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President's Message

Spring is Here and the WDS is in Full Bloom

It was clear to all who attended the WDS Annual Meeting Luncheon in New Orleans on Sunday, February 20th that the energy in our society is palpable and the sense of purpose on the part of our members is increasing every year. Over the next year and beyond, it will be important for this spirit of volunteerism to continue to grow, resulting in successive waves of positive experiences. Realizing that the accomplishment of goals requires some degree of focus, I have chosen to concentrate on three key areas of development in the coming year:



By JEAN BOLOGNIA, MD

Community Service Becomes a Top Priority

Building upon the premise of Immediate Past President Dr. Sandra Read that we, as a society, have "come of age" and therefore need to look beyond ourselves to community service is very appealing to me. This course of action reflects both our maturity as an organization as we enter the equivalent of adulthood as well as a healthy sense of who we are as a group. Equally important is the need to think of projects as multi-year and spanning several presidencies, thus allowing new

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WDS Celebrates 30 Fabulous Years

By Lisa Garner, MD

The annual meeting luncheon of the Women's Dermatologic Society on Sunday, February 20th in New Orleans was a celebration of our society and membership. Under the direction of the chairs of the Annual Meeting Committee, **Deirdre Hooper, MD** and **Nia Terezakis, MD**, the luncheon meeting was themed "30 years of Cultivating Precious Pearls," the

pearl being the traditional gift for a 30th anniversary.

After welcoming members and guests, WDS president **Sandra Read, MD** premiered a new WDS video whose production was guided by **Pearl Grimes, MD**. The video highlighted the beginnings of women in medicine, the history of the WDS, and the current and future goals of our society through interviews with several of the founding members and presidents. Dr. Grimes' enthusiasm, spirit and dedication have rewarded the WDS with a wonderful new documentary that will be available for showing during various WDS networking events.

Three members received special awards during the luncheon. **Dr. Susan Weinkle** introduced **Dr. Patricia Engasser**, this year's recipient of the Rose Hirschler Award. Did you know that our own Pat was Hollywood child star Patsy Nash? Yes, she was and she starred in eight Hollywood films. Images from her films were shown at



ASDS President Dr. Rhoda Narins shown here with the President of the Women's Dermatologic Society (WDS), Dr. Sandra Read just prior to the WDS' 30th Annual Meeting Luncheon.

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