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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What an engaging and inspiring WDS luncheon we had in San Francisco. I left refreshed and excited about the upcoming year.

Peggy Crawford, MD, and **Patricia Engasser, MD**, orchestrated an unforgettable event. Their careful planning and coordination was evident in every detail from the Guatemalan table favors to the incredible visual production and staging supported by Connetics.



By **ELIZABETH MCBURNEY, MD**

Their chosen speaker, author and activist **Paola Gianturco**, was warmly received and embodied the spirit of the WDS—reaching out to and celebrating women. The audience was spellbound by her tales of third world women and entrepreneurship. All of her books were sold out in minutes.

Another highlight of the luncheon was the presentation of the 2006 Rose Hirschler Award to **Lenore Kakita, MD**. She has been a true creator and supporter of the WDS success through active membership. She is an inspiration to us all. It was wonderful to see her family at the luncheon too, espe-

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WDS Annual Luncheon: A Message of Giving Back "It is Impossible to Give More Than You Receive"

By **Rochelle Torgerson, MD, PhD**

Guatemalan worry dolls, old friends and new acquaintances greeted members and guests at the beautifully set tables of the 31st Annual Meeting Luncheon at the Marriott in San Francisco. WDS president, **Jean Bologna, MD**, welcomed the group and kicked off the event with a video highlighting the energetic volunteers and families that participated in the Families Play Safe in the Sun Campaign days. Next it was on to awards, meeting business, the keynote speaker and the passing of the gavel.

Jean Bologna, MD, conferred Honorary Membership upon **Nancy Esterly, MD**, the godmother of pediatric dermatology, and **Frances Storrs, MD**, consummate mentor (with the best laugh in dermatol-

ogy). **Antoinette Hood, MD**, an acknowledged trailblazer in dermatology, suppressed the urge to dance to the program's rockin' soundtrack and accepted the Wilma Bergfeld Visionary Leadership Award. Dr. Hood thanked her husband, Evan Farmer, as well as **Wilma Bergfeld, MD**, whom Hood described as a leader who insisted upon leadership from those she influenced. **Lenore Kakita, MD**, received the Rose Hirschler Award for her tireless leadership. She dedicated the honor to her late husband, Edward. She in turn thanked her own mentors and supportive family and friends. She expressed her hope that the WDS

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In Her Hands



Luncheon Speaker Paola Gianturco shared her experiences interviewing craftswomen from around the world.

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cially her 3-month old granddaughter, Kaiya Elle Kakita.

We said farewell to our outgoing president, **Jean Bologna, MD**. She has devoted herself to many programs which will continue to grow and be expanded over the next years: community service, outreach to international members, and further development of our mentorship grant programs, just to name a few.

Our Mentorship Committee chair, **Marianne O'Donoghue, MD**, announced that this year there are 38 recipients of grants throughout the U.S. Mentorship is the precious core of our WDS future, and we have expanded our mission through new grant programs to include medical students, international members, women returning to the workforce,

and junior faculty.

Suzanne Connolly, MD, chair of the Service Committee announced five new sites for our Families Play Safe in the Sun campaign in 2006: Denver, Chicago, St. Louis, Los Angeles, and Austin. Planning is underway to select the cities we'll visit in 2007, so I encourage you to contact Suzanne if you have a suggestion.

Thanks to all who gave generously at the luncheon to the Safe Harbor Project in Louisiana which helps needy families escape domestic violence. This organization lost their roof in Hurricane Katrina, and I know the more than \$2000 we raised at our luncheon, along with the \$3,000 provided by the WDS Board, is very much appreciated.

A special thanks goes to **Seth Matarasso, MD**, who hosted a Practice Enhancement Reception in his

lovely San Francisco office. Seth graciously opened his doors to WDS members to show how he has developed his outstanding dermasurgical practice.

As always, our WDS staff did an outstanding job in coordinating the luncheon, unending committee meetings, and other events in San Francisco.

This is an exhilarating time for WDS, and I urge you to become a part of it. Participate in a mentorship, invite someone to become a member, volunteer at a Families Play Safe in the Sun event or extend a helping hand at a networking session. If you have enjoyed being a member in the past, I encourage you to become more involved this year. Let's celebrate WDS successes together!



New Academic Dermatologist Interest Group Formed!

By Clara Curiel, MD

The inaugural session of the newly formed WDS Academic Interest Group (AIG) was held on March 3, 2006 during the AAD Annual Meeting in San Francisco. An overwhelming response to this initiative was manifested by having more than fifty academic dermatologists from around the country participating in the session.

An introductory statement by **Ilona Frieden, MD**, was followed by a collage of speakers representing different branches and stages of women in academic dermatology. Three remarkable academic derma-

tologists, **Frances Storrs, MD**, **Barbara Gilchrest, MD**, and **Lynne Cornelius, MD, PhD**, each spoke from their heart about their personal challenges, rewards, and disappointing experiences in the field. They also provided the audience with "pearls of wisdom" on how to sustain an academic dermatology career.

Following the speakers' presen-



Members of the WDS Academic Dermatologist Interest Group showed off the applications for their newly launched Resident and Young Dermatologist Research Grant Program. Pictured here after an exhilaratingly interactive breakfast meeting were: Suephy Chen, MD, Lenore Kakita, MD, Susan Swetter, MD, Ilona Frieden, MD, Clara Curiel, MD, Kelly Cordero, MD, Ellen Kim, MD, Caroline Kim, MD, and Beth Rubin, MD.

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continues to be a guiding light in dermatology. Accepting the Mentor of the Year Award, **Amy Paller, MD**, graciously acknowledged her own mentor, **Nancy Esterly, MD**, whom she described as a mentor with a capital “M”. Dr. Paller explained that despite her hectic schedule, she cherishes the many opportunities to mentor. She considers herself a student of her students and enjoys seeing the future successes of past mentees. **Suzanne Connolly, MD**, received the President’s Award for her indefatigable dedication in traveling the country to launch the Families Play Safe in the Sun Campaign. Dr. Connolly humbly stated she was honored to be an ambassador. It is her hope the new video will light a fire within WDS members to volunteer.

Jean Bolognia, MD, efficiently swept through the business portion of the program. The accomplishments of the committees were highlighted, new officers were elected, bylaws were amended and retiring officers were recognized. Dr. Bolognia was “honored and relieved” to pass the gavel. She thanked her husband as well as the members of the executive staff and annual luncheon committee. The WDS thanked her for a productive year of growth on local, national and international levels. Members hope to see her sporting her well-earned, diamond rose pin while actually sitting down to enjoy the meal when we all meet again next year in Washington, DC.

With business concluded, author and photojournalist **Paola Gianturco** took us far away on a narrative and pictorial journey through

Guatemala, South Africa, Turkey and India, introducing us to poor but courageous craftswomen creating better lives for themselves and their families by becoming entrepreneurs. With four things, access to markets, credit, business information and health information, Gianturco found women can succeed financially. Once women have earning power, domestic violence, infant mortality, maternal mortality and birth rates decline. Paola Gianturco concluded her heart-warming, world tour by bring-

ing her stories home for us saying “small changes make larger changes possible and already, everywhere, changes have begun.”

Elizabeth McBurney, MD, WDS president for 2006-2007, graciously accepted the gavel and wrapped up the event, energizing us for the fun events ahead and placing mentorship as the keystone for the society. Her parting words are the perfect thought for all of us: “It is impossible to give more than you receive.”



Mentorship Award Recipients and their Mentors.



WDS President Jean Bolognia, MD, chose Suzanne Connolly, MD, to be the 2006 recipient of the President’s Award in recognition of her outstanding support and leadership of the WDS as the Chair of our Service Committee and for spearheading the Families Play Safe in the Sun Program Community Outreach Program from the beginning. Dr Bolognia said when presenting the award, “she has worked tirelessly over the past year and has even used vacation days to hold organizing meetings in San Francisco and to travel cross-country to Boston, Minneapolis, and Long Beach, California to coordinate events and to be sure everything was just so.”

ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON



Truly a team effort! WDS members come together prior to the annual luncheon to prepare the worry dolls to be placed on the tables. Someone commented, "this feels like a ladies quilting club!" From left to right: Bernice Krafflik, MD, Elizabeth McBurney, MD, and Evangeline Handog, MD.



Faculty, fellows and residents from Eastern Virginia Medical School gather to congratulate Toni Hood, MD, on her receiving the Wilma Bergfeld Visionary Leadership Award. From left to right: Judy Hu, MD, Margery A Scott, MD, Tracy Novosel, MD, Toni Hood, MD, Cyndi Torosky, MD, Catherine Chen, MD, Molly Warthan, MD, Sowyma Kishor, MD, and Kimberly Scott, MD.



Known for her "famous laugh" Fran Storrs, MD, (left) was conferred Honorary Membership in the WDS at the Annual Luncheon along with Nancy Esterly, MD. Fran is pictured here with Pat Engasser, MD, Co-chair of the Annual Meeting Luncheon.



Anna Lisa Agero, MD, and Dedee Murrell, MD, at the Annual Luncheon.



Luncheon Co-Chair Peggy Crawford, MD, welcomed 750 guests to the 31st WDS Annual Luncheon at the San Francisco Marriott on March 5.



Cheryl Gromann, Kerry Parker and Elizabeth McBurney, MD.

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NETWORKING



Seth Matarraso, MD welcomed WDS members into his private practice on Union Square in San Francisco during the AAD Academy for the Practice Enhancement Reception. Pictured here with him (from left) are: Maryam Asgari, MD, Monica Dahlem, MD, Debra Luftman, MD, and Anastasia Drohan, MD.



Mary Spellman, MD, and Linda Ruestch-Neri, RN, connected at the WDS Board Leadership Dinner held at the Banker's Club in San Francisco.



Marie-France Demierre, MD, Ginat Mirowski, MD, Marianne O'Donoghue, MD, and Christine Hayes, MD, met up at the WDS Networking Reception in SF.



At a pharmaceutical company meeting in Rome: Alexa Kimball, MD, Valerie Calender, MD, Maritza Perez, MD, Rhoda Narins, MD, Susan Weinkle, MD, Mary Lupo, MD, Zoe Draelos, MD, and Susan Taylor, MD.



Rose Hirschler Award

Lenore S. Kakita, MD (center), a member of the clinical dermatology faculty at UCLA for more than 30 years and in private practice in Glendale, CA, was honored with the WDS Rose Hirschler Award. She is pictured here, surrounded by her family, after accepting the award at the Annual Meeting Luncheon.

Antoinette Hood, MD, Receives Leadership Award

The Wilma Bergfeld Visionary and Leadership Award was created in 2000 at the 25th Anniversary celebration of the WDS to recognize dermatologists of national prominence who have been trailblazers for women in some aspect of our specialty.



The Award is not given on an annual basis, but on such occasion as the WDS Awards Committee and Board of Directors of the Society feel that there is an individual who is especially deserving of this honor. In 2006, it was determined that there was such a person, **Antoinette F. Hood, MD**, who is the second recipient of this award. The first recipient of the award was **June Robinson, MD**, in 2002.

Dr. Hood is a Professor of Dermatology and Pathology and Chair of the Department of Dermatology as well as Director of the Dermatopathology Unit at Eastern Virginia Medical School. After graduating with a B.A. in Biology from Stanford University, she matriculat-

ed at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine where she obtained her degree in 1967. Her dermatology training was obtained in the Harvard program, and she remained in Boston for a two-year fellowship in dermatopathology at the Massachusetts General Hospital with **Martin**

C. Mihm, Jr., MD. She was a faculty member for 13 years at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and for two years was an Assistant Dean for Admissions. She joined the faculty of the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1993 where she was Director of Dermatopathology for 9 years. She moved to Virginia in 2002 to join her husband, **Evan R. Farmer, MD**, who had been recruited as Dean and Provost at Eastern Virginia Medical School.

Dr. Hood is the author of over 120 peer-reviewed articles and is the co-author of four books. She has held leadership positions in several national medical organizations including the American Academy of Dermatology (Board of Directors; Vice President), the American Society of Dermatopathology (Secretary-Treasurer; President), and the American Board of Dermatology (Board of Directors; current Executive Director).

Mentor of the Year



Amy Paller, MD, Chair of the Department of Dermatology at Northwestern University, was named Mentor of the Year for serving as a mentor to dozens of dermatologists, pediatricians, and students from around the world, spending time one-on-one with each and sharing her in-depth knowledge and specific expertise. The WDS Mentor of the Year Award recognizes one mentor who has influenced the lives of women in dermatology through her commitment to mentoring.

Amy has served as a mentor to dozens of dermatologists, pediatricians, and students from around the world including individuals sponsored by the WDS Mentorship program. Those she has mentored through the WDS program include: **Miriam Shatley, MD**, **Barbara Lysznerski, MD**, **Cynthia Loomis, MD, PhD**, **Caroline Thornton, MD**, **Mary Chang, MD**, **Jennifer Khan, MD**, **Joy Mosser, MD**, **Carolyn Jacob, MD**, **Fred Ghali, MD**, **Lisa Gelles, MD**, **Tasneem Sultana Nakhoda, MD**, **Marni Wiseman, MD**, **Wendy Lee, MD**, **Alan Irvine, MD**, **Helen Raynham, MD**, **Theresa Pacheco, MD**, **Jennifer Steele, MD**, **Heidi Anderson, MD**, and **Vivian A. Lombillo, MD**.

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WDS Board Takes Action in San Francisco – Highlights of Meeting

The Women's Dermatologic Society Board of Directors Meeting met on Sunday, March 5, 2006 at the San Francisco Marriott Hotel. The following is a summary of the actions at that meeting:

President **Jean Bolognia, MD**, noted that a quorum was present. The financial report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005 was presented by Treasurer **Wendy Roberts, MD**. She reported that the year ended successfully and very close to budget. It was noted that over the past few years, the annual operating budget has tripled to nearly \$700,000 due to the incredible growth of WDS. After review and discussion, Audit Chair **Bar-**

bara Mathes, MD, reported that the WDS Audit was completed. She reported that the audit found the WDS in sound financial shape. After review and discussion, the Board accepted the Auditor's Report as presented. Bylaws Chair **Margaret Parsons, MD**, presented the Board with thirteen recommended changes to be included in the WDS Administrative Regulations. The Board of Directors reviewed the recommendations and accepted the changes as presented. Committee Chairs gave individual reports. Medical Student Awareness Committee Chair **Richard Odom, MD**, reported that the Program was able to award funding to twenty-one medical students in 2005 and fifteen

medical students in 2006. After review of the selected award recipients for 2006, the Board accepted the 2006 Awardees. Membership Committee Chair **Ginat Mirowski, MD**, informed the Board that WDS has received a record-breaking number of membership applicants this past year. After reviewing the list of new member applicants, the Board accepted the proposed members as presented. Networking Committee Co-Chair **Pearl Grimes, MD**, announced that 2005/2006 had been a very successful year for WDS Networking Receptions held across the country and abroad. Approximately 30 networking events

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What is the Dermatology Nurses Association?

By Cathy Boeck, RN,
Past President, DNA

Editor's Note: The members of the Dermatology Nurses' Association (DNA) have been active partners with WDS in community service outreach events. This article is intended to share information about the DNA.

One might ponder the question: does every Dermatologist need a dermatology nurse? The answer is a resounding "Yes". I would like to take this opportunity to delineate some important reasons why I can utter this response without reservation. Dermatology nurses are your collaborators in the care of patients presenting with a spectrum of dermatological disorders ranging from common to cosmetic. Simply stated, the core mission for The Dermatology Nurses' Association is to promote excellence in dermatologic care. We accomplish this goal by providing direct care with thoughtful nursing interventions, while educating, supporting and networking on behalf of our patients, membership, and the dermatologic community at large. A daunting task for some, but tried and

true for the DNA membership! We are an inclusive community of health care providers including Nurse Practitioners, RNs, LPN/LVNs, and office staff. We are the recognized experts in the field of dermatologic nursing care. Our belief is that our educational and research endeavors serve to improve the level of clinical competency of our membership, thus equipping them with the important tools for reaching out beyond their immediate practice milieu.

There are currently 3,000 plus active members in the DNA. Membership benefits include access to monthly newsletters, subscription to Dermatology Nursing, a bimonthly journal, scholarships, grants and awards. Members may also afford themselves the opportunity to participate in local chapters and special interest groups. The premiere educational venue for the DNA is the annual convention. Each year, this meeting attracts increasingly larger numbers of members, both national and international, to a curriculum that balances bread and butter der-

matology with cutting edge research, technology, and professional development topics.

Certification is also available for qualified individuals.

Dermatology Nurse Certification (DNC) provides an added credential beyond licensure and demonstrates by examination that the Registered Nurse has acquired a core body of specialized knowledge and adheres to specified nursing standards. It assures consumer protection and confers peer and public recognition to those individuals who prove proficient in their practice.

A recent addition to the compliment of the Dermatology Nurses' Association was the formation of the Nurse Practitioner Society. Any nurse practitioner who works with dermatology patients is eligible to join DNA and become a member. The primary intent of the Society is to support the educational and networking needs unique to the practice of the nurse practitioner.

For more information go to www.dnanurse.org

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Katrina-Ousted Dermatology Residents Return to New Orleans

By *Lindsay Ackerman, MD and Nicole Rogers, MD*



From left to right: Matt Mittlebronn, MD, Mara Haseltine, MD, Patrick Coleman, MD, Ashley Counce, MD, Ryan Ahern, MD, Alison Stallings, MD, Anna Cole, MD, Nicole Rogers, MD, Lindsay Ackerman, MD, and Glenda Swet, MD.

Ready, set, Boh! Yes, “Boh.” Thanks to the work of the new Tulane Dermatology division chair and WDS member **Erin Boh, MD, PhD**, Tulane residents are transitioning home, from Houston, to once again serve the population of New Orleans and surrounding areas. As of April 1st, ten residents will have returned to this previously sunken city. Dr. Boh has put countless hours into reorganizing the residency program so that it again meets the standards of the Residency Review Committee.

Before relocating to Houston, we were taken in by many generous physicians. **Lindsay Ackerman, MD**, spent time with **Ron Hanson, MD**, a pediatric dermatologist in Phoenix, Arizona. **Drs. Dena Howell, Stasia Drohan, and Nicole Rogers** worked with **James Elder, MD**, a dermatopathologist in Birmingham, Alabama. He provided housing as well as extensive instruction to the residents there. Other residents stayed busy working with local dermatologists.

We are extremely grateful for the outpouring of support by the University of Texas, Houston and Baylor University Medical School dermatology departments. Dermatologists **Drs. Adelaide Hebert and Asra Ali** from the University of Texas, Houston dermatology department drafted a grant proposal to the WDS to provide funds for books and other lost educational materials. The grant was awarded to the residents at this year’s Annual Luncheon. **Drs. Stasia Drohan, Dena Howell, and Monica Trail**, all WDS members, are completing their 3rd year of residency at Baylor University Medical School and will graduate from Tulane in June.

It is with great excitement that we will reunite with friends, patients,

and mentors. We have an excellent team of attending staff, residents, and auxiliary personnel to rely on and share in new challenges during this period of adjustment. Many local private practitioners have also volunteered their time and offices for our learning. In addition, organizations like the AAD and publishers like Elsevier have provided funds and books, leaving us far from feeling alone or forgotten.

We all feel as though we have forged new relationships that will last a lifetime. To the WDS, the AAD, the UT Houston and Baylor dermatology programs, and practitioners who have welcomed us into their offices, we give our sincerest thanks, and look forward to the opportunity to return your kind works.

New Academic Group

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tation, the participants were divided into smaller discussion groups to collaborate on several relevant topics about how to develop and sustain an academic career. The key topics identified by the steering committee included: the importance of mentorship – how to establish it and sustain it; the need to develop a niche; when to say yes and when to say no; sur-

vival skills in academic dermatology; and the importance of participating in faculty development programs.

The enthusiasm and acknowledgment of the need to discuss these various topics was evident throughout the discussion groups. The goal of the AIG is to further identify the key elements enabling women to enroll and remain in academic dermatology, and to provide them with

the necessary instruments to achieve their goals. The AIG is currently working on incorporating the results from the discussion group sessions into a national academic survey.

An important element of the AIG initiative is to scientifically support the newly established “Resident and Young Dermatologist Research Grant Program” which has been supported by OrthoNeutrogena.

WDS AROUND THE WORLD

By *Evangeline B. Handog, MD, FPDS*

Q uite a very private person, **Ellen Mooney, MD**, our featured immunodermatologist hails from Reykjavik, Iceland. She has many board certifications attached to her name including the American Boards of Dermatology and Pathology, Dermatology and Dermatopathology, and Certification of special qualification in dermatologic immunology/diagnostic and laboratory immunology. Her special interests are nevi, flushing, and melanoma. Away from work she enjoys playing classical piano, gardening, hiking and biking.

Antoinette Hood, MD, invited Ellen to speak at a dermatopathology meeting. It was there where Toni encouraged her to become a member of WDS. Ellen became a member of the International Affairs Committee



Ellen Mooney, MD, on top of the world.

of the WDS in 2002. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the European Women's Dermatological Society (EuWDS) as well. She has twice received a WDS Career Enhancement Award (2001 and 2003). When asked what benefits she has obtained from becoming a WDS member, she responded quickly: "In-

ternational cooperation and meeting new people". She wished for "increased collaboration with the EuWDS".

From the icy northpole, we shift our focus to the tropical Philippines. American-trained **Sylvia Jacinto, MD**, takes pride in being "mother" to many residents as she is head honcho of the Skin and Cancer Foundation, a recognized dermatology residency training center of the Philippine Dermatological Society (PDS). She was PDS President for two terms. Her numerous contributions to this society earned her a PDS nomination to the Philippine Medical Association as "Most Outstanding Member of PDS" last year.

Dr. Jacinto joined WDS primarily because she wanted to bond with other women dermatologists from around the world. When asked how WDS could better service its members, she wrote: "preceptorships for international members". She is presently a member of the WDS Membership Committee.

On the lighter side, Dr. Jacinto loves to paint. She has had two ONE Woman shows, and one TWO-Women show. She dances the Fla-



Sylvia Jacinto, MD: talent and energy.

menco, does pottery and is a graduate of the Sheffield School of Interior design, New York City. Indeed, so

much talent and energy.

Fenella Wojnarowska, professor of Dermatology at the University of Oxford, is well known in the field of immunobullous diseases and vulvar diseases (lichen sclerosus and planus specifically). She is the President-Elect of EuWDS. Board Member of the EADV (UK), Chairperson of the EADV Fostering Dermatology Committee, and co-editor of the EADV News.

After attending the WDS luncheon meeting at the AAD and the



Fenella Wojnarowska, MD and son Fred.

WDS luncheon in Nice, France, Professor Wojnarowska worked to launch the EuWDS. The WDS introduced her to the community of American women dermatologists. She hopes for more international collaborations with WDS members including long term clinical and/or research opportunities (European-US alliance) and has volunteered as a mentor for the WDS.

Walking, surfing and sailing are Fenella's main leisure interests, especially now that she recently acquired a holiday home in Cornwall for her fifteen-year-old son Fred and herself to enjoy.

Pediatric dermatologist **Anagha Jaideep Dudhbhate, MD**, is affiliated with Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital and Sanjeevan Hospital,

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Maharashtra, India. In 1996, she was able to spend time with Gloria Graham, MD, who mentored Anagha despite her not receiving a WDS mentorship award for which she had applied. The resulting visit enriched her enormously, both academically and emotionally. At the end of the visit, Dr. Graham invited Anagha to become a member of WDS. She did so willingly. Ana says that she made good friends and found a lifelong mentor who helped her gain insight into how the leading women in dermatology cope with the pressures from male colleagues. Anagha would



Anagha Jaideep Dudhbhate, MD, is such an active lady!

love to volunteer to be on any of the WDS committees.

An avid reader and Yoga follower, Anagha has been practicing yoga regularly with the Iyengar Yoga Institute for the last eight years. She is also an enthusiastic trekker and has trudged in the Sahyadri mountains as well as the Himalayas, Kanchangunga, the Valley of Flowers and Jim Corbett National Park. She loves to listen to all kinds of music but of course for her the Indian instrumental is the best! Anagha is a loving wife to Jaideep and a wonderful mother to Anay who is now twelve years old.

The Women's Dermatologic Society is indeed an assortment of wonderful women whose dedication to their professions and diversity of interests enhance our organization.

To WDS and all its members, I

WDS Board Takes Action

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across the country and abroad took place over the course of the past year. WDS/ASDS Women Derm Surgeons Committee Co-Chair **Sarah Weitzul, MD**, brought before the Board a request for a name change to the "Women's Dermatologic Surgeons Committee." The change was accepted by the Board. Janet Hickman, MD, President of the WDS Foundation reported that the Foundation, has received individual donor support from 70 WDS members totaling an amount of about \$50,000. **Anita Gilliam, MD, PhD**, representing the Dermatology Foundation announced that on Saturday, March 4, 2006, **Anna Di Nardo**,

MD, from the University of California, San Diego received the first Women's Health Career Development Award. She stated that the award was made possible due to a promised grant from WDS to the Dermatology Foundation (DF) in the amount of \$55,000 per year for 3 years. The DF has a panel of 9 committee members to review the applications. The Board reviewed all committee appointments and accepted them. With no additional business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next WDS Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 30, 2006 at 7:00 am in San Diego, California.

Families Play Safe in the Sun WDS Community Outreach in Miami



DERMATOLOGY TEAM IN ACTION! Heading the sun safety educational outreach of Families Play Safe in the Sun in Miami are WDS members, pictured from left, front row: Elizabeth Connelly MD, Debbie Zell MD, Tania Garcia RN, Claudia Ramirez MD, Megan Bogart MD, and Sujatha Tadicherla MD. Back Row: Laura Northrop, Judith Crowell MD, Oliver Perez MD, Elizabeth McBurney MD, WDS President-elect, and Kerry Parker, Executive Director, WDS.



Being 9 months pregnant didn't stop WDS member Elizabeth Alvarez Connelly, MD, Associate Clinical Professor of Dermatology and Pediatric Dermatology at the University of Miami, from serving as organizing chair of the Miami event.



Just two weeks later, Lucas Francisco Eduardo Connelly was born. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 8 oz., 19 inches long.



Dr. Claudia Ramirez assists Miami coloring contest winner, Camila Dominquez, and Camila's brother German.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WDS Networking Reception

May 27, 2006

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

The Bahamas during the American Society for Mohs Surgery's (ASMS) Symposium

WDS Member Renewal Retreat

June 23 - 25, 2006

St. Julien Hotel & Spa, Boulder, CO

Families Play Safe in the Sun -

WDS Community Outreach

July 1 - 3, 2006

Cherry Creek Arts Festival, Denver, CO

July 22 - 23, 2006

Mayor's Cup Soccer Tournament
Chicago, IL

WDS Networking Reception

at the AAD Summer Academy Meeting

July 28, 2006

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

San Diego Marriott, San Diego, CA

WDS Networking Reception at the

Pacific Dermatologic Association's 58th Annual Meeting

August 10, 2006

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Portola Plaza Hotel, Monterey, CA

Families Play Safe in the Sun -

WDS Community Outreach

September 1 - 4, 2006

St. Louis County Fair & Air Show
St. Louis, MO

September 30 - October 1, 2006

Old Pecan Street Festival, Austin, TX

WDS Annual Meeting Luncheon

February 4, 2007

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By Zoe Diana Draelos, MD

Nothing stops those women from New Orleans! **Mary Lupo, MD**, and **Patti Farris, MD**, are back in their offices seeing patients again. Both of them have related some amazing stories about how quickly the water rose that fateful day. Let's hope that New Orleans is back on its feet soon as we really enjoyed our WDS functions in the big easy.

Clay Cockerell, MD, immediate past president of the AAD and a WDS member, states that he is enjoying more quiet moments now that his term at the helm of the AAD has passed. He was a capable leader and innovator during his year. Thank you for all of your efforts, Clay!

One of our very active international members, **Marcia Ramos-e-Silva, MD**, recently published the Atlas of Women's Dermatology from Infancy to Maturity with Taylor & Francis. Her co-authors were **Drs. Lawrence Parish, Sarah Brenner, and Jennifer Parish**. It is a beautiful book rich with excellent illustrations depicting skin disease in women.

WDS congratulates its members who are also newly elected members of the ADA: **Anne Burdick, MD, Richard Fitzpatrick, MD, Mitchel Goldman, MD, Kathi Madison, MD, Amy McMichael, MD, Melanie Pratt, MD, Phoebe Rich, MD, Daniel Siegel, MD, Susan Taylor, MD, Erin Warshaw, MD.**

Anna Di Nardo, MD, of the University of California, San Diego is the first recipient of the Women's Health Career Development Award awarded through the Dermatology Foundation. This new award was created by the WDS in 2005. Dr. Di Nardo's project is entitled "Role of Cathelicidin Antimicrobial Peptides in the Pathogenesis of Scleroderma".

During the 15th EADV Congress October 4-8 in Rhodes, Greece, a Symposium on "Dermatological Problems in Women" will be offered. A young member of the EuWDS, **Christina M. Ambros-Rudolf, MD**, from Austria, has been invited to give a talk on "Specific Dermatoses of Pregnancy-Visited and Reclassified".

WDS members elected to the AAD Board of Directors are **Maggie Parsons, MD, Sandra Read, MD, and Ron Moy, MD**. Elected to the role of AAD Vice President was **James Taylor, MD** and **William Hanke, MD**, as the new president-elect of the AAD.



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- WDS encourages and supports women to maximize their personal and professional potential and to contribute to our specialty and society.



Tina Alster, MD, treating an elephant's facial wrinkles in Botswana with laser while on safari.