



American Medical Women's Association
The Vision and Voice of Women in Medicine since 1915

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Medical Women's International Association (MWIA) — New triennium

MWIA is now beginning a new triennium with the theme of Eliminating and Preventing Domestic and Sexual Violence. Read the latest MWIA Newsletter at <http://mwia.net/news/>

All AMWA members have free membership in MWIA.

Follow @AMWADoctors and stay tuned!

The AMWA Social Media Committee would like to introduce our new Twitter Monday series entitled "Women & Medicine Mondays" (searchable on Twitter.com with #WNMonday). We will be tweeting interesting, thought-provoking, and inspiring stories related to women's health and women in the healthcare industry every Monday. Follow us at @AMWADoctors and stay tuned!

Connections

Winter 2014

President's Message

Dear AMWA Members,

Rhoda, my 85-year-old patient with breast cancer, reminded me recently how lucky I am to have been able to go to medical school and go on to become a surgeon. She was accepted to Columbia University in 1950 but her physician father prohibited her from attending. She married at 19 years old, left her house, never spoke to her father again and later became a politician but never forgot her true longing to be a doctor.

In 1915, there were few female physicians, let alone female surgeons to take care of women like Rhoda with breast cancer. In that year, Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen, a pioneering obstetrical surgeon from Chicago recognized the many challenges facing women in medicine and founded the American Medical Women's Association. Her vision was to start a multispecialty group of physicians dedicated to teaching physicians about women's health, promoting advocacy and helping women advance in their careers. One hundred years later, almost every woman in medicine is unfortunately still confronted by some sort of obstacle in her career.

As the 93th President of the American Medical Women's Association, this has been a very exciting year for AMWA. Our initiatives have included breast cancer education, a new AMWA website, human sex trafficking, resources for women physicians who are in personal or professional crisis, and the addition of a new diversity task force.



Our upcoming annual meeting Women in Medicine: Successfully Facing Future Challenges and Advances guarantees to be an exciting and informative conference. It includes an advocacy day on Capitol Hill, a student symposium and 24 nationally renowned speakers addressing a wide variety of topics in women's health, the future of affordable care and technology in medicine. The meeting culminates in a Saturday night Black Tie Gala at the National Museum of Women in the Arts to honor Arianna Huffington and begin our 99th anniversary year.

Eleni Tousimis, MD, FACS
AMWA President, 2013 – 2014



Vice President Biden, Dr. Eleni Tousimis, and Dr. Jill Biden

Representing AMWA at the Breast Cancer Awareness Reception

AMWA President Dr. Eleni Tousimis attended the 2nd Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Reception hosted by the Vice-President.

AMWA 2013 Annual Report

2013 was a successful year for AMWA!
Please read our Annual Report at:
http://www.amwa-doc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/AMWA_Annual_Report_2013_Final11.pdf



Docs,

You're pulling 16-hour days (and then some!) six to seven days per week. And you do it over, and over, and over again... sometimes half-asleep. You are tired, wired and occasionally inspired. So far you haven't been fired, but sometimes you just want to throw in the towel or at least howl at the moon... the moon, which you too often see from a patient's room as you make your rounds at night and stumble into the morning light after endless

notes and 3 a.m. pages, patients of all ages in various stages of decompensation... and this leads you to contemplation: What's it all for? Surely there's

more. More than all this, more than all else, you miss friendship and the bliss of forgetting yourself. You maybe forgot how to feel, but then it steels you to remember that in the spring comes the harvest of an icy winter. The Ritz-Carlton awaits, and in not too long a while, you'll be kickin' it. With AMWA. In style.

Join us.

Kanani Titchen, MD
President, AMWA Residency Division 2013 – 2014



Colleagues, Mentors and Friends,

This Winter Issue of the Connections is the last time that I will be addressing you as part of the Student Division. It is bittersweet as I write this message to give you updates on the Student Division, our successes this year and our future leadership with Jackie Wong and her team. So what have we done this year? We have received record awards applications this year, both for individuals and for branches; we have created new branches and

re-invigorated old branches; we have started an Undergraduate Division; we have become involved in the AMWA committees; we have advocated for ourselves and for others; and we have revived the AMWA essay contest in honor of the revolutionary Linda Brodsky, MD who gave of herself to improve our futures. The Student Division has thrived. Having worked very closely with Jackie this year, I can rest assured that this report will be bigger and better

next year. The Student Division is in wonderful hands with this leader who has played such a large role in the Website overhaul and many other AMWA activities.

And with that, I move on to the Residency Division but will always be dedicated to the Student Division and AMWA as a whole. I am excited for this new step in my career and a new dynamic of AMWA involvement. On to AMWA's Centennial!

Warm Regards,

Marissa Joelle Orenstein
National Student President
American Medical Women's Association
moresnstein@amwa-student.org

AMWA's Partner Medelita Announces H.E.R.O. Award for Residents
Nominate a resident for a chance to win free Medelita scrubs, white coats, and \$25,000!
<http://www.medelita.com/therightfit>

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AMWA Updates

Women in Medicine: Successfully Facing Future Challenges and Advances

AMWA's 99th Anniversary meeting features an outstanding CME program with nationally renowned speakers in medicine, research, advocacy, and public policy. The meeting will offer valuable opportunities for networking with women in medicine from all over the country as well as mentoring of physicians and students in training. During Advocacy Day, members will have a chance to speak with legislative staff about important issues in women's health and gender equality. AMWA's Annual Awards will be presented, and the meeting will culminate in the 99th Anniversary Gala to be held at the National Museum for Women in the Arts. The Presidential Award will be presented to Arianna Huffington for her life's work and contributions to women's health.

Friday, March 13-16, 2014 The Ritz-Carlton, Washington DC

To view the conference agenda and program faculty, click here

(<http://www.amwa-doc.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/AMWA-program-2.pdf>)

To learn more about Advocacy Day, March 13, 2014, click here.

(<http://www.amwa-doc.org/event/advocacy-day-2/>)

20th Anniversary of the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership, Drexel University

AMWA Board members attended the 20th Anniversary of the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership at Drexel University, a two-day symposium led by Honorary Chair, Dr. Vivian Pinn, former director of the NIH Office of Research on Women's Health. Session topics focused on gender-based medicine, women's health research, and healthcare delivery. Honorees included Dr. Nancy Andrews, Dean of Duke University Medical School (recipient of the Marion Spencer Fay Award), and Bernice Sandler, Ed.D, a pioneer in gender equality in education and the "godmother of Title IX." A special keynote presentation was given by Nicholas Kristof, New York Times columnist and co-author of "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide."



Marissa Orenstein and Dr. Eliza Chin with Bernice Sandler, Ed.D, Godmother of Title IX



Dr. Eleni Tousimis, Marissa Orenstein, Nicholas Kristof, Dr. Eliza Chin, Dr. Kanani Titchen, Dr. Roberta Gebhard



Dr. Eliza Chin, Marissa Orenstein, Dr. Nancy Andrews, Dr. Roberta Gebhard



Dr. Jill Goldstein, Katherine He, Dr. Eliza Chin, Dr. Vivian Pinn, Dr. Roberta Gebhard, Marissa Orenstein, Lynn Yeakel

AMWA Board of Directors and Award Committee are pleased to announce the 2014 Award recipients who will be honored during the Saturday March 15 Awards Luncheon in Washington, DC

Please join us in congratulating these recipients for their dedication to the medical profession.

- Presidential Award: Arianna Huffington
- Presidential Award: Patricia Yarberrry Allen, MD
- Presidential Award: Gayatri Devi, MD
- Anne C Carter Leadership Award: Aleena Paul
- Bertha Van Hoosen Award: Linda Brodsky, MD
- Camille Mermod Award: Katherine He
- Elizabeth Blackwell Award: Mary Guinan, MD, PhD
- Exceptional Mentor Award: Charis Eng, MD
- Women in Science Award: Claudia Baquet, MD, MPH
- Lila Wallis Women's Health Award: Florence Haseltine, MD, PhD

AMWA Updates



Arianna Huffington to Receive the Presidential Award

Arianna Huffington will receive the Presidential Award for her Life's Accomplishments and Contributions to Women's Health at AMWA's 99th Anniversary Gala at the National Museum of Women in the Arts, March 15, 2014.

AMWA Raises over \$20,000 through Crowd Funding

Thanks to all who contributed to AMWA's Indiegogo Campaign to raise funds to stop Human Sex Trafficking. We raised over \$20,000 and work can now begin on the educational campaign to raise awareness among healthcare providers.

Shop on-line and support AMWA

- Amazon (must link from AMWA website)
- Charity Blast
- www.iGive.com — special donation to AMWA for every member who signs up.
- Lucky S.H.A.R.E.S. card – earn money for AMWA when shopping at Lucky, FoodMaxx and S-Mart stores. To get a S.H.A.R.E.S. card e-mail associatedirector@amwa-doc.org.



Global Women's Leadership Summit

AMWA was an official partner for the Global Women's Leadership Summit which featured renowned leaders like Cherie Blair, John Gray, Gloria Feldt, Riane Eisler, and Meera Sanyal. For more information, visit <http://gwals.com>

AMWA Interim Meeting: A Success!

Every fall, the AMWA Board of Directors and leadership gather for a weekend of strategic planning. Last year's Interim Meeting, held at the Georgetown Conference Center, was both productive and collaborative, allowing opportunities for planning, networking and mentoring. We thank all the AMWA Leaders for their hard work and dedication.

AMWA looking for Regional Governors

AMWA is looking for Regional Governors to help increase AMWA Branch Development.

Over the past year, AMWA has begun to place an emphasis back on individual branch development. We are now ready to reinstitute a prior AMWA post, that of the Regional Governor.

The Regional Governor will serve AMWA by helping to develop branches and increase individual national membership. The Regional Governor will work with the Student Region Director to coordinate events and unify the physician and student division.

Regional Governors must be national active physician members. To apply for the Regional Governor role, we ask that you fill out this online form (<http://jotform.us/form/40047891591156>) which requests a Statement of Interest, CV, brief bio, and proposed plans for increasing membership. The form is due by March 10, 2014 at 11:59PM EST. Thank you for your time and consideration. For any questions, feel free to contact Marissa Orenstein (morenstein@amwa-student.org) for more information.

Region Structure:

- Region 1 – CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT
- Region 2 – NJ and NY
- Region 3 – DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, and WV
- Region 4 – FL, GA, NC, and SC
- Region 5 – AL, LA, MS, TN, and the Caribbean
- Region 6 – IL, IN, KY, MI, and OH
- Region 7 – AR, IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, OK, SD, and WI
- Region 8 – AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, TX, UT, and WY
- Region 9 – AK, CA, HI, OR, and WA

For more information visit:

<http://www.amwa-doc.org/news/call-for-regional-director-applications-due-march-10-2014/>

AMWA Teleseminar Series

AMWA has launched a teleseminar series that will allow AMWA members to hear from experts on various topics and ask questions. These seminars will also be recorded for future use.

Dr. Danielle Ofri - What Doctors Feel: How Emotions Affect the Practice of Medicine

<http://www.amwa-doc.org/event/monthly-teleseminar-with-dr-danielle-ofri-on-her-latest-book-what-doctors-feel-how-emotions-affect-the-practice-of-medicine/>

Dr. Linda Clever - Bouncing Back & Bouncing Forward: Restoring Your Resilience.

<http://www.amwa-doc.org/event/amwa-teleseminar-dr-linda-hawes-clever-author-of-the-fatigue-prescription-four-steps-to-renewing-your-energy-health-and-life/>

Dr. Helane Fronck - Three Simple Steps to Greater Work-Life Balance

<http://www.amwa-doc.org/event/amwa-teleseminar-three-simple-steps-to-greater-work-life-balance-with-dr-helane-fronck/>

Rachel Lloyd - Girls Like Us: Fighting for a World Where Girls Are Not for Sale: a Memoir

<http://www.amwa-doc.org/event/special-event-with-rachel-lloyd-author-of-girls-like-us-fighting-for-a-world-where-girls-are-not-for-sale-a-memoir/>

AMWA Updates



Attendees discuss case study



Dr. Kanani Titchen, AMWA Resident President second on right



Dr. Holly Atkinson, Co-Chair AMWA Human Trafficking Committee far left

AMWA and Mt. Sinai Global Health Co-sponsor Human Sex Trafficking Conference

AMWA and Mt. Sinai Global Health, Icahn School of Medicine co-hosted a training on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) by Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS) on December 14-15, 2013. This 2-day training focused on understanding the issues surrounding CSEC, the recognition of victims, and the services that can be provided to them. Attendees also gained a better understanding of what puts young girls at risk for CSEC and the influences which prevent them from escaping. By hosting trainings such as these, AMWA hopes to educate healthcare professionals to be front-line responders when encountering victims of trafficking. A nationwide media campaign in 2014 will continue to raise awareness among medical students, residents, and physicians across the country.

To view a video about AMWA's initiative to educate healthcare providers about human trafficking, please see:
<http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/stop-child-sex-trafficking--2>

AMWA Pre-Medical Division Launched

A new division to AMWA has been launched to support the efforts of young women interested in pursuing a medical career. Dr. Karen Poirer-Brode and Dr. Eliza Chin represented AMWA at the UC Davis Pre-Health Conference, the largest of its kind in the country, drawing over 7000 attendees and representatives from medical schools nationwide.

Leaders of the new Pre-medical Division include

Secretary	Jennie Luu
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Region 1	Kathryn Miller
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Region 3	Manwa Abdelmuhsen
Region 4	Jameelah Henderson
Region 5	Katelyn Wray
Region 6	Meaghan Martinez-Palmer
Region 7	Kaitlyn Simmons
Region 8	Kaitlyn Simmons
Region 9	Jennie Luu



New member Diana Roble with Dr. Chin



Dr. Chin & Dr. Poirer-Brode

AMWA's Newly Released Position Papers

Read AMWA's position papers on vital topics in women's health, career and education, ethics, policy and more at:

<http://www.amwa-doc.org/our-work/advocacy/position-statements/>



Dr. Eliza Chin (L) and Dr. Nassim Assefi (R)

AMWA collaborates with TedMed to encourage innovation and advancement in medicine

Last year, Executive Director, Dr. Eliza Chin, represented AMWA at the TEDMED Imagination Dinner at the Walker Library of the History of Human Imagination – a stunning collection of historical artifacts that show the transformative power of imagination in advancing mankind's knowledge in both the sciences and humanities. The library's founder, Mr. Jay Walker, is Curator and Chairman of TEDMED and Dr. Nassim Assefi is Director of Stage Content.

TEDMED is "a multi-disciplinary community of innovators and leaders who share a common determination to create a better future in health and medicine." This year, TEDMED will take place simultaneously in two venues, Washington DC and San Francisco, CA. AMWA members can get involved by attending the live meetings (in person or by simulcast) and joining TEDMED Thursdays - live video chats which explore the great challenges in health and medicine.

About TEDMED: www.TEDMED.com
Virtual tour of the Walker Library:
<http://vimeo.com/22094057>

Reports

AMWA Liaison Report from the AMA Women Physicians Section

By Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber, MD

In 1996, AMWA helped to increase the participation of women in the American Medical Association (AMA), growing the number and influence of women physicians in leadership roles and to advocate for and advance the understanding of women's health issues. Since then, AMWA has held a seat in the AMA Women Physicians Governing Council and currently, I am in that role. This year I was voted to be the Vice-Chair and it has been a historic year. In 2013, the AMA agreed to elevate the Women Physicians Council (WPC) to the level of a section which includes a formal seat in the house of delegates (HOD). It is quite a feat to have achieved this designation and increases the number of women delegates.

The WPS has liaisons with women physician leaders in state and specialty

societies and encourages members to build consensus on women in medicine issues. The Governing Council (GC) is an eight member group with representatives from other sections as well as members at large. Nominations are being accepted until March 15th for upcoming opportunities.

<https://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/about-ama/our-people/member-groups-sections/women-physicians-section/about-wps.page?>

I have enjoyed being the AMWA Liaison to the AMA WPS and serving as the vice chair. My term will end in 2015 and at that time we will be asking for an AMWA member to take on this position.

Preventive Services Task Force Updates

The Preventive Services Task Force is working to bring preventive care solutions right to your favorite mobile device, utilizing a new mobile web app. In this mobile environment, patients and health care professionals alike will have access to preventative health care programs from national, state, and local sources all aggregated in one easily accessible location. Overall, the goal of this new website link is to promote women's wellness and family health, taking into account the myriad of issues that plague our nation's population. The team aims to increase the accessibility of local preventive services, in turn helping to promote healthier daily habits and instill a healthier lifestyle for patients of all ages. The input and

perspectives of several physicians from the community have optimized the development of the website, serving best both patients and medical professionals.

Victoria Silverman, committee secretary and student co-chair will work with physician co-chair, Dr. Farzanna Haffizulla in creating a literary paper on the burden of obesity in the United States with a focus on the benefits of the primary prevention of disease. For more information on the preventive services task force, please email Victoria Silverman at vms42@cornell.edu or Dr. Haffizulla at drfhaffizulla1@gmail.com.

Silent Auction Items requested for Annual Meeting

A silent auction, featuring donated services and goods from the exotic to the mundane, will tempt attendees to acquire something they desire and at the same time benefit AMWA. The mystery of submitting a silent bid for a "one-of-a-kind" or "hard to get" item will add fun to the meeting. Do you or someone you know have an item that would generate interest?

Examples are:

- o A weekend at a cabin in the woods or on a yacht cruise
- o Box tickets to a premiere concert, theater or game
- o Sports or medical memorabilia
- o A chef's table at an exclusive restaurant
- o A behind-the-scenes tour of a concert hall, ballet company or museum
- o A photo opportunity or meet-and-greet with a celebrity
- o Fine art, folk art or hand-crafted object

Imagination wanted!

We already have donations such as: MKSAP 16 study guide from the American College of Physicians, books, text books, subscriptions for journals and magazines, coffee, wine, food, and travel! We are still taking donations and any and all are welcome. The Silent Auction will be on Saturday afternoon, so bring your check book. For further information, contact trohrkir@iu.edu or associatedirector@amwa-assn.org

Fellowship Program Task Force Updates

AMWA is excited to announce plans for AMWA's fellowship award program. Candidates who qualify for the fellowship award will be granted permission to add the designation "FAMWA" (fellow of the American Medical Women's Association) after their name and other credentials. More information on this program will be available soon. Please contact co-chairs Dr. Farzanna Haffizulla or Dr. Suzanne Harrison for more information.

AMWA's Women's Health Working Group

AMWA's Women's Health Working Group (WHWG) is tasked with continuing to place women's health issues as a priority. Prior projects have made an impact on education and healthcare delivery in Women's Health from the AWHS international clinics to the Reproductive Health and Breast Care Curricula to the Women's Health Textbook and CME courses of the 90's.

AMWA – A Champion for Coverage

AMWA is a Champion for Coverage organization with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to educate the medical community about upcoming benefits as the Affordable Care Act is implemented.

Ten Things Providers Need to Know

<http://marketplace.cms.gov/getofficialresources/publications-and-articles/10-things-providers-need-to-know.pdf>

Ten Things to Tell Your Patients

<http://marketplace.cms.gov/getofficialresources/publications-and-articles/10-things-to-tell-your-patients.pdf>

Branch News



Dr. Eleni Tousimis, MD, AMWA President and Aleena Paul, AMWA Region 2 Director



Almost 60 students from across Region 2 gathered for the conference, and networked with Deans and faculty during the reception.



Dr. Eleni Tousimis, AMWA President and Aleena Paul, AMWA Region 2 Director



Dr. Eleni Tousimis's keynote talk was on "Achieving Success in Academic Medicine."

AMWA Region 2 Conference Empowers Future Leaders in Medicine

AMWA Publications Chair and Student Division's Region 2 Director Aleena Paul (Albany Medical College Class of 2016) organized the Empowering Future Leaders in Medicine regional conference at Albany Medical College on January 10 - 11, 2014. Dr. Eleni Tousimis, AMWA President and Albany Medical College alumna, was the keynote speaker at the event. Almost 60 students from across Region 2 gathered for leadership training and mentorship. The conference programming included a dinner reception where

students networked with Deans, faculty and residency coordinators from a variety of specialties, a poster session, inspiring speakers, and workshops aimed at clinical and professional development. In her keynote address, Dr. Tousimis drew on her experiences as a leader in medicine to speak about achieving success in academic medicine and encouraged students to take on leadership roles. Attendees departed the conference inspired to become more active in AMWA and in developing themselves as leaders in medicine.

Rush AMWA presents the Vagina Monologues

Rush's AMWA branch presented Eve Ensler's award winning play, The Vagina Monologues, performed by Rush University students on February 6, 2014. This performance is part of a greater effort to use The Vagina Monologues to raise awareness and end violence against women. Proceeds from ticket sales and donations were donated to Apna Ghar, whose mission is to "provide holistic services to women

and children across immigrant communities in the Chicago area to end the cycle of domestic violence. Apna Ghar empowers women to be self-sufficient by a full spectrum of services from education to emergency and transitional housing to counseling and legal services."

South Florida AMWA Branch's Family Fitness and Wellness Symposium a Grand Success

On Saturday January 11, 2014, AMWA's President-elect, Farzana Haffizulla, MD, FACP organized and moderated a community outreach event at American Heritage School in Plantation, Florida. Working in conjunction with AMWA's incoming national treasurer, Dr. Shahnaz Fatteh and the South Florida branch of AMWA, over \$34,000 in national sponsorship funds were raised in this well attended symposium. Topics included heart health updates, prevention guidelines, sports injury prevention, women wellness

visits, brain based learning, financial health and family safety in addition to information about AMWA history, AWHHS, and AMWA's national ally Vision 2020. The event was studded with opportunities for networking, mentoring and organizational synergy. This successful event brought together local AMWA chapters, the community and local leaders and amplified the enthusiasm and passion to promote AMWA's visibility and strength as our centennial celebration approaches.



Dr. Farzana Haffizulla Welcome and Introduction



Victoria Silverman receives an award for her work on AMWA's preventive services task force. Left to right: Dr. Fatteh, Dr. Haffizulla, Victoria Silverman



Dr. Carlos Pulido accepts AMWA award on behalf of American Heritage. Left to right: Dr. Haffizulla, Dr. Pulido

Human Trafficking and Healthcare Seminar Organized in Boston

As the Human Trafficking Initiative is gaining momentum nationwide, Samia Osman, AMWA National Student Treasurer, and Dr. Laura McCann, the Massachusetts Branch President, organized the Human Trafficking and Healthcare Seminar at the Harvard Club of Boston on January 25, 2014.

More than 50 physicians and students benefited from the seminar, which was led by two international human trafficking experts, Dr. Roy Ahn, the Deputy Director of the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Division of Global Health and Human Rights in

the Department of Emergency Medicine, and Dr. Wendy Macias-Konstantopoulos, a board-certified emergency physician and the Medical Director of the Human Trafficking Initiative at MGH. Rather than merely raising awareness, the speakers delivered an educational workshop on how to identify, screen, and treat human trafficking victims, and the broad range of associated physical and mental health issues.

If interested in becoming part of the Human trafficking movement, please e-mail: associatedirector@amwa-doc.org.



Left to Right: Dr. Laura McCann, AMWA MA Branch President; Dr. Heidi Fischer, MA Branch Treasurer; and Samia Osman, National Student Treasurer



Physicians and students from MA attended the seminar held at the Harvard Club of Boston



Dr. Roy Ahn and Dr. Wendy Macias-Konstantopoulos of Massachusetts General Hospital delivering lecture

Member Updates

Dr. Farzanna Haffizulla (AMWA President Elect) in the media

Dr. Farzanna S. Haffizulla, MD, FACP was featured in the magazine "Practice Link."

Read the article here: <http://magazine.practicelink.com/i/229569/31>

Dr. Farzanna Haffizulla represented AMWA as President-elect in a Department of Health campaign against HIV infection. She was featured during prime time on multiple television channels and radio stations informing the public and physicians about preventing HIV disease.

Dr. Haffizulla also proudly wears her AMWA pin as she hosts informative news pieces for Mission Critical Health on reducing health care associated infections and preventing pressure ulcers.

Please visit www.missioncriticalhealth.com for more information.

Refuge House applauds 'Dr. Suzanne' (AMWA Human Trafficking Co-Chair)

Dr. Suzanne Harrison – education director for family medicine at the FSU College of Medicine and co-chair of AMWA's human trafficking committee has been selected as volunteer of the year by Tallahassee's Refuge House, an organization dedicated to serving all people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault.

Read more about her work: <http://med.fsu.edu/?fuseaction=spotlight.viewArticle&usemenu=home&article=1653>

"The Art of Dying" by Dr. Gayatri Devi (AMWA Past President)

As a young doctor, Dr. Gayatri Devi watched over the bedside death of a friend and wondered if it was a Good Death. Read her submission to "Lapham's Quarterly" here:

<http://www.laphamsquarterly.org/roundtable/roundtable/the-art-of-dying.php>

In Memory of Linda Brodsky, MD



Dr. Linda Brodsky was the daughter of Zelda and Milton Brodsky. She is survived by her devoted husband Saul Greenfield and their three children Jeremy, Dana and Rebecca.

Born May 25, 1952 in Long Island, New York, Linda graduated from Bryn Mawr College with honors in 1974 and then medical school at the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, now Drexel University. She completed her residency in Ear, Nose and

Throat surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, NY. In 1983, she moved to Buffalo, NY, where she took a full-time faculty position in the State University of New York at Buffalo Medical School and at the Children's Hospital of Buffalo (now the Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo). She later became the director of the hospital's Center for Pediatric Otolaryngology and Communication Disorders.

Linda's accomplishments as a researcher, an educator and a surgeon were extensive. She published a number of award-winning papers and earned the title of Tenured Full Professor of Otolaryngology and Pediatrics at the University of Buffalo School of Medicine—one of only 12 women to have achieved this ranking at the time. She has authored or co-authored over 100 scientific papers in peer reviewed journals and 27 book chapters. Her book on pediatric swallowing and feeding disorders, *Pediatric Swallowing and Feeding: Assessment and Management*, written with her colleague, Joan Arvedson, PhD, is a classic in the field and was undergoing planning for its third edition. She was one of the few Buffalo-based members of the Triological Society, an elite organization that only admits the most academically accomplished ENT surgeons.

Linda introduced the "Brodsky Classification" of tonsillar disease, a diagnostic tool used around the world. She was Primary Investigator or Co-Investigator in over two million dollars of industry and federally funded research. She served on the editorial boards of several pediatric ENT journals, including *The International Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology*, *Acta Otolaryngologica* and *The Journal of Respiratory Diseases*. She was an invited keynote speaker and visiting professor at many national meetings and academic departments of otolaryngology. She served on the boards of the ENT section of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Society for Ear, Nose and

Throat Advances in Children (SENTAC) and the American Society for Pediatric Otolaryngology. Most recently she served on the Women in Otolaryngology Committee of the American Academy of Otolaryngology, which was designated the model committee for 2013 by the Academy.

She has received numerous awards, including the Sylvan Stool award for excellence in teaching by SENTAC. Later this spring she is to receive the Tucker Award for her excellence and contributions to pediatric laryngology by the American Laryngological Association. At the Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo she established an advanced training fellowship in pediatric ENT, which ended after her departure from the directorship. During her tenure at Children's, she and colleagues were honored by New York State for quality improvement work. Her devotion to her patients and tenacity in advocating for their care was legendary, as evidenced by the hundreds of letters and cards from families she received over the years expressing gratitude. Her professional accomplishments are recorded in her ebook *Only She Who Attempts the Absurd Can Achieve the Impossible*, which is available on her personal website www.LindaBrodskyMD.com.

Of everything Linda accomplished in her 30-year career, many are most familiar with that which she endured and achieved over the last 15. In 2007, she emerged from a nearly decade-long Federal court battle, in which she was the plaintiff, claiming gender-based discrimination and Equal Pay Act violations against her two employers, which ended in settlement. Once Linda realized that gender discrimination had not gone away, but had rather simply taken on a new form, she founded Women MD Resources, her organization dedicated to helping women physicians navigate the medical work environment. Linda was an extraordinary advocate for the mentorship of younger women in medicine, often acting as a mother figure to those whom she chose and those who chose her. An annual lectureship and scholarship fund in her name have been recently established at the American Medical Women's Association and she is to be given the Bertha Van Hoosen award for service to the organization.

Over the last five years, Linda had begun mapping out what it would take for healthcare organizations to better cater not only to women, but also to a whole new generation of physicians. She envisioned flexible schedules, a humane approach to residency, and an increase in women in leadership positions.

Linda and her husband were engaged philanthropically in the community and were major financial backers of the Kadimah Jewish Day School in Buffalo. As a proponent of a life balanced between work, family and other pursuits, Linda enjoyed Scrabble marathons, ocean swimming near the family home in Martha's Vineyard, competing in tennis, and helping lead the Busy Women's Book Club in Buffalo. It wasn't that she only chose to do things that she loved; it's that she chose to love the things she was committed to doing. According to her family, Linda's parting gift in life was her approach to living it.

AMWA has set up the Linda Brodsky Memorial Fund to support areas in AMWA that Dr. Brodsky was most passionate about. Visit the AMWA Website - Donate Now. <https://www.amwa-doc.org/donate/dr-linda-brodsky-memorial/>



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