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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My term as WDS President has been a remarkable experience. I would like to acknowledge our Board of Directors and Committee/Task Force Chairs, along with all the members and volunteers who helped make this year a tremendous success for all of us.



Amy S. Paller, MS, MD

The number of WDS events that have taken place in just the last few months of 2013 is impressive. During the American Society of Dermatologic Surgeons (ASDS) annual meeting in Chicago, our Business Interest Group held a well-attended practice enhancement reception at the Chicago Cosmetic Surgery and Dermatology office of **Carolyn I. Jacob, MD**. Additionally, the Women Dermatologic Surgeons Committee hosted a very successful luncheon and panel discussion, organized and moderated by **Deborah MacFarlane, MD**. WDS Rose Parade of Cases took place during the 22nd Congress of the EADV (Istanbul, Turkey) and the 42nd IADVL (New Delhi, India), while networking receptions/dinners were held at the World Congress for Pediatric Dermatology in Madrid, Spain, and at the Pigmented Disorders Society of India meeting. Special thanks to **Christa De Cuyper, MD, Lauren Hughey, MD, Dedee Murrell, MD, Rashmi Sarkar, MD** and everyone who assisted in these efforts.

In early November, 87 members, residents and guests gathered at the Hyatt Lodge and McDonald's University in Oak Brook, Illinois for a fabulous weekend among friends, old and new. The MELD Task Force, under the leadership of our event co-chairs **Kathleen J. Hectorne, MD** and **Bethanee J. Schlosser, MD, PhD** put together an outstanding program that gave attendees the opportunity to relax and recharge their batteries, while reinforcing

professional and personal connections. Photos and additional details can be found on page 2.

This year we launched our Local/Regional Task Force under the leadership of co-chairs **Adrienne Stewart, MD** and **Michel A. McDonald, MD**. To date, networking events have been held in Chicago and Denver (2 events each!), as well as Nashville and New Orleans. You will be hearing more about this effort in the years ahead, as we continue to bring members together on a local level to promote networking,

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MEMBER ENRICHMENT & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Hyatt Lodge at McDonald's Campus in Oakbrook, IL provided the setting for the Member Enrichment and Leadership Development (MELD) forum (November 1st – 3rd). Led by **Kathleen J. Hectorne, MD** and **Bethanee J. Schlosser MD, PhD**, the MELD Task Force put together a full weekend of workshops, speaker sessions, panel discussions, teambuilding, networking opportunities and plenty of fun!

Rebecca C. Tung, MD spearheaded the collection of 32 suits and accessories for donation to Dress for Success. Support from the Young Physicians Task Force, Business Interest Group and several individuals helped 37 residents to participate in MELD. Tremendous thanks to **Neutrogena, Valeant, Avon, EndyMed** and **Venus Concept** for their generous sponsorship of this important event.



MELD Co-Chairs Kathleen Hectorne, MD (left) and Bethanee Schlosser, MD, PhD (right) with Guest Speaker Marsheila DeVan.

“Dr. Schlosser and I were thrilled with the excellent turnout and our inspiring speakers, who gave practical suggestions for improving our professional and personal lives. I enjoyed meeting so many new residents and look forward to seeing everyone in the future!”

Kathleen J. Hectorne, MD
(MELD Task Force Co-Chair)



University of Chicago resident attendees at MELD included (L to R): Sogyong Auh, MD, Min Deng, MD, Sonya Kenkare, MD, Alex Means, MD, Mara Beveridge, MD and Duri Yun, MD.



Lorraine Young, MD (center) at the MELD Welcome Reception with Neutrogena's Jayne Connolly (left) and Shelly Cropper (right).



UT Southwestern resident attendee Gina Bekova, MD (left) and WDS Resident Representative Shadi Kourosh, MD.

“I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to network with colleagues, discover various career opportunities in Dermatology, forge invaluable connections in the field, and learn important self-improvement and communication skills through the workshops and lectures.”

Gina Bekova, MD
(Resident, UT Southwestern Medical Center)



L to R: Ginat Mirowski, DMD, MD, Barbara Mathes, MD and Mary Maloney, MD.

“This retreat was about meeting new people and rekindling old friendships, networking, discovering yourself, expanding horizons and learning what it takes to be a leader while maintaining your sanity and humanity – what WDS is all about, and why I got involved years ago.”

Barbara M. Mathes, MD
(Barbara M. Mathes, MD) ■

Women Leaders in Dermatology: Chairs and Chiefs

By Sylvia H. Reitman, MBA

Many dermatologists are women, as clearly evidenced by the large membership of the Women's Dermatologic Society (WDS). Women now comprise 65-70% of dermatology residents in U.S. programs, and more than 40% of the specialty as a whole (Franki R. *Skin and Allergy News Digital Network* 2012). According to the AMA in 2010, 70% of all U.S. physicians were male and 30% female, making dermatology unique as a specialty. Although greater than in the past, female chairs and chiefs of dermatology are still a minority with women making up only 16% of the 107 dermatology academic chairs or chiefs (Kimball A. *Arch Derm* 2012; 148(7):844-846).

Despite a low representation of women as department chairs or chiefs in academic institutions, it is expected that with a growing number of women entering dermatology, there will also be increasing numbers in academic medicine. A quick look at the list of today's women leaders is impressive and clearly shows that the number of women chairs of dermatology departments has increased in the past decade.

Maria K. Hordinsky, MD, Chair of Dermatology at the University of Minnesota since 2001, is the current president of the Association of Professors of Dermatology (APD), an organization devoted to facilitating the exchange of information regarding best practices and excelling in programming aimed at the recruitment, retention, and

mentorship of academic faculty and future leaders. WDS President **Amy S. Paller, MS, MD** is also an active member who has facilitated and organized networking for women dermatology chairs and chiefs at the APD. The group, now in its fourth year, meets annually to discuss issues specifically related to women in academia.

Dr. Hordinsky commented on a career in academic medicine, saying that "career paths vary in all professions. In dermatology, some residents and younger physicians desire private practice, while others choose to become part of academic practices - doing both clinical practice and teaching or research, or both." When asked what she would recommend to someone interested in academic medicine, Dr. Hordinsky replied that "finding a mentor and someone to emulate was an important step. That individual might be in one's own department, another department, or even at another institution."

As more women move into leadership roles in the academic world, they are able to help empower the younger dermatologists and assist them in choosing paths that might include research along with clinical practice. Dr. Paller was chief of dermatology for 16 years in the department of pediatrics before becoming chair of dermatology 10 years ago. With a strong clinical and bench research background

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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membership and volunteerism.

2013 was a record-breaking year for WDS in terms of service, thanks to the efforts of our Service Committee Chairs, **Kavita Mariwalla, MD** and **Mona A. Gohara, MD**, and the many event chairs and volunteers who provided sun safety education and skin cancer screenings at events across the country. The unwavering commitment of our members to serve the communities in which we live and work is one of many reasons why I am proud to be a member of WDS.

Our Industry Visioning Work Group (IVWG) has been gaining momentum over the past year and, at this writing, WDS and industry leaders are looking forward to a strategic planning retreat in Dallas, Texas (February 21-23). We hope this meeting will be the first of many opportunities for us to

strengthen a crucial link between dermatologists and the international corporate business community.

We'll soon be gathering in Denver, Colorado for the 39th WDS Annual Meeting Luncheon on March 23rd. Plans are coming together for a number of events that you won't want to miss. The WDS website (www.womensderm.org) and your e-mail box are the best places to look for updates, and I look forward to seeing you there!



WDS President, 2013-2014

2014 WDS Officer and Board of Directors Candidates

The WDS Nominating Committee proposes the following candidates for WDS Officer and Board of Directors positions, to be presented to the WDS membership at the Annual Business Meeting to be held at the Hyatt Regency, Denver, Colorado on Sunday, March 23, 2014.

PRESIDENT – ELECT (2014 - 2015)

Kathleen J. Hectorne, MD
Austin, MN

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Adelaide A. Hebert, MD
Houston, TX

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The Women's Dermatologic Society is creating professional growth opportunities for members, working with industry partners to address challenges and advance our specialty, engaging members in networking at the regional level and supporting community outreach across the country. Help us ensure the continuation of these and other important initiatives by renewing your membership TODAY! Visit <https://members.womensderm.org/in/dues.cfm>, and contact WDS HQ at (877) 937-7673 for assistance with online access if needed.

Register Now for the WDS Annual Meeting Luncheon & Events

It's not too late to register for the Women's Dermatologic Society's Annual Meeting Luncheon on Sunday, March 23rd, at the Hyatt Regency in Denver, Colorado. Come join us as we gather to honor some very special women, say 'Thank You' to those who have served the Society and celebrate all the great things taking place around the WDS!

Register online at www.womensderm.org/events, or download a printable form from the website and return to WDS Headquarters for processing. In order to register for the luncheon at the 'Member' rate, your WDS membership must be paid current through 2014. Don't hesitate to call the WDS Headquarters office at 877-WDS-ROSE (877-937-7673) if you have any questions about your membership or WDS event registration.

Keep an eye on your e-mail for updates on all WDS events taking place in Denver. Be sure to stop by the WDS booth (#3517) in the AAD Exhibit Hall to enter prize drawings, and visit the WDS Meeting Room (Quartz) at the Hyatt Regency to connect with colleagues and friends while enjoying light refreshments. The WDS Meeting Room will be open on Friday and Saturday (9:00 am - 5:00 pm).

Please pick up Annual Meeting Luncheon tickets in Denver in the Quartz Meeting Room (Friday), at the WDS Booth in the AAD Exhibit Hall (Saturday) or outside the Capitol Ballroom on Sunday morning. ■

WDS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 20, 2014

WDS Practice Enhancement Reception (5:30 pm)
Office of Adrienne Stewart, MD
Denver, CO

Friday, March 21, 2014

WDS Networking Reception (7:00 pm)
Ritz-Carlton, Fall River Ballroom
Denver, CO

Legacy Celebration honoring Tina S. Alster, MD (8:30 pm)
Ritz-Carlton, Ritz-Carlton Ballroom
Denver, CO

Sunday, March 23, 2014

WDS Annual Meeting Luncheon (12:00 pm)
"The Wonderful Discovery of Service"
Hyatt Regency, Capitol Ballroom
Denver, CO

Visit: www.womensderm.org/events

MEMBER PROFILE

Melanie D. Palm, MD

*WDS members are finding creative ways to raise awareness for sun safety in their own communities. Here, we profile the recent efforts of **Melanie D. Palm, MD** on behalf of Melanoma Awareness Month and what has become the annual 'SolSearch' event in San Diego, California.*

In hopes of increasing awareness for sun safety, WDS member **Melanie D. Palm, MD** organized and volunteered her expertise for several skin cancer screenings on Saturdays during Melanoma Awareness Month in May, 2011. Under the name 'SolSearch,' she and her office staff organized an informational booth and she screened patients at Lululemon and three local gyms. While Dr. Palm did find it challenging to rally support in the community and get the word out to individuals that could potentially benefit from free skin cancer screenings, she did find local businesses to be very supportive of her efforts.

In May of 2012, SolSearch became more structured with a party at a local spa in which proceeds from the entry fee, a silent auction and raffle (over \$4,000) were donated to the Skin Cancer Foundation. Dr. Palm held free skin cancer screenings before and during the party, and several local TV affiliates and regional magazines provided coverage of the event.

SolSearch 2013, which raised over \$7,000 for the Skin Cancer Foundation, was held at Dr. Palm's practice (Art of Skin MD) at the Beachwalk Center of Solana Beach, California. Guests were treated to free skin cancer screenings, while skin care vendors were stationed on the terrace of Art of Skin MD to educate shoppers on ways to protect against sun damage. The event culminated with an evening cocktail party that included raffle prizes, a silent auction and live music. In just a few short years, SolSearch has grown to a full-fledged party with several dermatologists providing skin screenings, and fundraising efforts have nearly doubled in just one year!



L to R: Alex Barenblit with Art of Skin MD staff Bria Weir, Josephine Barenblit, Melanie D. Palm, MD Sarah Anne Dordel and Leslie Aramburo, at SolSearch 2013.

Plans for 2014 are already underway for an event that Dr. Palm expects will be bigger and better, with more fundraising and more patients screened. "By increasing community awareness," she says, "we'll continue to make this a celebration of healthy skin."

For WDS members who want to help raise awareness for Skin Cancer/Melanoma Awareness Month, Dr. Palm offers the following advice:

- Consider volunteering at a local WDS skin cancer screening event. The Skin Cancer Foundation sponsors a nationwide "Road to Healthy Skin Tour" that dermatologists may volunteer for as well.
- Start local and small, and soon the event grows – especially if you are passionate about the cause. Dr. Palm encourages members to provide similar events in their community during the month of May. Skin cancer is top of mind to many in San Diego due to our climate; even here, however, there are still plenty of opportunities for patient and public education.
- Developing your own philanthropic cause takes a lot of time and consideration, and supportive staff makes a huge difference. Dr. Palm credits her wonderful team, who all work tirelessly for SolSearch each year. Regular monthly planning meetings at her office start 6-7 months before the event, with weekly meetings taking place during the last month.
- Trying to balance event preparation with work responsibilities can be tricky. A lot of the work and preparation for SolSearch occurred after hours or during weekends, but the sacrifice was definitely worth the end result: detecting and preventing skin cancers, raising public awareness, and fundraising success for skin cancer research.

Looking back on the implementation and growth of SolSearch, Dr. Palm notes "I think it's a wonderful way to give back to the community. It reminds me of why I became a physician and dermatologist: to help patients and those in need. It has been a wonderful way to connect with other physicians and develop relationships with local businesses." ■

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CORPORATE SUPPORTER PROFILE

WDS Sponsor Profile: Ryan Weldon with Valeant & Medicis

By Zoey R. Glick, MD

Ryan Weldon (Executive Vice President and Company Group Chairman for Valeant and the President of Medicis) may be a newcomer to Dermatology, but he has already shown his dedication and commitment to our field of medicine and the Women's Dermatologic Society (WDS). Since initially attending the WDS luncheon in San Diego in 2012, he has made supporting the WDS a long-term priority for his company. Valeant has supported multiple WDS initiatives, including research grants, the mentorship program, the Member Enrichment and Leadership Development (MELD) forum, local networking events and the WDS Annual Meeting Luncheon. In addition, Valeant has recently started a campaign to support the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.



Ryan Weldon, Executive Vice President, Company Group Chairman – Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. and President - Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation

When asked about the WDS, Mr. Weldon stated: “The WDS provides a support network that ensures there will be a continued increase in the number of female dermatologists, as women seeking to enter the specialty will have real examples of inspiration and success to learn from and emulate. It's great that there is a group that helps women to be successful in this space- regardless of where they are in their careers - through networking, mentoring, research and education.”

A career in the field of dermatology was not originally part of Mr. Weldon's plan. After high school and a volunteer opportunity with AmeriCorps, he attended Boston College and majored in Secondary Education and English with the goal of becoming a middle school teacher. He subsequently became interested in marketing and, following his college graduation, he joined Johnson & Johnson. There, he worked in the field of ovarian cancer and got his first exposure to Dermatology through Biafine. Upon earning his MBA from UCLA Anderson School of Management, Mr. Weldon joined Valeant and has played key roles in marketing and general management in the company's neurology, dermatology, and aesthetics divisions. In 2012, as the head of the aesthetics

division, he was instrumental in the significant growth of Sculptra, the launch of Pro+ Therapy MD and the acquisition of Medicis. At the end of 2012, Mr. Weldon took on his current leadership position at Medicis, which now includes teams focused on medical dermatology, aesthetic injectables and the Obagi professional skincare line.

Through Mr. Weldon's leadership, Medicis and Valeant have embodied their guiding principles of ethics, accountability, creativity and entrepreneurship, speed, resourcefulness, transparency, teamwork, and development. ■



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“Dermatology is one of the most selective specialties in medicine today. It sends a strong message to the world when women are so successful in this highly competitive space and now account for the large majority of residents. I hope young women everywhere are inspired by the success of today's female dermatologists.”

-Ryan Weldon

Executive Vice President,
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The Women's Dermatologic Society (WDS) welcomes individual corporate members and corporate sponsors, as well as partners for our Industry Visioning Work Group (IVWG). Together, our goal is to develop viable solutions to industry challenges and collaborate on projects to advance the specialty of dermatology. If you are interested in joining us in these efforts, please contact WDS Executive Director Alison Spera toll free at 877-WDS ROSE (937-7673). We look forward to hearing from you!



As the WDS celebrates 40 years of helping women in dermatology realize and fulfill their greatest potential, now is the perfect time to contribute to the Legacy fund. You can help us build a solid future for the WDS through the Legacy Fund. Make your pledge today!

The WDS Legacy Council wishes to recognize and thank the following donors who have made contributions through November, 2013, with their cumulative rose designation.

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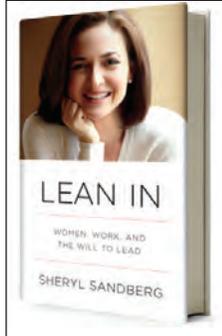
READS & RECOMMENDS

By Felisa Lewis, MD and Jennifer Sorrell, MD

Lean In

By Sheryl Sandberg

On the heels of a TED talk gone viral ("Why we have too few women leaders"), Sheryl Sandberg, COO of Facebook, has written *Lean In*, a manifesto for a new generation of feminists. Her observations of gender inequality in the workplace are well-grounded in statistics and studies, while anecdotes from her own experience highlight her assertion that not only society but women themselves have held their gender back from making significant progress in "free choice."



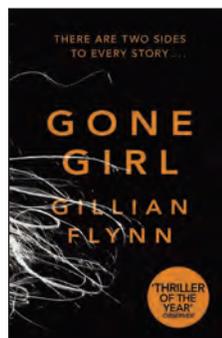
The themes are neither new nor ground-breaking, but Sandberg's messages of 'Sit at the table,' 'Make your partner a real partner,' and 'Don't leave before you leave' (among others) are well-taken and she illustrates her points by recounting personal experiences with surprising candor. While offering specific steps women can take to combine professional achievement with personal fulfillment, Sandberg also demonstrates how men can benefit by supporting women in the workplace and at home.

This book is truly thought-provoking, and will inspire debate for both genders about how to effect meaningful change for the individual, with the goal of evolving societal norms about women. Quoted no less than three times at the WDS MELD Forum, Sheryl Sandberg clearly has a lot of fans among WDS members.

Gone Girl

By Gillian Flynn

What would it be like to be married to your worst enemy but know in your heart that he or she was the best person for you? At the onset of this novel, Nick Dunne comes home to an empty house on his 5th wedding anniversary to discover his wife, Amy, missing. Not surprisingly, Nick is the prime suspect in her disappearance as Amy's diary tells the tale of a failing marriage in a classic "He said, She said."



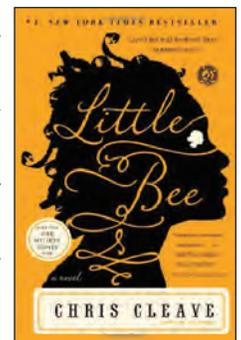
Nick struggles to prove his innocence while incriminating evidence piles up against him and, as secrets are cleverly exposed, the question of who's the victim and

who's the manipulator gets turned on its head. If you are a fan of reading the book before seeing the movie, this should be next on your list. The film version of *Gone Girl*, featuring Ben Affleck as Nick Dunne, is scheduled for release later this year.

Little Bee

By Chris Cleave

While struggling to reconnect in their marriage in the face of infidelity and depression, Sarah and Andrew O'Rourke travel on a spontaneous vacation to Nigeria. Wandering outside the confines of their resort, the couple encounters Little Bee and her older sister from the nearby rural village. As the couple comes to realize the sisters were fleeing from soldiers who had slaughtered their entire village for its underlying wealth of oil, the girls and the O'Rourke's find themselves in a life and death confrontation with these brutal men.



These events are the background to the heart of the novel, which starts off some time after this life-altering vacation. Little Bee has managed to escape Nigeria and make her way to a British immigration center, where she dresses unfashionably and binds her chest to make herself undesirable to the center's lustful guards. Her acquired Queen's English helps with her illegal release and she makes her way to the O'Rourke home in Kingston-upon-Thames. Little Bee arrives just after Andrew's untimely suicide, and the novel takes us through the process of healing and the development of an unlikely friendship between Sarah and Little Bee. This novel is historically interesting, deeply touching and a fast-paced read. ■

What Are You Reading?

If you've come across any great books that would be of interest to other WDS members, let us know!

Send your suggestions for Reads & Recommends to our WDS Newsletter Coordinator at: lschall@womensderm.org



WDS Service Celebrates 10th Anniversary!

In March 2014, the WDS reaches the tenth anniversary of its multiple award-winning Service program, which began in Rancho Mirage, California with the inaugural “Play Safe in the Sun” skin cancer screening outreach at the LPGA Kraft Nabisco Championship, introduced and chaired by **Wendy E. Roberts, MD**.

Ten years and tens of thousands of free screenings later, we proudly look back on all of the lives that were touched (and potentially saved) through this community outreach program, and look ahead to the continued evolution of WDS Service efforts. Please visit: www.playsafeinthesun.org to review highlights over the years and let us know if you would like to become involved as we embark on our next decade!

In keeping with the continued growth of the WDS Service program, the Service Committee has been divided

into two sections - one focused on adult events, and the other dedicated to overseeing the school program known as TOPS (*Time Out, Protect Your Skin*).

Watch for news about the full season on the WDS website and in the spring newsletter.

We are pleased to announce the following local TOPS chairs, who will bring sun safety educational programs to schools in their communities this year:

Keira Barr, MD (Seattle, WA); **Caitlin Fink, MD** and **Sarah Pace, MD** (Potomac, MD); **Naomi Lawrence, MD** (NJ); **Nancy Ryan** (Southern CA) and **Patricia Walker, MD** (Santa Barbara, CA). Thank you all for your participation!



Original Sun Safety Presentations Available

Enormous thanks and appreciation go to **Becki Tung, MD** and Cindy Krol, who created original sun safety educational PowerPoint presentations for members to download and use for local TOPS and general outreach efforts. These presentations, using original images and content developed by them and their support team, are available online in both English and Spanish. To view and download, please visit: <http://www.playsafeinthesun.org/coast2coast/index.html>.

Self-Esteem Outreach Activity Rises

WDS members in nine cities around the country have volunteered to present self-esteem outreach activities to young girls and women in collaboration with the **Dove** Movement for Self-Esteem. For their commitment to promote self-esteem, we thank: **Sonia Badreshia-Bansal, MD**, **Keira Barr, MD**, **Latanya Benjamin, MD**, WDS President-elect **Valerie Callender, MD**, **Joi Carter, MD**, **Christine Lopez, MD**, **Wendy E. Roberts, MD**, **Becki Tung, MD** and **Jane Yoo, MD**. For more information, visit: www.womensderm.org/selfesteem.

WDS Members Support Toys for Tots

During the holiday season, WDS members and guests in the Chicago region gathered for a special Toys for Tots event. A total of 38 toys were collected as guests enjoyed a festive evening at Carmine's on Rush, organized by **Carrie Jacob, MD** and generously supported by **Valeant Pharmaceuticals**. ■



(L to R): WDS President Amy S. Paller, MD with Charles Hahn, Valeant VP, Professional and Specialty Development and Becki Tung, MD.



(L to R): Min Deng, MD, Jordan Carqueville, MD, Rachel Pritzker, MD, Carrie Jacob, MD and Stephanie St. Pierre, MD.

Dermatopathology: Apocrine Hidrocystoma

By Michelle Tarbox, MD

Apocrine hidrocystoma presents clinically as a solitary translucent cystic nodule, often with a bluish hue, typically on the face, most commonly around the eyes (figure 1). The translucent nature of these lesions can be enhanced by side lighting. Histologically, apocrine hidrocystomas are characterized by a large cystic space within the dermis, lined by a single layer of columnar cells demonstrating decapitation secretion, “pig snouts” and surrounded by a peripheral row of myoepithelial cells (figure 2).

Apocrine hidrocystomas can be associated with a rare form of ectodermal dysplasia known as Schöpf–Schulz–Passarge syndrome (SSPS). SSPS is characterized by hypotrichosis, hypodontia, nail dystrophy, a palmoplantar keratoderma, peri-ocular hidrocystomas, and palmoplantar eccrine syringofibroadenomas. You can remember this syndrome with the help of the Passarrrrge pirate, a salty old

pirate with an eye patch (peri-ocular hidrocystoma), sparse hair, few teeth, nail dystrophy (all very pirate like), and lacy cuffs on his shirt near his wrists. Eccrine syringofibroadenoma is a rare benign eccrine skin tumor which extends from the epidermis with thin anastomosing cords of bland-appearing epithelium with ductal structures (like lace) surrounded by a fibrovascular stroma. ■



Fig 1: Solitary cystic nodule near the eye

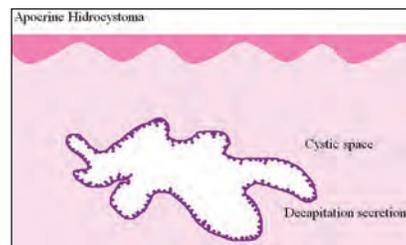


Fig 2: Large cystic space within the dermis, lined by a single layer of columnar cells demonstrating decapitation secretion, “pig snouts”

Reflections on Mentorship

By Kelli Jones, MD

I recently had the honor of being mentored by **Pearl E. Grimes, MD** at The Vitiligo and Pigmentation Institute of Southern California. Demonstrating the utmost care, respect, and compassion for her patients, Dr. Grimes embodies what it means to be a well-rounded physician. Patients who had often been seen by several other dermatologists and thought nothing could be done for their cosmetically disfiguring conditions were reassured and treated with compassion by Dr. Grimes. She often commented on the cosmetic stigma associated with the conspicuous condition of vitiligo, and I found her upbeat personality and confidence to be very reassuring for her patients.



Kelli D. Jones, MD

Dr. Grimes’ academic curiosity and commitment to life-long learning play a key role in her approach to mentorship. Throughout the workday, she would mention ideas for research projects, fascinating case reports or retrospective

chart reviews, taking time at the end of each day to discuss my research and plan upcoming projects. Dr. Grimes also works as a solo practitioner and I was impressed by the graceful yet authoritative manner in which she worked with her ancillary staff. She frequently discussed her passion for The Coalition for At-Risk Youth (CARRY), a non-profit organization dedicated to the enrichment of foster and at-risk youth, and I came to admire Dr. Grimes for the many roles she balances: - academician, physician, researcher, entrepreneur, philanthropist, fundraiser and mother.

While the time I spent with Dr. Grimes was indelibly enriching, I am even more excited about what lies ahead in cultivating a lifelong mentorship with such a spectacular woman. My deepest thanks to **Elizabeth McBurney, MD** and **Erin E. Boh, MD, PhD** for their recommendations, and to Medicis for sponsoring the WDS Mentorship Award that made this opportunity possible.

For more information regarding the WDS Mentorship Award, please visit: www.womensderm.org/grants. ■

WDS Welcomes New Executive Director, Alison Spera

It is with tremendous excitement and a great deal of optimism that we welcome Ms. Alison Spera as the new executive director of the Women's Dermatologic Society (WDS). Alison brings over 14 years of senior level experience in leading and developing internal and external teams in both corporate and non-profit environments.



Alison Spera

Alison spent the last 12 years in roles with increasing responsibility at the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) where she provided leadership to regional, divisional and national teams. While at MDA, Alison not only managed relationships with sponsors and committees, she also guided internal staff through management of budgets, strategic business development, event planning, fundraising and staff development.

On January 8th, Alison officially began her work with the WDS and has been quite busy reaching out to the leadership, committees, industry supporters and members

of WDS to learn all about our organization and plan strategically for our future. She has also been getting to know the WDS team of Donna Colavita, Laurie Schall, Deidra Eberle, Chuck Sapp, Diann Furfaro and other professionals at our headquarters office. In late February, Alison will be meeting with WDS leaders and corporate partners at the Industry Visioning Work Group (IVWG) Strategic Planning retreat in Dallas, Texas, and she looks forward to spending time with our members at the WDS Annual Meeting Luncheon the following month in Denver, Colorado.

"I am thrilled for the opportunity to be a part of such an amazing organization," Alison says, "and I look forward to working in partnership with WDS leaders, members and sponsors for our continued growth and success."

Alison and her husband Chris live in Franklinville, NJ with their three children: Sophia (8), Olivia (5) and Nicholas (1½). In her spare time, Alison enjoys cooking, reading, gardening, running and spending quality time with her family. ■

Women Leaders in Dermatology

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that was of benefit to her, she is now one of two female department chairs out of 20 at Northwestern. "It is interesting being surrounded by male colleagues in the board room," said Dr. Paller. "It makes me realize on a constant level how much inequity there is in academics." Dr. Hordinsky's experience is similar, as one of three women department chairs at her university.

As the specialty of dermatology grows and changes, it is expected that there will be more women in leadership roles. The current roster of leaders is very impressive, and all serve as role models to women moving up in the ranks of academic medicine.

Cheryl Armstrong, MD - University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

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Allison T. Vidimos Stultz, MD - Cleveland Clinic Foundation

So many women are reaching great heights! Please let us know of these achievements by sending an email to: wds@womensderm.org ■

Istanbul, Turkey

Dedee Murrell, MD, Lauren Hughey, MD, Christa DeCuyper, MD and Idil Unal, MD co-chaired a Rose Parade of WDS Cases presentation during the 22nd Congress of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) in Istanbul, Turkey on October 2nd. More than 100 attendees and international speakers from Albania, Brazil, Belgium, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Spain, Turkey, the Ukraine and the United States participated in the symposium, which was followed by dinner and networking. Co-chair **Lauren Hughey, MD** noted that “this unique experience to interact and form friendships with dermatologists from around the world is just one of the many benefits of being a member of the Women’s Dermatologic Society!”



Seated, L to R: Co-Chairs Lauren Hughey, MD, Dedee Murrell, MD, Christa De Cuyper, MD and Idil Unal, MD with Rose Parade speakers in Istanbul.

New Delhi, India

Over 100 attendees participated in the Joint WDS/IWDS Rose Parade of Cases at the XIth International Congress of Dermatology & 42nd DERMACON in New Delhi, India on December 4th. Chaired by **Rashmi Sarkar, MD, Dedee F. Murrell, MD** and **Wendy E. Roberts, MD**, this first time ever event in India featured talks on WDS and the World, Dermatological Lessons from Experts and Dermatological Diseases in Women. Speakers included WDS members and guests from the United States, Australia, Europe and Africa.

Asia, India, South America and the United States were well-represented at a networking reception and dinner on December 7th for the Joint WDS-Indian WDS and

Pigmentary Disorders Society (PDS) at the XIth International Congress of Dermatology & 42nd DERMACON. Joint WDS-IWDS Founding President **Rashmi Sarkar, MD** and PDS Treasurer Sidharth Sonthalia, MD co-hosted the reception and dinner.



(Seated, L to R): Wilma F. Bergfeld, MD, Wendy E. Roberts, MD, Rashmi Sarkar, MD and Latika Arya, MD with participants of the Joint WDS-IWDS Rose parade of Cases in New Delhi, India.

Madrid, Spain

The Women’s Dermatologic Society held its first networking luncheon during a World Congress of Pediatric Dermatology in Madrid on September 26th at the Albufera terrace restaurant, Melia Castilla Hotel. Nineteen women from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Croatia, Romania and the United States enjoyed the event, co-hosted by WDS President **Amy Paller, MD** and **Dedee Murrell, MD**. **Branka Marinovic, MD** recruited five of her European colleagues for the luncheon, and all were interested in becoming members of the WDS. ■



Seated, L to R: Caption: Tania Cestari, MD, WDS President Amy Paller, MD, Dedee Murrell, MD and Ilona Frieden, MD. Standing, from left: Susi Bayliss, MD, Suzana Ozanic-Bulic, MD, Heather Cohn, MD, Nives Pustisek, MD, Carmen Salavastu, MD, Karen Wiss, MD, Margarita Larralde, MD, Branka Marinovic, MD, Vesna Kolar, MD, Joyce Teng, MD, Flavia Reginaldo, MD, and Dana Slape, MD.



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* **Ulrike Blume-Peytavi, MD** - Berlin, Germany

** International Honorary ADA Member*

Dedee Murrell, MD will be Congress President of the 2021 International Congress of Dermatology in Melbourne, Australia.

Rashmi Sarkar, MD has been elected to the Board Of Directors, International Society of Dermatology (ISD).

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- Promote leadership
- Promote the development of relationships through mentoring and networking
- Demonstrate a commitment to service through community outreach and volunteerism;
- Provide a forum for communications and research relevant to women's and family issues
- Advocate excellence in patient care and education
- Promote the highest ethical standards

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