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## President's Message

**A**fter 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*



**M**ore 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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