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President's Message

After the joyful, warm and elegant WDS luncheon in San Francisco, it has been very hard to come back to earth.



MARIANNE NELSON O'DONOGHUE, MD

Kudos to **Dr. Mary Lupo** and **Dr. Richard Odom** for arrangements that were absolutely PERFECT. Jan Wahl was remarkably entertaining and everyone looked

fantastic in their hats. Maybe we should wear them again next year!

Kudos for our president **Dr. Lenore Kakita** for making sure that every detail, and presentation was performed in the best possible manner. Her entire year was superb!

Getting to know so many of you at the luncheon, committee meetings, and the networking receptions was a real treat. **Dr. Seth Matarasso's** office was elegant, warm, and entertaining for everyone. **Dr. Peggy Crawford** and her family made all the officers and committee chairs feel like mayors of San Francisco when she rolled out the red carpet for us at her lovely home. Our new executive director, **Kerry Parker, CAE** and our Administrative Manager, **Margaret Wong**, made all of the activities come off as smooth as silk.

Dr. Kathryn Schwarzenberger has taken over the helm of the Newsletter

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Women's Dermatologic Society 27th Annual Luncheon Meeting SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2003 • SAN FRANCISCO

by Laura Bolton, PhD



More than 500 members of the Women's Dermatologic Society and their guests gathered to celebrate one another's successes, mentorship and the challenges that have made us strong. As **Barbara Gilcrest, MD** Professor of Dermatology, Boston University, and former WDS President noted, "The WDS luncheon is always one of the most memorable moments of the meeting for me." Others, like Professor **Adelaide Hebert, MD** find the luncheon "a perfect opportunity to bring together research fellows, representatives of industry and new friends from around the globe to share in the fellowship of helping dermatology patients."

Rose Hirschler Award

Dr. Elizabeth McBurney, Clinical Professor of Dermatology at Tulane University School of Medicine and LSU

School of Medicine, received the Rose Hirschler Award, for significant contributions to medicine and dermatology. She fondly recalled the advice of her early mentors: "Believe in yourself." One of her favorite quotes is from Eleanor Roosevelt, "Do the thing that you think you cannot do."

First WDS Mentor of the Year Award

Part of the magic of the WDS is the way we treasure our young professionals. With delight we watch them grow and learn, and in their turn, teach and mentor others. With these thoughts, **Frances J. Storrs, MD** expressed her pride in the WDS as she accepted its first Mentor of the Year

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SARS CAUSES POSTPONEMENT OF WDS RETREAT



WDS' Fireside Chat is More than Chat – It's Life's Lessons

In an intimate gathering held at the WDS Center during the AAD Meeting in San Francisco, six leading dermatologists spoke about what it is like to work in their specific segment of the profession – private practice, industry, and academia. They conveyed personal stories about their careers, their family life and what keeps them going. Here is a bit of what they shared ...



SUSAN WEINKLE, MD

There's More to Life than Just Being a Beauty Queen

"I was the bossy type, even back then," said **Susan Weinkle, MD**,

explaining a common trait of a first-born child who knew early-on that she wanted to be a surgeon and didn't want to take orders – she wanted to be the one giving the orders. Along with being a dermatologic surgeon, she also wanted to be a good wife and mother. Not easy coming from a home where "Dad wouldn't let Mom work outside the home." Break the mold she did, after taking a path in life that led her to become "Miss Florida" and to one of her later accomplishments – conducting the local symphony. She has been in solo private practice on the West Coast of Florida for 18 years, specializing in Mohs Surgery, and works four days a week in a thriving practice. She spends time with her two kids, Justin, 17, and Allison, 14, and loves being a mom who shuttles her kids around town, but still finds time for herself. She laughs as she jokingly says,

"I don't ever miss my hairdressing appointment." She advises those just starting their career, "no matter what happens, be sure to take care of yourself."



JANET HICKMAN, MD

Have Your Own "Home-Grown Nest of Accomplishments"

She didn't know that women weren't "supposed to be doctors" and

realized early in life that, if she wanted to be one, she needed to come up with the money needed to make it on her own. So **Janet Hickman, MD** focused herself on earning scholarships to Michigan State and Harvard. She married young and it's lasted – 35 years to the same husband with whom she's had three sons. Now in private practice in Lynchburg, VA, she says she likes focusing on patients rather than working within a big system. She also enjoys her work, teaching family practice residents. The secret of Janet's success – she "focuses on a home grown nest of accomplishments instead of public ones."



ILONA FRIEDEN, MD

"Say No" ... Frequently

"I was the middle child that no one in the family listened to, so maybe that is what made me want to prove something by

becoming a doctor," said **Ilona Frieden, MD**. "I needed to find my own voice and

I did." Now a Clinical Professor of Dermatology and Pediatrics at the University of California, San Francisco, Ilona is celebrating her 20th year as a dermatologist. "Having focused heavily on my career, there was never a good time to have kids, so adoption was the path we chose." She is now the mother of 13 year-old twins. She calls herself a "soccer mom" who loves her work, but is always trying to juggle many aspects of life. She still stays sane by multitasking, taking frequent walks, and spending as much time as possible with family and friends. The key she tells us is "saying 'no' relatively frequently."



AMY MCMICHAEL, MD

Have a Date Night With Your Husband

Her first impression of dermatology was "oh yuck" when it was suggested that she enter the field.

She went on to find her niche in the field of hair (specifically African-American). "I know that I could get better reimbursement for work in a private practice, but I love what I do." Today, **Amy McMichael, MD** has the teaching bug and loves the niche she finds herself in. She is an Associate Professor at Wake Forest University School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, NC. She is the Program Director of the Dermatology Residency and Coordinator of 1st and 2nd year Medical Student Dermatology Education. She participates in an investment club and enjoys that it is "very different from medicine." She married at 32 and is the

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mother of two. Of her husband she said, "I have a cool husband ... people like me, but they like my husband more." She's found ways to balance family and career that are working for her, such as having a weekly "date night" with her husband and recommends it highly.



Joy Rico, MD

Having It All Has a Price Tag

"My Dad believed that all women should get a trade in case her husband died and left her a widow," said

Joy Rico, MD, so

she went on to find a trade, first becoming a Pharmacist, then deciding that medical school was calling. She was one of five female residents, three of whom were pregnant when entering the residency program. "We all thought we could do it all without paying a price," she said, "we were wrong." Joy had a wake-up call when one of her two adopted children got into trouble when he was 15 years old. "It prompted each member of the family to step back and ask themselves, 'Who are you?' 'Where are you going?' and 'How are you going to get there?'" It took a great effort from each of us to come together and help each other." She loves working as Medical Director at Fujisawa Healthcare, Inc. because it's collaborative, but the downside is the travel – over 100K this past year. "So I've learned to integrate my family into my travel as much as possible. We've gone places and done things together we may have never done had my job not required travel." Joy says she's learned, "Having a family is really the biggest job you'll have, but the focus isn't on the kids, it's on you. To do it well, you have to continue to grow. The kids will have their own life."



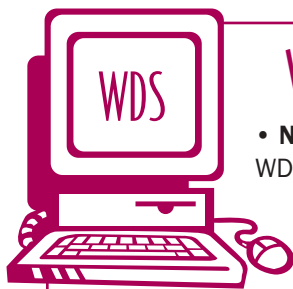
Patricia Walker, MD

Don't Limit Yourself, Keep Looking for Fun and Adventure

"I couldn't make it in cheerleading, so I went into medicine," said

Patricia Walker,

MD. "Sometimes one door closes and another opens – that's the story of my life." "I started in the field of Endocrinology and didn't know what I wanted to do." "I weaved my way through Dermatology taking lots of turns along the way." Some aspects of cheerleading that initially appealed to her are what she loves most about working in the corporate environment. "It is fun and collaborative, not "me" focused." She is Vice President of Pharmaceutical Development at Allergan, Inc. in Irvine, CA and is also on the Clinical and Dermatology Faculty at the University of California in Irvine. Patricia is proud of her two children, ages 10 and 7, and her stay-at-home husband. "All my sisters also have husbands who stay home and take care of the kids. My kids think all Dads stay home and Moms work outside the home," she said. She seems fearless. Her husband describes her as "a person who has swords and stones going by her and missing her all the time." She still wants to be a cheerleader, but has become a marathon runner instead. She encourages others not to limit their own vision, but to always look for fun and adventure.



What's New at the WDS Website?

- **Networking Receptions** – Interested in holding a small, intimate WDS reception in your area? Now's your chance!
- **Career Development Program** – Opportunities are awaiting you to enhance your career through the financial support of WDS.
- **Reads & Recommends** – Looking for something to read? Find out what other WDS members are reading.
- **Information** about our new Women Dermatologic Surgeons Task Force, as well as, all the upcoming events including the 2003 Summer Meeting, Mentorship Opportunities and other award applications.

Check it all out at www.womensderm.org!

WDS RETREAT

SARS Toronto Advisory Postpones Retreat until 2004

Due to the SARS outbreak in Toronto and the recent advisory by the World Health Organization advising against travel to Toronto, the WDS Executive Committee has elected to postpone the Renewal Retreat scheduled for June 20-22, 2003 at the Old Mill Inn in Toronto, Canada. **The retreat has been rescheduled to take place June 18-20, 2004 at the Old Mill Inn in Toronto.**

Airlines are allowing tickets to be changed to the new dates, sometimes without penalty. Members are advised to contact their carrier to change their reservations as soon as possible. The Old Mill Inn has cancelled all reservations made within the WDS room block. The Inn will re-book all previously made reservations for the new date, upon request.

Members who have questions about this postponement of the WDS Renewal Retreat are encouraged to call WDS at 415/927-5727 or via email at wds@womensderm.org.

WDS Annual Luncheon

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DR. LENORE KAKITA ACCEPTS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION FROM WDS FOR HER CONTRIBUTION AS WDS PRESIDENT (2002-2003). FROM LEFT: MARIANNE O'DONOGHUE, MD, LENORE KAKITA, MD, SANDRA READ, MD, AND KERRY PARKER, CAE.

Award. As Professor Emerita at the Oregon Health and Science University, Dr. Storrs continues her life-long tradition of resident and medical student teaching. A typical example of her dedication to mentoring young professionals was Dr. Storrs' donation of her own Rose Hirschler Award honorarium in 1991 to the WDS to establish the Mentorship program. Thanks to generous grants from Dermik Laboratories, this program has thrived, awarding 21 Mentorship Grants in 2002 and 22 in 2003 to deserving young researchers in dermatology.

2003 President's Award

Susan Weinkle, MD was picked by President Lenore Kakita, MD, to receive the 2003 President's Award, as an individual who has "gone above and beyond to grow the Society and make it a better organization". Dr. Weinkle inspired attendees with her credo that education is the key to reaching goals and to promoting the Society's ideals. "Get involved. Get on a committee, because we're moving forward together!" she affirmed.

Bringing In The New

With warm enthusiasm attendees welcomed 18 new Active Members, 1 Affiliate/International Member, 1 Corporate Member, 2 Life Member Applicants, and 50 Graduate (Resident) Members – of both genders. (See list on page seven of this newsletter).

Gratitude and honors were bestowed

upon outgoing officers, and new officers were heartily welcomed:

- Vice President: **Sandra Read, MD** (2003-2004)
- Treasurer: **Elizabeth McBurney, MD** (2003-2006)
- Directors: **Margaret Parsons, MD** (2003-2007)
Ann Haas, MD (2003-2007)
Mary Lupo, MD (2003-2007)
Richard Scher (2002-2006)

Hats Off to Jan Wahl

Between the delicious swordfish accented with papaya, perfectly prepared asparagus and risotto and the fruit and sherbet parfait, guest lecturer Jan Wahl enchanted us with her view of movies and the difference they make in our lives. Winner of two Emmys, this popular movie and video critic for San Francisco's Channel 4, KRON gave us a different view of movies than we usually see. Growing up with Buddy Ibsen as a neighbor on one side, Bat Masterson on the other and Katherine Hepburn as a role model, Jan gained an early appreciation of men, women and the "battle of the sexes." She maintains, "It only works when you have an intelligent woman and an equally intelligent man." The master directors know that the imagination is more powerful than reality. The delightfully hatted Ms. Wahl pointed out, whether in romance or suspense, respect the viewer's imagination by avoiding the obvious or graphic shots. Whether a grand scale movie like *Gone With the Wind* or a tale of private heroism like *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the great movies resonate within us so we see ourselves in different ways. As we learn in *Citizen Kane*, it is not what you buy, but what you have inside that is worthwhile. She calls on children today to be more critical of what they see in movies, to not accept mean spirited humor or graphic violence as the norm. Her favorite movies? *My Favorite Year* and *Some Like It Hot* among many others. She noted that Dermatology and Medicine have always played important roles in movies, from

hiding the ravages of alcohol and sun from the close-up camera to scar and blemish management. Thank you, Jan Wahl, for expanding our appreciation of "the movies" and sharing your energy, joie de vivre, wisdom and intelligence with us!

Some of Jan Wahl's other favorite movies include: *Nowhere In Africa*, *East of Eden*, *Topsy Turvey*, *Out of Africa*, *Cradle Will Rock*, *Cinema Paradiso*, *The Player*, and *Being John Malkovitch*.



LAURA BOLTON, PHD

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President's Message

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from **Dr. Sandra Read**. That will be a very tough act to follow.

One of the new WDS task forces, the Women's Dermatologic Surgeons, is highlighted in this newsletter. Congratulations to **Dr. Roberta Sengelmann** and **Dr. Sarah Weitzul** for getting the ball rolling. The enthusiasm for this effort is extremely high.

Please check our website for upcoming Networking receptions being held across the country thanks to the work of **Dr. Hilary Baldwin's** committee. How to hold one, how to pay for it, and all the details are available on the WDS website. We hope to have many of these held this year.

Last, but not least **Dr. Suzanne Olbricht** has been working with her committee to make for us an exciting experience at the Old Mill Inn in Toronto, only to have to postpone this event due to the SARS crisis. We hope you will join us in June 2004 for this favorite event which we'll combine with the Leadership Retreat.

My goal this year is to further fellowship, mentorship, and great character in the WDS. Thanks to all of our members and our industry helpers, this goal should be a reality. Next issue, I hope to be highlighting some of our other committees.

Marianne Nelson O'Donoghue, MD
WDS President

HELP WANTED: Mothers

> > **JOB DESCRIPTION:**

Long term, team players needed, for challenging permanent work in an, often chaotic environment. Candidates must possess excellent communication and organizational skills and be willing to work variable hours, which will include evenings and weekends and frequent 24 hour shifts on call. Some overnight travel required, including trips to primitive camping sites on rainy weekends and endless sports tournaments in far away cities. Travel expenses not reimbursed. Extensive courier duties also required.

> > **POSITION:**

Mother, Mom, Mama, Mommy

> > **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The rest of your life. Must be willing to be hated, at least temporarily, until someone needs \$5. Must be willing to bite tongue repeatedly. Also, must possess the physical stamina of a pack mule and be able to go from zero to 60 mph in three seconds flat in case, this time, the screams from the backyard are not someone just crying wolf. Must be willing to face stimulating technical challenges, such as small gadget repair, mysteriously sluggish toilets and stuck zippers. Must screen phone calls, maintain calendars and coordinate production of multiple homework projects. Must have ability to plan and organize social gatherings for clients of all ages and mental outlooks. Must be willing to be indispensable one minute, an embarrassment the next. Must handle assembly and product safety testing of a half million cheap, plastic toys, and battery

operated devices. Must always hope for the best but be prepared for the worst. Must assume final, complete accountability for the quality of the end product. Responsibilities also include floor maintenance and janitorial work throughout the facility.

> > **POSSIBILITY FOR ADVANCEMENT & PROMOTION:**

Virtually none. Your job is to remain in the same position for years, without complaining, constantly retraining and updating your skills, so that those in your charge can ultimately surpass you.

> > **PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:**

None required unfortunately. On-the-job training offered on a continually exhausting basis.

> > **WAGES AND COMPENSATION:**

Get this! You pay them! Offering frequent raises and bonuses. A balloon payment is due when they turn 18 because of the assumption that college will help them become financially independent. When you die, you give them whatever is left. The oddest thing about this reverse-salary scheme is that you actually enjoy it and wish you could only do more.

> > **BENEFITS:**

While no health or dental insurance, no pension, no tuition reimbursement, no paid holidays and no stock options are offered; this job supplies limitless opportunities for personal growth and free hugs for life if you play your cards right.

**Moms – in appreciation for everything you do
on a daily basis – you are appreciated!**

SCHEDULE OF WDS ACTIVITIES:

AAD Summer Meeting Chicago July 25-27, 2003

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2003

Practice Enhancement Reception

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Office of Dr. Kevin Pinski,
Chicago, IL

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2003

WDS Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Hyatt Regency, Chicago IL

WDS Committee Meetings

9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
WDS Center
Hyatt Regency, Chicago IL

Board & Leadership Reception

(by invitation)

Home of June Robinson
Chicago, IL

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2003

WDS Networking Reception

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Hyatt Regency, Chicago IL

WDS MENTORSHIP AWARD WINNERS

The following WDS Mentorship Grants were awarded for 2003:

1. **Jennifer Aranda, MD**, a resident at UT Southwestern Medical School
Topic: Dermatology and Infectious Diseases
Mentor: Maria L. Turner, MD, at National Cancer Institute
2. **R. Sonia Batra, MD**, a resident at Stanford University Medical School
Topic: Non-melanoma Skin Cancer
Mentor: Larisa C. Kelley, MD, at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
3. **Carmen Berger, MD**, a resident at University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals
Topic: Contact Dermatitis
Mentor: Frances Storrs, at Oregon Health & Science University
4. **Jennifer Lynn Bub, MD**, a resident at University of Washington
Topic: Academic Dermatologic Surgery
Mentor: Neil A. Swanson, MD, at Oregon Health & Science University
5. **Glen Crawford, MD**, a resident at Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Topic: Occupational and Contact Dermatitis
Mentor: Melanie D. Pratt, MD, in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
6. **Naomi Creel, MD**, a resident at National Capital Consortium
Topic: Subspecialties of Medical Dermatology
Mentor: Victoria P. Werth, MD, at University of Pennsylvania
7. **Seema Doshi, MD**, chief resident at University of Texas, Department of Dermatology
Topic: Dermatologic Laser Surgery
Mentor: Tina S. Alster, MD, at Washington Institute of Dermatologic Laser Surgery
8. **Senait Dyson, MD**, a resident at Case Western Reserve University
Topic: Dermatopathology of Melanocytic Lesions
Mentor: N. Scott McNutt, MD, at McNeil University Cornell Campus, NYC
9. **Cheryl Eberting, MD**, a resident at Roger Williams Medical Center, Providence, Rhode Island
Topic: Jobs Syndrome
Mentor: Maria Turner, MD, at National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD
10. **Michelle Glied, MD**, a resident at University of Toronto
Topic: Psoriasis and Clinical Research
Mentor: Mark Lebwohl, MD, at Mount Sinai Hospital, NY
11. **Susanne N. Granados, MD** at University of Massachusetts Medical School
Topic: Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma
Mentor: Sam Hwang, MD, at Dermatology Branch, NCI, National Institutes of Health
12. **Victoria Gross, MD**, a resident at SUNY Health Center Brooklyn, NY
Topic: Pigmented Lesions
Mentor: Jean Bologna, MD, at Yale Medical School
13. **Weimin Katherine Hu, MD**, a resident at Case Western University, Cleveland, OH
Topic: Mohs and Laser Surgery
Mentor: Christopher Zachary, MD, at University of California San Francisco
14. **Sharon E. Jacob, MD**, a resident at the University of Miami, Miami, FL
Topic: Contact Dermatitis
Mentor: William D. James, MD, at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital
15. **Tamara Koss, MD**, a resident at Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons
Topic: Pigmented Lesions
Mentor: Jean Bologna, MD, at Yale Medical School
16. **Maeran C. Landers, MD**, a resident at Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR
Topic: Dermatologic Infectious Diseases
Mentor: Timothy Berger, MD, at University of California San Francisco
17. **Christine L. Mackley, MD**, a resident at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
Topic: Psychodermatology
Mentor: Richard G. Fried, MD, at Yardley Dermatology Associates
18. **Jennifer A. Steele, MD**, a resident at Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida
Topic: Pediatric Dermatology
Mentor: Ilona Frieden, MD, at University of California San Francisco
19. **Zakia Rahman, MD**, a resident at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, New York
Topic: Laser Medicine
Mentor: Jeffrey S. Dover, MD, in Chestnut Hill, MA
20. **Mary Tomayko, MD**, a resident at Yale University School of Medicine
Topic: Tropical Infectious Diseases
Mentor: Dr. Sirimanne at the National Hospital of Colombo, Sri Lanka
21. **Linda Wang, MD**, a resident at University of Chicago Hospitals
Topic: Cutaneous Oncology: Merkel Cell Carcinoma
Mentor: Paul X. Nghiem, MD, PhD, at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston
22. **Esperanza C. Welsh, MD**, a resident the University of Miami School of Medicine
Topic: New Laser Therapies
Mentor: Tina Alster, MD, at The Washington Institute of Dermatologic Laser Surgery

Special thanks to Dermik for its support of the WDS Mentorship Program.

"Mentor of the Year" Storrs was Inspiration for the WDS Mentorship Program

by M. Joyce Rico, MD



FRANCES J. STORRS, MD

The Women's Dermatologic Society has established the "Mentor of the Year Award" to honor individuals who have influenced the lives of women dermatologists through their commitment to mentoring. The first recipient of this Award is **Frances J. Storrs, MD**.

Dr. Storrs was graduated from Carleton College in Minnesota in 1960 and Cornell Medical College in New York City in 1964. After a rotating internship at Good Samaritan Hospital, she completed residency training at the Oregon Health and Science University. Dr. Storrs joined the faculty at Oregon in 1969 and although she officially retired in 1997, she continues to be very active in resident and medical student teaching and is Director of the Contact and Occupational Dermatitis Clinic. She also maintains a private practice.

As a young faculty member at Oregon Health and Science University, Fran was invited to a dinner honoring a distinguished, visiting dermatologist at a local private club

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2003 WDS MENTORSHIP AWARD WINNERS

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in Portland, OR. The only woman in attendance, the party had just begun when the nervous maitre d' approached. Fran was asked to leave: women were not allowed in the dining room. This event was a catalyst for Fran's commitment to changing the environment for women dermatologists. She recalls: "The expulsion from the private club actually opened my eyes to the importance of civil liberties, as well as to the environment at that time that made it hard for women to realize their own value and develop true self esteem. It made me want to work for both causes, and I did. For me, it was an epiphany."

Over her 45 year career, Fran has formally mentored over 20 dermatologists from around the world who have traveled to Oregon Health and Science University to study contact and occupational dermatology with her, including 3 prior recipients of the WDS Mentorship Award. She has also mentored numerous undergraduates and medical students who came to work with her as research assistants, many of whom became dermatologists and mentors themselves. She cites her mentoring experiences as "the most satisfying part of my career".

"I really have valued the wonderful people I have been allowed to work with over the years. It is thrilling to see that their time with you may have influenced them. Now, I am interested in discussing with potential mentees how to be a good mentee and not just how to find a mentor. It is finally clear to me that only when one is able to work with a mentee who knows how to "work" you as a mentor, does the relationship really work. In short, good mentees make good mentors and I have been unusually fortunate in working with the best."

Fran credits her mother, Dr. Harriet Emigh, and her first department chair, Dr. Walter C. Lobitz, Jr., as her role models for mentorship. Both imbued Fran with the expectation to "give back" to the community through service. She has answered that call in her professional and personal life and has an extensive record in service to her profession, her University and her commu-

nity. Her awards include the City Club of Portland's Citizen of the Year (2001), the Humanism in Medicine Award from Oregon Health and Science University (2001), and the WDS Rose Hirschler Award (1991). She was also recently designated Master of Dermatology.

Upon receipt of the WDS Rose Hirschler Award in 1991, Fran donated the honorarium to the WDS to establish a mentorship program. According to Fran, "The WDS leadership, particularly WDS President Dr. June Robinson, took

the ball and ran with it", establishing our highly successful Mentorship Program with generous and loyal funding from Dermik Laboratories. Since 1990, the Mentorship Program has funded over 150 men and women, early in their professional careers, to spend time one-on-one with an established mentor with specific expertise.

For her commitment to and able demonstration of mentoring, the Women's Dermatologic Society is proud to present the first WDS Mentorship Award to Frances J. Storrs, MD.

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Editor's Note:
In this
edition, we
launch what I hope will
be the first of many personal
accounts from WDS mem-
bers. Dr. Michelle Spenny
had the difficult experi-
ence of sending her
husband off to war,
one not unlike that
shared by many of

our mothers and grandmothers in previous wars. She offers her thoughts and feelings in this wonderful piece, which I am sure will strike a common chord with many of us. (And rest assured, we haven't given up on her pursuing an academic career!)

While I have chosen to call this column "A Woman's Journal", we actively solicit contributions from all members, male or female. If you have thoughts you would like to share with fellow WDS members, please contact me, either by email at Kathryn.schwarzenberger@hitchcock.org or by phone (603) 650-5175.

A *hhh, the good life.* That was our mantra as my husband and I moved all of our belongings



DR. MICHELLE SPENNY

across the country this summer. I was scheduled to begin dermatology residency in July, a welcome change to the call of last year. Medical school and internship had dominated our

entire marriage and we were looking forward to some peaceful recuperating.

Unfortunately, life had other plans. Within three months, my husband's army reserve unit was called into high alert and in January he left the winter wonderland of New England for much warmer climates under Operation Enduring

Freedom. Surprise! Life pulled the rug right out from under me and I was left staring blankly at the ceiling.

Pull yourself together. After a deep sigh, I gave Jackson, our Newfoundland, a good squeeze and explained that there would be hard times ahead, but we would survive. He and I would just have to manage on our own. No problem. I was an independent, professional woman, an MD after all. I could do this.

After two months I'm left with one thought, "Where on earth is that independent woman?" She is certainly not the "stupid woman driver" who was verbally harassed at the automatic car wash for not operating it correctly. Nor is she the one who drew puzzled looks at Jiffy Lube when she didn't know her own car's specs. She can't possibly be the renegade causing mayhem at the dump while attempting to sort my recycling. "Don't you know, cardboard isn't recycled here?" This woman's accountant expressed bewilderment when she was unable to answer basic tax and finance questions. Who is this young professional so easily overwhelmed and brought to tears? I did not sign up for this.

My emotions bounce from sadness to exasperation to numbing indifference. At times, I want to wallow in self-pity. "I give up, Life you win." One evening when I got too caught up in myself, my dad, a school counselor, passed on his wisdom. "Sometimes I wonder how much of this we do to ourselves."

What?! He couldn't possibly be implying that this was under my control. And yet, in part, much of it was. In order to climb the professional ladder, I gave up many "life-maintenance" responsibilities. Without my husband's support in nearly every other aspect of my life, I would not have been able to do all of the extra things that have gotten me to where I am. I thought I had no time to learn about

personal finances or managing a house. Now I am living with the consequences.

In two months I have completed crash courses in managing taxes, mortgages, and a rental property. Understanding and dealing with the army bureaucracy is another challenge all its own. Forget the marathon study weekends of the past. Preparing care packages, paying bills, and shoveling snow are now the norm.

There have been some rough times. Our dog developed a brief psychotic episode manifested as inconsolable howling and many accidents in the house. After the million-dollar workup revealed no physical cause for his symptoms, the vet proposed Jackson might be suffering from extreme separation anxiety. I scoffed. At the time, Andy had been gone for three weeks, a mere instant compared to the time he had been away this fall preparing for deployment. "But it is different now. He won't be coming home for six months to a year, right?" the vet asked. I replied in the affirmative, but how would the dog know that. "Because *you* do." Uncomfortable pause. That day we arranged doggie day care with friends down the street and we have all been coping much better.

Things are improving. There are definitely more good days than bad. Lately I've been thinking more about my future and the choices I am making now that will affect my happiness later. Previously, I tossed around the idea of pursuing an academic career. Now all I can think about is spending time with Andy when he comes home. I plan to do a much better job supporting our family unit. Even before this event, I worried about struggling to balance career and family. Now the scale is tipped even more in favor of family and I can't imagine letting medicine take over like it once did.

No time to worry about that now, I have to run to the dump.

2003 Rose Hirschler Awardee Elizabeth I. McBurney, MD



ELIZABETH MCBURNEY, MD RECEIVES THE ROSE HIRSCHLER AWARD FROM LENORE KAKITA, MD

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 achievement, have served to enhance the role of women in the dermatologic specialty.

The WDS is pleased to announce that the prestigious Rose Hirschler Award will be presented to **Elizabeth I. McBurney, MD**. Dr. McBurney is a Clinical Professor of Dermatology at Tulane University School of Medicine and LSU School of Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana. She is the recipient of many prestigious honors and awards, including several for outstanding service to health care in both the public and private sectors. Among her numerous awards are the Everett C. Fox, MD Lectureship from the American Academy of Dermatology, the Distinguished Woman Physician Award presented by the American Medical Association, and the Samuel J. Stegman, MD Award for Distinguished Service from the

American Society of Dermatologic Surgery (November 2000).

Dr. McBurney has served as President of the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery in 1996. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the American Dermatological Association. She is active as a professional lecturer nationwide to professional audiences as well as local civic and community organizations. She is the author and co-author of numerous articles dealing with clinical dermatology, surgical dermatology, and cosmetic and laser dermatology. Dr. Elizabeth McBurney represents the best of dermatology as an expert in surgical dermatology, a concerned and involved practicing practitioner who has contributed to many medical organizations, and a warm and compassionate physician.

We are honored to add her to the list of Rose Hirschler Award Winners:

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., PhD	1999
Barbara A. Gilchrest, M.D.	2000
Ruth Freinkel, M.D.	2001
Gloria Graham, M.D.	2001
Nia K. Terezakis, M.D.	2002
Elizabeth I. McBurney, M.D.	2003

2003 President's Award Susan H. Weinkle, MD



SUSAN H. WEINKLE, MD

The President's Award is given at the discretion of the WDS President. This year's recipient is an individual who has gone above and beyond to grow the Society and make it a better organization.

Susan H. Weinkle, MD has been involved with WDS for many years. She has been a long-standing member, and has served on the Board of Directors since 1993. She has served on various committees of WDS and as its President, Vice President and Treasurer. She has served on the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society since 1986 and as its Medical Advisor during 1996-1998.

As a Diplomat, of the American Board of Dermatology since 1983, Dr. Weinkle has made numerous contributions to the field of Dermatology. She has been honored with numerous awards for her expertise as a Moh's micrographic surgeon. She has been involved in scientific research and has published on a variety of subjects relating to the problems of skin cancer and surgical procedures.

Dr. Weinkle was appointed Director of Fundamentals of Cutaneous Surgery Course during the annual meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology Meeting in 1997-2000. In her AAD appointments she has served on several committees involving youth education, industry relations, reimbursement, core surgical competence and the Task Force on Women's Health. Dr. Weinkle was chosen to be the prestigious speaker on "What's New in Dermatologic Surgery?" presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology 2002. Dr. Weinkle reinforced her commitment to ideals that education is the key to reaching goals and the attainment of bettering societies that promote these ideals.

International Travel Award Winners



CARMELA VERONICA
O. REYES

Through the generosity of Women's Dermatologic Society, I was given the opportunity to attend my very first Annual Meeting of the AAD and to visit a beautiful and memorable city, which was an incredible experience. Best of all, I was given the chance during the WDS annual luncheon meeting to thank personally the officers of the Society for this wonderful opportunity to learn and update on dermatology through the 61st annual AAD. I feel doubly proud I am a woman dermatologist after being with a group blessed with intelligence, accomplishments, grace and strengths. Thank you to the Women's Dermatologic Society; it was a truly rewarding experience and an honor to be one of this year's recipients of your Travel Grant Award.



MARIA CRISTINA
RIBEIRO DE CASTRO

The WDS Travel Award permitted my participation in AAD, which otherwise I could have not been able to attend. I met colleagues from other countries and we discussed the differences of treatments in a same disease and their experience with new drugs. I learned a lot in the forums, symposiums, and courses about subjects that I usually read about in articles. I really would like to thank Women's Dermatologic Society for all.

NATASHA COOK from Chatswood NSW, Australia, was also a 2003 International Travel Award Winner (*photo not available*).

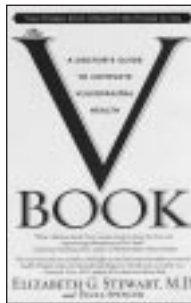


THUNDERING SNEAKERS

by Prudence MacKintosh

Recommended by Dr. Janet Hickman

Women trying to combine career and the raising of a family will find refreshing humor and insight in Prudence MacKintosh's books *Retreads* and *Thundering Sneakers*. I particularly recommend these books to others, like me, who are mothers of boys. The author is a skillful storyteller, whose tales of raising three sons sound all too familiar (e.g. "If you ever doubted original sin, or for a fleeting moment believed in the innate goodness of man, you missed my four-year-old's birthday party." Trying to balance career and children, I have frequently reflected on her observation "...by the time the third one came along I was old enough to appreciate the pleasures of limited ambition."



THE V BOOK: A DOCTOR'S GUIDE TO COMPLETE VULVOVAGINAL HEALTH

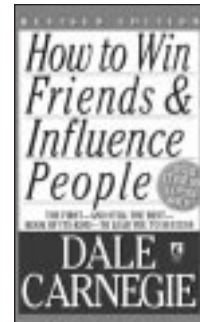
by Elizabeth Stewart, MD

Recommended by

Dr. Lynette Margesson

I am recommending this book, as it is the best book covering a whole spectrum of vulvovaginal disease. It is written for any woman to read and I feel it is important that women physicians see this book for themselves, their families and their patients. Dr. Stewart has successfully tackled what she refers to as "the last frontier" of women's health, an area that has long been neglected by the medical

profession. Dr. Elizabeth Stewart is a renowned gynecologist and vulvovaginal specialist. (I work with her in a combined vulvar clinic in Boston). She has written an excellent, reader-friendly guide to all aspects of vulvar health. It covers everything from yeast infections, rashes to vulvodinia. The V Book deserves a place on every women's book self.



HOW TO WIN FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE

by Dale Carnegie

Recommended by Dr. Laura Bolton

Here are tried and true techniques for lifting yourself out of your own point of view to truly listen to others and add value to their lives and yours. It is not only a refreshing view of interpersonal interactions, but adds zest to your business and personal relationships, while reaping unexpected rewards from your professional and family roles. I can never keep this book. One 25-year-old I lent it to went from hating her drudge of a job to becoming an appreciated leader in the same position and loving every minute of it. Beware. It can change your life.



AWAKEN THE GIANT WITHIN

by Anthony Robbins

Recommended by Dr. Wendy Roberts

It is a good read because it can help anyone focus on what is important to them in their life.

Science Confirms What Common Sense Has Told Us All Along

A landmark UCLA study suggests friendships between women are special. They shape who we are and who we are yet to be. They soothe our tumultuous inner world, fill the emotional gaps in our marriage, and help us remember who we really are. By the way, they may do even more. Scientists now suspect that hanging out with our friends can actually counteract the kind of stomach quivering stress most of us experience on a daily basis.

The study suggests that women respond to stress with a cascade of brain chemicals that cause us to make and maintain friendships with other women. It's a stunning find that has turned five decades of stress research – most of it on men – upside down. Until this study was published, scientists generally believed that when people experience stress, they trigger a hormonal cascade that revs the body to either stand and fight or flee as fast as possible explains Laura Cousin Klein, Ph.D., now an Assistant Professor of Biobehavioral Health at Penn State University and one of the study's authors. It's an ancient survival mechanism left over from the time we were chased across the planet by saber-toothed tigers.

Now the researchers suspect that women have a larger behavioral repertoire than just fight or flight. In fact, says Dr. Klein, it seems that when the hormone oxytocin is released, as part of the stress responses in a woman, it buffers the fight or flight response and encourages her to tend children and gather with other women instead. When she actually engages in this tending or befriending, studies suggest that more oxytocin is released, which further counters stress and produces a calming effect. This calming response does not occur in men, says Dr. Klein, because testosterone—which men produce in high levels when they're

under stress – seems to reduce the effects of oxytocin. Estrogen; she adds, seems to enhance it.

The discovery that women respond to stress differently than men was made in a classic “aha” moment shared by two women scientists who were talking one day in a lab at UCLA. There was this joke that when the women who worked in the lab were stressed, they came in, cleaned the lab, had coffee, and bonded, says Dr. Klein. When the men were stressed, they holed up somewhere on their own. I commented one day to fellow researcher Shelley Taylor that nearly 90% of the stress research is on males. I showed her the data from my lab, and the two of us knew instantly that we were onto something.

The women cleared their schedules and started meeting with one scientist after another from various research specialties. Very quickly, Drs. Klein and Taylor discovered that by not including women in stress research, scientists had made a huge mistake: The fact that women respond to stress differently than men has significant implications for our health.

It may take some time for new studies to reveal all the ways that Oxytocin encourages us to care for children and hang out with other women, but the “tend and befriend” notion developed by Drs. Klein and Taylor may explain why women consistently outlive men. Study after study has found that social ties reduce our risk of disease by lowering blood pressure, heart rate, and cholesterol. There's no doubt, says Dr. Klein, that friends are helping us live longer.

In one study, for example, researchers found that people who had no friends increased their risk of death over a 6-month period. In another study, those who had the most friends over a 9-year period cut their risk of death by more

than 60%. Friends are also helping us live better. The famed Nurses' Health Study from Harvard Medical School found that the more friends women had, the less likely they were to develop physical impairments as they aged, and the more likely they were to be leading a joyful life. In fact, the results were so significant, the researchers concluded, that not having close friends or confidants was as detrimental to your health as smoking or carrying extra weight!

And that's not all! When the researchers looked at how well the women functioned after the death of their spouse, they found that even in the face of this biggest stressor of all, those women who had a close friend and confidante were more likely to survive the experience without any new physical impairments or permanent loss of vitality. Those without friends were not always so fortunate.

Yet if friends counter the stress that seems to swallow up so much of our life these days, if they keep us healthy and even add years to our life, why is it so hard to find time to be with them? That's a question that also troubles researcher Ruthellen Josselson, Ph.D., co-author of *Best Friends: The Pleasures and Perils of Girls' and Women's Friendships* (Three Rivers Press, 1998). Every time we get overly busy with work and family, the first thing we do is let go of friendships with other women, explains Dr. Josselson. We push them right to the back burner.

That's really a mistake because women are such a source of strength to each other. We nurture one another. And we need to have unpressured space in which we can do the special kind of talk that women do when they're with other women. It's a very healing experience.

Taylor, S. E., Klein, L.C., Lewis, B. P., Gruenewald, T. L., Gurung, R.A.R., & Updegraff, J. A. (2000). Female Responses to Stress: Tend and Befriend, Not Fight or Flight” *Psychological Review*, 107(3), 41-429.

WOMEN DERMATOLOGIC SURGEONS UNITE

By Sarah Weitzul, MD and
Roberta Sengelmann, MD

WOMEN DERMATOLOGIC SURGEONS are joining together to address important issues they face in their careers. Women dermatologic surgeons have been talking about "getting together" for some time. Now, with the formation of the newly created WDS Women's Dermatologic Surgery Task Force, co-chaired by Dr. Sarah Weitzul and Dr. Roberta Sengelmann, they intend to do just that. The task force met for the first time at the AAD meeting in San Francisco and aims to improve and facilitate networking, mentorship, and leadership for female dermatologic surgeons. Members of the task force include Drs. Susan Weinkle, Rhoda Narins, Naomi Lawrence, Sandy Tsao, Mary Maloney, and Sabra Sullivan.

Even before its first face-to-face meeting, the task force began broadcasting its agenda within the surgical community by sending letters to the members of the ASDS and Mohs College. Thus far, the ASDS has responded with a very generous offer of support and assistance in promoting women in dermatologic surgery. Future plans of the task force include networking opportunities at future meetings, creating a webpage on the WDS website, facilitating preceptorships, mentorships, and an advisorship program to facilitate women with careers in dermatologic surgery. However, before anything meaningful can take place, there is a need to increase WDS membership by women dermatologic surgeons so that these women can more readily access one another and work toward common goals.

Women dermatologic surgeons who wish to join the group are asked to register online at www.womensderm.org or by fax using the registration form to the right. WDS membership is required and registration will allow members to be included in networking and mentorship (as mentor, mentee or both) opportunities, participate in an email list-serve, and be in an online directory for patients to find a woman dermatologic surgeon in their area.

For the purpose of inclusion into this group, the task force defines a dermatologic surgeon to be anyone who considers themselves a dermatologic surgeon and includes Mohs surgery, laser surgery, cosmetic surgery, and general dermatologic surgery. Formal fellowship training is not required.

Please join today to foster a network which will help promote and create female leaders in our specialty and a guarantee we'll have a good time doing it!



FROM LEFT, MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE ARE:
SUSAN WEINKLE, MD
RHODA NARINS, MD
NAOMI LAWRENCE, MD
SARAH WEITZUL, MD
SABRA SULLIVAN, MD
LENORE KAKITA, MD
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The Career Development Award Program A WONDERFUL MEMBERS-ONLY OPPORTUNITY

by Wendy E. Roberts, MD



t's happened to many of us ... you are sitting in a lecture, maybe even recently at the



WENDY E. ROBERTS, MD

AAD in San Francisco and you realize how little you know about the lecture subject. You start thinking "was I on some long nap during this part of my residency program, gone shopping?"

With righteous indignation you cannot believe the advances made in hair transplantation or, that an immunology refresher course is badly needed to really understand the biologics. It is becoming a reality that you cannot run a multi-specialty dermatology practice with eight doctors and no formal business education. The bottom line is that the information highway kept moving along while you were figuring out insurance reimbursement, filling in as office manager or writing your next journal article. There hopefully comes a time when we truly do stop to smell the roses ... the rose that captivates us now may be a very different rose from the one that brought us to the rose garden. And that is where Career Development steps in. WDS is very proud of its newest program. We understand the rigorous demands of practice do not always mesh with continuing education. We also understand that academic excellence is a cornerstone of our specialty and who we are as dermatologists.

The role of the Career Development Awards Program is to provide WDS members with opportunities to enhance their career development through

participating in "hands-on" training or other educational activities. This program provides financial support and professional contacts for members to acquire desired specific skills.

There are two ways to utilize this program. The first is to define a specific career development opportunity you want to pursue (Apprenticeship). Then find a leader in that area who will teach you that specific subject (Expert). The type of activity may include a broad spectrum of subjects, examples are melanoma clinics, fat augmentation, management skills, Pediatric dermatology, immunohistochemistry, Women's health. The subject list is as long as our collective imagination. You can design your career enhancement opportunity. The second way to utilize this program is by using the award to offset costs associated with attending a meeting or course about a specific subject. Examples of this may include a hair disorder meeting, Epidermolysis bullosa meeting, management course.

This WDS career development opportunity is underwritten by a generous educational grant from Galderma Laboratories. This is a members' only opportunity available only to WDS members of at least three years post residency. Targeted toward practicing Dermatologists, we encourage you to explore how the Career Development Award can enrich your already successful career.

For more information regarding the Career Development Award Program, please log onto the WDS website at www.womensderm.org or you may call WDS at (415) 927-5727.

SITES AT THE AAD SAN FRANCISCO



HATS OFF TO THESE LOVELY LADIES AT THE WDS ANNUAL LUNCHEON IN SAN FRANCISCO. (ELISE ODOM, ALBERTA ELEWSKI, DR. BONI ELEWSKI, DR. LENORE KAKITA, DR. SUSAN WEINKLE, AND DR. WILMA BERGFELD)



DR. SETH MATARASSO ENTERTAINING HIS GUESTS AT THE 2003 PRACTICE ENHANCEMENT RECEPTION, TAKING PLACE AT HIS OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO.



DR. PEGGY CRAWFORD, ALWAYS THE GRACIOUS HOST, GREETES HER GUESTS AT THE BOARD AND LEADERSHIP DINNER. (DR. TED LIU, DR. PEGGY CRAWFORD, DR. LEIGH MIYAMOTO, AND DR. DORA CHIN)



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NEWSMAKERS

■ **Fran Storrs, MD** writes that her biggest thrill was to receive the Women's Dermatologic Society Mentorship award. She notes that mentoring other dermatologists has been the high point of her career. Her wish for all those who participate in the mentorship program: "May the new mentees help their mentors become terrific mentors."

■ Congratulations to **Kathleen Stokes, MD** who was recently elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Wisconsin Dermatological Society. Go girl go!

■ **Fern Wirth, MD** has a new cutie in her family, a baby boy born on October 10, 2001! She notes that he is extremely observant, wanting to touch and feel everything, maybe a budding dermatologist! The next generation.

Compiled by Zoe Diana Draelos, MD

■ **Susan Weinkle, MD** took a biking trip this past summer in south France. Biking, she says, is a peaceful way to see the world while rebuilding the body and soul.

■ **Patricia Engasser, MD** was the honored guest at a reception and roast held in her honor by the members of the American Contact Dermatitis Society. She was remembered for her many years of service to the study of contact dermatitis and the special place she has in the hearts of many dermatologists whom she encouraged and mentored. We love you, Pat!

■ **Antonella Tosti, MD** chaired a fascinating session at the Council for Nail Disorders meeting held this past March in San Francisco where she posed nail

enigmas for a panel of expert dermatologists to discuss the pros and cons of various treatment ideas.

■ We salute **Diane Baker, MD** who is the voice of dermatology at the AMA. Diane has been active in looking out for our interests as the AMA reorganizes to become a more unified voice for medicine.

■ **Suzanne Connolly, MD** recently completed her four-year term on the Board of the American Academy of Dermatology and was named Clinician of the Year at Mayo Scottsdale.

■ **Janet Sullivan, MD** was recently elected to serve as Chair of the National Quality Forum's Provider and Health Plan Council. She says, "I am thrilled to have this opportunity to help bridge the 'quality gap' to ensure that all Americans receive the highest quality health care possible." Bravo!

■ Congratulations to **Ann Haas, MD** who has led the California Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery this past year as President. Through her strong leadership, CDS has protected dermatologists against onerous legislation and regulation. Great job, Ann!

■ Best wishes to **Wendy Roberts, MD** who recently became engaged. The wedding is set for Spring 2004.

Please forward information about the new and exciting things you and your colleagues are doing and we'll put it in NEWSMAKERS. Email to wds@womensderm.org.



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- 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.