NEWS & NEWSMAKERS

Wilma F. Bergfeld, MD presented the Samuel J. Zakon lecture to the History of Dermatology Society held during the 68th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) in Miami, March 2010.

Frances J. Stors, MD was honored with the AAD’s Eugene J. Van Scott Award for Innovative Therapy of the Skin and Phillip Frost Leadership Lecture—2010.

Vera Price, MD and Sheila Belkin, Co-Founders of The Cicatricial Alopecia Research Foundation (CARF), were honored at the 2010 AAD Gold Triangle Award Acknowledgement Luncheon for their individual contributions in the field of health.

Maria Cristina Ribeiro de Castro, MD editor of Fundamentos de Dermatologia, won the 51st Jabata Prize, which is the most important literary prize in Brazil, earning first place in Medical and Natural Sciences category. They received this great honor in a ceremony in São Paulo City, Brazil in November 2009. The book has 169 chapters, 2369 pages and 232 collaborators.

Vangie Handog, MD of the Philippine has been appointed International Observer to the AAD Board for 2010-2012. This is the second time that a woman has been appointed, previously it was WDS member Marcia Ramos e Silva, MD of Brazil.

The following WDS members have been elected as members of the American Dermatological Association: Mary Margaret Cren, MD, Marie-France Demierre, MD, Abby Van Voorhees, MD, Cynthia Yag-Howard, MD and Tanja Cestari, MD (Brazil) as an International Honorary Member.

Mary E. Maloney, MD received the AAD Presidential Citation in recognition of her vision and guidance in creating the foundation of the Leadership Institute and for her effort to protect the public’s health, working on the Academy’s behalf to encourage the Federal Trade Commission to investigate the false health and safety claims made by the Indoor Tanning Association.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I have been asked more than once, “Why should WDS still exist? What do you do that other dermatology organizations don’t already do?” This is my answer. The WDS does something that is very special; this Society recognizes and nurtures women who want to contribute to their profession on a larger scale. We all work hard to give our patients the best possible care, but outside of this, sometimes we feel a calling to do more, to be more. There are many ways to fulfill these needs in the WDS, but I consider these four the most important:

MENTORSHIP: This is one of the Women’s Dermatologic Society’s strongest commitments. By pairing leaders in the field with young dermatologists eager to enhance their knowledge, we facilitate traditional academic mentoring as well as guidance in developing practical business skills and navigating work-family dynamics and the intricacies of professional advancement.

FRIENDSHIP: Here you will find the opportunity to shine a spotlight on career achievements. We, as attendees, were able to show our appreciation, and the honorees were able to share the moment with their families. This recognition calls provide opportunities to form new friendships and rekindle old ones.

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Compiled by Nicole C. Pace, MD

By Rochelle Targerson, MD, PhD

The Women’s Dermatologic Society’s 35th Emerald Anniversary Annual Meeting Luncheon was a shining example of history and substance providing a grand effect. Amid less pomp and circumstance than recent years, business was dispatched, honors were bestowed, Petale & Pearl was unveiled, and history was underscored.

The business meeting, presided over efficiently by outgoing president, Wendy E. Roberts, MD, highlighted a year of tremendous work unifying the Society and the WDS Foundation and making the types of administrative and financial changes needed to position the WDS for a strong future.

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Excitement filled the ballroom at the 35th WDS Anniversary Luncheon.

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I reflect upon my past year as WDS President, and I am exceedingly proud of all we were able to accomplish during my term, and as my final President’s message, I would like to share five highlights with you.

In the best interest of our membership and with the unanimous support of our WDS Board of Directors, we hired a new management company, Talley Management Group and an Executive Director. New processes will help us continue our growth in delivering our mission.

We merged two entities, the WDS 501(c) (6) and WDSF 501 (c) (3) into one united corporation, now a 501(c) (3) named the Women’s Dermatologic Society.

A finance committee was formed that will ensure fiduciary responsibility and economic stability.

Leadership skills. If you have a desire to improve your leadership skills, to become more involved in dermatology organizations and community service, your enthusiasm and commitment to service will not go overlooked. If you give an inch, we will encourage you to give a mile, and you can serve your community by participating in the Play Safe in the Sun program’s undertakings or in an individual service endeavor offered through the new Community and Career Advancement Award Program.

I hope you will take advantage of your membership in the Women’s Dermatologic Society and embrace these wonderful opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2010.

Lisa A. Garnder, MD, WDS President

International Networking expanded greatly with the first WDS Networking Reception in India. We also networked in the Philippines, Prague and Berlin. All legal documents and incorporation papers underwent legal review. The Society is strong and most importantly, poised for continued healthy growth.

While these undertakings were not without cost and tremendous efforts, they are necessary building blocks to maintain a healthy and vibrant organization. They should be viewed as an investment in our future and will pay off invaluably in the long run. WDS is in a position for continued growth and vitality. It has been a joyous year and an honor to serve WDS and be part of a 35-year tradition as we deliver the mission of helping women in dermatology realize and fulfill their greatest potential.

Wendy E. Roberts, MD, WDS Immediate Past President

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Extraordinary Women

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is one of the unique opportunities the Annual Luncheon provides. An additional acknowledgment was made this year by presenting a red rose and a copy of the WDS landmark book, Petals & Pearls, to each of the past presidents in attendance. Seeing these strong women standing together on a single stage was profound.

Petals & Pearls, a book project that blossomed in size since its inception to include contributions from 164 members, was unveiled with great excitement. Copies were distributed to attendees, and will be provided to all WDS members and to each graduating dermatology resident in the country.

Petals & Pearls makes a beautiful coffee table book, but it is meant to be read. It is both a book of collective wisdom and history. It is difficult to stop reading once you start, and many recipients began reading theirs in the foyer immediately after the meeting.

The video, “Rare Gems—Extraordinary Women in Medicine” was premiered during dessert. A wonderful complement to Petals & Pearls, it was for many attendees the crowning jewel of the event. Although the history of the WDS is well known to some members, the film was an educational tour de force for the majority of the younger members and first time attendees. It drove home, like only visual media can, the strides taken by the founding members of the organization and the tremendous contributions the WDS has made to dermatology over 35 years.

As attendees filed out of the ballroom at the conclusion of the meeting, many could be overheard saying it was the best WDS event they had ever attended. I couldn’t help but think how wonderful it is that this was being said about an event that simply focused on the great individuals who comprise the WDS.

Lisa Garner, MD, Incoming WDS President receives the presidential gavel from Wendy Roberts, MD.

Lisa Garner, MD, accepts Emerald Anniversary Luncheon co-chairs Marta Rendon, MD (left) and Lisa Connelly, MD and their committee for their hard work in planning this commemorative event.
Susan Weinkle, MD Given Rose Hirschler Award

Susan H. Weinkle, MD was presented with the 2010 Rose Hirschler Award. This honor, named after the first known female dermatologist in the United States, is given annually to a physician whose contributions to medicine have served to enhance the role of women in the practice of dermatology.

Well known to WDS members, Dr. Weinkle has served in many roles, including WDS president in 2001-2002. Her enthusiasm for mentoring and building enduring relationships within the dermatology community has been inspirational.

Susan has served on the board of directors of the American Academy of Dermatology and the American Society of Dermatologic Surgery. She has been elected ASDS Vice President.

At the 35th Anniversary of the WDS, awards were presented to outstanding women who have made significant contributions to dermatology and to the WDS.

Mary Maloney, MD Named WDS Mentor of the Year

Dr. Mary Maloney was honored with the 2010 WDS Mentor of the Year Award in recognition of her longstanding commitment to preparing residents for their careers in dermatologic medicine.

Mary Lupo, MD Wins the President’s Award

Jean Bologna, MD Recognized for International Contributions

Mary Lupo, MD Wins the President’s Award

Wendy E. Roberts, MD selected Mary P. Lupo, MD for the 2010 President’s Award in recognition of the extraordinary support given throughout her term. In Dr. Roberts’ words, Mary Lupo has “generously shared her leadership wisdom and support throughout my Presidency, for the betterment of WDS and to help me in many ways. As an outstanding leader herself, an esteemed colleague and a friend, she has been a source of tremendous inspiration and insight.” Past recipients of this special award include: Jean Bologna, MD, Lenaore Kakita, MD, Susan Weinkle, MD, Sandra Read, MD and Marie-France Demeurer, MD.
The WDS Business Interest Group (BIG) sponsored the annual Practice Enhancement Event at Dr. Susana Leal Khouri’s office in Key Biscayne, Florida. Susana and her husband, Roger, a plastic surgeon, graciously welcomed WDS members to their new medical facility. It was a great event for those anticipating opening a dermatology practice and to those already in private practice. Susana and Roger shared their experience, tips, trials and tribulations of purchasing a building and redesigning it for the needs of a dermatologist, dermatopathologist and plastic surgeon.

The Business Interest Group Task Force members include Co-chairs Cheryl Burgess, MD and Carrie Jacobs, MD; Tami Cassis, MD; Doris Day, MD; Diane Berson, MD; Jonith Breadon, MD; Valerie Callender, MD and Rutledge Forney, MD. BIG is generously supported by Dermpath Diagnostics. This interest group is one of the many value-added benefits of being a WDS member. Since the inception of its web presence in August 2009, the BIG page on the WDS website has provided members with BIG upcoming events on business-related topics, ListServe, and a suggestion box for inquiries and comments for those starting a new practice, expanding an existing practice or managing an existing practice.

Recently, Allergan Access, a dermatologic consulting group of BSM, has granted complimentary usage to our members, which is otherwise restricted for select cosmetic practices. Depending on your level of usage, the link offers an Administrator’s Toolkit, marketing strategies, financial benchmarking and issues dealing with human resources. We encourage all WDS members to view the Business Interest Group page and utilize the valuable information. Visit: www.womensderm.org/interest_groups/big/

Enjoying the BIG-sponsored Practice Enhancement Event are (from left): Janet Hickman, MD, Wendy Roberts, MD, BIG Co-chair Cheryl Burgess, MD and Kathy Heston, MD.

Enjoying the WDS Networking Reception on the rooftop of Red in South Beach featured breathtaking panoramic views of the ocean, sunset, palm trees and city lights. It was elbow-to-elbow for the lively crowd enjoying the opportunity to reconnect with close WDS friends and colleagues.

The event celebrated the “Wonderful World of WDS,” as shown on posters displaying photos from three WDS international networking receptions held during 2009, including the New Delhi, India reception hosted by Rashmi Sarkar, MD; the Manila, Philippines reception hosted by Vangie Handog, MD and the Prague, Czech Republic reception at the 10th International Congress of Dermatology, with event co-chairs Jean Bolognia, MD, Amy Paller, MD and Rashmi Sarkar, MD. All of these delightful images, coupled with the sights and sounds of that evening’s balmy reception, confirmed that laughter truly is the universal language in “The Wonderful World of WDS.”

Lively Rooftop Reception Celebrates the Wonderful World of WDS
WDS Networking Reception, South Beach, FL
March 5, 2010
By Jenny Murase, MD

From left: Mona Golani, MD and Jennifer Stein, MD.

From left: Mona Gohara, MD, Daniela Kroshinsky, MD and Jennifer Stein, MD.

From left: Lauren Hughey, MD, Faith Stewart, MD, Katie Beckman, MD, Shellie Marks, MD, Mona Gohara, MD and Tami Cassis, MD.

From left: Erica Davis, MD and Sonya Flowers, MD.

From left: Anna Buclick, MD, Anna Chiu, MD and Wendy Roberts, MD.

From left: Tania Castori, MD, Vangie Handog, MD, Irma Mandurao, MD, Jorge Candelo-Ocampo, MD and Judith Dominguez-Cherit, MD.

From left: Linda Bluestein, RN, Anna Welz, MD, Mary Spellman, MD and Caroline Scott, MD.

2009 was an exciting year for WDS networking with 16 events across the globe—5 of which took place internationally, spanning 3 continents!
A Life Too Short But Lived Fully
Marie-France Demierre (1967-2010)

By Suzanne Olbricht, MD

The last time I saw Marie-France was for a late lunch on a Friday afternoon about two weeks before she died. She wanted, she said, to talk over career opportunities. She picked a small Portuguese restaurant in East Cambridge, then she picked the food (she adored sardines) and she served me my half with true Continental flair, all the while talking excitedly with her hands and smiling and laughing, hoping that I was enjoying the food as much as she was. She asked how to learn leadership skills. I said she had lots of skills so maybe we should think about where her “holes” were. She wanted to learn to read financial reports and I mentioned a course for chairs sponsored by the American College of Physician Executives. She thought she wasn’t good at thinking. She had been working with the board of her children’s school on a major building project. Her husband’s business was coming together. She had just returned from Holland and was worried about her mother there who is sick with cancer. She wanted my recipe for Greek-style baked shrimp with tomatoes and feta. She also wanted me to try a white wine from Spain she recently found. In her too-short career, she accomplished much. She was Professor of Dermatology and Medicine at Boston Medical Center. As Director of the Skin Oncology Program, she developed a highly regarded service for interdisciplinary care of melanoma patients and a photopheresis program for patients with cutaneous T cell lymphoma (CTCL) and other disorders. She worked at the forefront, participating in numerous multicenter trials of new therapies. She was especially dedicated to melanoma prevention and public education regarding safe sun practices, as well as to patient quality of life, writing and lecturing extensively on these topics. Practicing what she preached, she organized and participated in free screenings at her hospital, in the Red Sox program, and at the State House screenings at her hospital, in the Red Sox program, and at the State House screenings. She loved life.

The family has asked that donations be made in memory of Dr. Marie-France Demierre to the Marie-France Demierre Memorial Fund at Boston Medical Center.

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Donations can be made online at: https://dev1.bmc.org/SSLPage.aspx?pid=341

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Welcome to the WDS! You are now a part of a growing and vibrant association of more than 1,600 members from around the world. We encourage you to become active in the WDS by participating in events and joining committees. Information and sign-up forms are available at www.womensderm.org.

Christine M. Klein, CMP, Executive Director

Christine brings more than 20 years of association management experience to the WDS, including new business development, sales & marketing, strategic planning, and conference and meeting management. She has the ability to cultivate productive relationships with members and decision-makers alike to ensure excellent member relations and achieve the organization’s goals.

Christine's spare time, she is an active runner and triathlete who has completed three Ironman competitions. Phone: 571-527-3115 x127 Email: cklein@womensderm.org

Diane Bombard, CMP, Meetings Manager

Diane Bombard has over 15 years of meeting planning experience. She comes to TMG after 6 years with the National Recreation and Park Association, a leading advocacy organization of 20,000 members dedicating itself to the advancement of public parks and recreation opportunities. Prior to her recent position, Diane had 16 years in education, training and convention services with the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA).

In her spare time, Diane enjoys reading, bowling, walks with her dog and spending time with her husband, family, and friends. Phone: 571-527-3115 x113 Email: dbombard@talley.com

Diane and Christine are certified meeting professionals, which is the foremost certification of the meetings, conventions and exhibitions industry and recognizes individuals who have achieved the industry's highest standard of professionalism.

Dianne Furfaro, Director of Accounting Operations

Dianne Furfaro, Director of Accounting Operations, brings more than 10 years of management experience in finance, grants and operations. Her past experience includes high-profile fiduciary positions in public and private environments. She is a strong business manager adept at developing strategies that produce an excellent foundation for conducting business. Diane’s key strengths include: financial, project and grant management/reporting, cash flow and budgeting, and organizational process design. She is highly focused and motivated to ensure a strong financial team that supports growth, reduces costs and provides excellent service.

Diane has two children and two Pugs who keep her extremely busy. She likes to read and enjoys landscaping, painting or decorating. Phone: 856-423-7222 ext 233 Email: dfurfaro@talley.com

Jessica Rinehart, Administrative Assistant

Jessica has a diverse background and brings administrative and customer service experience to the WDS. Her eight-year professional career includes high-profile fiduciary positions in public and private environments. She is a strong

PETALS & PEARLS DELIGHTS READERS

Complimentary Extra Copies of Landmark Book Can Be Ordered Online

be WDS landmark book, Petals & Pearls was unveiled at the March 7, 2010 WDS 35th Anniversary Luncheon with great joy and excitement, followed by an overwhelming response to the book's superb content and design.

Here’s a sampling of what readers are saying about Petals & Pearls:

"I read it from cover to cover, and it was so moving!"

"So inspirational, like Chicken Soup for the Soul."

"Beautiful stories, beautiful pages. What a wonderful read...over and over again."

We want to be sure that all members receive their complimentary copies, so please visit the website to request your complimentary book and order extras. A shipping fee of $12.50 will be charged and is payable on the website for members. Additional copies for members and books for non-members are available for $75 (includes shipping.) Questions? Contact wds@womensderm.org or call 1-877-WDS-ROSE (937-7673)

Congratulations and hearty thanks to the Petals & Pearls Task Force and to all 164 contributors on this magnificent, one-of-a-kind book.

Happy reading!

Wilma Bergfeld, MD proudly holds Petals & Pearls as Wendy Roberts, MD thanks and congratulates all who contributed to the creation of this stellar book, Petals & Pearls.

Top 10 Reasons To Be a WDS Member

- Opportunity to Network
- Community Service and Outreach
- Gain Leadership Experience
- Experience the Annual Meeting Luncheon
- Chance to Mentor and be Mentored
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Career Development
- Be a Part of an International Group of Dermatologists
- Educational Grant Research Opportunities
- Meet the Leaders in the Field of Dermatology

Visit: www.womensderm.org/membership

2011 WDS dues increase notice

Attention WDS Members:

The WDS Board of Directors will vote on increasing member dues to $125 to be effective January 1, 2011 at the summer WDS Board of Directors meeting on Friday, August 6th in Chicago, IL held during the Summer Academy Meeting.
CONTRIBUTORS

READS & RECOMMENDS

Petals & Pearls — Inspiration and Wisdom from the Women’s Dermatologic Society
Petals & Pearls is a book to be hugged as well as read. It should be read alone, and then with others. It reminded me of art; not just because it is beautifully designed, but because the passages can have different meanings depending on how you read it and the perspective your life brings to the words.

—Recommended by Mary P. Lupo, MD

Stones into Schools
by Greg Mortenson
This book is a follow-up to Three Cups of Tea. Greg Mortenson’s foundation continues to build schools to educate children especially girls in Pakistan and now in Afghanistan. So inspirational and a must-read for everyone.

—Recommended by Julie A. Hodge, M.D.

The Help
by Kathryn Stockett
This is a riveting novel about the intertwining lives of black maids and their white employers in the early 1960’s in Mississippi. It shows all sides of the topic, complete with dialect and feelings of the Deep South—and how we are much more alike than we are different, but can’t really reconcile this with cultural issues, tradition and change. It is one of the best books I have read in awhile and grabs you from the first few pages.

—Recommended by Amy McMichael, MD

Cutting For Stone
by Abraham Verghese
This fabulous book is one of the best I have ever read. The author, Dr. Verghese is on the Stanford faculty. This is a fictional account of the life of twin brothers born of a secret union of an Indian Catholic nun and a British surgeon in Ethiopia in the 1950’s.

—Recommended by Eva Simmons-O’Brien, MD

By Kristen Mia Stewart, MD
2009-2010 Resident’s Representative to the Board of Directors

The WDS is an organization that succeeds in depth and breadth in supporting women and women’s issues in dermatology. From a resident’s viewpoint, the most prominent facets of the WDS include leadership, mentorship, conference service, and networking. As a resident, I mentioned to Dr. Martha Turner that I had an interest in vulvar dermatology. Without hesitation, she recommended that I work with Dr. Libby Edwards, a WDS Mentor of the Year Award winner in 2007, whose practice centers on vulvar dermatology. I applied for and earned a WDS scholarship in 2008 and was able to work with Dr. Edwards for three weeks.

To my surprise, what I learned about vulvar dermatology during that time was just one part of the experience. I learned how to take care of patients who have fallen through the cracks of medical care. I learned to care for medical conditions that were glossed over in textbooks. I learned to turn to journals outside my specialty for guidance. And most importantly, I learned that when the answers aren’t in the literature or textbooks to design a study that will answer my question. I could read and study some more, but I would never learn more about being an effective physician than I did from shadowing Dr. Edwards. She shared her time and her patients with me, and she encouraged and supported me.

Dr. Edwards is a role model whom I will spend my life emulating—so much so that a year later I spent an additional two weeks working with her. Even more significant than the dermatology I learned, her belief in me and her view of me as a colleague have had the greatest impact on me personally and on my career. Prior to this mentorship experience, I had often heard the anonymous quote, “A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could because someone else thought they could.” Now that I have worked with Dr. Edwards, I fully appreciate this quote’s meaning. A mere thank you cannot convey the genuine and deep gratitude I owe my mentor and the WDS.

While my relationship with the WDS started with mentorship, it continues to expand and grow. As the Resident representative to the WDS Board of Directors, I was exposed to the full scope of the WDS. Now that my residency is complete, I know that I can count on the support of the WDS to ease my transition into practice. With the support of Dr. Mona Gohara, Dr. Annie Chiu, and the Young Physicians Task Force, I plan to continue learning from the WDS leaders and exposing residents to the benefits of being an active WDS member. I urge all residents to visit the WDS website to learn more about what the WDS can offer during and after residency. On the website, you will find information on job prospects, networking receptions, mentoring opportunities, research grants, and community outreach, as well as academic, surgical, and business interest groups. Please feel free to contact me with questions: kmastewart@yahoo.com.

IN MEMORIAM

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Impact of Sun Safety Education and Skin Cancer Screening Campaign on Attendees of National Sporting Events. She had also helped organize each of the last three member renewal retreats, in Toronto 2004, in Boulder 2006 and finally in Charleston 2008 where she was the Chair of the Retreat Task Force. Dr. Suzanne Connolly awarded her the President’s Award in 2009 for her tireless work for the WDS. Marie-France was very proud of this award. She adored the networking events and would always be on hand to greet old friends and make new friends, making everyone feel they were the most important person in the world.

Marie-France Demierre’s life was tragically too short and her unexpected death after a brief, seemingly minor, illness, is devastating. Her legacies are our memories of her joyful spirit as well as her example of living fully with passion and compassion. May we all live so well. Marie-France would wish it for us.

RESIDENT’S CORNER

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