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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.