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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**We Are Family...**

**N**ine years ago my partner, Mozelle and I adopted her niece Maura and did so with great trepidation. She was seven years old and we were fifty-ish. We both had full time careers and were



By ELIZABETH MCBURNEY, MD

not sure if we were up to the life changes that rearing a child brings. The universe had brought us this beautiful child in need and we decided

to give it our best.

The going was bumpy at first. We were faced with a child frightened to sleep alone, and with any nighttime thunder claps, she would come flying into our arms. She was behind in her school work requiring us to attend multiple teacher conferences and physician assessments. My two older daughters had been above average students and required minimal help with homework, so this was an entirely new situation for me. It required me to expand my way of thinking and to rely on my family for support.

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**Our Boulder Retreat Had It All!**



The WDS Member Renewal Retreat was held in beautiful Boulder, CO on June 23-25, 2006. What an exciting retreat it was. Look inside this issue for complete details.

**The Survey Says...Women are a Force in the Workforce**

*By Yoon Soo Bae, AB and Alexa Boer Kimball, MD, MPH*

**I**t's clear from the recent outpouring of commentary and conjecture about the "Mommy Wars" that the role of women in the workforce and how they experience the tensions of career satisfaction, financial need, and domestic and maternal drives is far from easy. Overlooked may be the idea that medicine can be more forgiving than traditional business or law. Once the very long training period is over, many options are available for a range of part time to

full time work, and many of these don't require being sidelined into a "mommy track" or quitting altogether. But that doesn't mean it's simple. Our previous work has demonstrated that for recent trainees, women's practice hours are substantially affected by the presence of children in their lives. We've also shown that there are differences in the work patterns of generations of women. In order to get a better sense of how having children related to some of these differences among

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## President's Message

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Mozelle and I became very familiar with Maura's school curriculum. In her third-grade year, we helped her brainstorm a science fair project related to a subject she was avidly interested in at the time: getting her fingernails polished. Together we channeled Maura's fascination with manicures into a science project entitled "Rate of fingernail growth." My oldest daughter Leanne tutored Maura in math and my second daughter, Susan covered English and writing skills. My mother and siblings were delighted to have another grandchild and niece. My sister, Mary Jane, wrote regular letters to Maura in an effort to encourage her to enjoy reading.

While academics always remained a struggle, Maura was able to cobble together a set of study habits to help get through each semester. Throughout this she has always remained exceptionally confident and outgoing. She's never met a stranger.

She is also an accomplished dancer, and last year she was elected sophomore dance lieutenant for the school dance team. One of the Louisiana Mardi Gras krewes has invited her to be a princess for the past three years.

In January of this year, Maura returned to live with her biological mother. It was a difficult time for all, but our disappointment was tempered by the fulfillment we found with her in our lives. Thanks to family, friends, teachers, and the community Maura had been given the tools and foundation to build her own future.

I see the WDS as a huge extended family working together to build the future for dermatology. Each of us bring our own insights and talents to accomplish those things that none of us could do on our own. It warms my heart to see medical students, residents, spouses, and children, working along side WDS members at the Families Play Safe in the Sun events. Perhaps best of all I often see more seasoned members coming to the aid

of junior members when they feel that they have bitten off more than they can chew. The collaborative go-to spirit is what makes the WDS so unique in character among all of the professional societies of which I have been a member. It is what makes me so excited about the future of the WDS and our profession. WDS members are phenomenal...so vibrant, diverse, and willing to say yes and give unselfishly to others.

We still see Maura frequently, and when we do it is lovingly. We watch her grow from a distance now and each time we see a beautiful young woman developing. Likewise, as the WDS members convene at meetings, luncheons, and retreats we can watch our new members and younger mentees grow and blossom.

It is truly a privilege to serve as your president.

Warmest regards to all,



Elizabeth I. McBurney, MD

## WDS Nominating Committee Calls for Nominees

The WDS Nominating Committee is comprised of the following WDS Members charged with making nominations of candidates for the WDS Officers/Board of Directors to be approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting in Washington, DC on Sunday, February 4, 2007 at 12 noon. In addition, the committee nominates members to be considered by the AAD Nominating Committee.

The Committee accepts nominations from the membership at any time, so feel free to contact any member of the committee:

**Susan Weinkle, MD**, Chair (2004-07) *Bradenton, FL*

**Barbara R. Reed, MD** (2005-08) *Denver, CO*

**Janet G. Hickman, MD** (2004-07) *Lynchburg, VA*

**Barbara M. Mathes, MD** (2006-09) *Doylestown, PA*

**Suzanne Olbricht, MD** (2004-07) *Burlington, MA*

**Mary Spraker MD** (2004-07) *Atlanta, GA*

**Frances J. Storrs, MD** (2006-09) *Portland, OR*

## Workforce Survey Results

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generations of women, we decided to ask the members of WDS.

We designed a short anonymous survey to be distributed with the tickets to the WDS luncheon at the AAD meeting in 2006. One hundred and thirty nine people responded, of whom 14 (10.7%) were male and 46 were residents (33%), representing an overall response from approximately 18.5% of the luncheon attendees.

Among all women who responded, the number of children had a modest inverse effect on current work hours (105 respondents,  $p < 0.03$ ) and desired work hours ( $n = 105$ ,  $p < 0.03$ ). But this relationship did not hold up when the residents were removed from the data. Not surprisingly, those women with no children worked more hours than those with one. However, those women with 2 or more children worked more hours on average than those with one and how they decided how many hours to work was more affected by their career satisfaction. Interestingly, despite the variance in the hours actually worked, every group, except the 2 women with 4 children, wanted to work about 6 hours fewer than they currently do. (Which leads one to the conclusion that making the day 25 hours long would pretty much solve the problem for everyone!)

Some trends toward generational differences were also apparent, as have been seen in other studies. Female non-residents 40 and younger (27 respondents, average age 36) work an average of 36.46 hours. Those between ages 41-50 (18 respondents,

average age of 45) work 39.81 hours, those between the ages of 51 and 60 (16 respondents, average age of 55) work 44.13 hours, while female dermatologists between 61-70 years of age currently work 35.81 hours. The majority (64%) of recently graduating female dermatology residents chose family/children as the important factor determining the number of hours they would work in the future compared to a large number

to this survey did work longer hours than the women, but the numbers are too small to derive any real conclusions.

These data represents an amalgam of a set of complicated and intensely personal decisions and it is no surprise that some of the trends are difficult to interpret. Neither number of children or age had a consistent effect on the number of hours worked for women currently

### Practicing Dermatologists Grouped by Number of Children

Number of Children	Number of Respondents	Average Age of Respondent	Current Hours	Desired Hours	Most Important Factor
0	15	40	41.53	34.73	Job Satisfaction
1	18	46	34.28	28.61	Family/Children
2	26	48	41.98	34.81	Job Satisfaction
3	9	52	31.3	24.78	Job Satisfaction
4	2	62	47.5	35	Family/Children Job Satisfaction

of practicing female dermatologists (48.72%) who chose job satisfaction ( $p < 0.010$ ).

Predictions about the future are always challenging, but of the 79 practicing female dermatologists who answered this question; eight (10%) said they never planned to retire, would retire at age  $> 80$ , or on their deathbeds! Two had already retired, one was undecided and the rest planned to retire at an average age of 65. The current female residents anticipated retiring on average at age 63.

For the record, as we have seen in other studies, men who responded

in practice. Most women in this survey would like to work somewhat, but not dramatically, fewer hours and plan to work for a full career. They are also generally working reasonable hours. The factors we could not assess in this short survey were the role of spouses and finances, which undoubtedly further affect these choices and our conclusions are of course limited by the small sample size. However, these results confirm what we have asked directly in other surveys, that women in dermatology are generally speaking a very lucky, happy, and satisfied group who like what they do. ■

# MEMBER RENEWAL RETREAT

## Our Boulder Retreat Had It All!

*By Rochelle Torgerson, MD, PhD*

The instructions were simple: hydrate, pack casual clothing and come ready to relax and be rejuvenated. 72 members of the WDS followed these instructions and oh boy did we have fun. The 2006 WDS member renewal retreat was held June 23-25 at the St. Julien Hotel and Spa, the newest hotel in Boulder Colorado. Settled between the mountains and Boulder Creek, our rooms had four poster beds, down duvets, and slate bathrooms with nearly bottomless soaking tubs. A full service spa, lap pool, and fitness center as well as opportunities for hiking, biking and shopping on the Pearl Street Mall were all close at hand. Clearly, that alone would have been truly boring so **Anne Burdick, MD** and her committee added pilates, breakfasts on the terrace, a sing-a-long, line dancing, a champagne book club and late night munchies.

Who were we you ask? We were at times the Tu Tu Divas, the Kick Ass Babes and the Naked Cowgirls. We paired up at the opening reception to meet each other and learned we were linguists, musicians, ballet dancers, figure skaters, seamstresses, immigrants, newlyweds, mothers and grandmothers. We came from around the world, and we even included three brave men.

On the first evening, led by pianist Jerry Miller, we used a songbook prepared by **Barbara Reed, MD** to

belt out many a fine tune. Some of us, including **David Norris, MD**, could clearly hold our own. Others having been told by junior high choral instructors that we should just mouth the lyrics, ignored that advice for the evening and joined in the fun. A better rendition of "Funiculi Funicula" has never been heard.

The next morning bright and early, some of the group joined **Ginat Mirowski, MD** for pilates. A



Pictured from left to right: Janet Hickman, MD, Amalie Derdeyn, MD, Rochelle Torgerson, MD, and Ann Deren-Lewis of OrthoNeutrogena enjoying the Member Renewal Retreat.

few displayed fine form and others groaned as we located our transverse abdominus muscles that had been on sabbatical. Other optional activities that day included a Celestial Seasonings Presentation with **Kathleen Hectorne, MD** and a bird watching tour with actual rare bird sightings.

After breakfast, Professor and author, Regina Barreca, PhD, had us laughing to the point of weeping. She shared with us how to use humor to cope with the realities of life, unearth issues and win arguments. Her essay of how her childhood acne carries its effect into adulthood was a good les-

son for a room of dermatologists. That evening, with our reading assignments from **Sandra Read, MD** completed and the champagne flowing, Professor Barreca brought her book, *Too Much of a Good Thing is Wonderful*, to life. She also answered the all-important question, "What is it like to be a guest on Oprah?"

Before the champagne (as it seemed safest in that order), with help from an enthusiastic and patient instructor, we (each and every one of us including a reluctant Margaret Wong) were turned into accomplished line dancers that could go around-the-world with style. Response was so great to the initial video clip, we may be forced to take the show on the road at future AAD meetings.

On the final day, **Linda Roth**, Senior Executive Director of Communications for Drexel University College of Medicine, gently pushed us to think about image building and self-promotion, both of which women and especially women physicians often avoid. Key points included 1) shape your own image or someone will shape it for you 2) develop a personal philosophy 3) reputation is the cornerstone of power. Linda Roth also reminded us of President Clinton's statement, "When our memories outweigh our dreams we have grown old."

By spending time with friends, forging new ties and just plain letting our hair down, I think we each dusted off our dreams and got a little bit younger by the end of the retreat. ■

# MEMBER RENEWAL RETREAT

## A Weekend of Laughter . . . A Resident's Perspective

By *Annie Chiu, MD, Resident Physician, Department of Dermatology, Emory University*

“Laughing is a wondrous thing—it’s the easiest way to build intimacy with others.” These were the words spoken by **Regina Barreca, PhD**, author, and speaker of the Book Club held at the Women’s Dermatologic Society’s Renewal Retreat. Better words could not be used to describe the entire weekend of the WDS retreat. And if laughter really is a measure of building intimacy, then I can now tell my fellow residents that I spent a weekend building “intimate” friendships (aka laughing our heads off) with the likes of **Jean Bologna, MD, Lenore Kakita, MD, Diane Baker, MD**, and many more of the amazing women in the WDS.

As a first-time resident attendee, I certainly did not know what to expect from a retreat with such accomplished and established women. The WDS billed the weekend as an opportunity to “Relax, Learn, and Experience”, but having attended multiple other professional retreats, I was admittedly somewhat suspicious of the “relax” part, especially for a resident. I knew it would be a wonderful networking opportunity, but worried whether the retreat would be stuffy and formal, or if I would feel awkward or out of place, since I did not really know anyone in the WDS.

So I was obviously a little anxious, walking into the St. Julien Hotel, having arrived sweaty, tired, and almost two hours late because

of a delayed flight. It took all of 10 seconds for my anxieties to evaporate, because immediately upon my walking into the reception dinner, **Margaret Wong**, Assistant Executive Director of the WDS, greeted me like a long lost friend with a huge hug. I was then quickly introduced to my assigned retreat partner, who just happened to be **Mary Lupo, MD**, Vice President of the WDS. She too excitedly jumped out of her seat to hug and welcome me while gesturing to the seat that she had been saving for me. I was astounded by the warmth, enthusiasm, and genuine



Who knew that the dancing cowgirls were really dancing derms?

sense of community extended to the residents from those first moments of the WDS retreat to the very last goodbyes. I spent the weekend, which was filled with endless laughter, learning, and support, feeling like I had found a new home.

In fact, I felt so comfortable that I sang out loud around a piano (despite being completely tone-deaf and usually only capable of singing in the shower), line-danced, and bumped hips with almost every one of the astoundingly accomplished super-



Annie Chiu, MD and Bethanee Schlosser, MD enjoying a weekend of laughter in Boulder.

women attending the retreat. There was no hierarchy, no pretense, just fun. As a group, the residents and the other WDS attendees giggled like schoolgirls and laughed like hyenas at the hilarious talk by Dr. Barreca on the “strategic use of humor”. We showed off our “core” strengths (or, in my case, lack thereof) in pilates, and shared stories and favorite novels over great food throughout the weekend. By the second night, the atmosphere was so comfortable and relaxed, that the dress code of choice became the plush St. Julien terry-clothed robe. Along the way, the residents learned tips on becoming effective leaders, and we all took notes at Linda Roth’s talk focusing on communication and gaining confidence in public roles. I felt inspired by all the diverse paths to professional success and personal happiness that I heard, was reminded that it is acceptable (and expected) to make mistakes along these paths, and discovered that there are many, many different ways to be a leader and contribute to the field of dermatology.

My experience at the retreat re-

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# MEMBER RENEWAL RETREAT

In her welcome remarks at the WDS Member Renewal Retreat in Boulder, CO, WDS President Elizabeth McBurney said these encouraging and insightful words...



*“As many of you know, my area of the country sustained horrible damage from Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005. As I drive and walk around our devastated cities there still stand some beautiful and majestic live oaks. They remind me of the beautiful WDS people in this room. We have survived difficult and challenging times and are stronger and more resilient. Like the live oaks, we make a bold statement and are admired for our inner strength and beauty. We are nurturing and supportive. We all come from an acorn in the beginning. So as we move into this retreat, look for the acorns to nourish and be our future.”*

*- Elizabeth McBurney, MD*



Who could forget the Pilates drill sergeant!?



Kathy Hectorne, MD with Anne Burdick, MD. Anne chaired the successful Member Renewal Retreat in Boulder.

## Weekend of Laughter

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ally serves to exemplify the goals of the gifted and giving members of the WDS. These women (and men) are all bonded through the pursuit of professional and personal achievement and happiness, and a desire to give back to the dermatology community and to mentor future successful dermatologists and leaders. This is a diverse professional group that does not judge if a resident will end up practicing surgical, academic, medical, or cosmetic dermatology. They are simply here to support each other (including residents) as

fellow professionals, all striving to balance the demands of life, work, and community. The retreat weekend reminded me that the field of dermatology can be like an extended family, that I am not alone once I leave residency, and that there are always role-models that are excited to help, no matter where I end up professionally.

I feel incredibly fortunate that I had the chance to attend this retreat. I hope every resident has the opportunity to “relax, learn, and experience” the amazing talent, energy,

and genuine enthusiasm that I saw that weekend. When I look back on this retreat, I am sure I will remember and miss the idyllic setting of Boulder and the elegant and relaxed feel of the St. Julien Resort. But ultimately, my memories are dominated by the intimacy, fun, laughter, and genuine sense of mentorship and camaraderie that characterized the weekend. Luckily, I will never have to miss those bonds and friendships, because I now know they are always available through the WDS. ■

## In Search of Resilience

By *Lindsay Ackerman, MD*

“Humor is a combination of creativity and risk, two keys to effective leadership”. Saturday morning was launched to a soaring start with the astonishingly grounded humor and insight of guest speaker, **Regina (Gina) Barreca, PhD.** Barreca, a professor of English and Feminist Theory at the University of Connecticut, and guest speaker at the WDS Renewal Retreat, facilitated an immediate and intense sense of intimacy among the audience members, who quickly found themselves sharing both laughter and perspective. “I assume that everyone I meet is a feminist...that is, I like to give everyone the benefit of the doubt. After all, feminism is the radical belief that women are human beings”, Barreca stated. Also author of many publications, including a compilation of essays reviewed at the retreat entitled “Too Much of a Good Thing Can Be Wonderful”, Dr. Barreca admitted that she never writes fiction, “because if you listen carefully you don’t need to make anything up. Our lives are the funny part”. Revealing personal stories of her own, and stimulating participation in the audience, Barreca helped WDS attendees confront what she calls the ‘straightjacket of femininity’, and how one can escape from much of its constraint by realizing the empowerment of humor.

Under the beautiful blue Boulder sky, the morning activities were followed by the Resident/Leadership Luncheon, directed by **Kathy Schwarzenberger, MD.** Dr.



*Lindsay Ackerman, MD chats with Suzanne Connolly, MD over dinner during the retreat.*

Schwarzenberger suggested that attendees opt to “strive for resilience in place of balance”. She described life as a journey that will never cease to throw unexpected twists. Success does not depend upon being so stiff-

ly balanced as to be inflexible, but rather that one knows how to bend when necessary, and how to bounce back.

Depending on preference, the remainder of the afternoon was entertained by a Celestial Seasonings tea tasting, a bird-watching tour, hiking, biking, shopping, or enjoying the spa. WDS members reconvened with a reception and dinner that could only be outdone by the deejay and line-dancing that followed. Members paired with partners, danced in groups, and competed in teams that passed the night away in no time. But that wasn’t all. Dr. Sandra Read arranged for the late-evening Saturday finale which included desserts, coffee, champagne, and a WDS Retreat book review with Dr. Barreca that entertained attendees until nearly the early part of Sunday.

Sunday morning the retreat concluded with a session focused on gender differences in communication and how to prepare your public side, led by **Linda Roth**, the senior executive director of communications at Drexel University. Roth encouraged WDS members to develop a personal philosophy, look for opportunities where it can be communicated, become familiar with their public, and expect to train themselves to be good communicators. ■



# WDS NETWORKING EVENTS



Louisa Gehlmann, MD, Kelly Abbott, MD, Julie Moore, MD, and Marianne O'Donoghue, MD at an afternoon tea on Sunday, July 9 at Dr. O'Donoghue's Chauncey Williams House, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, built in 1898 in River Forest, IL.



Dr. Aimee Harwot, Anne Laumann and Ginat Mirowski pose with Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley as he declares July 22nd "Families Play Safe in the Sun Day" in Chicago. Please visit [www.playsafeinthesun.org](http://www.playsafeinthesun.org) for a complete listing of all our wonderful Chicago volunteers.



A dinner was hosted by Kathleen Sawada, MD and Adrienne Stewart, MD in Denver, CO on June 21. Plans were made for the upcoming Families Play Safe in the Sun event at the Cherry Creek Arts Festival. WDS President Elizabeth McBurney, MD attended.



Dr. Adrienne Stewart, Karen Johnson, Kathleen Sawada and Elizabeth McBurney take a break during Denver's record setting campaign at the Cherry Creek Arts Festival over 4th of July weekend. Please visit [www.playsafeinthesun.org](http://www.playsafeinthesun.org) for a complete listing of all our fabulous Denver volunteers.



Jean Bolognia, MD, Evangeline Handog, MD, and Marcia Ramos-e-Silva at the WDS Networking Reception in San Diego.



Guests enjoying the beautiful weather and great networking luncheon hosted by the Women Dermatologic Surgeons Committee during the ACMMSO conference in Scottsdale, Arizona.

# WDS LEADERSHIP RETREAT



## A Letter to Fellow Residents

### *My Experience Attending the WDS Leadership Retreat*

Hello everyone! I have just returned from Boulder, CO, where I spent Thursday through now at the Women's Dermatologic Society (WDS) leadership retreat. I wanted to tell you a little about it.

First of all, I met a LOT of very famous women dermatologists. I felt VERY intimidated and star-struck, so to speak, at first. I did a leadership building skills workshop at a table with Jean Bolognia, MD, met the president of the Women's Derm Society, Elizabeth McBurney, MD, ate and sat with Susan Weinkle (prominent Mohs and cosmetic surgeon), and ate dinner and talked with several past presidents of the AAD and Women's Derm Society (Wilma Bergfeld, MD, Sandra Read, MD, and Lynn Drake, MD) and the current President Elect for the AAD 2/07 (Diane Baker, MD).

I not only learned a ton at the retreat, but I must share with you how welcoming these very prominent dermatologists made me feel. I not only took away a lot of tips on presentation skills and leadership skills, but I truly felt a sense of belonging in this group. The intimidation I initially felt was almost instantly gone after only 30 minutes of interacting with these amazing women. They were encouraging, gave me email addresses, and were open to help mentor all of us residents in any way we needed.

The only reason I got to go to this leadership retreat was because the WDS gave me and 19 other derm residents across the country a scholarship. Actually, I did absolutely NOTHING to deserve it! All I did was enroll to become a member, and they asked me to come. EVERYTHING was paid for! It was an amazing time!

I learned that the WDS has a LOT of great programs, including the WDS Mentorship program. This is a program where they will pay up to \$3000 to spend up to one month away with another mentor of your choice. I met Ginat Mirowski, MD, whom is not only a dentist, but a derm who specializes in genital and oral derm. She frequently gives lectures at the Academy. She is one of the mentors to select from, as is Jean Bolognia, MD, Tina Alster, MD (famous for lasers and is the Lancome derm representative), and several others. Gracie is the recipient for one of the Mentorship awards, and she will be learning from Libby Edwards, whom is an expert in genital derm. Ginat Mirowski did the same Mentorship with her in the past, so let me know if you want her email address, Grace. I am certain she would love to talk to you all about it.

They even have a WDS Career Development Grant, which allows members already done with residency and in practice to get money to spend some time away with a mentor, as above. They also have an Academic Research Grant, and many other great things to offer.

I also learned that not only women are involved. The Society is open to men, as well. In fact, two of the scholarship recipients were men! It is also open to med students, as well, so if you have any of them approach you this year on how to learn more about derm or to get some financial assistance to do the Mentorship elective please tell them about it, as well.

I write you this not to bore you, but to encourage you all to consider applying for membership to the Women's Dermatologic Society, if you have not already done so. They have so many programs to offer us residents, and it is an opportunity to learn from these prominent women, to network, and to have financial assistance for some of these away electives you have an option to pursue during your third year.

Sincerely,

*Maria Canizares, MD*

Chief Resident at Washington University, St. Louis

*Editor's Note: This letter was sent to fellow residents at Washington University encouraging them to become active in WDS.*

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## WDS Networking Reception

Sunday, September 24, 2006

1- 4 PM

Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA

## Families Play Safe in the Sun Community Outreach

Sept. 30 - October 1, 2006

Old Pecan Street Festival, Austin, TX

## WDS Networking Reception

Thursday, October 5, 2006

5:30 - 7:00 PM

At the 15th EADV Congress in Rhodes, Greece

## Women Dermatologic Surgeons

### Networking Luncheon

Saturday, October 28, 2006

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

At the ASDS Annual Meeting at the JW Marriott in Palm Desert, CA

## During AAD Winter Academy

### Washington, DC

February 1-4, 2007

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|------------------|--|
| Thurs. 7:00 PM   | WDS Executive Committee Dinner (off-site location TBA)             |
| Fri. 7:00 AM     | WDS Academic Breakfast Grand Hyatt                                 |
| Fri. 8 AM - 5 PM | WDS committee meetings Grand Hyatt                                 |
| Fri. 5:30 - 7 PM | WDS Networking Reception Grand Hyatt                               |
| Fri. 6:30 - 8 PM | WDS Practice Enhancement Reception (at Tina Alster's office)       |
| Sat. 7 - 9 AM    | WDS Board of Directors Meeting, Grand Hyatt (breakfast at 6:30 AM) |
| Sat. 9 AM - 5 PM | WDS committee meetings Grand Hyatt                                 |
| Sun. 12 NOON     | WDS Annual Meeting Luncheon Grand Hyatt                            |

Find out what's new and interesting. Visit the website of the Women's Dermatologic Society at: [www.womensderm.org](http://www.womensderm.org)

## It's Time to Give Back

By *Ginat Mirowski, DMD, MD*



As we grow in our lives and our careers, it is important for us to remember the importance of “giving back”. WDS President Elizabeth McBurney said it so eloquently at the Annual Meeting Luncheon in San Francisco this past March to a crowd of 800 dermatologists gathered together: “It is impossible to give more than you receive.” That message has stayed with me as I consider my involvement in the Women's Dermatologic Society.

Our future in dermatology depends on each of us giving back in many different ways. As a recipient of a WDS Mentorship Grant, I benefited from the generosity of others. I also benefited from Dr. Libby Edwards, who mentored me for those two glorious weeks. Before entering medical school, I had completed both my dentistry training and a specialty in Oral Pathology and Oral Medicine. The WDS Mentorship Grant allowed me to expand this to interest in oral mucosal diseases to vulvar diseases. Thus I am now a mucosal dermatologist.

My career progressed in ways I could never have imagined thanks to the caring, guiding, and mentoring of those who recognized the importance of giving back.

Now it is my turn to give back and I do so with a warm feeling in my heart. Helping others, in the manner I have been helped, gives me great joy.

I invite you to join me in giving back by making a contribution to the new WDS Foundation, created in 2004 for the purpose of “giving back” to dermatology and the people who share this profession. The WDS Foundation supports endeavors such as education, training, outreach, and research programs. ■



Suzanne Connolly accepted the AAD Gold Triangle Award from Jill St. John and Robert Wagner for the WDS Families Play Safe in the Sun Community Outreach effort.

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## Inspiring and Empowering

**T**he leaders of the Women's Dermatologic Society were invited to come together on June 22-23 in Boulder, Colorado to celebrate the energy and spirit of the WDS, and to propel the Society forward in the most positive and strategic way. The WDS Leadership Retreat kicked off with a divine dinner for 35 at L'Absinthe Restaurant, one of Boulder's top restaurants. It was a fabulous night of getting acquainted and renewing friendships. The French wine flowed freely, as did the warm and festive feeling that was pervasive throughout the evening. Clear to all who had a seat at that very long table that evening was the camaraderie that exists within this dedicated group of WDS leaders.

In the past five years the WDS has seen a 40% growth in its membership. Its budget has quadrupled. More than 30 networking events took place last year, the highest number ever. WDS now offers six vibrant grant award programs, in addition to its flagship Mentorship Program that has provided more than 250 turning-point career experiences to young dermatologists over the past twelve years. The new WDS Foundation is busy implementing a \$1M community outreach grant. The WDS Annual Meeting Luncheon draws an attendance of nearly 800. The WDS is certainly no longer "ladies having a luncheon" – it is a busy and thriving organization of men and women who make things happen.

How is it that an organization that in its beginning struggled for its

legitimacy, has now grown to become a passionate force in the dermatology community? The answer is summed up in just one word: "Leadership". WDS leaders have certain traits that have been consistently applied to grow the organization. They have dedication that inspires others. They have determination that empowers. They have passion that is admired. This is why WDS succeeds.

Despite bleery-eyes and sleepy heads, this dedicated group of 35 reconvened early the next morning to reflect on the topic of "Leadership" and to look at ways to bring new leaders into the fold to further the growth of the Society. WDS President, **Elizabeth McBurney, MD**, and facilitator **Beth Wolfson**, led the group through a look at the skills and talents that are most common in current WDS leaders and those that are necessary to encourage in future leaders. They were described as follows using the word "Leadership" as the root:

**L - loving, longevity**  
**E - energizing, enthusiastic, engaging**  
**A - attentive, affirmative, attitude**  
**D - decision maker, delegator, diligent, decisive**  
**E - effective, efficient**  
**R - reliable, resourceful**  
**S - sensitive, synergy, sincere**  
**H - honest, humble, happy**  
**I - integrity, inclusive, insightful**  
**P - personal, positive, punctual, productive**

The discussion of leadership traits led to an exercise where WDS leaders recognized, clarified, and articulated WDS' unique niche. The group agreed that WDS exists to mentor and support future AAD leaders through leadership roles in WDS, to honor women's uniqueness, to build on women's abilities to nurture and volunteer, to utilize and encourage women's abilities for juggling and balance, and to be inclusive, fair, and sensitive to the needs of others. Building on this picture of "who" the WDS is, the group agreed on the following goals for moving the organization forward into the future and stated WDS will continue to:

- Grow and evolve as an organization
- Be an organization of women & men supporting women
- Have a high level of leadership participation
- Follow and adhere to WDS' established integrity and honesty
- Be true to the WDS mission statement
- Nourish a safe environment where members are free to be open and honest
- Encourage and reward strong volunteerism: making a difference
- Remember and recognize those who contribute
- Preserve the "intimacy" -- savor and preserve it as we grow our membership

The afternoon was devoted to looking at the specific traits and

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# WDS LEADERSHIP RETREAT

## Inspiring and Empowering

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skills of effective leaders and this led to some interesting roundtable discussions. **Barbara Reed, MD**, a past president of WDS, was heard sharing these sage words of advice on how to be a successful leader: “Show up, pay attention, speak your truth, and don’t be invested in the outcome.” **Valerie Callender, MD**, spoke of how one WDS leader asked her to take on a difficult assignment. Initially, she didn’t think she could handle it. However, through the mentorship that took place throughout the task, “skills came out in me I didn’t know I had,” said Dr. Cal-

lender, “and this helped me grow as a person.” The day was filled with many stories of life experiences in which proven leaders shared “pearls” with new leaders on leadership skills they had acquired. **Jean Bologna, MD**, shared the importance of honing one’s presentation skills to be a more effective communicator, **Wilma Bergfeld, MD**, provided tips on how to position oneself to get elected to influential leadership roles, **Susan Weinkle, MD**, shared her excellent negotiating skills and tips on effective fundraising, and **Sandy Read, MD**, provided tips on how to effi-

ciently run a meeting.

The day concluded with broad-based agreement on the future direction of WDS:

- WDS will continue to promote mentoring of future leaders
- WDS leaders will conscientiously seek out members who show leadership traits and actively bring them into the WDS leadership community
- WDS leaders will continue to accomplish what they set out to do through a collaborative and spirited team effort ■



During the WDS Leadership Retreat, groups discussed leadership qualities and building future leaders within WDS.



Who can forget how many wine glasses filled that long table?



WDS Board and Committee Chairs at one of Boulder’s best restaurants, L’Absinthe, where they had a fun dinner together. The restaurant’s accomplished French Chef, Maurice Couturier, formerly the private chef to the late King Hussein of Jordan for many years, made a fuss over us. Marie-France Demierre, MD selected perfect french wines for the table and the dinner choices were fabulous.



Marie-France Demierre, MD with Elizabeth McBurney, MD.

By Nicole Rogers, MD,  
Tulane University

**O**ne WDS member made interesting headlines with his mentorship project, not only by being a male grant recipient, but by traveling to Italy for his project! Giuseppe Militello, MD just finished his dermatology residency at the University of Pennsylvania, where he developed an interest in the WDS through his sponsor, William James, MD. He also developed an interest in hair and nail dermatology under the tutelage of Richard Scher, MD. This, combined with his fluency in Italian provided the perfect opportunity – to study hair and nails with the prominent Dr. Antonella Tosti in Bologna, Italy.



While in Italy, Dr. Militello performed trichograms, which are pull tests that involve removing all the hairs by their roots. He then used light microscopy to categorize the hairs as being in anagen, telogen, or catagen stages. For patients with conditions such as lichen planopilaris, scarring alopecia, or androgenetic alopecia, he and Dr. Tosti used this technique to determine the activity of their disease state.

They also worked together to use videodermoscopy to study the scalp. Dr. Militello said that the application of dermoscopy to hair allows for observation of more subtle aspects such as hair shaft diameter and perifollicular scale and comparison at

subsequent visits using pictures. He also studied a rare condition called congenital triangular alopecia, in which a patch of terminal hairs in the frontal temporal hairline is replaced by vellus hairs. Clinically, this patch resembles alopecia areata, but with a dermatoscope one can see tiny vellus hairs. This diagnosis, being impossible to treat, will spare the patient an extensive treatment course for alopecia areata.

Dr. Militello also gained experience with nail dermatology. He saw interesting cases of yellow nail syndrome, 20-nail dystrophy, and subungual melanoma in a 12-year old girl. He says he gained a wealth of knowledge and experience working with Dr. Tosti. He feels that the best part about the experience was establishing international relationships and observing the different ways that dermatologists practice in Europe. He was especially impressed by how much they use dermoscopy.

This July Dr. Militello will be joining the faculty of Columbia's Department of Dermatology. His focus will be on nails, allergic contact dermatitis, and patch testing. ■

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**For additional information please contact Margaret Wong at 1-877-WDS-ROSE or by email at [adminmw@womensderm.org](mailto:adminmw@womensderm.org).**



## WDS Calls for Nominees to AAD

The WDS Nominating Committee will be making nominations to the AAD Nominating Committee for consideration for future AAD Board vacancies. If you would like to nominate an individual for a position, contact WDS Nominating Committee Chair **Susan Weinkle, MD** at [SWEINKLE@aol.com](mailto:SWEINKLE@aol.com) or contact the WDS office at: 1-877-WDS-ROSE (937-7673).

# READS & RECOMMENDS

By Christine Kannler, MD



## SCALPEL AND THE SILVER BEAR

By Lori Alvord, MD

After getting her MD, the author returned to the reservation and demonstrated her ability to incorporate her native American ways of thinking into her Western medical education and quickly gained the respect of her elders. She became an ally and friend of the medicine men. Her book is inches away from being a NYT Bestseller.

*Recommended by Linda Roth, keynote speaker at the 2006 Member Renewal Retreat in Boulder, CO*



## FIGHT CLUB

By Chuck Palahniuk

For all of you who have sons, husbands, fathers, brothers: About becoming a man. I found it eye-opening!

*Recommended by Sandy Read, MD*

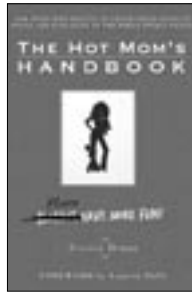


## THE YARN HARLOT- THE SECRET LIFE OF A KNITTER

By Stephanie Pearl-McPhee

I don't finish many books with a toddler, but managed this. And it is a serious good laugh.

*Recommended by Maggie Parsons, MD*

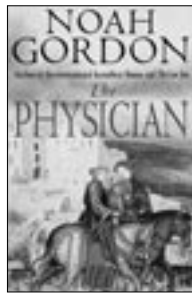


## THE HOT MOM'S HANDBOOK: MOMS HAVE MORE FUN!

By Jessica Denay

The book was reviewed on the Today show and is a fun, upbeat look at how to cultivate yourself and still be a great mom.

*Recommended by Amy McMichael, MD*



## THE PHYSICIAN

By Noah Gordon

A tale about an eleventh century English boy who, after becoming a traveling barber-surgeon/seller of tonics/entertainer, desires to learn as much as there is to learn about healing and undertakes a journey to study medicine in Persia. A fascinating page turner.

*Recommended by Sheila Belkin*



## ARE MEN NECESSARY?

By Maureen Dowd

My friend, Pulitzer-Prize winning NY Times columnist, Maureen Dowd, discusses men and skin/cosmetic concerns. Very witty.

*Recommended by Tina Alster, MD*

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# International Women's Dermatology Retreat



*Women Making a Difference  
Around the World*

**September 29 - 30, 2007  
Four Seasons Hotel  
Buenos Aires, Argentina**

**One-day retreat preceding the 2007 World Congress**

*buenos aires, argentina*

## RECEPTION

There will be a Welcome Reception and Dinner the evening before the Retreat. It will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel in the La Mansión Room from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Saturday, September 29, 2007.

## THE RETREAT

This retreat will provide opportunities for attendees to learn about their dermatology colleagues from around the world. The sessions will be focused on volunteerism, globalism and how women dermatologists are making a difference internationally. To register for this retreat, please visit [http://womensderm.org/events/2007-09-29\\_argentina.html](http://womensderm.org/events/2007-09-29_argentina.html).

# Schedule

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2007

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Welcome Reception/Dinner

8:00pm

Tango demonstration and lessons

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

7:30am - 8:30am

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30am - 8:45am

Welcome and Overview

Boni E. Elewski, MD, and Sandra I. Read, MD  
Co-Chairs, International Women's Dermatology Retreat

8:45am - 8:50am

Welcome Remarks

Charlie Stiefel, President of Stiefel Laboratories

8:50am - 9:00am

Welcome

Ricardo L. Galimberti, MD, President, World Congress

9:00am - 10:30am

**SESSION 1: Volunteerism**

Moderated by Dedee F. Murrell, MD, and  
Marcia Ramos-e-Silva, MD, PhD

**Scabies Eradication in Remote  
Aboriginal Communities in Australia**  
Li-Chuen Wong, MD, *Australia*

**Volunteering in Bolivia:  
Women Make the Difference**  
Christa de Cuyper, MD, *Belgium*

**Mohs Micrographic Surgery in Santiago Chile - Training  
and Volunteering to Create a Lasting Impact**  
Michel McDonald, MD, *United States*

**Families Play Safe in the Sun:  
A Public Education Campaign**  
Suzanne Connolly, MD, *United States*

**Evolution of Dermatology in Latin America:  
The Female Perspective**  
Maria Herane, MD, *Chile*

**American Academy of Dermatology and Volunteerism**  
Wilma Bergfeld, MD, *United States*

## FEE

\$125 USD (\$150 USD for on-site registration)

## HOTEL

Four Seasons Hotel

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Hotel and travel arrangements must be made thru the World Congress.

## WORLD CONGRESS

Registration for the International Women's Dermatology Retreat is separate from registration for the World Congress. For information on registration, hotels and travel for the World Congress please call +54-11 4783 8105 or visit their website at [www.dermato2007.org](http://www.dermato2007.org).

10:30am – 11:00am

Break

11:00am – 12:00pm

**SESSION 2: Globalism**

Moderated by Danielle Marcoux, MD, and Mary Maloney, MD

**Industrial Acne**

Ana Kaminsky, MD, PhD, *Argentina*

**Endemic Pemphigus Foliaceus: A Model of  
Epitope Spreading**

Valeria Aoki, MD, *Brazil*

**The Epidemiology of Mediterranean Kaposi's Sarcoma**

Rachel Friedman-Birnbaum, MD, *Israel*

**Pediatric Dermatology**

Margarita Larralde, MD, *Argentina*

12:00pm - 1:30pm

**Luncheon** (Presentation of the Pioneer Award and International Volunteer Award)

1:30pm – 2:55pm

**SESSION 3:**

Moderated by Jean Bolognia, MD, and Diane Baker, MD

**My Hurricane Katrina Experience**

Mary Lupo, MD, *United States*

**Encounter with Hurricane Katrina**

Elizabeth McBurney, MD, *United States*

**Dermatology in the Time of Katrina**

Scott Norton, MD, *United States*

**The International League of Dermatological Societies:  
Taking a Global View in a Time of Increasing Globalization**

Robin Marks, MBBS, *Australia*

President, International League of Dermatological Societies

**International Health and Skin Disease -**

**The Role of the Volunteer**

Rod J. Hay, MD, *United Kingdom*

Chairman, International Foundation of Dermatology

2:55pm – 3:00pm

**Conclusion**

Boni E. Elewski, MD, and Sandra I. Read, MD

By *Evangeline B. Handog, MD, FPDS*

**D**id you know that **Stephen P. Stone, MD**, Professor and Director of Clinical Research for the Division of Dermatology at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, is a member of the Women's Dermatologic Society?



AAD President Stephen Stone, MD with another famous president.

Yes, he is! The 67th President of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) is an esteemed member of the WDS and has been since August 2000. He gladly joined the society after being invited by **Lynn Drake, MD** and **Boni Elewski, MD** at one of the WDS luncheons held during the annual AAD meetings.

What most of us probably didn't know is that Steve is a licensed pilot who enjoys being up in his club's aircrafts – maneuvering a Cessna 172 and two Archers. Though his AAD presidency consumes much of his time, he still is an avid reader as well as an active member of the Jewish community, having recently finished a term as President of his local congregation.

The Springfield Medical District has also honored Steve as a “Medical Miracle Maker” for his leadership in the research community. However, the title of which he is most proud is affectionate husband

to Lisa Wald Stone and caring father to Jason, Charles and Erica. Charles, Jason and his wife, Kelli Stanovsky, are residents of St. Louis, Missouri, and Erica lives in West Palm Beach, Florida but will soon be moving to St. Louis as well.

I think you will agree with me that anyone who extemporaneously recounts a positive experience in your own country instantly becomes endearing. Two summers ago during a networking reception hosted by **Marianne O'Donoghue, MD** in Chicago, Prof. Jean Bolognia introduced me to Prof. Stone. I was so surprised to get a salutation in my own Filipino language “Kumusta ka?”!! (How are you?) He amazed me even more when he told me that he had been stationed at the Naval Communications Station in Zambales (northwest of Manila, Philippines), just over the mountains from Clarkfield Pampanga (an American airbase). “We were right on the water and could watch the sun set in the South China Sea each night – beautiful!” Well, that's coming from the AAD President, and better still it is coming from a WDS colleague...

Walking tall, literally and figuratively, **Prof. Jana Hercogova** is beauty and brains personified. This gorgeous lady is the Chairwoman of the Department of Dermatology and Venereology, 2nd Medical School, Charles University in Prague; President of the Czech Academy of Dermatology and Venereology; President of the 10th International



Congress of Dermatology (to be held in 2009 in Prague); and the Editor of the Czecho-Slovak Journal of Dermatology. What a feat!

Jana, who loves culture (operas, concerts, books) and mountain biking, is happily married to businessman Miloslav Hercog and mother to two exceptionally beautiful children, Tomas and Simona, ages 16 and 21.

It wasn't difficult for **Diane Baker, MD** and **Jean Bolognia, MD** to invite Jana to join the WDS in July 2005. “I like to see women working, chairing, and operating things. I enjoy supporting women to be in leadership positions. Personally, I have encountered many problems over the years being a woman in such positions” says Jana. Included in her wish list for WDS: “enlarge activities overseas – bring together the women in Europe – I am ready to help!” In fact she is very willing to volunteer, in particular in International Affairs or as a representative from “our part of the world”. WDS is truly blessed with this lady as she is a definite asset to our society! ■

*EDITOR'S NOTE: In the May issue of the WDS newsletter, Dr. Ellen Mooney, of Iceland, was incorrectly cited as “board certified in Pathology”. Her correct certifications are: Diplomate of the Federation Licensing Examiners, 1980, Diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology, 1982, American Boards of Dermatology and Pathology, Special Competence Exam of Dermatopathology, 1986, American Board of Dermatology, Certification of the Special Qualification in Dermatologic Immunology / Diagnostic & Laboratory Immunology, 1989.*

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Welcome to the WDS!** You are now a part of a growing and vibrant association of more than 1,200 members from around the world. We encourage all new members to become active by joining a WDS Task Force or Committee. To review the list of committees and consider where your interests may be, visit [www.womensderm.org](http://www.womensderm.org). You can volunteer on-line for any one of 25 committees/task forces or do so by calling 877-WDS-ROSE (877-937-7673).

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# NEWS & NEWSMAKERS

*By Zoe Diana Draelos, MD*

**Cheryl M. Burgess, MD**, is changing the life of others in Washington, DC. She is a member of the High Tea Society, which seeks to bridge the cultural, social, educational gaps, and enrichment of underprivileged young people through close relationships with adults. The guiding philosophy for this organization is that behavior is shaped by the four E's: Experience, Environment, Expectations of others, and Exposure. How very true! Cheryl is not only an active WDS member, but she is reaching out to others in a very special and profound manner.

Looking for the experience of a lifetime! **Sue Boyko, MD**, reports that her 3 French horn playing daugh-

ters performed live in the Sydney Opera House on July 9, 2006, with 350 musicians from California and Ohio. They debuted a composition by David Gillingham entitled "Chains of Time" depicting the convicts' arrival in Sydney from Britain. The music was being played while the sun was setting behind the famous harbor bridge. Truly a special memory for Sue!

**Shelley Sekula-Gibbs** is a 5th generation Texan, a teacher, and a dermatologist who is running for the US House of Representatives. Dr. Sekula-Gibbs is currently serving her third term as an At-Large member of the Houston City Council. Vote for Shelley for Congress!

Our hats are off to **Linda Ruetsch-**

**Neri**, one of our longstanding corporate professional liaison members. Linda recently was promoted from her position at OrthoNeutrogena to Barrier Therapeutics, an up and coming technology powerhouse for dermatology. We congratulate Linda who hasn't missed a WDS reception yet!

**Boni Elewski, MD**, is thrilled that she and her husband will no longer need to commute between the north and the south. Boni announced that her husband would retire shortly and permanently move from Cleveland to join her in Birmingham, Alabama.

**Elizabeth McBurney, MD**, is a trendsetter for the WDS and all

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younger female dermatologists! We heard that she is president elect of the American Dermatological Association. Wow! Our hats are off to you, Elizabeth!

More WDS members on the move! **Jim Taylor, MD**, is the VP for the American Dermatological Association and, believe it or not, also President-elect for the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland/Northern Ohio Medical Association. He spent all his free time this summer in Liverpool updating his family genealogy with his 95 years young aunt.

**Mary Lupo, MD**, and family spent a week in Scotland. Mary will show

you some of her new gig dance steps and share with you experiences at the Skibo Castle, if you ask.

**Zoe Diana Draelos, MD**, received the 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award from Health & Beauty America (HBA), a cosmetics and skin care industry organization, for her research to advance cosmetic science.

Do you hear a melody in the air? **Anne E. Burdick, MD, MPH**, sang with the Berkshire Choral Festival this July in Sheffield, Massachusetts, with 208 singers from the United States and around the world. One week of intense rehearsals led to a terrific outdoor concert.

None other than our own **Suzanne Olbricht, MD**, was successfully appointed to the Scientific Assembly Committee of the AAD. She also shares that her daughter, Ariel (Cookie) Harrist, was selected to debut as Anne in Anne of Green Gables at the Riverside Theater in Boston. Wow!

Congratulations go to **Amy McMichael, MD**, who traveled to the National Medical Association Meeting in August and was named Secretary/Treasurer of the Dermatology Section. Amy also gave a talk at the meeting on Psoriasis in Black Patients.

**Marie-France Demierre, MD**, has a special interest in fine wines. Her most recent discoveries are from Spain. She reports that the Jumilla and Rioja regions are producing some especially savory vintages. Her favorite activity is to enjoy wine while taking salsa dance lessons in Boston!

Congratulations to **Glynis Ablon, MD**, Assistant Clinical Professor of Dermatology at UCLA and Director of the Ablon Skin Institute for the publication of her book entitled "The Pocket Mentor: A Doctor's Rx to Opening a Successful Medical Practice."

If you have news for our next issue of WDS Newsmakers, send it to **Zoe Draelos, MD** at: [zdraelos@northstate.net](mailto:zdraelos@northstate.net).



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### MISSION STATEMENT

- Identify, train, and recognize women leaders in dermatology;
- Provide a forum for developing relationships through mentoring and building of coalitions;
- Provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and research relevant to women's issues;
- Promote the highest possible standards of ethics, support of research, patient care, patient education and public education.

### 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.