



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

Connections

FALL 2013

In This Issue

- 1 President's Message
- 2 Letter from Residency President
- 2 Letter from Student Division President
- 3 AMWA's 99th Anniversary Meeting
- 4 In Memory
- 5 AMWA News
- 7 AMWA Awards
- 7 Spotlight on AMWA Founder
- 8 AMWA Updates
- 8 AMWA Branch News
- 9 AMWA Member News

President's Message

Dear AMWA Members,



As October is breast cancer awareness month, we are reminded how important screening and early detection are in the treatment of breast cancer. The American Medical Women's Association has been collaborating with national organizations and our AMWA members at the Mayo Clinic to update our online guidelines of indications for breast cancer screening and imaging modalities. Technology is rapidly changing, affecting the breast imaging modalities available to women. Unfortunately, mammography still misses approximately 10% of breast cancers. There are now other imaging modalities available to women such as sonography, breast MRI and tomosynthesis to detect early cancers.

These are exciting times to be a breast cancer surgeon when not only the technology available is rapidly changing but the surgical and reconstructive techniques are also improving dramatically. Performing a mastectomy is no longer a disfiguring, disabling surgery like the one our grandmothers experienced. The surgical techniques have become less aggressive, with better pain control and better cosmetic outcomes. Radiation options are less extensive with fewer side effects and chemotherapeutic regimens are better tolerated compared to years past. These more minimally invasive treatment options are all possible when cancers are diagnosed early. The American Medical Women's Association upholds the importance of early diagnosis through diligent breast cancer screening.

Sincerely,

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

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

"The National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) is a collaboration of national public service organizations, professional medical associations, and government agencies working together to promote breast cancer awareness, share information on the disease, and provide greater access to services.

Since its inception more than 25 years ago, NBCAM has been at the forefront of promoting awareness of breast cancer issues and has evolved along with the national dialogue on breast cancer. NBCAM recognizes that, although many great strides have been made in breast cancer awareness and treatment, there remains much to be accomplished. Today, we remain dedicated to educating and empowering women to take charge of their own breast health.

Although October is designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, NBCAM is dedicated to raising awareness and educating individuals about breast cancer throughout the year." www.nbcam.org

AMWA is an NBCAM Collaborating Organization

New Partnership with 4Medapproved



AMWA has partnered with 4Medapproved to provide an online curriculum on health IT, HIPAA compliance, Meaningful Use, EHR proficiency, and more through online and self-paced courses. AMWA members receive a special 30% discount. **Coupon code AMWA.** Access to free ongoing and archived Learning Lunches on Healthcare IT topics is available here: <http://www.4medapproved.com/hitanswers/learning-lunches/>

Letter from AMWA Residency Division President

Docs,

A non-medical friend in NYC asked me how I was finding residency. I uttered one word: **Relentless**.



*Residency is Relentlessly Intense.
Relentlessly Engaging.
Relentlessly Exciting.
Relentlessly Tedious.
Relentlessly Exhausting.
Relentlessly Empowering.
Relentlessly Humbling.
Relentlessly Fulfilling.
Relentlessly Trying.
Relentlessly Exhilarating.
Relentless.*

What's your word to sum up residency?

And AMWA? What is AMWA? AMWA is productive. **Encouraging. Empowering.** As women of AMWA, we constantly lead our peers to new heights, new standards, new successes. We challenge, applaud, and create.

We need your energy; we will give it back to you in spades. We need your ideas; we can bring them to fruition. We need your kindness; we can share it with those who need encouragement. Please email us your thoughts, photos, ideas, a few words to describe your residency experience... send to President@AMWA-resident.org. Let us share these with others in our AMWA Resident Quarterly (ARQ).

Cheers,

Kanani

Kanani Titchen, MD
President, AMWA Resident Division
Jefferson/duPont-Nemours, Pediatric Residency Program

Letter from AMWA Student Division President

Colleagues, Mentors and Friends,



It is hard to believe that it has been half a year since we met in NYC at the annual meeting, and only half a year until we meet again at our nation's capitol! I am proud to report that the Student Division is thriving! Our goal has been nothing more than to have each and every one of you as AMWA members feel that your membership is fulfilling, enlightening, inspiring and worthwhile. We have worked to increase both our tangible and intangible member benefits, and we always welcome any suggestions that you may have.

As a result, our membership is expanding in terms of branch numbers and member numbers, but most importantly, member participation and leadership!

Exciting updates for our membership include the Bed & Breakfast Program revitalization, which includes easy access for our members to search for the perfect host! By logging into the "Members-Only Portal," you can easily search the member database by state and sort by Bed & Breakfast host status. We hope that you are able to partake in this wonderful program, save some funds on the interview trail, and perhaps make a lifelong friend, mentor or even mentee! Additionally, we have added a

leadership role, Undergraduate Recruitment Chair, and welcomed Parin Patel to this post in this crucial time for AMWA. Undergraduate branches are sprouting up all around the country adding an additional layer to the diversity of AMWA members. Any members interested in assisting with undergraduate recruitment and/or programming should certainly contact undergrad@amwa-student.org.

In the words of Sheryl Sandberg in her best-selling novel *Lean In*, "Knowing that things could be worse should not stop us from making them better." Serving as a leader in AMWA has given me an incredible historical perspective regarding women in medicine and, yet, has equally inspired me with the valiant efforts of the upcoming generation to not settle for complacency. As I continue to mention, please feel free to contact me with any ideas, suggestions, or desire for further involvement. I welcome and, in fact, thoroughly enjoy speaking with AMWA members who bring their incredible passions to the table!

See you in Washington, D.C.!

Warm Regards,

Marissa Joelle Orenstein
National Student President, AMWA
moresnstein@amwa-student.org

Stay Connected, Follow @AMWADoctors



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 health care industry every Monday. **Follow us at @AMWADoctors and stay tuned!**

Save The Date!

AMWA's 99th Anniversary Meeting | March 14–16, 2014 Women in Medicine: Successfully Facing Future Challenges and Advances



The upcoming 99th Anniversary Meeting of AMWA will be held in Washington D.C. from March 14–16, 2014. This exciting conference will focus on issues vital to the success of women in medicine through discussions on such varied topics as the Affordable Care Act, the use of technology in medicine, developments in women's health, strengthening mentorships, and nurturing career advancement.

The conference will start with an optional advocacy session on Capitol Hill from March 12–13, 2014, providing opportunities for interacting with our legislators along with Capitol Hill tours. The following three-day meeting will be an inspiring one, filled with addresses from nationally and internationally renowned speakers including physicians, authors and scientists.

Our Exciting Line-Up of Speakers Includes:

Laurie Glimcher, MD — Dean at Weill Cornell Medical College, and a nationally respected immunologist and researcher
(link: <http://weill.cornell.edu/about-us/dean/dean-laurie-glimcher.html>)

Anthony Fauci, MD — Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and a key advisor to the White House on global AIDS issues
(link: <http://www.niaid.nih.gov/about/directors/biography/Pages/biography.aspx>)

Margaret Hamburg, MD (pending) — Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration
(link: <http://www.fda.gov/aboutfda/commissionerspage/default.htm>)

Story Landis, PhD — Director of the National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH)
(link: http://www.ninds.nih.gov/find_people/ninds/bio_dr_story_landis.htm)

Julie Freischlag, MD — Chair of the Department of Surgery and Surgeon-in-Chief at the Johns Hopkins Hospital
(link: <http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/surgery/faculty/Freischlag>)

Louise Ivers, MD, MPH, DTM&H — Senior Health and Policy Advisor for Partners In Health (PIH) and Associate Professor of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School

(link: http://www.brighamandwomens.org/departments_and_services/medicine/services/socialmedicine/ivers-bio.aspx)

Danielle Ofri, MD, PhD — nationally renowned physician author and Editor-in-Chief of the Bellevue Literary Review
(link: <http://danielleofri.com/bio/>)

William Haseltine, MD, PhD — Founder of Human Genome Sciences, author and renowned healthcare systems expert

The 99th Anniversary Gala will be held at the National Museum of Women in the Arts, a museum dedicated exclusively to the exhibition of works by women artists.

This meeting is guaranteed to be an exciting conference with opportunities for networking, mentoring, and strategic planning, as well as topics addressing recent advances and challenges in the future of medicine. Registration will open in October.

In Memory of Dr. Doris Bartuska (1929–2013)

A beloved past president, friend, and colleague



Dr. Doris Bartuska passed away on August 4, 2013.

Dr. Doris Bartuska was a graduate of Bucknell University and Woman's Medical College (WMC) of Pennsylvania. She completed her internship and residency at WMC and a fellowship in endocrinology at Jefferson Medical College. Her career was long and successful. She was Assistant and Associate Dean at WMC, Associate Dean for Curriculum

at Medical College of Pennsylvania, Emeritus Professor of Medicine (Endocrinology) at Drexel University School of Medicine, and Director of the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism and the Fellowship Training Program at the Medical College of Pennsylvania (MCP). A consultant in endocrine and rare metabolic disorders, she was the author of numerous publications in the field. Her research focused on the genetic aspects of endocrine disease, endocrinology of aging, osteoporosis and thyroid diseases.

Dr. Bartuska was the recipient of numerous awards, including the Strittmatter Award (Philadelphia County Medical Society), Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award (MCP), Shaffrey Award (St. Joseph's University), honorary Doctor of Science (Wilkes University), and Alumni Achievement Award (Bucknell University). She was named an Outstanding Educator of America and Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania and was inducted into AMWA's International Women in Medicine Hall of Fame.

Dr. Bartuska served as President of the Philadelphia County Medical Society, the Medical Staff at MCP, the Philadelphia Endocrine Society and the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA).

As AMWA President, she focused on stimulating national interest in a women's health agenda with particular emphasis on the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis, smoking and smoke-related disease. She has been cited in World Who's Who of American Women and World Who's Who of Women. Her involvement in medical humanities and ethics led to participation in the President's Forum on Physicians and Social Responsibility. She also served as Delegate of the Pennsylvania Medical Society and Chair of the Committee to Nominate Delegates to the American Medical Association.

Dr. Bartuska was an accomplished musician, having studied piano, organ and coloratura voice. She also enjoyed polish music and dance. She had 6 children, 9 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild.

Obituary: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesleader/obituary.aspx?n=doris-bartuska-gorka&pid=166292934&fhid=28352#fbLoggedOut>

Faces of AMWA Exhibition: <http://www.amwa-doc.org/faces-of-amwa/>

Link to Changing the Face of Medicine Exhibition
http://www.nlm.nih.gov/changingthefaceofmedicine/physicians/biography_24.html

If friends and colleagues would like to honor Dr. Bartuska, donations may be made in her name to AMWA's Legacy Fund. Please contact associatedirector@amwa-doc.org for more information.

Become an AMWA Lifetime Member A Letter to Members

Dear AMWA Member,

As AMWA's President-elect, I invite you to join me in becoming a lifetime member of the American Medical Women's Association as we approach our upcoming Centennial year. As I reflect on the growth, transformation and advancement of AMWA, I am confident of our bright future. I have been involved in AMWA since my medical school days and now as your upcoming President, I have a vision for AMWA that is studded with enhanced camaraderie, renewed passion and augmented synergy as we approach our goals as an organization. I am proud to be a lifetime member of AMWA and sincerely hope that you will

join me. Let us celebrate the first 100 years of AMWA and openly welcome the next one hundred years of AMWA's accomplishments.

Please e-mail associatedirector@amwa-doc.org if you would like to become a lifetime member. As you know, AMWA is a 501c3 non-profit organization and your membership is tax deductible as allowable by law.

Warmest regards,

Farzanna S. Haffizulla, M.D.
AMWA President-elect

Read the Latest Issues!

**AMWA Resident
Quarterly (ARQ)**

[click here](#)

**AMWA Student
Newsletter**

[click here](#)

A Report from the 28th Congress of the Medical Women's International Association (MWIA)

Eliza Chin, MD, MPH | August 26, 2013

The 28th Congress of the Medical Women's International Association (MWIA) was held in Seoul, Korea at Ewha University, the only women's medical college in Korea. 1,100 women in medicine attended the Congress from all over the world, with the largest delegations being from Korea and Nigeria. The U.S. Delegation included: Dr. Claudia Morrissey (North American Vice-President for MWIA), Dr. Padmini Murthy and Dr. Satty Keswani (MWIA representatives to the United Nations), Dr. Eliza Chin (AMWA Executive Director), Dr. Diana Galindo (AMWA Past President), Dr. Karen Poirer-Brode (AMWA Social Media Chair), and Linda Wang (AMWA Student Past President). Collectively, the US delegates chaired three sessions and gave four presentations. Dr. Padmini Murthy was honored with the prestigious Jhirad Oration award and delivered a special address "Women's Health is Societies' Wealth." Dr. Karen Poirer-Brode exhibited two paintings in the MWIA art exhibition, and Linda Wang was elected President of yMWIA, the student division of MWIA.

We received a warm reception from our Korean hosts who provided for and anticipated our every need. The bountiful welcome reception was topped only by the performances of local medical students who taught MWIA attendees, young and old, Gangnam style dancing. The Opening Ceremony featured a processional with flags from the 41 member associations which make up MWIA and a video greeting from President Geun-hye Park, the first woman President of South Korea. Additional speakers included Ms. Yoonsun Cho (Minister of Gender Equality and Family), Dr. Hwan-Kyu Roh (President of the Korean Medical Association) and keynote speakers Dr. Margaret Mungherera (President-elect of the World Medical Association) and Dr. Ardis Hoven (President of the American Medical Association).

The theme of the meeting was Medical Women Advance Global Health. There were over 95 posters, 29 exhibitors, and 26 scientific sessions with 124 individual presentations from women physicians all over the world. Topics ranged from women's health to immigrant health to environmental medicine and rehabilitation. A highlight of the meeting was the Gala during which Korean women medical students put on a spectacular fashion display of traditional Korean costumes. A sand art exhibition celebrating MWIA during the closing ceremony was a perfect conclusion to an outstanding Congress.

When not attending scientific sessions, attendees were free to explore the city. Within the urban mecca of Seoul, historic palaces remain in the midst of the bustling city – a juxtaposition that reminds us

To view the MWIA Program, Abstracts, and a highlight video, visit <http://www.mwiaseoul2013.org>



MWIA Group



Dr. Karen Poirer-Brode presents her artwork to Dr. Bong Ok Kim, Chairperson, MWIA 2013 Organizing Committee



Outgoing MWIA President, Dr. Afua Hesse (Ghana) passes the torch on to incoming MWIA President, Dr. Kyung Ah Park (Korea)

how inexplicably our past is intertwined with our future. Many of us also ventured out to the Demilitarized Zone, the narrow strip of land that has separated North and South Korea for the past 50 years.

In no other medical meeting is there such a display of camaraderie and sisterhood as with MWIA. Friendships span both geographical divides and the three year interval between Congresses. Attendees exchanged mementos from their respective countries and each attendee was given a special MWIA 2013 commemorative fan to fill with signatures from colleagues around the world. The U.S. delegates had the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. In the words of one MWIA leader, "The friends you make at MWIA last a lifetime."

The next Congress will be in 2016 in Vienna, Austria.
We hope that many AMWA members will join us there.

Dr. Padmini Murthy is the First American to Receive the Prestigious Jhirad Oration Award



Dr. Murthy (far right) receives the Jhirad Oration Award

Dr. Padmini Murthy's Jhirad Oration, "Women's Health is Societies' Wealth" focused on the link between women's health during the life span (cradle to grave). In addition, Dr. Murthy discussed the importance of investing in women's health and wellbeing and addressing the social determinants of health (including education level, socio-economic status, geographic factors and cultural factors). The policies which encompass women's health globally were outlined along with recommendations to promote women's health and social wellbeing. Work being done by non-governmental organizations (NGOs), academia, private sector and United Nations agencies to address one of the biggest challenges facing women – VAW (violence against women) – was highlighted. In conclusion, the strong link between women's health, human rights and the wellbeing of society all point to the advantages of investing in women's health and empowerment.

Dr. Padmini (Mini) Murthy is a physician and an activist who has practiced medicine and public health for the past 25 years in various countries. She completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology and has a Master's in Public Health and a Master's in Management from New York University (NYU). She is on faculty at New York Medical College where she is Director of Global Health.

Dr. Murthy is the NGO Alternative Representative of the Medical Women International Association to the United Nations. She has served as a consultant to the United Nations and currently serves as the communications/ correspondence secretary for the Executive Council of the NGO CSW Committee of NY at the United Nations. She has been at the forefront of organizing workshops and seminars internationally on women's health and the challenges faced. Dr. Murthy has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Sojourner Truth Pin, the National Council of Women USA Distinguished Leadership Award, and the Dean's Certificate in Academic Excellence at NYU. Dr. Murthy is widely published and is the author and editor of Women's Global Health and Human Rights. Since March 2012, she hosts and writes the script for a radio show, which has a worldwide audience, sponsored by AV radio on the Millennium Development Goals. She was named Woman of the Year for 2012-2013 by The National Association of Professional Women USA.

Linda Wang, AMWA Student Past-President, Elected International Co-Chair of the Young Medical Women's International Association (yMWIA)

Linda Wang, immediate AMWA Student Past-President, was recently elected International Co-chair of the Young Medical Women's International Association (yMWIA) at the 29th International Congress of the MWIA.

Ms. Wang is enrolled in the joint MD/MBA Program at Harvard University, Class of 2014. She graduated from Harvard University in 2009 with an A.B. in Chemistry, a secondary in Health Care Policy, and a language citation in Spanish. She is a John Harvard Scholar, a published author and has been active in a variety of leadership roles ranging from director of an after-school program to designing and implementing new teaching strategies for underserved schools in Chile.

Ms. Wang has been active in AMWA through various leadership roles. She became involved during her first year of medical school, serving as Co-President of the Harvard AMWA chapter and then as Region 1 Student Coordinator. The following year, she was elected to the position of National Student President-Elect and during her tenure she served as the student liaison for both the National AMWA Membership Committee and the Women's Health Working Group. Through these committees she has helped design and implement new strategies for physician member recruitment and additionally has participated in projects that continue to push the discussion for the inclusion of gender- and sex-specific medicine into the medical school curricula. As AMWA National Student President, Ms. Wang oversaw contract negotiations and secured new membership recruitment incentives.



**AMWA and
J. Brandt
Sterling Silver
Pin Available
for Purchase**

Order Your Pin Link:

<http://form.jotform.us/form/30164501065139>

Human Sex Trafficking Initiative

Dr. Kanani Titchen, AMWA Resident President Launches Human Trafficking Study

Dr. Kanani Titchen, a pediatrics resident at Jefferson/DuPont-Nemours Hospital for Children, has launched a nationwide study to evaluate healthcare providers' knowledge regarding human trafficking. This questionnaire takes just two minutes. Please fill it out and forward it widely to all your physician, resident, and medical student contacts. Data from this study will be used to develop a provider education program to better identify and support victims of human trafficking.

Survey link: <http://j.mp/13jy9eh>

Girls Like Us: Fighting For a World Where Girls Are Not For Sale: A Memoir

AMWA's Resident Division book club choice

In "Girls like us: Fighting for a world where girls are not for sale: A memoir," author and abuse survivor Rachel Lloyd provides insights into the hidden world of child sex trafficking. In just 16 chapters, Lloyd addresses the initial lures of sex trafficking, the traps, the threats and abuse, the reasons why girls and women stay, the consequences and rewards of leaving, and the process of healing. Lloyd enlightens the reader regarding the warning signs that trafficked victims give - signs that medical personnel are missing daily. Many of these victims encounter physicians routinely, and almost all of them go undetected. AMWA members had the opportunity to speak with Ms. Lloyd by teleseminar on August 20, 2013.

Listen to the teleseminar:

http://recording.freeconferencecalling.com/mp3/1144648/716617/IA1205_08202013171146982_117112.mp3#sthash.e9qDicjs.dpuf

AMWA Awards

Glasgow-Rubin Certificates of Commendation for Academic Achievement Award

For many years, AMWA has awarded the Glasgow-Rubin Citation for Academic Achievement to women who graduate in the top ten percent of their medical school graduating classes. We also award a separate Certificate of Commendation for any woman who graduates first in her medical school class.

Spotlight on AMWA's Founder Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen



Sixty-four years ago, the *Associated Press* published the following article about Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen.

An 86 year old Illinois woman surgeon made the plane for her European vacation today despite a last minute schedule of six operations in a week.

"It never fails to happen," said Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen of Chicago. "Every time I'm about to go on a trip, they all seem to want to be operated on."

The author of *Petticoat Surgeon*, Dr. Van Hoosen said she was proud of the increased number of women in the medical profession. She said she herself still operates 'pretty nearly every day.'

Also aboard the plane with Dr. Van Hoosen were Miss Helen Taylor, of Chicago, a portrait painter, and Mrs. Clara Merritt, of Peoria, Ill., now studying medicine in Philadelphia. Dr. Van Hoosen, who was in attendance at the birth of both women, said: "It is best to travel with people you really know."



Above are the awardees from A.T. Still University-Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine: Kimberly Serbousek, Whitney Pollard, Dr. Trish Sexton, Nicole Tillman, Elise Grgurich and Teresa Loden (2013)

Now Accepting Applications for AMWA's 2014 Awards*

- Elizabeth Blackwell Award
- Lila A. Wallis Women's Health Award
- Exceptional Mentor Award
- Camille Mermod Award
- Bertha Van Hoosen Award
- Woman in Science Award
- Anne C. Carter Student Leadership Award

Visit <http://www.amwa-doc.org/awards> for more information about the awards and how to apply

***Submission deadline is November 5, 2013**

AMWA Committee & Task Force Updates

Preventive Services Task Force

Chair: **Farzanna Haffizulla, MD**

The Preventive Services Task Force is working to bring preventive care to your favorite mobile device with access to programs from national, state and local sources all aggregated in one easily accessible location. The simple user interface can be used with iPhone, Android, Tablet or desktop. The goal of this new site is to promote women's wellness and family health. The team hopes the increased accessibility of local preventative services will help promote healthier daily habits and instill a healthier routine for patients of all ages. The website will target both physician and patient audiences.

Contact: fhaffizu@aol.com to get involved.

End Healthcare Disparities

Susan Ivey, MD, MHSA

Dr. Ivey attended the spring meeting for the Commission to End Health Care Disparities in Denver, CO. The Commission is a large coalition of organizations under the co-leadership of the National Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the National Hispanic Medical Association. Nearly 100 leaders attended to discuss ways that physicians, other healthcare professionals and advocacy groups can improve the care for people of color, patients with limited English proficiency, and any group that suffers from discrimination or unequal care in our current system.

Fundraising Committee

Chairs: **Farzanna Haffizulla, MD and Shahnaz Fatteh, MD**

As our centennial year approaches, our need for fundraising increases. Help AMWA gain valuable donations and sponsorships for the upcoming meetings. You may also purchase ad space for our meeting sponsor book or include a personal congratulatory message for a colleague. Please visit <http://www.amwa-doc.org/news/donations-and-sponsorships> for more information. Let's celebrate the mission and vision of our founders as we propel AMWA to even greater heights. We can achieve our fundraising goals with your help!

Contact: fhaffizu@aol.com or fattedoc@yahoo.com to contribute.

Women's Health Working Group

Chair: **Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber, MD**

The 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 AWHIS international clinics to the Reproductive Health and Breast Care Curricula to the Women's Health Textbook and CME courses of the 90's. The WHWG has been active in speaking out in the policy arena on topics as they relate to women's health and women physicians. Recently the group has focused on creating a web based repository of women's health educational and curricular materials through the Sex and Gender Women's Health Collaborative (formerly called the Advancing Women's Health Initiative). Join the WHWG committee and influence the health of women and the needs of women physicians.

Contact trohrkir@iu.edu to get involved.

AMWA Branch News

South Florida AMWA Annual Meeting

South Florida AMWA held its annual general meeting on April 26, 2013. Dr. Farzanna Haffizulla, as the outgoing President of the South Florida chapter, presented several awards, including a \$500 check to special guest Somy Ali, President and founder of "No More Tears," a non-profit organization whose mission is to rescue and support victims of domestic violence. Student AMWA members Lauren Cardenas, Kathryn Anderson, Emmanuelle Abitbol, Allison Holder, Cecily Koppuzha, Sarah Anderson and Shawna Watson each received a monetary award and certificate of appreciation for their devoted, diligent efforts in support of South Florida AMWA. Starting a new tradition, a South Florida AMWA historical events book, created by Dr. Haffizulla, was handed over to South Florida AMWA's new incoming President Dr. Shahnaz Fatteh. Rounding out the evening's events, the executive board of South Florida AMWA presented a commemorative silver plate award to Dr. Haffizulla for her devotion, dedication and inspiration to members and leaders alike in South Florida.

Start an AMWA Branch in Your Area!

The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) supports individual AMWA branches all over the United States. Building a local network of AMWA colleagues is one of the most rewarding ways to get involved with AMWA. And as an extra incentive, all AMWA branch members have a discounted national membership fee of \$150 (a savings of \$75 per year for the regular physician member category!). For more information, contact associatedirector@amwa-doc.org.

American Heritage Donates School Facilities for National AMWA Fundraising

The South Florida AMWA branch and the American Heritage School in Plantation, Florida will hold an educational symposium in January. American Heritage has once again generously donated the venue and staff support. The administrators and faculty of American Heritage are credited for facilitating positive strides in community outreach. While the event is free to all attendees, all sponsorships and donations from this educational seminar will benefit national AMWA in support of its mission and vision. The event will be held on:

Saturday January 11, 2014 | Noon—4:00 pm
The American Heritage Fine Arts Theatre

Contact fhaffizu@aol.com or fattedoc@yahoo.com to become a sponsor or donor at this event.

AMWA Member News

Julie Welch, MD, AMWA Board of Directors Member and Emergency Medicine Physician, has recently been named the Assistant Dean in the Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development (OFAPD) at Indiana University School of Medicine. She will expand her role as the AMWA faculty Co-Chair, to include mentoring, the Office for Women, the Women's Advisory Council and more. The OFAPD is the office that helps support and fund events for AMWA, including the mentoring mixers, CV prep lecture and the student presidents' travel to the national meeting in March.

Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber, MD has been named the Vice Chair of the American Medical Association Women's Physician Caucus. This 67,000 women physicians group of the AMA was initially founded with assistance from AMWA; Dr. Rohr-Kirchgraber serves as the AMWA official liaison to the board. In this position, AMWA's voice is added to that of our official AMA AMWA Delegate, Nancy Church, MD Ob/Gyn Chicago.

MWIA Newsletter

MWIA is now beginning a new triennium with the theme of *Eliminating and Preventing Domestic and Sexual Violence*. Read the latest MWIA Newsletter here.

http://mwia.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/MWIA_update_september_2013.pdf

Book Review



What Doctors Feel: How Emotions Affect the Practice of Medicine

By Dr. Danielle Ofri

What Doctors Feel presents an insightful look into the often unstated but ever present role that emotions play in the practice of medicine. With humble honesty, Dr. Danielle Ofri draws on her own experiences as a physician at Bellevue hospital, the oldest public hospital in the country. Patient stories weave through the fabric of the book with such vivid detail that we begin to know them as our own. These stories, while riveting, remind us that medicine can be an imperfect science, nuanced with the variable emotions that surround the doctor-patient relationship. Understanding these influences and learning how to harness their power can ultimately help physicians provide better care to their patients. This book is a welcome addition to the growing field of medical humanities — and a worthwhile, engaging read for both physicians and patients alike.

About the author: <http://danielleofri.com>

Sign up for a conversation with the author:

November 6 | 6:00 pm (PST) | 9:00 pm (EST)

<http://www.amwa-doc.org/news/what-doctors-feel>

2013 Alma Dea Morani, M.D. Renaissance Woman Award



Florence P. Haseltine, PhD, MD

Emerita Director, Center for Population Research at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute for Public Health (NICHD) of the National Institutes of Health

Dr. Haseltine has been at the forefront of health technology since the early 1980s. She is an innovator and inventor holding numerous patents. Her current activities include developing mobile apps for the field of reproductive sciences and her latest app, Embryo, has been selected for highlighting on gsa.gov and has received a group award from the National Library of Medicine. She continues to develop Apps for mobile devices in order to share the huge archived biological data bases available to the public. Her Genomics app is to be released shortly.

Dr. Haseltine consults in the area of medical and biomedical research for developers of databases, scientific software, webpage designers, as well as to manufacturers of medical devices. Her company, Haseltine Systems manufactures containers to protect wheelchairs and she holds both design and business patents. Dr. Haseltine now is the principal of Haseltine Systems.

At heart she is a pioneer who has accepted few limits. As Director of the Center for Population Research of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, at the National Institutes of Health, she led the way for advances in contraception research and other critical health areas. She is a fighter, has tirelessly promoted the advancement of women and was the founding editor of the *Journal for Women's Health*. In 1990 she founded the Society for the Advancement of Women's Health Research (SWHR). Retiring in 2012, she was named Emerita Scientist.

In 1964 she received a B.A. in Biophysics from the University of California-Berkeley. Receiving her Ph.D. in Biophysics in 1970 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, she went on to graduating with an M.D. in 1972 from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She interned at the University of Pennsylvania and did a residency at Boston Hospital for Women (Brigham & Women's Hospital). At Yale University she held several positions in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and is a board certified Obstetrician/Gynecologist and Reproductive Endocrinologist. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine since 1993, and in 2012 received the Lifetime Achievement Award for the Health and Dignity of Women and Girls 2012 from the Friends of UNFPA.



American Medical Women's Association

The Vision and Voice of Women in Medicine since 1915



Faces of AMWA | www.amwa-doc.org

An on-line exhibition celebrating AMWA leaders

Help AMWA Conserve Resources!

Please send your email address to associatedirector@amwa-doc.org to receive this newsletter and other important member information by email.

AMWA Connections

Is a Publication of the American Medical Women's Association

- Aleena Paul, MBA** | Editor, Publications Chair
- Eliza Lo Chin, MD, MPH** | Executive Director
- Sarah L. Cutrona, MD, MPH** | Editor
- Jordan E. Bradford** | Editor
- Robin Turner** | Senior Account Executive
- Taylor Entsminger** | Administrator

Direct correspondence to: associatedirector@amwa-doc.org

Special AMWA Member Discounts

Medelita:

AMWA members receive 15% off Medelita's professional lab coats and performance scrubs. (Discount code: AMWA). Medelita's unique lab coats are fluid resistant, featuring Advanced Dual Action Teflon®

Pocket Medicine Discount:

AMWA members receive 30% off of Pocket Medicine when ordered with the AMWA discount code through the Lippincott Website

Blue Sky Scrubs:

AMWA members receive 15% off of any orders from www.blueskyscrubs.com

AMWA | www.amwa-doc.org

12100 Sunset Hills Road | Suite 130
Reston, VA 20190

(703) 234-4069 | Toll Free: (866) 564-2483

Fax: (703) 435-4390

Follow Us:



www.facebook.com/pages/American-Medical-Womens-Association/85665171482

linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=2288755&trk=anet_ug_hm

twitter.com/#!/AMWADoctors

www.flickr.com/photos/amwadoctors/