



Women's Dermatologic Society

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President's Message

What an exciting year this has been for the Women's Dermatologic Society. We have seen expansion of existing programs such as our mentorship program and newsletter. We have also developed new opportunities for personal involvement, including our Practice Enhancement Reception, Career Enhancement Awards, International Pioneer Award and networking receptions. The concept of our new WDS Center allows for a comfortable environment for committee meetings and social interaction. This year we will launch our new "Fireside Chats" program, providing members an opportunity to meet and chat with some of our accomplished colleagues. During the February meeting, we have planned the first dinner event for all board members, committee chairs and their spouses. Dr. Nia Terezakis has graciously volunteered to host this event in her home. This will provide an opportunity for WDS leaders to become better acquainted and thereby improve our effectiveness.

The Executive Committee's interaction through out the year has been facilitated by participation in conference calls. It continues to amaze me that within minutes one can easily recognize which of the seven to eight participants is speaking. Girls will be "girls," and some of these calls can get quite lengthy, albeit productive and worthwhile! Thank you tireless executive committee members!

On a personal note, I would like to stress to

each of you the importance of taking time to grow as a person and family. Adventure travel has provided an excellent opportunity for growth within our family. In December we traveled to South America to explore the lush Ecuadorian Rain Forest and the Galapagos Islands. Swimming in a black water jungle lake shared with piranhas, electric eels and caiman (alligators) was unforgettable (of course our guide assured us that these nocturnal species would be harmless during the day!). Days later we were swimming nose to nose with playful sea lions in the Galapagos Islands archipelago. We returned from this adventurous journey more aware of the world around us.



Susan H. Weinkle, MD

Looking "forward" is essential for productive growth within any organization. The number of female dermatologists continues to increase: the day may come when we represent a majority of Academy members! However, our need for support, mentoring and camaraderie will never change. We will hopefully witness the WDS continue to grow in membership and opportunities. Within the next year we expect to exceed 1000 members! While I whole-heartedly support

this worth-while national venue, I cannot overemphasize the value of grass roots, local interactions. **Get involved!**

In closing, I would like to thank our very dedicated executive committee (Dr. Stephanie Pincus, Immediate Past President; Dr. Lenore Kakita, Vice President; Dr. Janet Hickman, Secretary; Dr. Barbara Mathes, Treasurer; Dr. Teri Kahn, Second-year Board Representative; and Dr. Jean Bolognia, First-year Board Representative) for its inspired leadership and direction. I also wish to acknowledge Dr. Boni Elewski for her continued support and guidance. Involvement in the WDS has opened doors and allowed me the opportunity to cultivate many valuable new friendships.

My grandmother always preached to me "you get what you give." In WDS I believe you get 10-fold over! Please remember this important "recipe" for life:

- A day is wasted unless you've laughed.
- A day is wasted unless you've learned something new.
- A day is wasted unless you've found something or someone new to love.
- A day is wasted unless you've done something to make the world a better place.

Respectfully,

Susan H. Weinkle, MD
President ☺

"Life is precious, so let's not waste a day!"

LIFE BEYOND MEDICINE

ANSWERING OUR CHILDREN WITH WORDS THAT HEAL

Celia Straus

The events of September 11th have generated hundreds of requests for prayers from mothers and girls to girlprayers.com. Many parents accompany their requests with notes wondering what to tell children when they ask, "How could God let such evil occur?" Our answers are crucial to our own grieving (and eventually healing) process as well as to theirs. As we all know, it's challenging to address moral and spiritual issues (which often seem weighty and profound) with words our children can understand and relate to under the best of circumstances. During these tragic times most of us are overwhelmed, even immobilized, by our own feelings of confusion and despair, so that taking time to thoughtfully answer a child's questions about good and evil is even more difficult.

They counsel listening, sharing, being open and honest, steady and gentle.

My daughters (ages 18 and 14) have both confronted me, saying "You write prayers for us and other teenagers. You believe in God and say to trust in His divine plan for us. How could this horror be part of that? If God is love and love exists in all living things, where is the love in the hearts of those who would kill thousands of innocent people?" They are confrontative because this time evil occurred in their country, in cities familiar to them, (we live in Washington, DC) on a scope unimaginable until now. They watched evil being televised as it happened and then they watched it again and again and again, and they feel vulnerable. Depressed. Angry. Betrayed.

They feel betrayed because I promised them that they could expect life to be mostly good, not always fair, but filled with unlimited opportunities. I told them that, by following a few simple procedures such as not smoking, wearing your seat belt or bicycle helmet, eating "green light food" and not just potato chips, refusing to talk with or

open the front door to strangers, life would be safe. As they got older, I made them aware of terrible events in the history of our planet that demonstrated evil on such a grand scale that it was and continues to be mind numbing, but I also said that these events were lessons they should learn from but wouldn't have to experience, not now, not here. I was proven wrong.

Experts in parenting and spirituality, far more experienced than I, have given us invaluable advice in recent weeks about how best to assume the responsibility we have to answer our children's questions and help them cope during this time. They counsel listening, sharing, being open and honest, steady and gentle. They urge us to turn off the television and do something together as a family, ideally outdoors comforted by God's light in nature. They remind us that it's important to reach out to others, our families, our friends and our communities to give and receive comfort and compassion. They help us help our children find ways to support those who have been victimized whether it's a crayoned sympathy card by our four year old or a collection of booties to protect the paws of the search and rescue dogs by our fourteen year old.

Knowing that my actions speak louder than words, I also turn to William Martin's The Parent's Tao Te Ching where he writes, "Parents facing hardship and sorrow must become like water. They must embrace the hardest things of life and enfold them with their heart. Death and loss are overcome with gentleness and serenity." And later, "We all want to protect our children from the sorrow and loss of life. We cannot. But the way we behave when faced with these things will give our children all they need to remain at peace." I also reread Everyday Blessings. The Inner Work Of Mindful Parenting by Myla and Jon Kabat-Zin where they talk about how to come to an acceptance of the unacceptable. "Perhaps the best we can do is feel the fleetingness of life and of our present moments, and live inside them, one at a time, as fully as possible, hugging our children and rejoicing

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in their life, and feel at the same time the certainty of death, of life arising and passing away." I would add, "and arising again". Because the events of September 11th have been followed day after day by acts of courage and compassion and living. I ask my children to remember the myth of the phoenix rising from ashes, an almost literal telling of both our nation's and their own personal story of hope and faith. I gently refer my girls and others to a poem on healing, in More Prayers On My Pillow:



You live in my heart

You sing in my soul

You smile through my eyes

Your love makes me whole.



*Celia Straus
September 17, 2001*

Celia Straus is the author of two books, Prayers On My Pillow. Inspiration for Girls on The Threshold of Change, and More Prayers On My Pillow. Words of Comfort and Hope for Girls On the Journey to Self, as well as the spoken CD, "I'm More Than What I Seem." Straus's interactive website www.girlprayers.com receives an average of 75,000 visits each month. ©

ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING

JAZZY LUNCHEON PLANNED

Lisa Garner, MD

No blues, but definite jazz at the Annual Luncheon Meeting of the Women's Dermatologic Society at the AAD 2002 Annual Meeting. Our look and sound in New Orleans will step out of the usual format and dance us into something new for our Luncheon. We've had great interest in our continuing efforts to develop both formal and informal mentoring for women dermatologists. We hear calls for more interaction among young dermatologists, established ones, and the attendees who support our Society. So this year's Luncheon will feature a guest facilitator, Carole Robin, PhD, who will speak briefly and then lead us in an interactive mini-workshop conducted at our tables.

In New Orleans, this successful annual event will be fun and interesting and professionally rewarding. It will be an opportunity for everyone there to make friends and develop new "people resources" to enhance careers. Drawing a table number as you enter the room will encourage random seating. Each table will have a pre-assigned WDS "volunteer" who will

encourage interaction. There will be a limited number of "reunion tables" available for those who attend the Luncheon for that purpose. Arrive early if you wish a reunion table (they will be seated on a first come first served basis, based on availability). Live music will enhance the "Big Easy" atmosphere.

Of course, we will present the *Rose Hirschler Award* to the 2002 recipient, Nia Terezakis, MD. Also, we are honored that Dr. Kazuo Ohara will be traveling from Japan, to accept the first *WDS International Pioneer Award for Distinguished Women in Dermatology*.

The Luncheon is at the Hilton Riverside, Grand Ballroom AB at noon on Sunday. Traditional "N'walins" cuisine, including "turtle" soup, Cajun chicken breast salad and a flambé dessert will help make our 27th Annual Luncheon a memorable one. Because we must guarantee the seating and meals in advance, pre-registration is required. Please complete and return the form on the back page of this newsletter to register. Come and join in the fun and learn about the Women's Dermatologic Society and what it can do for you. ☺

Don't forget to wear your WDS membership pin to the AAD Annual Meeting!

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AT AAD ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

WDS EC meeting,
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Windsor Court Hotel

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

WDS Fireside Chat
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
WDS Center
Hilton Riverside, Eglinton & Winton

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Int'l Fed of Women Meeting
(International Affairs Committee)
9:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Hilton Riverside, Cambridge Room

WDS Fireside Chat
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
WDS Center
Hilton Riverside, Eglinton & Winton

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

WDS Board of Directors' meeting
7:00 pm - 9:00 am
Hilton Riverside, Rosedown Room

WDS Annual Luncheon
noon - 2:00 pm
Hilton Riverside, Grand Ballroom AB

WDS Networking Reception
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Ortho Neutrogena Suite,
Wyndam at Canal Place, Crescent Room

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

WDS Practice Enhancement Reception
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Dr. Nia Terezakis' office
2633 Napoleon Avenue, Suite 905
New Orleans, LA

Candidates Announced

At the Annual Business Meeting on February 24, the following slate of candidates for Officers and Board of Directors will be presented:

President:

Lenore Kakita, MD

Vice-President:

Marianne O'Donoghue, MD

Directors:

Pearl Grimes, MD

Mary Maloney, MD

Richard Odom, MD

Wendy Roberts, MD

Historian:

Dorinda Shelley, MD

Notice of Business Meeting

In accordance with Article VI, Section 3, of the Bylaws of the Women's Dermatologic Society, notice is given of the Annual Business Meeting to be held Sunday, February 24, 2002, 12:00 noon, at the Hilton Riverside, Grand Ballroom AB, New Orleans, LA.

CAMP AAD

FUN FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

The WDS has been a supporter of the availability of childcare at the AAD Annual Meeting and has written letters to AAD leadership encouraging the continuation of Camp AAD. This program contracts with insured professional caregivers to provide childcare for children 6 months to 12 years of age. Advance registration is required to ensure Camp AAD will be adequately staffed to care for your infants and children. Limited space may be available for those who wish to make arrangements on site.

In-house childcare is provided for infants 6 months to children 6 years old. Youth field trips to "must see and do" activities have been planned for children 6 years to 12 years of age. Camp AAD will be located at

the New Orleans Hilton Riverside Hotel and will be open Friday through Tuesday, February 22 through 26, 7:00am to 6:00pm each day. A safe nurturing environment will be provided with focus on developmentally appropriate programs. Children will enjoy various types of entertainment and arts and crafts with lots of hands-on creative activities.

DAILY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Each day will have a theme for activities and entertainment:

Friday, February 22
Getting to Know New Orleans

Saturday, February 23
All About Me

Sunday, February 24
Mystical Magic

Monday, February 25
Wild Things

Tuesday, February 26
Sports Spectacular

YOUTH FIELD TRIPS

Youth field trips have been structured to provide maximum recreation, excitement and education for youth 6 years to 12 years of age. The group will acquire valuable and memorable educational experiences. These

unique programs are especially designed to interest, amuse and educate youth.

Fish, Fins & Fun: The Aquarium of the Americas

Saturday, February 23 9:30am-12:30pm

The Fun of Discovery: Louisiana Children's Museum

Saturday, February 23 1:30pm-5:30pm

IMAX Adventures

Sunday, February 24 9:30am-12:00pm

Walk in the Wilderness

Sunday, February 24 1:30pm-5:30pm

Zoofari

Monday, February 25 9:30am-4:00pm

For more information visit the AAD Web site Annual Meeting section (www.aad.org/Meetings/AM02_camp.html) or look in your Program book. To register on-line, go directly to: <http://cgi.accentoca.com/convention.pl> then click on the link stating "Camp: AAD (Friday, February 22, 2002 to Tuesday, February 26, 2002)" which will take you to a sign on screen. To enter, you will need the user name "AAD2002" and the password "NewOrleans". For further information regarding children's activities or assistance, please call ACCENT on Children's Arrangements, Inc. at 504-524-0188. ©

WELCOME TO

CAMP
AAD

Fireside Chats

New this year, the WDS will host two evenings of Fireside Chats. Feel free to stop by the WDS Center (sponsored by Olay) for refreshments at the end of the day. Each evening we have invited several outstanding women physicians to share some of their stories and answer questions. It will be a great opportunity to meet and interact with some of the present and future leaders in dermatology. Confirmed speakers include, Wilma Bergfeld, MD; Lynn Drake, MD; Wendy Roberts, MD; and Lisa Garner, MD.

WHEN:

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Friday, February 22, 2002 and

5:00 pm– 6:00 pm
Saturday, February 23, 2002

WHERE:

WDS Center
Hilton Riverside
Eglinton & Winton Room

WDS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AWARDS

The WDS is pleased to announce that two International Travel Awards have been given to allow these individuals to attend the WDS Annual Luncheon and AAD Annual Meeting. The awardees are:

Leilani B. Reyes-Senador, FPSCM, of Paranaque City, Philippines

Julie W. Pabico, FPSCM, of Quezon City, Philippines

For more information or an application call Barbara Paez at 847-330-9830 or e-mail womensderm@aad.org. ©

WHILE YOU'RE IN NEW ORLEANS

IMPORTANT WDS EVENTS & INFO

Practice Enhancement Reception

Following on the heels of the very successful Practice Enhancement Reception held at the office of Dr. Tina Alster in Washington DC, The WDS will again host a Practice Enhancement Reception in New Orleans, LA. This year's reception, sponsored by Pharmacia, will be held at the office of Dr. Nia Terezakis. Attending this event will afford you the opportunity to view the office layout and equipment Dr. Terezakis has for her successful practice. You will be able to talk with her and her staff about the day-to-day activities of their office and you will have the chance to meet many WDS members in all stages of their careers.

WHEN:

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Monday, February 25, 2002
(buses leave the Hilton Riverside
at 5:00 pm and 5:15 pm)

WHERE:

Office of Dr. Nia Terezakis
2633 Napoleon Avenue, Suite 905



Participants at the 2001 Practice Enhancement Reception in Washington DC.

INTERNATIONAL PIONEER AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED WOMEN IN DERMATOLOGY

The International Pioneer Award for Distinguished Women in Dermatology was developed in 2001. The first award will be given in 2002 (see story on page 6) and will be awarded every five years thereafter to an individual who has made a difference for women in dermatology at a global level.

CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD

The Awardee is an individual who:

1. has enhanced role of women in dermatology;
2. has served as mentor or role model for women;
3. has achieved accomplishments which have impacted the specialty of dermatology or medicine; and
4. is recognized as a pioneer or trailblazer for women's issues or women in dermatology.

WDS Center in New Orleans

Olay will again sponsor a suite for the Women's Dermatologic Society in New Orleans. Members of WDS are invited to stop by and relax for a few moments during the busy meeting. The suite will be available Thursday through Sunday, February 21-24, from 8 am to 8 pm. All committees of the WDS will be holding meetings in the suite. Committee members will receive information about the time of the meetings. In addition, Olay will be hosting Fireside Chats on Friday and Saturday, 5:00 to 6:00 pm. All WDS members are invited (see story on page 4).

WHEN:

8:00 am-8:00 pm
Thursday, February 21, 2002
Friday, February 22, 2002
Saturday, February 23, 2002
Sunday, February 24, 2002

WHERE:

Hilton Riverside
Eglinton & Winton Room

PLAN TO ATTEND

27TH WDS ANNUAL LUNCHEON

SUNDAY,

FEBRUARY 24, 2002

NOON – 2:00 P.M.

NEW ORLEANS, LA

FIRST INTERNATIONAL PIONEER AWARD

KAZUE OHARA, MD, PhD

Sandra Read, MD

The Women's Dermatologic Society is pleased to announce that Kazue Ohara, MD, PhD will be the recipient of the first *International Pioneer Award for Distinguished Women in Dermatology*. Dr. Ohara is well deserving of this prestigious award. Her career truly exemplifies the criteria set forth for recipients.

Dr. Ohara was the first woman dermatologist in Japan. Born in 1914 she had a choice of a career or marriage and chose to have a career. After receiving her training, she went on to become a faculty member and although she never had children, the dermatologist she has trained

the past to the present" at the meeting of the Council of the Medical Women's International Association at Burgenstock, Switzerland (*Journal of American Medical Women's Association* 12 (6): 175-180). It was a historic and extensive review of the status of female doctors over a long Japanese history. In 1968 she was elected to be a vice president of the Japanese Medical Women's Association. In 1986 she carried out a nationwide survey of the activities of women faculty members in various Japanese medical schools. She reported these results at the Western Pacific Regional Meeting of the Medical Women's International Association. At the age of 78, Dr. Ohara visited the

WHERE DID YOU GO TO MEDICAL SCHOOL?

Sixty-five years ago in Japan there were only 3 medical colleges exclusively for women, two in Tokyo and one in Osaka. My college, located in Hirakata, the suburbs of Osaka, was founded in 1928. In those days women were not allowed in colleges and universities for men.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INTERESTED IN DERMATOLOGY?

When I was young, there were many cases of eczema among Japanese children. I felt it was my vocation to help them out of such a poor state of things. I made up my mind to be a medical doctor. My guidance professor also encouraged it.

HOW MANY WOMEN DERMATOLOGISTS ARE THERE IN JAPAN?

In 2000, the number of female members of the Japanese Dermatological Association is 3,150 out of 8,899 (35%). There are 4,436 board certified dermatologists, in which 1,570 are women (35%). In spite of these facts, the number of women councilors is very small: 15 out of all 250 (6%). That means the number of official members as decision makers is extremely small, compared to the difference of numbers between men and women of the certified dermatologists.

DO YOU HAVE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE WORK AND COLLABORATIONS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF WDS SHOULD CONSIDER?

It would be nice to publish some sort of publication to encourage those who are engaged in this field of study.

The Women's Dermatologic Society is honored that Dr. Ohara has accepted our award. Her career is certainly an inspiration to us all. We are particularly pleased that she will be attending the Annual Luncheon to receive her award. She is truly a pioneer, in the fullest meaning of the word. ☺



Dr. Ohara (center) and colleagues

call her "mother." Dr. Ohara is the founder of Japanese Women's Dermatology Society, which was established in 1958. She has truly paved the way for women dermatologists in Japan and Asia.

In 1958 Dr. Ohara became the first woman Professor and Chairman of the Department of Dermatology and Urology at Kansai Medical University, which was formally known as Osaka Women's Medical College. She has been one of our earliest pioneer advocate's for the social activities for women doctors. In 1957 she presented a paper on "the status of Japanese women doctors from

United States as a head of Japanese delegates of the Women's Federation for World Peace and met Mr. Douglas MacArthur, Jr., the former ambassador to Japan, in Washington.

Her publications include 80 original papers in various medical journals and 7 contributing chapters to different Japanese dermatological textbooks. Dr. Ohara has also been recently nominated to receive the Yayoi Hoshioka Award from the Japanese Women's Doctors Association.

The following are excerpts from an interview that Dr. Ohara graciously granted.

INTERVIEW WITH NIA TEREZAKIS, MD

17TH RECIPIENT OF THE ROSE HIRSCHLER AWARD

SANDRA READ, MD

The WDS is pleased to announce that the prestigious Rose Hirschler Award will be presented to Nia Terezakis, MD at our Annual Luncheon in New Orleans. Dr. Terezakis will be receiving this award in her hometown, where she has been in private practice for almost 30 years. She holds clinical faculty appointments at Tulane and Louisiana State University. She has been active nationally and internationally as a lecturer on clinical, surgical and cosmetic issues. Her publications include textbook chapters, original articles in respected journals as well as original research with topical retinoids for photo-aged skin and for hair growth.



Nia Terezakis, MD

Dr. Terezakis has been a visiting guest professor for the national dermatology meeting in Australia and at several universities in the United States, including Stanford, Yale, Mayo Clinic, Columbia, University of Miami and California School of Medicine. She has been interviewed on The Today Show, Good Morning America and numerous regional television programs.

The following is an interview with Dr. Terezakis:

WHAT WERE THE MAJOR FACTORS THAT SHAPED YOUR DECISION TO PURSUE A CAREER IN MEDICINE, AND THEN IN DERMATOLOGY?

I was an art major in my first life and very happy and content, teaching art and working as a decorator when "Life" stepped in and changed things. I was widowed at one year of marriage. My family doctor encouraged me to consider going to medical school. I went back to school and took all the math and science and was accepted at Tulane as one of two women in a class of 130.

After medical school and a pediatrics residency, "Life" stepped in again. I remarried as an intern and my husband insisted that I go into Dermatology. After two weeks as a Resident in Dermatology I realized how very lucky I was to have even gotten the residency, because for me, being a Dermatologist is an, "incurable disease"!

TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES AS A WOMAN IN DERMATOLOGY, AND WHAT YOU SEE AS THE FUTURE FOR WOMEN IN OUR SPECIALTY.

As a *woman* in medicine and dermatology, I was the token woman. Initially I was accepted on the alternate list for medical school. *Since only one other woman* was in the class, they were searching for another female. Again, there had previously been no women in the Dermatology program at Tulane, and I was the one they were looking for.

Getting established in private practice initially was difficult. Many people did not want to see a lady Doctor, and especially one with a strange name. As time evolved I have found that both men and women now seek out women as physicians, especially if you are known to be professionally competent as well as caring.

IN YOUR OPINION HOW HAS THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN MEDICINE CHANGED?

The role of women in medicine is equal to that of men in most areas of the country. I doubt it will ever again be a handicap in this country.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF, YOUR CAREER?

I still keep the "artistic side" of me alive and find that creativity is one of the most enriching and intoxicating things in any life. It spills over into the professional life as well. I'm writing a cookbook, "Instant Feast," for the busy professional. I am the resident "gardener" at the apartment complex where I live.

ANY ADVICE FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS?

Always strive to be the best. Never stop learning new skills. I continue to visit someone in practice during my travels. I always come home having learned a new or

better technique. I have also made so many new friends in the process.

AND, Burn the candle at both ends! It keeps the synapses in practice.

The WDS offers its congratulations to Dr. Nia Terezakis! ☺

Rose Hirschler Award

The Rose Hirschler Award is named in honor of Dr. Rose Hirschler, the first known female dermatologist in the United States.

This award is presented annually by the Women's Dermatologic Society to physicians chosen for having made significant contributions to medicine and dermatology, and who by their achievements, have enhanced the role of women in the dermatologic specialty. In 2002, the Women's Dermatologic Society is pleased to add Dr. Nia K. Terezakis to the list of Rose Hirschler Award Recipients:

Miriam Chancy Reed, M.D.	1988
Nancy Burton Esterly, M.D.	1989
Margaret Gray Wood, M.D.	1989
Walter B. Shelley, M.D.	1990
Frances J. Storrs, M.D.	1991
Stephania Jablonska, M.D.	1992
Marie-Louise Johnson, M.D.	1993
Ricky K. Schachter, M.D.	1995
Wilma F. Bergfeld, M.D.	1996
Vera Price, M.D.	1997
Antoinette F. Hood, M.D.	1998
Inga Silberberg-Sinakin, M.D.	1999
G. Jeanette Thorbecke, M.D., Ph.D.	1999
Barbara A. Gilcrest, MD	2000
Ruth Freinkel, M.D.	2001
Gloria Graham, M.D.	2001
Nia K. Terezakis, M.D.	2002

DERMATOLOGY SECTION OF THE NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

VALERIE D. CALLENDER, MD

Chair, The Dermatology Section of the National Medical Association

As the current vice-chair of The Dermatology Section of the National Medical Association (NMA), I take great pride in providing this historical perspective on the venerable organization, the NMA and its subchapter, the Dermatology Section. I have been a student member since 1982 and a member since 1986.

HISTORY OF THE NMA

The NMA was established in 1895 and represents more than 25,000 African-American physicians and the patients they serve. The organization came into being when the nascent African American physicians were denied membership in the American Medical Association (AMA) and other medical organizations. The goals of the NMA and all of its specialty sections are to improve the overall health status of African-American patients and the underserved population. Through patient advocacy, research, community health education and the professional development of its membership, the NMA carries out its mission to eliminate all health disparities in the African-American community.

The American Academy of Dermatology was formed in 1938 and the Dermatology Section of the NMA in 1940s, both have similar missions, to promote the education of dermatology among its members. Currently, there are approximately 200 members of the NMA Dermatology Section throughout the United States, consisting of 110 men and 90 women. This ratio of men to women is a far cry from the early years, which consisted of men only.

HISTORY OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN MEDICINE

African-Americans have a long history of involvement in the practice of medicine dating back to the late 1700s and the birth of this nation. The first African-American physician in the United States was Dr. James Derham (1762-). Born a slave in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Dr. Derham assisted several white physicians where he learned the practice of medicine. He purchased his freedom in 1783 and started his own practice in New Orleans. Dr.

The membership of the NMA

Dermatology Section has significantly changed over the years with female dermatologists on the rise.

Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910) was the first white college-trained female and Dr. Sarah Parker (1826-1880) was the first African American college-trained female physician. Both had to leave the country to receive their medical training because the training was not available to women—black or white.

Drs. Rebecca Lee-Crumple and Rebecca Cole (1846-1922) were the first two African-American female physicians trained in the United States. They graduated from medical school in 1864 and 1867, respectively. Drs. Lee-Crumple and Cole were outstanding physicians with significant contributions to the practice of medicine. They devoted their time to encouraging other women to become physicians.

Dr. Theodore K. Lawless (1892-1971) was the first African-American dermatologist. He received his medical degree from the Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois and taught there from 1924-1941. Dr. Lawless was a brilliant clinician. He practiced dermatology in Chicago and was internationally recognized for his expertise in treating leprosy, syphilis and anthrax.

Dr. Hilda Straker was probably the first African American female dermatologist. She graduated from Howard University College of Medicine in 1940 and practiced in New York.

DERMATOLOGY SECTION OF THE NMA

Officially, the NMA Dermatology Section meets twice a year. At the AAD meeting, a reception is held where we get the chance to network with each other and socialize with the residents who attend various dermatology training programs across the country. In July, the NMA has its annual meeting and all sections meet. The

Dermatology Section has a three-day scientific session, which includes a Research Symposium for the residents where they compete for the outstanding research presentation. The AAD president or president-elect usually attends this meeting and serves as our luncheon speaker.

Today the membership of the Dermatology Section of the NMA is comprised of many outstanding dermatologists in academic and private practice, many of who have advanced sub-specialty training such as Mohs micrographic surgery, Dermatopathology and Laser surgery.

WOMEN IN NMA

The membership of the NMA Dermatology Section has significantly changed over the years with female dermatologists on the rise. As with the Women's Dermatologic Society, our female members continue to mentor and support each other as we enter the new millennium together. ☺

Career Enhancement Award Available

The WDS Career Enhancement Awards provide financial support for WDS members to defray the cost of acquiring specific skills and knowledge to enhance their professional development. Professional development may include courses on financial development, management, scientific development or technical development or visiting another physician to learn new skills. This program is made possible by a generous contribution from Galderma Laboratories.

We will continue to accept applications on a rolling basis. For more information or an application, please contact the WDS Headquarters Office at womensderm@aad.org.

NETWORKING RECEPTIONS

PACIFIC DERMATOLOGIC ASSOCIATION MEETING
AMERICAN DERMATOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
ASDS - ACMMSO COMBINED ANNUAL MEETING

The WDS has held several Networking Receptions in conjunction with some of the fall meetings.

The Networking Reception held at the **Pacific Dermatologic Association Meeting** in Phoenix, AZ, on October 4, 2001 was hosted by Dr. Suzanne Connolly at her home. WDS would like to thank Allergan for their sponsorship of this event. It was a great success as you will see from the photos on this page.

There was a small Networking Reception held at the **American Dermatological Association** meeting in Miami, FL, November 9, 2001. It was hosted by Drs. Boni Elewski and Marianne O'Donoghue and gave WDS members a chance to get together and catch up with one another.

The WDS held a Networking Reception at the **ASDS-ACMMSO Combined Annual Meeting** in Dallas, TX on October 25, 2001. This event was hosted by Dr. Susan Weinkle and sponsored by Dermik. In addition, for the first time, a Networking Luncheon was held on October 27, 2001 and was a great success. Over 50 people attended this buffet luncheon at the top of the tower in the Hyatt which was sponsored by Allergan. Some photos are included on this page. ©



NOTICES

Proposed Bylaws Changes

The following proposed Bylaws modifications have been approved by the WDS Board of Directors. They will be voted on by the membership at the WDS Business Meeting, February 24, 2002 in New Orleans. Underlined text deliniates additions; ~~strikethrough~~ indicates deletions.

Section 3. Nomination and Election of Board of Directors Exclusive of Ex-officio Directors

(a) A Nominating Committee consisting of five (5) Active Members of the Society in good standing shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, provided, however, that initial appointments to fill additional new positions on the committee shall be for appropriate terms of two (2) or three (3) years, so that in each subsequent year the Board of Directors shall appoint either one (1) member or two (2) members for a term of three (3) years to succeed the member or members whose term or terms shall expire in that year. The new appointment or appointments to the Nominating Committee in each year shall be made at a meeting of the Board of Directors held in connection with the regular annual meeting of the members of the Society and in accordance with the Administrative Regulations. One of the members of the Nominating Committee starting the third year of service shall be designated as the chairperson by the president. The members of the Nominating Committee shall possess the highest professional, scholarly and administrative skills and shall be selected with due regard for geographic representation. No incumbent member of the Board of Directors may serve on the Nominating Committee. No

person shall serve consecutive terms on the Nominating Committee.

(b) The Nominating Committee shall screen and evaluate potential nominees on the basis of professional, scholarly and administrative skills and geographic representation and shall present to the Board of Directors the names of at least one candidate for each position on the Board of Directors (exclusive of the ex-officio directors as defined in Article VII, Section 2) to be filled in the next election of directors. The slate of nominees selected by the Nominating Committee including the nominees for President, ~~and~~ Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and Directors, shall be presented to the Board of Directors according to the Administrative Regulations.

Nominees will be accepted by a simple majority vote. Those nominees who do not receive a majority vote shall be rejected and nominees from the Board of Directors will be considered and put up for a vote instead. A simple majority vote will lead to acceptance of the nomination by the Board of Directors. Nominees must then be presented to the general membership by 60 days prior to the annual meeting at which the chair of the Nominating Committee shall present the slate to the members. If approved by the general membership, the newly elected Directors will assume positions on the Board following the Annual Meeting. If a nominee is not approved, ~~Additional~~ nominations may be made by voting members of the Society at the annual meeting. Anyone nominated by the Board or from the floor must give consent either prior to the meeting or at that time: this member or members will then be voted on the by the general membership.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The WDS Nominating Committee is always looking for individuals willing to volunteer for leadership positions in the WDS as well as the AAD. If you are interested in serving on a committee for the WDS or AAD, please complete the Talent Bank form on page 15 and return it to the Headquarters office.

To recommend someone else, please contact the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Dr. Gloria Graham (gfgraham@wfubmc.edu) or one of the members of the Committee: Drs. Antoinette Hood, Anne W. Lucky, Richard Scher, Mary Spraker and Nia Terezakis. Or send a letter or e-mail to the Headquarters office (womensderm@aad.org).

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The WDS will be sending letters of nomination

and recommendation for the Livingood Lectureship and the Sulzberger Lectureship. Qualifications are listed below, if you would like to recommend someone for nomination, please contact the Chair of the Awards Committee, Dr. Diane Baker (dbaker@integraonline.com) or one of the members of the Committee: Drs. Boni Elewski, Barbara Gilchrest, Richard Odom. Or send a letter or e-mail to the Headquarters office.

THE CLARENCE S. LIVINGOOD, MD LECTURESHIP

The recipient will present a lecture of approximately 30 minutes at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology. The lecture should present views on the broader issues of dermatology to include organizational aspects, socio-economic issues, ethics, concepts and features specific to the specialty of dermatology,

professionalism and the "art" of dermatology. The recipient should be a recognized expert in the area or issue to be presented.

MARION B. SULZBERGER, MD MEMORIAL AWARD AND LECTURESHIP

The selected lecturer will receive a cash award and present a lecture of approximately 30 minutes at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology. The recipient should preferably be a U.S. dermatologist. The recipient should have made significant contributions to the understanding of clinical medicine via their basic research. The recipient should be actively engaged in clinically important basic investigation. The subject of the lecture should be of general interest to dermatologists. ☺

WOMEN IN MEDICINE - 2001

MY PERSPECTIVE

Frances K. Conely, MD

Women medical students are still being unduly pressured into entering the primary care arena and dissuaded from considering a career in surgery.

In August 2000 I retired from the practice of neurosurgery after more than 30 years of caring for patients. During that 30 years the demographics of medical schools changed dramatically. While once represented by considerably less than 10%, women, in my last year of practice, occupied greater than 50% of entry positions in medical schools in the United States. By 2010 it is estimated that the physician workforce in this country will be 30% female, and that percentage will be increasing rapidly. As I sit at my computer in retirement splendor watching a blustery south-wind-driven rainstorm batter the spectacularly beautiful northern California coastline, I wonder if turmoil, much like the frothy high surf and turbulent white-capped wind waves that decorate my view, lies ahead for each yearly group of idealistic, fresh female faces just beginning a career in medicine.

After all, the profession itself has also changed dramatically in the past 30 years, especially over the last 10. Medical practice is a business we are told. A patient without insurance is a pariah, not even in the food chain. I must carefully ration the time I spend with each paying patient - everyone can have only so many measured minutes of my expensive expertise, regardless of the complexity of a particular health problem or the patient's level of understanding. And, letting the awkward, clumsy hands of a medical student close an incision to surgery is no longer allowed. The lesson, essential for every doctor, takes too long and forces the surgical procedure to move in operative time from the insurance-defined mid-comfort zone to one end of the bell-shaped curve where I find a reduced payment for my honest efforts.

Perhaps it is the height of irony that women, who have finally gained equality in admission to medical school as well as legitimacy as medical practitioners, find

themselves members of an unattractive fraternity — one that has diminishing appeal for those who would carve a professional career. Better to be a consultant, a lawyer, a stock broker, an entrepreneur with start-up ideas, the CEO of a medical insurance company, anything but a lowly doctor toiling long, poorly-compensated hours caring for the health needs of others. So, we need to consider the question of how will women be utilized in the medical world of the future and how will the face of that world change (if any) by the inclusion of so many more female practitioners.

ARE THERE LESSONS TO BE GLEANED FROM HISTORY?

England and Russia, historically, have always had more women in medical practice than has the United States. However, in both countries it was (and, I believe still is) exceedingly rare for women to train as surgeons or even high-powered medical specialists. In both countries women represent the work horse for primary care. Another lesson from history teaches that a profession often, if not always, is devalued by society once women enter it in large numbers — think of teaching, secretarial work, and more recently, bank tellers. A man who dreamed of being bank president used to start as a bank teller. No more. Bank tellers today are primarily females caught in dead-end jobs.

So, are more women in medical school by default because the profession is no longer as attractive to competitive men as in the past when it promised prestige, a high income, and the chance to be one's own boss? Or have women truly earned the right to be there as active participants, and has our society finally come to terms with the concept that there are female professionals who are every bit as competent, caring and capable as the best of the men?

Certainly in the family practice/primary care arena women have earned their rightful place and more. I freely admit to gross generalization and stereotypic thinking when I say that women practitioners are less

apt to impose their will before reaching consensus with a patient, and are more charitable with their time. They also are less likely to be ruthlessly competitive either for status or money or even research space. And

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thus have faltered some at the academic game, although they have proven to be superb teachers. At the same time when American medicine is blessed with a glut of orthopedic surgeons and cursed with an insufficient number of primary care physicians, I have yet to see the pay scales for these two groups of professionals flip-flop, as might be expected given economic pressures of supply and demand. Instead, the number of orthopedic surgeons being trained, the pipeline, so to speak, has decreased. And as the number of training slots is truncated, the number of women admitted to orthopedic training programs will likewise, decrease (it certainly won't approach 50% which demographics suggest it could). In my last year at the medical school, women medical students were still being unduly pressured into entering the primary care arena, and dissuaded, quite vehemently at times, from considering a career in surgery.

I don't believe that the medical profession, as a whole, will be devalued in the same way the teaching profession has been. But, I do believe that, like the banking industry, certain portions will be. Primary care, psychiatry, pediatrics, family practice and the nonoperative practice of obstetrics/gynecology are on the list - all are fields where the predominant number of practitioners will be women, not just as MDs but as registered nurse practitioners

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(RNPs) as well. Surgical specialties, interventional radiology, and some specialty medical practices (e.g. cardiology, gastroenterology) where the majority, not all, but the majority, of practitioners are male will continue to reap handsome benefits of high pay and prestige. The medical work place will be a two-tiered system with a selection bias working against women being included in significant numbers in the upper echelon.

The effect of increasing numbers, as well as clout, of registered nurse practitioners (mostly women) on the economics and demographics of the medical scene is, at present, unknown. As Chief of Staff for a large VA health care system (my last job prior to retiring), RNPs were under my jurisdiction. They are a very impressive group of professionals. It truly did not matter to the individual patient whether his or her primary health care provider was an MD or and RNP and, I believe, few know the technical difference. Our veterans wanted a compassionate, reliable professional who would listen, soothe, cajole, and be intensely interested in delivering the very best of health care to him/her as an individual - gender and degree did not matter. In primary care the roles of women physicians and RNPs have melded and blurred especially for the consumer - but not for those responsible for the bottom line. An RNP is a much less expensive

professional than an MD. In order to deliver health care as economically as possible RNPs may well be hired preferentially to MDs. (I was already seeing this phenomenon at the VA.) Thus, demand for RNPs will increase, and again, women physicians, in primary care, may be out of a job, this time being replaced and pushed out from the bottom-up, and by women, rather than by men. Will an influx of women, trained and educated as MDs, but lacking a safe job haven, now be welcomed into surgical disciplines and the high paying medical specialties?

So much of what happens will depend on the form medicine takes in a world of insurance-driven health maintenance organizations, loss of fee-for-service entities, and increasing regulatory pressures for documentation, and rigid quality control to the point of stifling individual initiative. Our best doctors, regardless of gender, find this brand of medicine irritating as well as boring, and in my part of the world there has been an exodus of MDs from the patient care arena to the more lucrative and enjoyable areas of biomedical research. Smart, inquisitive, intuitive women will do just fine in this world where ideas, ingenuity and creativity are gender neutral. Then the bigger question for all of us, but especially for those of my generation and those who are older, is who will be there to take care of us as we age and develop medical problems? In order to maintain the high standard of

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medical care we expect in the United States, patient care has to return to the rewarding career it once was. Just as I know the winter storm outside will eventually subside, the wind and rain disappear and placid seas return, I have great faith that this turn-about will happen, although I cannot predict how, nor how long it will take. However, I do believe women MDs will be a vital factor in arriving at the ultimate solution.

Many questions, few answers, but interesting times lie ahead for our profession. ☺

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Dr. Conley is the first tenured professor of Neurosurgery (Stanford) in the United States. Her book "Walking Out on the Boys" (1st ed. New York, NY: Farrar, Straus and Giroux; 1998) chronicles the obstacles and bias that women continue to experience in medicine and surgery.

Newsmakers

Alice Gottlieb, M.D., Ph.D. was the Year 2001 recipient of the American Skin Association's Psoriasis Research Achievement Award in recognition of her important contributions to the scientific understanding of psoriasis. She was a co-recipient with Jim Krueger, M.D.

Diane R. Baker, M.D. was appointed as the head delegate from the AAD to the AMA. In addition, Dr. Baker is the current Vice President of the American Board of Dermatology and the President-Elect of the ABD. She just completed a term as the Vice President of the American Dermatological Association (ADA).

Pat Engasser, M.D. will become President of the American Contact Dermatitis Society during their Annual Meeting on February 21, 2002.

Maria Hordinsky, MD has been appointed Chair of the Department of Dermatology at the University of Minnesota.



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MISSION STATEMENT

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

VISION STATEMENT

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

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE NANCY JOHNSON

WORKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR AMERICANS

Laura Saul Edwards, Assistant Director, Federal Affairs

Congresswoman Nancy L. Johnson has the two indispensable qualities needed for success in the U.S. Congress: staying power and an intense work ethic. She uses these qualities in her work as Chair of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health, making her one of the most powerful women in the U.S. government.

Rep. Johnson was first elected in 1982 to represent Connecticut's Sixth Congressional District. In 2000 the voters returned her to Washington, D.C. to serve a tenth term in office, making her among the highest ranking lawmakers in a chamber that bases influence, in part, on seniority (she is 35th out of 437 House members). She is also a recognized expert on Medicare and health insurance issues. This knowledge strengthens her work as Chair of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health. This important panel has jurisdiction over all aspects of the Medicare program, including Part B physician payments.

Johnson's political career is marked by a number of "firsts". She ran for the Connecticut State Senate in 1976, and became the first Republican elected to the New Britain seat in 30 years. After arriving in Congress, she became the first Republican woman ever named to the Ways and Means Committee. She now is the committee's fourth-ranking Republican. In 1995, she became the first woman to chair a Ways and Means Subcommittee (the Oversight Subcommittee). Shortly afterwards, in 1999, she was appointed Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Human Resources, a panel that oversees the nation's public welfare laws. Most recently, in 2001, Johnson was named Chairwoman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health.

The Almanac of American Politics calls Johnson "one of the most active and productive members of the House," and this apt characterization certainly applies to her work load during the first session of the 107th Congress. The health subcommittee she leads has held numerable hearings on

Medicare solvency, prescription drug proposals, regulatory burdens for health care providers, and a patients' bill of rights in which the patient protections are modeled on the safeguards already included in the Medicare+ Choice program of managed care plans now available to beneficiaries.

Indeed, Representative Johnson and her staff were instrumental in helping the American Academy of Dermatology Association, the College of American Pathologists, and the American Society of Clinical Pathologists reach accord on an access to physician pathology services benefit that is in the point-of-service section of the PBR bill approved by the House in the fall of 2001. This benefit would guarantee access to dermatopathology services and even to the individual dermatopathologist favored by a patient or his/her health care provider. While the physician pathology language is not in the Senate version of PBR legislation, the coauthors of the Senate bill are supportive of the proposal. If and when a conference committee is appointed to resolve differences between the House and Senate PBR bills, it is expected that the pathology



Nancy L. Johnson

services measure will be included in the final version of the bill that would be presented to President George W. Bush for signing into public law.

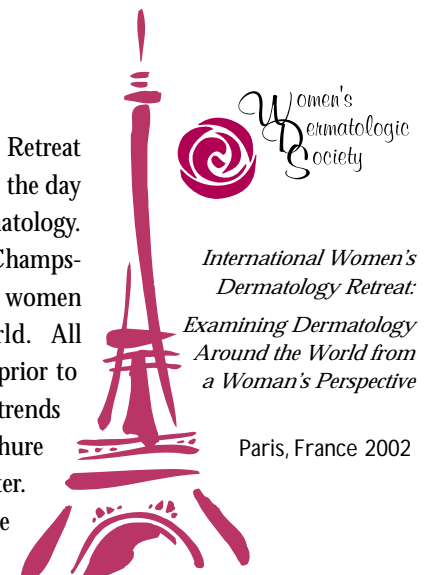
Most recently, Johnson and a bipartisan group of lawmakers shepherded a Medicare regulatory relief and contractor reform bill to unanimous approval in the

House on December 4. This legislation, H.R. 3391, is designed to alleviate numerous regulatory burdens that impact all health care providers while making contractors more accountable to beneficiaries and their physicians. Although a vigorous effort is underway now to achieve enactment of this bill before Congress recesses for the year, it is expected that work on the bill will spill over into 2002.

Representative Johnson's priorities for the 107th Congress include the establishment of a Medicare prescription drug benefit, expanding health insurance coverage for the uninsured and long-term care insurance affordability. Given her track record, it is possible she will take decisive action on all three of these urgent health care issues. ☺

International Women's Dermatology Retreat

There is still time to register for the International Retreat being held on Sunday, June 30, 2002 in Paris, France, the day before the start of the 20th World Congress of Dermatology. The Retreat will be held at the Paris Marriott Champs-Elyseés and will focus on the challenges facing women dermatologists from countries around the world. All attendees will be asked to complete a questionnaire prior to attending the Retreat. A summary of responses and trends will be shared with all attendees. See the brochure enclosed in this newsletter for more details or to register. If you have questions, contact the Headquarters office at womensderm@aad.org or 847-330-9830. ☺



DERMATOLOGY NURSES' ASSOCIATION

OUT OF THE DREAMS AND FORESIGHT OF A FEW NURSES

Janice T. Chussil, ANP, MSN, DNC

The Dermatology Nurses' Association, a volunteer organization, developed out of the dreams and foresight of a few nurses bound by common interest and need. Seven nurses, with the mutual bond of administering psoriasis treatment centers, held an informal gathering in San Francisco in 1978. At this meeting they shared common concerns and questions and sought avenues for further education. As with the majority of nurses, little or no knowledge of nursing care of patients with skin diseases was ever acquired in their basic education. All knowledge and expertise was obtained purely by individual initiative.

FORMING THE DNA

This meeting led to increased attendance the next year and finally to the first educational program in 1980. In 1981 nurses from all areas of dermatologic practice met in San Francisco to explore the

AAD's Annual Meeting. Each year the scope of the annual convention has increased in educational presentations and in attendance.

INSTALLING LOCAL CHAPTERS

In December 1986, the concept of local chapters was approved which led to 32 chapters, which have formed in various states. This presents excellent opportunity for education and networking. Local chapters, in conjunction with the national organization, can now offer members contact hour credit through co-providership.

The first issue of the DNA's official journal, *Dermatology Nursing*, was published in October 1989 and has been well received by the dermatology community. The newsletter, *Focus*, a highly informative bi-monthly publication provides the opportunity for fellow professionals to interact.



DNA Board of Directors

possibility of forming a professional association of nurses working in the dermatology field. The first official annual convention of the DNA was held in New Orleans in 1982 and in 1983 the first slate of officers were installed. The annual convention and business meeting is now held each February in conjunction with the

the care of the dermatology patient; improving their web site; forming alliances with other patient care and patient support groups; continuing to develop leadership qualities in their volunteer members; increasing membership and becoming more active in legislative issues that have the improvement of patient care as their goal.

DNA TODAY

Currently the DNA has 2399 members, 95 of which are international. Membership consists of RNs, Nurse Practitioners, LPN/LVNs, Medical Assistants, and Other Associated members. The DNA provides a variety of services for their members, the Annual National Convention, a 3-day session, is held in conjunction with the AAD Annual Meeting. They also have their bi-monthly newsletter, bi-monthly journal, Web site, Standards of Practice and a variety of publications. In addition, there is a Dermatology Nursing Certification for RNs (administered by DNBCB) and other Continuing Education opportunities.

For more information on the Dermatology Nurses' Association, contact the DNA National Office at 800-454-4DNA, e-mail dna@ajj.com or visit their website at dna.invrse.com ©

MISSION OF DNA

The DNA has a well-defined mission statement, which is: The Dermatology Nurses' Association, a dynamic, proactive organization, advances dermatologic nursing practice by providing quality education, fostering high standards of patient care, and promoting wellness. Their goals for the future include: continuing to educate Dermatology nurses and the public regarding

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Annual Luncheon Meeting

(Tickets required)

Sunday, February 24, 2002

12:00 noon

Hilton Riverside, Grand Ballroom AB

New Orleans, LA

In order to encourage networking and stimulate lively conversation, the WDS Annual Luncheon Committee will ask attendees to draw a number for randomly assigned seating. This year's luncheon will feature a guest facilitator, Carole Robin, PhD,

who will speak briefly and lead us in an interactive mini-workshop. Our goal is for you to leave with a positive spirit and having met at least one new colleague.

Reunion seating, for those who use this opportunity to catch up with specific friends or colleagues, will be available on a limited basis. Requests will be honored, as available, at the Luncheon only.

New Orleans musicians will help set the stage for this exciting event.

WDS Annual Luncheon Registration

Name _____

Address _____

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Number of Tickets Required:

_____ \$35.00 Member/Member Guest/Resident _____ \$75.00 Non-Member

I would like to sponsor the following guest(s)/resident(s). **Names are required, please print below. If you are unable to provide names, the individuals WILL NOT be admitted without a ticket.** Please make a photocopy of this form if submitting more than six (6) names.

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2. _____ 5. _____

3. _____ 6. _____

() Request reunion seating instead of randomly assigned seating (Reunion seating is not guaranteed, limited reunion seating will be available on a first come first serve basis at the luncheon only).

How many in your party? _____ **Total Enclosed \$** _____

Advance registration is **required** and **must** be received by February 8, 2002. **Tickets will not be sold at the door.** Refunds, less a \$15 administration fee, will be available for cancellations received in writing at the Society office prior to February 8. After that date, no refunds will be given. For further information, contact the WDS office at 847/330-9830.

Your ticket for admittance will be forwarded, along with your guest tickets for distribution. No one will be admitted to the Luncheon without a ticket.

Indicate Method of Payment Below:

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Please return this form, with payment to the address listed below, or via fax to: 847/330-1090.



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Rose Hirschler Award

Nia K. Terezakis, MD

Please join us in honoring the recipient of the 2002 Rose Hirschler Award. Our Women's Dermatologic Society presents this award to a physician chosen for having made significant contributions to Dermatology and medicine, and who by her achievements has enhanced the role of women in our specialty.

Networking Reception

(RSVP Required)

Sunday, February 24, 2002

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Ortho Neutrogena Suite,

Wyndam at Canal Place, Crescent Room

Practice Enhancement

Reception *(RSVP Required)*

Monday, February 25, 2002

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

The office of Nia K. Terezakis, MD

2633 Napoleon Avenue, Suite 905

New Orleans, LA

You can take a taxi to the office or you may use the bus service provided. Busses will leave from the Hilton Riverside at 5:00 and 5:15 pm.

Fireside Chats

Friday, February 22, 2002

Saturday, February 23, 2002

WDS Center (Sponsored by Olay)

Hilton Riverside

Eglinton & Winton Room

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Stop by the WDS Center for refreshments at the end of the day. Each evening we have invited several outstanding physicians and members of WDS to share some of their stories and answer questions. It will be a great opportunity to meet and interact with a few of our present and future leaders in dermatology.

Number attending Ortho Dermatological Networking Reception _____

Number attending Practice Enhancement Reception _____