fuel efficient of the type you are buying.
- 7) Next time you are in the market for an appliance, try to pick one that has an Energy Star rating for high efficiency.
- 8) Try to recycle, but be sure that your recycling company is actually taking it to somewhere other than a landfill!
- 9) Try to vote for candidates that prioritize the environment.



The green theme was carried out in all aspects of the event. An all organic lunch was served with ingredients provided graciously by



**Central Market.** The table centerpieces were usable herbs from **Shades of Green** in a recyclable aluminum can.

**Clothesline Cleaners**, the only eco-friendly dry cleaner in San Antonio, was present to offer free pick up and delivery service to all attendees and **Skin Rejuvenation Clinique** provided favor bags that included samples from their line of all natural skin products. **Herff Christiansen** donated a shirt for each table and **Hazel Smyth** donated a beautiful necklace as a door prize. The

lecture was inspiring, not guilt-producing, the lunch was delicious and nutritious and everyone left with some all natural favors as well as a more environmentally-aware mindset.

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Soon it will be time for our annual membership drive! Starting in 2007-2008, the Southwest Foundation Forum will offer a new membership category – a \$100 benefactor level, in addition to the \$50 patron and \$35 standard membership levels. Membership at the benefactor level is a great way to give a little extra to the Forum to benefit its programs and support of the SFBR. When it is time to renew, please consider upgrading your membership a level – our contributions do make a difference! Also, do you know someone who might be interested in being a member of the Forum? If so, please pass on her name and contact information to Karen Lee Zachry at zachryk@swbell.net or 829-8585.

# SFBR Foundation Updates

## “Mystical Living Gardens” 2007 Gala yields large investment in human health

### Southwest Foundations Forum donates record-setting proceeds to biomedical research

The Southwest Foundation Forum’s “Mystical Living Gardens” Gala in May 2007 produced a bountiful harvest, generating revenues that allowed us to make its largest gift ever – \$267,500 – to support the life-saving work of Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research.

Now that gift is expected to spawn exciting returns of its own, as it is being used to fund 10 new pilot studies by SFBR scientists with innovative ideas for defeating such human health problems as cardiovascular disease, malaria, osteoporosis, prostate cancer, anthrax infection, and a genetic disorder called cystinosis.

“This will truly be a gift that keeps on giving,” said SFBR President John C. Kerr as he accepted the Forum’s donation during a morning reception at The Argyle on September 13. “Pilot study funds provide the seed money needed for our scientists to initiate an innovative

research program and show that a novel idea has merit. Results from these studies are then used to leverage larger grants from organizations such as the National Institutes of Health and carry those projects forward on a grander scale for the ultimate benefit of human health

“We’re most grateful to the dedicated women of the Southwest Foundation Forum, who volunteer throughout the year to support our research organization and its vital mission,” Kerr continued. “The hard work and creativity they put into their spring gala will long be re-



“It’s thrilling for us to present this gift to Southwest Foundation and its scientists,” said Connolly. “I’m proud of our Gala Committee, headed by Terry Gouger, Jean Mitchell and Julie Zacher. They surpassed all our expectations, planning the most successful fundraiser in the Forum’s history. And I’m even more thrilled by what that means to people in San Antonio and around the world who will ultimately benefit from the research this money will sponsor.”

Gouger, whose idea for establishing a “Gala Grants” program allowed donors to contribute directly to the Forum’s gift to SFBR, expressed her gratitude to the many individuals and corporations who helped make the event so successful. It broke the previous Forum record by more than \$100,000. “Without the help of dozens of volunteers, and without the financial contributions of countless individuals and corporations, we never could have achieved something this significant. Thanks to all who helped us make this gift to human health,” she said.

The 10 pilot studies funded by this Southwest Foundation Forum gift are for approximately \$25,000 each and target a myriad of health problems.



membered, not only because they threw a spectacular party, but because they helped change people’s lives for the better.”

On hand to make the presentation to Mr. Kerr and the SFBR Chief Development Officer Corbett Christie were 2007 Gala Chair Terry Gouger, Gala Co-chair Jean Mitchell, Gala Assistant Julie Zacher, and Southwest Foundation Forum 2006-2007 President Brooke Connolly.



## 2008 Honorary Gala Chairs —

# What a Difference three women can make!

This year's Honorary Gala Chairs are Nancy Moorman, Susan Kerr and Christi Moorman – three extraordinary women who have contributed so much to our mission at SWFF, and beyond. In our newsletters through the end of the year, we will honor each one of them for the extraordinary gifts they have shared over the years. Our first story highlights Nancy Moorman.

Born August 18th, 1944 in Nixon, Texas to the late Kathryn Holmes and John H. Wood Jr., Nancy Wood Moorman was raised in San Antonio, Texas. After formal education in the Catholic school systems, St. Anthony's and Incarnate Word High School, she departed for Finch College in New York and subsequently graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Education. She is the youngest daughter of the Wood family having one older sister, Kathryn Wood Johnston who passed away in 2001 leaving Nancy with two lovely nieces, Kathryn Dehlinger and Anne Johnston.

The Cinderella Story rewritten: At her debut in 1966 in the Order of the Alamo Court of Mysterious Worlds, she was the Duchess of Northern Byzantium and Lewis Jefferson Moorman III (Jeff) was her Duke. Married a short year later, they were blessed with two children, Ramona Wood Moorman (born 1968) and Lewis Jefferson Moorman IV (born 1971). She is the grandmother of three beautiful children, Sarah, Reese and the latest addition, namesake Nancy's father, John Wood Moorman.

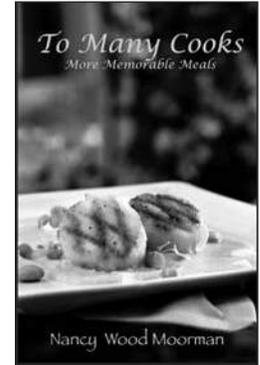
When asked about important relationships in her life, Nancy is quick to name her late mother-in-law, Betty Moorman, founder of The Argyle, with whom she spoke daily, and her maternal grandmother, Ida. Ida was a fantastic cook and Nancy remembers spending as much time as she could with her (often in the kitchen) at their home in Nixon, Texas as a child. She also fondly recalls many Christmas Eve brunches at the Argyle, a family tradition still being observed today.

Nancy stumbled upon her *raison d'être*: Cooking. In 1976, she bartered car

pooling for pastry lessons. Little did she know when she met with friend Pat Ross, instructor of a pastry class at the Southwest School of Craft, that within a year she would be teaching Pat's class. Nancy prepared for the task by meeting with Pat two times a week prior to her departure and spending a week in the company of famous chefs in New York, including Anne Marie Huste, James Beard and Simone Beck. "At the time, you know, there were no schools or culinary institutes, as there are today. You just had to talk to the chefs directly and learn by observation."

As she stated to us on a recent afternoon in her kitchen with the smell of chicken stock filling the air, "I don't know. I just thought, I can do this!" And so she has!! Two top selling cookbooks and 31 years later, she spends up to 15 hours a week teaching small groups of aspiring chefs and organizing gourmand experiences around the world.

The Moorman's continued dedication to support the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research is admirable. Betty Moorman founded the Argyle in 1956, to help support the SFBR, founded by her brother Tom Slick, and remained intimately involved with every aspect of the Argyle until her death. Nancy has followed in Betty Moorman's footsteps by overseeing the Activity and House/Decor committees for the Argyle Board of Directors. She is currently in her 5th year of a 6 year Argyle Board of Directors term and stresses the importance of The Argyle's membership in support of the SFBR. Both her daughter-in-law, Laura (acting Vice President) and her nieces, Kathryn



(past President) and Anne (acting Gala Chair) contribute immensely to the Southwest Foundation Forum.

Other than serving on The Argyle board, Nancy has given greatly to charities that are near and dear to her heart over the years, including involvement in her church St. Anthony de Padua, membership in the Charity Ball Association, serving on numerous boards, including the McNay Art Institute, Southwest Foundation Forum Board, and San Fernando Cathedral Renovation Board.

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### LOVE TO COOK? PICK A PAIR...

Give the gift of food to yourself, family members or friends with one of Nancy Moorman's fabulous cookbooks:

#### MEMORABLE MEALS

available at The Twig and  
Sunset Ridge Home and  
Hardware

#### TO MANY COOKS

available at Borders, The Twig,  
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Hardware, Julian Gold and  
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## 2008 Gala Committee

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## Forum Gives Dr. Marie Claire Gauduin Inverted Phase Contrast Microscope with Digital Camera and Adapter

At the end of the 2006-07 SWFF year, dollars remaining in the president's discretionary fund



were used to make a gift of \$7,000 to the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research for an Inverted Phase Contrast Microscope with Digital Camera and Adapter for the laboratory of Dr. Marie Claire Gauduin.

This basic laboratory "work-horse" equipment was

deemed a critical need since Dr. Gauduin was sharing a microscope with another lab.

"The infectious nature of Dr. Gauduin's work, understanding the mechanisms of HIV transmission, underscored her lab's need for separate equipment," said 2006-07 Forum President Brooke Connolly.

Two decades after the identification of HIV-1 as the causative agent of AIDS, the global epidemic resulting from infection with this virus continues to widen. Although recent advances in antiviral treatment have resulted in significant decreases in AIDS-related mortality, these agents are only available to a small minority of the world's HIV-infected individuals, even after considerable efforts to expand access to antiviral therapy in less-developed countries. In 2003, there were 3 million deaths due to AIDS and 5 million new HIV infections worldwide. There is a crucial need for effective vaccination as the main hope for preventing a public health catastrophe of unparalleled proportions. Toward this end, Dr. Marie Claire Gauduin is researching basic immunobiology in females and their specific immune responses to the virus. Understanding HIV transmission is central to the development of effective strategies to curb the AIDS pandemic.

The Southwest Foundation Forum was very pleased to make this equipment available to Dr. Gauduin and her important research.

## Spring Gala . . .

# BEYOND THE SEA IS SETTING SAIL!

On September 19th the 2008 Gala Committee set sail with a kick-off meeting and luncheon hosted by Diane Azar and Kim Shepperd at the lovely home of Diane Azar. A record number of committee members attended. The meeting began with a moving testimonial given by Kim about the impact the research at the Foundation has on her own family. Knowing that lives in our community are being impacted by the work these scientists do makes all the hard work for the gala that much more rewarding.



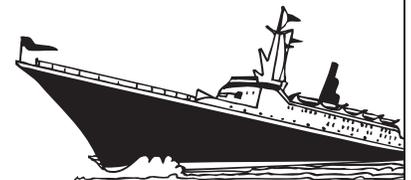
This year's gala, "**Beyond the Sea**," will be held at the Argyle on Saturday, May 3rd, 2008. Chair, **Anne Johnston**, Co-Chair, **Anne Heaner**, and Gala Assistant, **Kim Shepperd**, are all grateful to the many volunteers who work tirelessly in organizing this spectacular evening to benefit the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research. This year promises to be a truly amazing event. With the Argyle's marvelous food, favors by Julian Gold, floral design by Danny Cuellar, exciting gaming with wonderful prizes, and dancing to the sounds of **London Calling**, an Austin-based band, **Beyond the Sea** is sure to be a glamorous night you won't soon forget.

This year, the "Gala Grant" committee, chaired by **Catherine Comeaux** and **Cathryn LeVrier**, is working hard to procure donations from local businesses. These grants were designed to give businesses, who are unable to buy a table due to the popularity of this event, the opportunity to donate to the gala. 100% of Gala Grants go directly to the grants that support the scientists. Letters for corporate Tables Sales have also gone out. If you know of a company that is interested in buying a table and has not received a letter, please contact one of the Table Sales Committee chairs, **Anita Allison** or **Karen Lee Zachry**.

And, continuing the wonderful idea began two years ago, the After Party committee, chaired by **Jenni Curren** and **Susanne Marco**, is gathering lists of those who are interested in joining the evening's festivities after dinner has been served. The After Party tickets are \$75 a person and you can join the fun at 9:00 p.m. Come to dance, visit with friends, try your hand at the casino games, and enter to win one of the fantastic raffle prizes. If you are interested in reserving one of these coveted tickets, please contact Jenni at 826-6775.

Raffle chairs, **Courtney Duphorne** and **Tracy Williams**, are hard at work putting together some amazing packages. If you have something to donate or have a special contact with a store or retail establishment, please contact Courtney at 804-1657.

Anne, Anne, and Kim are so grateful to each and every committee member for their hard work and dedication. We look forward to a great evening at what we hope will be our most successful gala yet!



# STUDENT TOUR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Each year the Southwest Foundation Forum invites San Antonio area high school advanced placement biology and chemistry science teachers to submit applications for their students to tour the internationally renowned facilities at SFBR. Please join us in this opportunity to see the marvels of research science through the eyes of teenagers!

The tours will be held on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. from January 15 through April 1, 2008. We know how inspiring these tours are to the students, because we get their feedback from the teachers every year. They know how important it is for their students to see a research institution and to experience the passion that the scientists have for their research.

Two hostesses are need per tour, so team up with and friend and volunteer for this special inspirational experience. Contact Audrey Mangold [amangold@satx.rr.com](mailto:amangold@satx.rr.com) or Roxana Newsom [hnewsom1@satx.rr.com](mailto:hnewsom1@satx.rr.com).

## JULIAN GOLD LADIES' NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER

A great time was had by all at our annual "Ladies' Night Out" fundraising event that was once again graciously hosted by Julian Gold on September 27, 2007. While those

who attended shopped, they dined on delicious appetizers created by Sally Helland. By the end of the night, a total of \$50,000 in merchandise was purchased. Julian Gold generously donated \$5,000 back to the Southwest Foundation Forum.



Many thanks to all who came out to support such a worthwhile cause while adding to their fall wardrobes! Special thanks go to the staff of Julian Gold for their ongoing generosity.



## 2007 Evening Tour a Success

The evening tour of the Southwest Foundation on October 24, 2007 was an educational evening enjoyed by all! Guests enjoyed cocktails and appetizers catered by **Don Strange** while awaiting the wonderful lectures given by four of the scientists at the foundation. Welcoming remarks by SFBR President, **John Kerr** and SWFF President, **Allison Zeller** were followed by three very informative group lectures. **Robert E. Shade, Ph.D., Laura A. Cox, Ph.D., Anthony Griffiths Ph.D., and Ricardo Carrion, Jr., Ph.D.,** were the scientists giving the lectures. A special thanks to these gifted men and women who are so dedicated to their research! Their lectures were so informative and included tours of the facility including the BSL-4 labs. We would also like to thank **Corbett Christie, Amy Abdalla, Julie Collins, and Danny Jones** for their help as tour



guides and as always to **Ann Reeks** for organizing the evening. It was a terrific evening thanks to the efforts of everyone

involved. We had over 120 guests some of which will hopefully become new members and supporters of the Southwest Foundation in the future!



## Log on today! - [swff.org](http://swff.org)

Have you visited [www.swff.org](http://www.swff.org) lately? If not, log on today and learn more about the rich history of our biomedical jewel, the latest news, the many departments, ways to support SFBR and much more!

You can also make donations online. Whether you are interested in making a memorial or honor donation, joining the foundation or considering planned giving, it can now be done with the "click of a mouse". So long on today, click and show your support of SFBR!



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