



# Women's Dermatologic Society

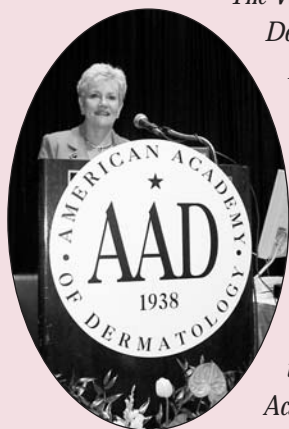
## NEWSLETTER

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## INTRODUCING NEW WDS PRESIDENT Marianne O'Donoghue, MD



*The Women's Dermatologic Society is pleased to have Dr. Marianne O'Donoghue serve as President for 2003-2004 (pictured here presenting a plenary session at the AAD Summer Academy Meeting).*

*The following is an interview conducted by Sandra Read, MD with Dr. O'Donoghue.*

**Dr. Read:** Marianne, tell us about your formal education and your professional practice. Where did you go to Medical School, Dermatology Training, and your professional practices and affiliations? What type of practice are you engaged in?

**Dr. O'Donoghue:** I went to Medical School at Georgetown University. Internship was at Northwestern University, at Passavant Hospital. I started my residency at the university of Chicago. Exactly half way through, my husband

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## Mentorship: What WDS Does Best

**I** left Chicago after attending the summer Academy meeting again reminded that the WDS



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is an incredible organization. I will admit that I am somewhat biased, but what a great group of people! I never anticipated when I joined the WDS as a naïve resident over 10 years ago

that I would become part of what is rapidly becoming one of the largest professional medical women's organizations. We are nearing a new landmark in membership...almost 1,000 members strong! We would like to top this number by the 2004 annual meeting and, to do so, challenge each of you to find one new member to join. With a little effort, we can reach our goal of 1,000+ members this year.

The summer Academy meeting was, as usual, excellent and we were delighted to hear from several WDS members, including **Dr. Gloria Graham**, who was chosen as this year's Everett C. Fox Memorial Lecturer. Dr. Graham provided an inspirational look at the impact of mentorship on dermatology. I was proud to hear quite a few WDS members mentioned in her talk! **Drs. Amy Paller and Marianne O'Donoghue** provided won-

derful plenary talks on pediatric dermatology and hair and skin care, respectively.

**Drs. J.B. and Kevin Pinski** welcomed WDS members to their lovely office on Friday night for the Practice Enhancement Reception. Our thanks to the Pinskis for hosting this enjoyable session. On Saturday night, members of the WDS Board of Directors, those in leadership positions, and their invited guests celebrated the successful year with dinner at the home of **Dr. June Robinson** and her husband, William Barker. Note to June: the view from your home is absolutely enviable (although not quite enough to make me leave the woods of New Hampshire yet...) and we most sincerely appreciate your having hosted us! I should mention to anyone interested in becoming more involved in the WDS leadership (i.e. anyone who wants to serve on a committee, or perhaps even chair one!) that these dinners are only one of the many benefits that await you!

In this and the next edition of the newsletter, I would like to focus on issues related to mentorship. Mentorship is one of the things the WDS does best. Since 1996, the WDS has formally encouraged interaction between members via its mentorship program, allowing young members the opportunity to work with more senior dermatologists, sharing skills, as well as camaraderie. We seem to be doing a good job; since inception, we have funded over

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