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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

New Year's Resolutions of Past Year Came True

In reflecting on a year that has gone by rather quickly, I am very proud of the activities of the WDS. We have spread our wings while staying true to our mission of mentoring and networking. My initial President's message outlined three goals for the coming year—growth of community service, enhancing international cooperation



By JEAN BOLOGNIA, MD

and greater member involvement at the local level. In the past year, the "Families Play Safe in the Sun" campaign has literally rolled across the United States, from Boston to Minneapolis to Los Angeles, gaining momentum in the process. I again thank **Suzanne Connelly, MD**, and her Service Committee for all their hard work, persistence and outstanding organization. **Wendy Roberts, MD**, and her Task Force have also had a successful year with two well-received LPGA educational events in Georgia and Oregon. In addition, during the past year, the WDS became a member of the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention and fittingly, **Sandra Read**,

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In Her Hands

WDS Annual Meeting Luncheon in San Francisco Sunday, March 5, 2006

Join WDS members for an exciting and enlightening Annual Meeting Luncheon featuring Paola Gianturco as the keynote speaker. Gianturco is the co-author of *In Her Hands: Craftswomen Changing the World*, a book of color photographs and intimate text about the courage and spirit of women—all poor, many illiterate—from around the world, who have taken charge of their lives by creating and selling traditional crafts. Women from South Africa to India, Bali to Peru, from 12 countries in all, talk about their diverse lives and surprisingly universal aspirations. They share joy and optimism, plus the determination to provide better nutrition and education for their children.

Her Journey

Gianturco was inspired by the news that 50 percent of all the families in the world are supported essentially by women and that very poor women, women living on less than \$1 a day, were spending all the money they earn to feed and educate their children. She said, "they seemed to be my heroines—I just wanted to meet them." So she turned in all her fre-



quent-flyer miles and embarked on an incredible journey. She interviewed 90 craftswomen in 28 villages in 12 countries on four continents.

Women of the World

All of the women interviewed were so poor they couldn't do anything but feed the same menu to their children day after day—maybe bread, maybe a vegetable, maybe not. She heard stories about a woman whose child died because she could only afford to feed the child flour. She interviewed women who were making traditional crafts...they ranged from doll-makers to weavers to basket-makers. Their spirits were so strong. Their sense of family and their spiritual lives were so rich. She was inspired by the fact that a little piece of embroidery maybe, a doll, made by these women's hands and their hearts could be

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"Craftswomen really are now changing the world in very positive ways. It stays with me. It inspires me, it reminds me of how connected we all are."

— Paola Gianturco

President's Message

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MD, represented our organization at the Sun Safety Summit for Skin Cancer Prevention in September 2005. (see article page 7).

In the area of international cooperation, two bylaws changes are being introduced at the upcoming annual meeting—one to establish an electronic membership for international members and the other to offer a joint membership in the WDS and European WDS. I want to thank **Maggie Parsons, MD**, and her Bylaws Committee as well as the International Committee, headed by **Boni E. Elewski, MD**, for bringing these ideas to fruition so quickly and so thoughtfully. Our networking events at an international level are continuing to grow (see article page 11) and this past fall, the WDS was accepted as a member organization in the International League of Dermatological Societies. I invite everyone to mark your calendar and come to the International WDS meeting scheduled for September 30, 2007 in Buenos Aires.

With regard to greater member involvement, I am pleased to announce an all-time record for the number of local networking events—35 have been held across the country and abroad over the past year! Thanks to **Hilary Baldwin, MD**, and **Pearl Grimes, MD**, for streamlining the application process and encouraging members to participate. Without the Communications Committee, so skillfully headed by the pro **Wilma Bergfeld, MD**, our messages, from networking invitations to press releases would not be so professionally done and “on point.” Both Wilma and Wendy were instrumental in making our first Media Day in New York City so successful. Indeed, it is in the area of communications where the WDS has advanced—in leaps and bounds.

As we continue to invest our energies into mentoring and building relationships, I

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want to thank those who care so much about the organization—**Marianne O'Donoghue, MD**, for chairing the Mentorship Committee, **Mary Spellman, MD**, for chairing the Career Development Committee, and **Dick Odom, MD**, for chairing the Medical Student Awareness Program. **Elizabeth McBurney, MD**, the incoming President of the WDS, and her Long-Range Planning Committee have been working diligently to organize a Leadership Retreat that ensures a bright future for the WDS, while **Anne Burdick, MD**, and her Task Force have done a great job in planning the 2006 Renewal Retreat, both to be held in Colorado in June 2006. So please try to join us for a weekend of camaraderie and good times.

As is obvious from accompanying articles in this issue of the Newsletter, the Annual Meeting Committee, chaired by the dynamic duo from the City by the Bay, **Peggy Crawford, MD**, and **Pat Engasser, MD**, has put together an exciting program, emphasizing our need to look beyond our borders and extend a helping hand. It is also my pleasure to thank the following committees and their chairs for a job well done this past year: the Audit Committee, chaired by **Barbara Mathes, MD**, which kept a watchful eye on our finances; the Awards Committee, chaired by **Maria Hordinsky, MD**, which carefully chose outstanding individuals to honor; the Membership Committee, chaired by **Ginat Mirowski, DMD, MD**, which strove to increase our membership to 1,300—a record—over the

past year; and the Nominating Committee, chaired by **Susan Weinkle, MD** (see article page 12). The latter committee has taken its charge quite seriously, knowing very well the impact its choices make on the future of the WDS.

Without the Fundraising Committee and our corporate partners, many of the projects sponsored by the WDS would never have advanced past the idea stage and I want to thank this committee for all its hard work and in particular its co-chairs, **Lenore Kakita, MD**, and **Janet Hickman, MD**. This is Lenore's last year on the committee but given her amazing skills, including securing funding for a three-year Career Development Award in the area of Women's Health as well as funding for research projects performed by residents and young dermatologists (see article page 3), she is being asked to continue on as an advisor. Janet's dream was to have a WDS Foundation in order to ensure that the organization could live long into the future and as President of the WDS Foundation, she is clearly achieving this goal.

Lastly, I have to extend a special thanks to the entire WDS Staff located in the San Francisco headquarters office who have taken the WDS to the next level and continue to ensure, by example, that we remain professional and caring in our day-to-day activities. The WDS Board of Directors, and especially its Executive Committee, has earned my utmost respect and gratitude for a year of investing time and energy into the WDS.



The WDS Membership Committee invites you to bring your friends and colleagues to the WDS. Encourage them to join on-line at www.womensderm.org or call toll-free: 1-877-937-7673 (1-877-WDS-ROSE)

WDS Academic Dermatologists Interest Group Now Forming

The WDS is forming an Interest Group especially designed to meet the needs of Academic Dermatologists. The mission is to support and foster the role of women dermatologists in the academic field by providing a network for interaction and collaboration via the establishment of a group that can specifically address their professional needs. The group is being chaired by: **Ilna Frieden, MD** and **Clara Curiel, MD**.

The Purpose Is...

- To identify and consolidate national efforts focusing on recruitment of women dermatologists into the academic field
- To identify and address common needs and specific concerns among women in academic dermatology
- To create programs that will provide

- junior and mid-career women in the academic field with the necessary tools to achieve career-long mastery of leadership, managerial and negotiation skills
- To provide scientific support to the "Resident and Young Dermatologist Research Grant Program" by establish-

- ing a review committee whose members have expertise in a variety of areas within dermatology
- To build and sustain a collaborative network by providing an interactive medium for communication among individuals with common academic interests.

WDS Creates Research Grant Program for Residents, Young Dermatologists

Thanks to the generous sponsorship support of OrthoNeutrogena, WDS will launch a new program in 2006 to provide research grants in the amount of \$5,000 - \$10,000 each to residents and young physicians. The grants are intended to focus primarily on women's health issues where further clinical and basic research is needed. The grant is intended to assist a resident or young dermatologist in the furthering of his/her academic career.

Grant Requirements:

- M.D. degree or D.O. degree
- Resident in an accredited dermatology training program - or -
- Young dermatologist who is board-certified or board-eligible and is within the first three years after completing post-graduate training
- Demonstrates a strong commitment to skin research, either clinical or basic science

- Appropriate training in biomedical research or mentor available for instruction in this area (letter of commitment from the mentor must accompany application)
- Strong institutional commitment for the individual's career development (letter of commitment from the academic institution must accompany application)
- Preference for residents and young dermatologists with no other sources of funding
- A summary of research results must be submitted at the end of the project for publication in the WDS newsletter

The newly forming WDS Academic Dermatologists Interest Group (described above) will assume the responsibility for reviewing grant applications, making funding recommendations, and monitoring the grants program.

Organizing Breakfast Meeting to be Held In San Francisco

Friday, March 3rd, 2006, 7:00 a.m.

Location: The San Francisco Marriott, Sierra K Room

Speakers:

Frances J. Storrs, MD, Oregon Health & Science University
Barbara Gilchrest, MD, Boston University School of Medicine
Lynn A. Cornelius, MD, Washington University

Interested in attending? **RSVP at www.womensderm.org**

Other WDS Grant Programs include:

WDS Medical Student Awareness Program:

focuses on medical students.

WDS Mentorship Award Program:

focuses on residents seeking mentors. When the WDS formed its Mentorship Program in 1993, the first grants awarded totaled nearly \$23,000. In 2005, WDS awarded \$68,000 in Mentorship grants.

WDS / Dermatology Foundation Grant Program:

focuses on junior faculty in academic medical centers for salary support for research endeavors.

WDS Career Development Program:

focuses on member dermatologists (>three years as WDS members) to provide grants to further their knowledge and career.

WDS International Travel Award Program:

focuses on non-US dermatologists.

National Sun Safety Campaign Reaches Out to California Governor's Conference

In October, record-breaking crowds benefited from the Women's Dermatologic Society's educational outreach and dermatologic assessments at the California Governor and First Lady's Conference on Women and Families as well as public outreach days at the Aquarium of the Pacific.

Inspired by the need to better "educate, empower and encourage" people about sun safety, the Women's Dermatologic Society (WDS) surpassed its own community service records at the recent

Families



Long Beach outreach of "Families Play Safe in the Sun", which marks the third stop of a 15-city, 3-year campaign made possible by a \$1,000,000 grant from the 3M Foundation. This family-oriented educational campaign promotes sun safety and good skin health habits as a way of life in recognition of the

fact that overexposure to the sun is the primary cause of skin cancer, now the fastest-growing form of cancer in America.

Housed in a dynamic, interactive exhibition booth, a team of WDS volunteers contributed a combined 150 volunteer hours over three days in Long Beach, first during the highly successful California Governor and First Lady's Conference on Women and Families, and then for two days of public outreach at the Aquarium of the Pacific, leading to the following dramatic results:

- 456 individuals received dermatologic assessments utilizing the DermaScan machine, with 15% referred to their dermatologists for further evaluation.



Distributing samples and educational materials were dermatology residents from UCLA: Drs. Jay Zimmerman, David Beynet, Eric Williams, Roger Lee, Thomas Su, Laura Westerling, Dafnis Carranza and Sharona Yashar.



Dr. Zena Hatziris explains to a family that visited the exhibit the results of a UV photo showing sun damage.

- 390 exhibition visitors were photographed with the UV reflectance camera and reviewed results with WDS dermatologists.
- 162 attendees of the Governor and First Lady's Conference underwent free skin cancer screenings by WDS dermatologists.
- 20 schools and organizations signed up for the WDS "Adopt-a-School" program featuring the Environmental Protection Agency's Sun-Wise Kit for educators, which can be paired with a local WDS dermatologist in each community who

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SAFE IN THE SUN



At the Governor's Conference, Leila Mirmirani shows tennis legend Billy Jean King the sun safety book she created with her mother, Dr. Paradi Mirmirani. Later that morning, she also presented a copy to Jane Fonda. Both Fonda and King were keynote speakers at the Governor's Conference.



Dr. Lenore Kakita explains the results of the UV photo she has taken.



Isn't it nice when your sister is good to you!



Two girls show off the UV-sensitive "magic beads" they received after participating in the sun safety coloring contest.



Two boys take the sun safety quiz in Long Beach.



Suzanne Connolly, MD is interviewed by the media at the Governor's Conference in Long Beach.



Mother applies sunscreen to her two children.

SAFE IN THE SUN

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- will volunteer to reach out to children in classrooms and after-school programs.
- 100 school-aged children entered the "Families Play Safe in the Sun" national coloring contest, and drew original images of sun-safe families enjoying the outdoors.
- 7,000 free sunscreen samples were distributed to the public.
- 3,500 educational brochures and sun safety items were given to exhibition visitors.
- 200 signed copies of the children's book, "Safe in the Sun" were distributed to the public during a book signing with the co-authors, WDS member **Paradi Mirmirani, MD**, and **Sheila Belkin**.
- 200 school children and parents took the sun safety quiz as a fun way to raise their "Sun Safety IQ."

The WDS Community Service effort, led nationally by **Suzanne M. Connolly, MD**, Associate Professor of Dermatology, Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, was co-hosted in Long Beach by WDS members **Pearl Grimes, MD**, UCLA clinical dermatology faculty member and Director, Vitiligo & Pigmentation Institute, Southern California, and **Lenore S. Kakita, MD**, Associate Clinical Professor of Dermatology at UCLA.

Several WDS dermatologist member volunteers from the Greater Los Angeles area joined in the Long Beach outreach efforts, including **Mavis Billips, MD**, **Joyce Fox, MD**, **Daniel Gross, MD**, **Anna Guanache, MD**, **Zena Hatziris, MD**, **Lenore Kakita, MD**, **Bryna Kane, MD**, **Jenny Kim, MD**, **Han Lee, MD**, **Maryam Moifar, MD**, **Paradi Mirmirani, MD**, **Margaret Olsen, MD**, **Helene Rosenzweig, MD**, and **Parrish Sadeghi, MD**. UCLA residents who volunteered were **David Beynet, MD**, **Dafnis**

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Preparing for the opening of the Governor's Conference in Long Beach are WDS publicist Nancy Fitzgerald, Dr. Suzanne Connolly, Dr. Helene Rosenzweig, Dr. Paradi Mirmirani and daughter Leila, WDS Executive Director Kerry Parker, and Dr. Maryam Moinfar (in front).



Dr. Maggie Olson (at right) provided skin cancer screenings from the exhibit booth. Shown here answering questions following a screening.



Dr. Helene Rosenzweig speaks with members of a Girl Scouts troop that attended the Governor's Conference.



Taking a break from the busy day, Drs. Anna Guanche and Maryam Moinfar share their beautiful smiles.



Dr. Mavis Billips volunteers her time to the Families Play Safe in the Sun campaign.

Sun Safety

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Carranza, MD, Roger Lee, MD, Thomas Su, MD, Laura Westerling, MD, Eric Williams, MD, Sharona Yashar, MD, and Jay Zimmerman, MD. Volunteer support was also provided by Mari Simonson from 3M Corporation, Carol Rifton, Unilever/Dove, and Holly Rujevcan and Kathy Spencer from Connetics.

In addition to generous funding from the 3M Foundation, product donations were provided by Del-Ray Dermatologicals, LaRoche-Posay, Ortho Neutrogena, Phoenix Brands, Procter & Gamble, Schering-Plough, Starberry, Ltd., and Unilever. DermaScan units were furnished by Schering-Plough and the UV reflectance camera was provided by 3M Corporation.



Volunteering at the Aquarium were Drs. Zena Hatziris (and her son), Han Lee and Lenore Kakita.



Record-breaking crowds converged on the WDS Families Play Safe in the Sun exhibit in Long Beach at the Governor's Conference. The exhibit space was generously donated to WDS by 3M.

READS & RECOMMENDS



WDS Represented at Sun Safety Summit

A “Sun Safety Summit for Skin Cancer Prevention” was recently held at the NIH in Bethesda, MD on September 23, 2005. The summit was sponsored by the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention, an organization that facilitates skin cancer awareness, prevention, and early detection through education and promotion of sun safe behaviors. The AAD, Skin Cancer Foundation, & the American Cancer Society are core and founding members. The WDS has joined the 30 organizations that comprise the Council which serves to share the resources and research of its member organizations to maximize the impact of skin cancer prevention programs and funding. The goal of the Council is to reduce the mortality and suffering from the various forms of skin cancer.

WDS was invited to participate in the summit in recognition of its newly launched “Families Play Safe in the Sun” and “Play Safe in the Sun at LPGA” initiatives. Due to these two programs, WDS is gaining visibility on a national basis for its community service outreach efforts on sun safety. WDS Immediate Past President, **Sandra Read, MD**, represented the WDS at this meeting, and **Clay Cockrell, MD**, presented “An Overview of the Skin Cancer Epidemic” to the summit. The focus of the summit was the many athletes, scouts, campers and individuals who spend a great deal of time outdoors while playing or exercising and are at increased risk for skin cancer. The summit shared member resources and ideas for teaching sun safety and fostered partnerships among the participants.



THE WOMAN AT THE WASHINGTON ZOO: WRITINGS ON POLITICS, FAMILY, AND FATE

By *Marjorie Williams*

This is a book of essays and profiles written by a Washington political reporter who was diagnosed with liver cancer. The essays are a combination of political profiles and a moving look at her disease, how she navigated the medical system, and how she handled day-to-day life with her family. *Recommended by Amy McMichael, MD*



MY SISTER'S KEEPER

By *Jodi Picoult*

This book looks at what it means to be a good parent, a good sister, and a good person. It's a real tear-jerker.

Recommended by Jodi Ganz, MD



THE MASTER

By *Colm Toibin*

I would recommend this wonderful book about the life of Henry James. It is beautifully written and is part of

the Lady Detective series by Alexander McCall Smith. Delightful. Great for light reading over the holidays. *Recommended by Bernice Krafchik, MD*



THE MAGICIAN'S NEPHEW

By *C.S. Lewis*

I really enjoyed re-reading C.S. Lewis' “The Magician's Nephew.” I had forgotten what an excellent language craftsman Lewis was, even in children's books!

Recommended by Angela Hutcheson, MD



FUN IN THE SUN SAFELY

By *Dianne Goldman-York*

This beautiful illustrated book

provides a fun, upbeat new look at ways for kids to enjoy the sun, while making them aware of how to protect themselves from sunburns and the damaging long term effects of chronic sun exposure.

Recommended by Suzanne Connolly, MD



SATURDAY

By *Ian McEwan*

Neurosurgeon faces life's vulnerabilities & questions, all in one day.

Recommended by Sandy Read, MD



Enjoying the Women Dermatologic Surgeons' luncheon on October 29 in Atlanta, held at the ASDS/Mohs College Annual Meeting, were: (from left) Lisa Donofrio, MD and Susan Weinkle, MD (members of the WDS/ASDS Women Derm Surgeons Committee), Rick Lawrence (of Biopelle, a Division of Ferndale Laboratories which sponsored the event), and Sarah Weitzul, MD and Roberta Sengelmann, MD (co-chairs of the WDS/ASDS Women Derm Surgeons Committee).

ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING

In Her Hands

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levers for important social and economic change. Infant mortality drops, the birth rate drops. As they gained self-esteem, their family began to respect them more and domestic violence decreased.

The book will be available for sale at the WDS Annual Meeting Luncheon with proceeds from the sale of the book going to support the following nonprofit organizations whose work helps poor women all over the world enhance their families' futures: Association for Women in Development; Global Fund for Women; Freedom from Hunger; The Crafts Center; Women's Edge; and Aid to Artisans. For more information, visit www.herhands.com.

Calendar of WDS Events at the AAD Academy in San Francisco March 2-5, 2006

7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. - THURSDAY, MARCH 2

WDS Executive Committee Dinner Meeting
(Invitation only)

7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. - FRIDAY, MARCH 3

WDS Academic Dermatologists Interest Group Breakfast
San Francisco Marriott, Sierra K Room

7:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. - FRIDAY, MARCH 3

WDS President's Advisory Committee Breakfast
(Invitation only)

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. - FRIDAY, MARCH 3

WDS Committee Meetings
San Francisco Marriott, Sierra K Room

12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. - FRIDAY, MARCH 3

WDS Inter-Society Liaison Council Scientific Session
Moscone Center, San Francisco

5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. - FRIDAY, MARCH 3

WDS Networking Reception
San Francisco Marriott

7:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. - FRIDAY, MARCH 3

WDS Board Leadership Dinner (by invitation only)
Banker's Club, San Francisco

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. - SATURDAY, MARCH 4

WDS Committee Meetings
San Francisco Marriott, Sierra K Room

5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. - SATURDAY, MARCH 4

WDS Practice Enhancement Reception
Office of Seth Matarasso, MD, 490 Post Street,
San Francisco (*shuttle bus service will be provided*)

6:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. - SUNDAY, MARCH 5

WDS Board of Directors Meeting
San Francisco Marriott, Golden Gate B2

12:00 P.M. - 2 P.M. - SUNDAY, MARCH 5

WDS Annual Meeting Luncheon
San Francisco Marriott, Yerba Buena Salon 9

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE WDS BYLAWS

Women's Dermatologic Society

The Bylaws Committee, chaired by Dr. Margaret Parsons, submitted the following changes to the WDS bylaws which have been previously approved by the WDS Board of Directors; they are to be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting on Sunday, March 5, 2006 at 12 noon at the San Francisco Marriott, Yerba Buena Ballroom. All active WDS members are eligible to vote at this meeting. The information below serves as notice of this action item:

Bylaws Article V "Election to Membership"

Addition of a new section as below:

"Section 8:

- (a) if a member is found to have been untruthful in their application, this may be grounds for termination of membership. This will be within the purview of the Board of Directors.
- (b) if a member has been convicted of a felony, had their medical licensure removed or not renewed by a Medical Board, had their American Academy of Dermatology membership removed or not renewed by the Academy, or other concerning ethical issues, this may be grounds for termination of membership. This will be within the purview of the Board of Directors.
- (c) if a member is terminated, the decision may be appealed per the Administrative Regulations."

Bylaws Article IV "Status and Categories of Membership"

Addition of a new category (h):

(h) International e-Members

- (1) Physicians who are certified in dermatology by a non-US or non-Canadian board or its licensing equivalent or who satisfy educational or professional requirements approximately equivalent to the requirements for certification by the American Board of Dermatology or the requirements for certification by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada
- (2) Physicians who do not reside in the US or Canada who are certified by the American Board of Dermatology or Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Canada.

International e-Members would be eligible to serve on WDS committees, be mentors, submit articles, and be considered for scientific events. These members would receive electronic WDS communications. International e-Members would be able to vote, but would not be eligible to hold office.

Any questions regarding the proposed amendments can be directed to Dr. Margaret Parsons, Chair of the Bylaws Committee at mepmd@ix.netcom.com or to the WDS at wds@womensderm.org.



WDS Annual Meeting Luncheon © Event Registration Form

March 3 - 5, 2006

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number of tickets required for Annual Meeting Luncheon:

____ \$40.00 Member/Member Guest ____ \$20.00 Resident ____ \$75.00 Non-Member*

*Non-members may join WDS on-line at www.womensderm.org. Annual dues are \$100. For residents, dues are waived. Thanks to generous sponsorship support, the luncheon fee for residents has been reduced. Additional resident support may be available upon request.

I will sponsor the following guest(s)/resident(s). In order to secure tickets, names are required. If you are unable to provide names, the individual(s) WILL NOT be admitted without a ticket. Please print below. Make photocopy of form if submitting more than six (6) names.

List Guests Attending (check all that apply) Luncheon Networking Reception (free) Practice Enhancement (free)
 Academic Dermatologist Interest Group Breakfast (free)

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

____ Request reunion seating instead of randomly assigned seating at the Luncheon.

Number attending Annual Luncheon ____ Number attending Practice Enhancement on 3/04 ____

Number attending Networking Reception on 3/03 ____ Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Advance registration is required and must be received by February 10, 2006. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door. Refunds, less a \$15 administrative fee, will be available for cancellations received in writing at the WDS office prior to Feb. 10. After that date, no refunds will be given. For further information, contact the WDS office at 1-877-WDS-ROSE or via e-mail at: wds@womensderm.org. Your ticket for admittance will be mailed to you, along with your guest tickets, for distribution. **No one will be admitted to the Luncheon without a ticket.**

Seating: To encourage networking and stimulate lively conversation, attendees will be assigned randomly to tables. For those who use this event as an opportunity to catch up with specific friends and colleagues, reunion seating will be available on a limited basis. Requests will be honored, as available, at the Luncheon only.

The Womens's Dermatologic Society Foundation Contribution

...a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the objectives and activities of the Women's Dermatologic Society (WDS) welcomes your optional donation.

____ Yes, I'd like to add my charitable, tax-deductible contribution to the WDS Foundation (Tax ID#20-0084052) in the amount of:

____ \$25 ____ \$50 ____ \$100 ____ \$1000 \$ _____ (list other amount here)

Optional: My donation is in honor of: _____

Indicate payment method below:

____ Check payable to WDS Check # _____ MasterCard Visa American Express (circle one)

Card Number: _____ Exp. _____

Signature: _____

Please return this form with payment to the address listed below via fax: 415/927-5726
 or register on-line: www.womensderm.org

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Questions? e-mail: wds@womensderm.org or call: 1-877-WDS-ROSE (877-937-7673)

The Women's Dermatologic Society wishes to acknowledge these organizations for their support of the Society's programs and events at the following contribution levels:

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Member Renewal Retreat Weekend



June 23 - 25, 2006



St. Julien Hotel & Spa
Boulder, Colorado

Reserve Your Room Now! Call 800-323-7500

Join friends and colleagues in beautiful Boulder, Colorado for the **WDS Member Renewal Retreat**. This weekend get-away for personal renewal is where you can improve your communications skills, learn line dancing, cook with a gourmet chef, enjoy a spa visit, take a hike, bike ride...or just kick back. It's all up to you and for you!

REGISTRATION FEE: \$350 per person
HOTEL ROOM RATE: \$205 per night
RSVP to WDS at 415-927-5727
or wds@womensderm.org

If you would like to make a personal donation to provide funding for residents who wish to attend the retreat or donate frequent flier miles, contact the WDS at 877-937-7673.

Schedule of Activities

Friday, June 23, 2006

- 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
WDS Leadership Retreat & Luncheon (by invitation)
- 8:00 a.m. Retreat registration begins
- 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Free time for relaxation
- 5:30 p.m. Reception (& retreat partner assignments)
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner (& retreat partner introductions)
- 8:00 p.m. Sing-A-Long
- 9:30 p.m. Late night munchies available

Saturday, June 24, 2006

- 6:30 a.m. Pilates Class or early Mountain Hike
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. "Women's Strategic Use of Humor"
Speaker: Regina Barreca, Author
- Noon Resident/Leadership Forum Luncheon (Sponsored by OrthoNeutrogena)
- 1:00 p.m. Afternoon activities (choose one)
- Dessert with Celestial Seasonings Presentation
 - Walk Pearl Street Mall
 - Walk or bike Boulder Creek Path
 - Take the free time for a spa treatment!
- 5:00 p.m. Reception
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner followed by line dancing
- 9:30 p.m. Book Club

Sunday, June 25, 2006

- 6:30 a.m. Pilates Class
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. "Preparing Your Public Side"
Speaker: Linda Roth, Senior Executive Director of Communications, Drexel University College of Medicine
- 11:00 a.m. Retreat Closing

Gina Barecca "Headlines" at June Renewal Retreat



Gina Barrecca received the 1998 Excellence in Teaching Award from the University of Connecticut's Institute for Teaching and Learning.

Hailed as "smart and funny" by People magazine, **Gina Barrecca** is the author of the best-selling *They Used to Call Me Snow White, But I Drifted* (now in its 19th printing), *Perfect Husbands and Other Fairy Tales*, *Sweet Revenge: The Wicked Delights of Getting Even*, and a collection of essays,

Too Much of a Good Thing is Wonderful. Her works have been translated into Chinese, German, Spanish, Portuguese, and Japanese. Most recently, she edited the *Penguin Book of Women's Humor*, *Don't Tell Mama: The Penguin Book of*

Italian American Writing (named one of 2002's best books by NPR), and *A Sit-Down with The Sopranos: Watching Italian American Culture on TV*, as well as writing, with cartoonist Nicole Hollander, *The ABC of Vice: An Insatiable Women's Guide*. In 2004, she coauthored, with the *Washington Post's* Gene Weingarten, *I'm with Stupid: One Man, One Woman*, and *10,000 Years of Misunderstanding between the Sexes Cleared Right Up*. Her most recent book is *Babes in Boyland: A Personal History of Co-Education in the Ivy League* (UPNE 2005). Professor of English Literature and Feminist Theory at the University of Connecticut, Dr. Barrecca has served as an advisor to the Library of Congress for work on humor and the American character. An award-winning columnist for *The Hartford Courant*, she has also regularly published articles in *The New York Times*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Chicago Tribune*, and dozens of magazines. She has appeared on scores of radio and television programs, including, *20/20*, *48 Hours*, *The Today Show*, and *Oprah*.



NETWORKING



ATLANTA: WDS Practice Enhancement Reception hosted by Dr. Rutledge Forney (left) with guests Bill Newman of Doak Dermatologicals, who sponsored the event, Drs. Suzan Obagi, Shauna Kranendonk, Supriya Tomar, and Marianne O'Donoghue.



The Tutwiler Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama was the venue for a WDS Networking hosted by Boni E. Elewski, MD. This historic hotel was named after Julia Strudwick Tutwiler (1841-1916) - a member of Alabama Women's Hall of Fame and also best-known as the "Mother of co-education in Alabama" because she arranged for the first women students to attend the University of Alabama more than 100 years ago. This grand hotel with a history of its own delighted the more than 30 attendees at this event. The evening began with a reception where participants had time to network, followed by a lovely dinner. WDS President Dr. Jean Bolognia was the guest of honor and she spoke to everyone about the upcoming retreat and other activities of the Society. She then gave a very interesting presentation on "Signature Nevi." The event was sponsored by an unrestricted grant from Amgen.



LONDON: A WDS Networking Reception was held at the Crowne Plaza London Docklands during the EADV Conference. Pictured here are: Dr. Christa DeCuyper of Belgium, Cheryl Groman of Skin & Allergy New, Drs. Linda Martin and Dedee Murrell of Australia, R. Ellen Mooney of Iceland, Marianne O'Donoghue, and Jana Hercogova of the Czech Republic.



LONDON: Drs. Tania Cestari of Brazil, Gudula Kirtschig of Germany, Vangee Handog of the Philippines, Christa DeCuyper, Jana Hercogova of the Czech Republic, Fenella Wojnarowska of England and Jean Bolognia.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

In accordance with Article VI, Section 3 of the Women's Dermatologic Society, notice is given of the Annual Business Meeting to be held:

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2006, 12 NOON

San Francisco Marriott, Yerba Buena Ballroom, San Francisco, CA

WDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICER CANDIDATES

The following slate for Officers and Board of Directors will be presented to the membership for a vote on March 5, 2006 at the Annual Business Meeting:

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- To help all women in dermatology achieve their greatest personal and professional potential.
- To foster, promote and support women's issues in dermatology.
- To identify, train and recognize women leaders in dermatology.
- To provide a forum for developing relationships.

VISION STATEMENT

- WDS envisions a professional environment which recognizes the unique contributions by women in dermatology.
- WDS strives to ensure that women in dermatology have full access and opportunity for professional advancement.
- WDS focuses on balancing the diverse demands of medicine, family, and community.
- WDS encourages and supports women to maximize their personal and professional potential and to contribute to our specialty and society.



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