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# AMWA Names Health Priorities for '92

Breast cancer and reproductive health: those are the top women's health issues for AMWA in 1992.

The AMWA Board of Directors approved the women's health priorities at the January President's Retreat. These issues become the focus of AMWA attention and resources in the year's legislative and media work, programming, and publications.

Although breast cancer and reproductive health top the priorities for 1992, eight other women's health subjects are also AMWA priorities this year: cardio-vascular disease and gender equity in medicine; osteoporosis; domestic violence; women in biomedical research; fetal tissue research; student loan legislation; and tobacco legislation.

"It's very appropriate to have breast cancer as one of our top priorities," notes Janet Rose Osuch, MD, Chair of the Breast Cancer Subcommittee of the Women's Health Committee. "Breast cancer in women is reaching epidemic proportions and we don't know why. The most important thing AMWA can do is make

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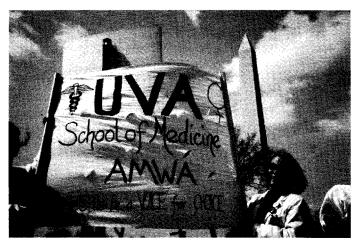
# **Award Winners**

The 1992 winners of four major AMWA awards have been selected.

For their outstanding contributions to the cause of women in medicine, Roselyn Payne Epps, MD, AMWA's immediate past president, and Jane Hodgson, MD, nationally known reproductive rights advocate, will jointly receive the Elizabeth Blackwell Award — AMWA's highest honor.

Rita R. Newman, MD, is this year's recipient of the Bertha Van Hoosen Award, in recognition of her numerous contributions to the Association. The Camille Mermod Award for 1992 is awarded posthumously to Joyce Kline Puletti, MD, in honor of Dr. Puletti's dedication to AMWA and the legacy of a generous bequest. Sydney Bonnick, MD, Chair of the Osteoporosis Subcommittee, will receive the Calcium Nutrition Education Award for educating the public on calcium nutrition and prevention of osteoporosis.

AMWA looks forward to honoring the achievements of these distinguished physicians at our November Annual Meeting. Look for coverage in JAMWA.



AMWA members and staff joined half a million others to March for Women's Lives on April 5. See p. 3.

# Women's Health Tops Interim Agenda

"Women Promoting Women's Health Issues" is the appropriate theme of this year's Interim Meeting, as women physicians prepare to advance their health care agenda with federal lawmakers during the AMWA meeting on June 27-29 in Washington, DC.

The Interim Meeting will coincide with major political events, including the closing session of a Supreme Court term that may erode reproductive rights, and the gearing up of the presidential campaign. With health care high on the campaign agenda, the timing will be ideal for promotion of women's health issues. Highlights of the meeting at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill will include a Legislative Workshop on Sunday, June 28, and a Lobby Day on Monday, June 29.

At Sunday's workshop, members will get legislative updates on family and medical leave, the Freedom of Choice Act, the "Gag Rule," RU 486, tobacco legislation, and student loans. Members will hear where research dollars are going for women's health, and learn how to discuss sensitive issues with legislators. Another briefing session will discuss AMWA ideas for legislation to regulate tobacco advertising.

On Monday's Lobby Day, interested participants will visit their legislators on Capitol Hill, then join a representative of the Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues for a luncheon discussion on women's health.

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# **AMWA Foundation News**

The AMWA Foundation was established by AMWA in 1990 to launch a "new agenda for medical education and service for women physicians." The non-profit foundation supports the educational, research, scholarship and service projects on behalf of women physicians and their patients. Recently, the Board of Directors of the AMWA Foundation finalized the program agenda for the coming months.

Contributions to the AMWA Foundation will now support the following projects:

American Women's Hospitals Service, and the Student Loan Program. These two programs have long AMWA histories.

The American Women's Hospitals Service (AWHS), started by women physicians during World War I, provides badly-needed medical services in poor regions of the world. AWHS supports clinics in Haiti, the Andes of Bolivia, and three areas of Appalachia. Other projects include *Child Care Romania*, providing care for abandoned children in Romanian orphanages, and *Interplast*, *Inc.*, a volunteer surgery organization that offers plastic surgery to poor children and adults.

Since 1923, the AMWA Student Loan Program has helped countless women achieve their dream of becoming a physician, by providing low-interest loans to deserving women medical students. As the cost of medical tuition continues to soar, the AMWA Foundation is undertaking an ambitious fund-raising program to increase both the number and the size of individual loans. Look for the special appeal letter for the Student Loan Fund in your April mail.

The Model Program for Hospital Day Care. To pave the way for creation of child care facilities in medical centers and hospitals, and help the families of all health care workers, the Foundation plans to develop a Model Day Care Manual in cooperation with the National Association of Hospital-Affiliated Child Care Providers. The manual will provide a detailed "how to" on all aspects of creating a day care facility, and will be made available to all teaching hospitals.

Women's Health Curriculum. This ambitious, continuing medical education program will promote a comprehensive, coordinated approach to women's health care. The three-year program will have three phases. A Core Curriculum on important aspects of women's health is being developed; courses will then be tailored to each medical specialty. CME-accredited courses will be offered to both primary care physicians and specialists, to help them keep abreast of the latest developments in women's health. A voluntary Certificate in Women's Health will be offered to those who complete the program.

"Career Choices for Women in Medicine." On the drawing board is a revised and updated edition of this practical, medical student's guide to choosing a medical specialty.

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## Interim, continued

Saturday's highlights include "Take A Student or Resident to Lunch," and a Student Sexual Harassment Workshop by Adrienne Fugh-Berman, MD. Howard University will host a dinner-reception for AMWA members.

Portions of Saturday, and Friday, June 26, are reserved for board and committee meetings. Friday evening features a leadership orientation session for students.

Join us in Washington during this important time for women's health issues, and network with AMWA colleagues. Return the enclosed registration/information form today.

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☐ Yes, register me for the 1992 Interim Meeting.		
or  I need more information to make a decision. Please send me a preliminary program.		
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Return this form to: AMWA, 801 N. Fairfax St., Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314		

# **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

# **AMWA Leads Gag Rule Fight**

AMWA recently lead an extraordinary effort among medical groups to challenge the Administration's latest efforts to "sell" the Title X Gag Rule.

The effort resulted in AMWA President Dr. Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo testifying at a nationally televised congressional hearing. AMWA also sent a powerful message to Congress.

The furor started late on Friday, March 20, when the HHS Office of Population Affairs advised the news media that its new advisory guidelines on the Title X regulations allowed physicians at federally funded family planning clinics to discuss any "medical information" with patients.

Medical groups soon discovered that despite the new guidelines, Title X physicians were still censored. They could not freely counsel their patients: the written regulations specifically prohibited "counseling or referring" for abortion (and the new guidelines had no legal effect in superseding those regulations, said the American Bar Association).

What's more, physicians were still not allowed to freely refer patients for abortion. The only referrals permitted at Title X clinics were for providers of "prenatal care." Providers that offered abortion services could not be on the list unless they were "full service" health facilities (i.e., hospitals). Finally, nurses and counselors, who provide almost all options counseling at Title X clinics, were forbidden to counsel or refer for abortion.

AMWA quickly stepped into action, urging a united response on behalf of major medical and nursing organizations. AMWA drafted a letter, hand-delivered to all members of Congress, describing how physicians and nurses were still censored. The letter was signed by 23 health care organizations, including the American Medical Association (AMA), and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

AMWA President Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD, testified at a March 30 hearing before the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, along with officials from AMA, ANA, and ACOG.

At the hearing, William Archer II, MD, HHS Deputy Assistant Secretary, defended the March 20 guidelines as an expansion of physician speech, but under tough questioning by Chairman Henry Waxman (D-CA), he failed to elaborate on the circumstances in which doctors could counsel or refer for abortion. Dr. Pardo and others told the Subcommittee that pregnant patients were still denied complete information about all their medical options.

Dr. Pardo criticized the futile effort to "remedy" the Title X restrictions. "The only way to 'fix' the Gag Rule," she noted, "is to get rid of it."

# SPECIAL ALERT

All AMWA members should contact their senators and representatives in late April and early May and urge them to repeal the Gag Rule! Call the Capitol Hill Switchboard at 202-224-3121.

# **AMWA Marches**

AMWA members joined thousands of other Americans in marching for women's reproductive rights, at a massive "March for Women's Lives" in Washington on April 5.

The march sent a message to politicians that women will vote for choice in the 1992 elections.

As a co-sponsor of the event, AMWA marched under a special purple banner. AMWA members came from several states including Georgia and Delaware (see related story, p. 7), California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

LeClair Bissell, MD, already in town for another conference, helped AMWA marchers find local housing with her conference colleagues. AMWA thanks the many AMWA members and staff who marched and sent a powerful message to the nation.



AMWA President Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD, (Right) prepares to testify at March 30th Congressional hearing. Joining her is Deputy Executive Director Lois Schoenbrun (Left).

### **Breast Cancer News**

As women consumers press for more attention to breast cancer — a disease now affecting 1 in 9 American women — several bills are pending in Congress that would assist in the prevention and detection of the disease.

The Breast Cancer Screening Safety Act (Senate bill S.1777; H.R. 3462 in the House) would provide tighter regulation of mammography services and radiological equipment. Other bills would help older or low-income women get regular mammography screening. Medicare coverage of annual mammography screening for women over age 64 is proposed in House bill H.R. 3205 and the Senate version, S. 1231: current law provides only biennial screening for older women. (The bill also provides program coverage for screening once at ages 35-39; every 2 years for women ages 39-50; yearly for high risk women ages 40-50; and yearly for women 50 and over.)

A bill in the House, H.R. 1129, calls for state medicaid programs to cover both mammography and pap smear screening.

Several bills respond to the lack of health insurance by many Americans. House bill H.R.3464 and Senate bill S.891 would give a tax credit up to \$250 to individuals who undergo mammography screening not covered by insurance; H.R. 112 offers a tax credit to employers who provide screening services for their employees.

AMWA is tracking these and other bills and will keep members advised of legislative developments.

# STUDENT SENATE

# DIVERSITY IN MEDICINE: ALL TALK, NO ACTION

Why is there such opposition to addressing issues of gender, racial and ethnic differences, and sexual orientation within the medical community? As National Student Coordinators, we've heard a multitude of accounts about the opposition that emanates from medical and osteopathic school administrators, faculty and students. Gender and religious discrimination, racism, and homophobia in this environment interfere with our training, both in the lack of tolerance of other students and in the stereotypes integrated into our training as "truth."

# The Players

At one school, two AMWA members encouraged their Dean's Office to sponsor a workshop addressing these issues. After being told for three years, "Don't worry. We'll have a workshop. Next year...," one student decided to organize such a workshop herself. The Dean's Office, however, refused to provide active support for the workshop.

Many admissions offices have stated their mission to increase the diversity of their student body — sometimes without attitudinal changes from faculty. For example, minority applicants to one school reported being so offended by the prejudice of their interviewers that they chose other schools. All the nice rhetoric of the admissions office had created a thin veneer of "niceness" over the pro-white-male sediment inherent in the foundation of that school.

Actually, administrators have used the word "nice" in interesting ways. Students at one school experienced a wave of harassment by other students: AMWA posters were defaced, and African-American and gay and lesbian students were threatened. All incidents were reported to the Dean's Office. Months later, the Office issued a letter to all students, scolding them for their general "not-niceness." These hate crimes need to be recognized as much more dangerous than an occasional omission of good manners.

### The Effects

How can we, underrepresented with regards to our gender, race, ethnicity, religion, age, and sexual orientation, train in an environment that exudes an ignorance, if not outright dislike, for our life-experiences? Female students are told to fetch coffee, even by women physicians, whereas male students are called on for the correct answer. African-Americans, Hispanics, and ethnic groups with "minority status" often endure the racism of their classmates and professors. Sometimes, they are viewed as second-class students by those who ignorantly assume that

# **Award Deadlines**

The Janet M. Glasgow Essay Award, which offers a cash prize of \$1500, is presented to an AMWA student member for the best essay describing a woman physician who has been a significant role model. Essays should be approximately 1000 words. The deadline for receipt of manuscripts in the AMWA office is **May 15**, **1992**.

The Carroll L. Birch Award, sponsored by AMWA's Chicago Branch, is presented for the best original research paper written by an AMWA student member. The cash prize is \$500. The deadline for receipt of manuscripts is June 30, 1992.

For both awards, send entries to: Marie Glanz, AMWA, 801 N.Fairfax St., Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314. Tel. 703-838-0500.

these students were admitted to the school because of their ethnicity, and not their accomplishments.

Non-Christian students have silently attended annual "Holiday Tree" parties in December, pretending every religion celebrates evergreens, mangers and Christmas carols. In addition to forgetting that not every student is Christian, it seems that many schools have assumed that every student is heterosexual. One male faculty member lectured that the disadvantage of being a female obstetrician was that "lesbianics (sic) and Indian women" would be one's patients.

# Change

Medical institutions tend to expect persons to conform to a WASP norm, and reward "sameness" and compliance, not creativity and innovation. Discrimination reflects this elitism and impedes the educational process.

Increasingly, some progressive schools recognize that lack of diversity limits the potential of the whole institution. These schools provide active Offices of Minority Affairs, which support minority students and promote attitudinal change among faculty and administrators. Other schools offer free tutoring and academic assistance to underrepresented students. A Committee on Discrimination established at every school to investigate reports of discrimination would improve communication of minority issues to administrators. As more of these programs are implemented, administrative rhetoric may turn into action.

We would welcome any comments on these issues. Contact Flora at 714-856-2915 or Jennifer at 314-443-6408.

### **NSC NEWS**

# **Program Committee**

In January, we met with Dr. Debra Judelson to discuss programs of interest to students. The Program Committee has been extremely recep-

# Message from the Director of Students



Did you write your congressperson about Student Loan Deferral? Did you ask someone else to write letters also? Two bills are important to funding of Higher Education: House bill H.R. 179 (a provision of H.R. 3553) would ease loan repayments somewhat, extending loan deferment from 2 to 3 years, and offering a graduated repayment schedule; Senate bill S. 102 (a provision of S.1150) would offer future residents the option of loan forbearance throughout residency (i.e., payments could be postponed, but interest would still accrue).

Unfortunately, legislation does not recognize that medical student debt exceeds most other student debt (because of the long years of education). The average income for residents is \$27,000 per year, according to a survey of the Association of American Medical Colleges. With taxes of 20% and monthly debt repayment of \$900, a resident could have \$900/month left over for rent, food and car. If tax or repayment is higher, real money for living goes down. Deferment of loan repayment until after residency training postpones the repayment for 3-7 years, at which point the income will be higher.

We will discuss this and other legislative issues at the Interim Meeting. Come to Washington June 27-29. Learn what you can do to influence the process. Most practicing physicians are unaware that residents cannot deduct interest, must start loan repayment during year two of residency, and may carry as much as \$180,000 worth of debt. Things have changed in the last five years. You can explain that to a physician, and urge a letter to Congress. You can organize a program on Loan Management as Wendy James did at Tufts in Boston. Student issues are important. The Association of American Medical Colleges, American Medical Association, American Academy of Family Practitioners, and AMWA are working together to inform Congress. Grass roots activity counts.

— Jeanne Arnold, MD

tive of our submissions for the Interim and Annual Meetings. Student programs offered at the Interim Meeting in Washington, D.C. will include:

- \* "Tales Out of Medical School" by Adriane Fugh-Berman, MD, author of a recent article on medical student harassment in *The Nation*;
- \* "How Things Get Done in AMWA: The Running of an Organization" by Linda Brzustowicz, MD.

# President's Retreat

In February, we met with AMWA leaders in Alexandria, VA. At the retreat, we attended a leadership workshop and a panel of national pro-choice leaders. Dr. Gonzalez-Pardo and other physicians showed us a lot of support and listened to our

ideas concerning the strategic plans of AMWA. This meeting also gave us an opportunity to meet the energetic professionals who run the national AMWA office.

# Skepsis, the Regional Student Newsletter of AMWA

The Skepsis concept has been approved by the Board of Directors, and an issue will be mailed to all AMWA student members this spring. The newsletter will contain a listing of activities planned by each student branch. Topics such as women of color, osteopathic medicine, and legislative and feminist issues concerning women's health will be addressed.

Christina Nicolaidis, a past Regional Student Coordinator, is Editor-in-Chief. We believe that this newsletter will increase student satisfaction in AMWA and allow us to disseminate the latest information on various medical topics.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

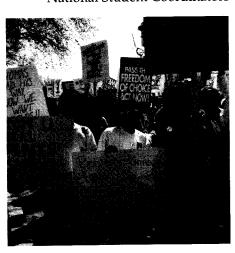
# Elections for New Student Branch Presidents

Student Branch Officers should be elected for the ensuing year from the current first year class. The succession of student branch presidents should be completed by April 1992. Mail names and addresses of new student officers to Regina Sanborn at AMWA, 801 N. Fairfax St., #400, Alexandria, VA 22314.

# Recruit Incoming First Year Students to AMWA

Remember what it was like entering medical/osteopathic school for the first time? We would like all current AMWA student branch presidents to contact their admissions office and receive the names of incoming women students. Please write a congratulations letter to these women or submit their names to Regina Sanborn, AMWA Membership Director, at the national AMWA office. Regina will send them a letter from us and an AMWA application.

Flora Danque and Jennifer Tuteur
 National Student Coordinators



AMWA student members filled the ranks of the March on Washington, including contingents from Virginia, North Carolina and Boston (pictured).

# RESIDENT ROUNDS

# KEEPING YOUR FINGER ON THE PULSE

It seems that an essential part of one's medical library has become The House of God, if for no other reason than for a reference to the book's "Laws of the House." It only takes a few hours or maybe a day into one's internship to learn the third law, which is: "At a cardiac arrest, the first procedure is to take your own pulse." At first reading this law may appear comic, but after experiencing the first (and second and third...) cardiac arrest one learns that there is an important truth to it. For me, the third law of the House has been particularly helpful. In stressful times I have been known to check my own pulse to help gauge how I am holding up!

So, after determining that one's own vital signs are stable, what next? How about keeping your finger on the pulse of AMWA? Though AMWA is remote from the daily dealings of a resident's life, it is important to keep in mind that this organization is available to help with the needs of all women physicians at all stages of their training — from student to resident, practicing physician to retiree. It is imperative at each stage to determine if the association is serving one's needs and representing one's views on important issues.

# "Shattered Dreams: Childhood Recaptured"

The 8th biennial National Symposium on Child Victimization

May 19-22, 1992 Washington Hilton Hotel Washington, D.C.

This multi-disciplinary, CME-accredited conference (co-sponsored by AMWA) is offered by the George Washington University Medical Center for professionals and advocates serving abused/neglected children and their families. Single-day registration available.

For information, call 202-939-4960.

How does one keep their finger on the pulse of AMWA? It will be different for everyone but here are a few suggestions. First, try to attend the national meetings. Given the time and financial restraints of residents, this is not always feasible. However, of the close to 2500 resident members, more and more have been attending the annual meetings. Just a few years ago there was but a handful of resident members attending the annual meeting. Recently, at the meeting in Dallas, about 6 percent of the registrants were residents. Attending the annual meeting allows one to experience first hand the policy-making process of the organization as well as to take part in an educational program geared toward the objectives and interests of the members of AMWA.

For most residents, getting involved on the local level probably would be an easier task. If you are affiliated with a medical school, you could contact the Dean's Office and find out if there is a local student branch. If so, you could attend their meetings and/or possibly act as a mentor to the students. Many areas have physician branches, so another option is to contact the national office at 703-838-0500 for a listing in your area. In either case, you will be continuing your connection with the association, either as a mentor for students or as one who needs guidance or nurturing from physician members who "have been there."

Because residency can be such a busy time, many of you cannot be as active in the Association as you would like. Try, however, to keep your finger on the pulse of AMWA in whichever way you can so as to insure that it will remain vital to you.

– Mary E. Bongiovi, MD, PhD Resident Representative

<sup>1</sup> Samuel Shem, MD, PhD, *The House of God*. Dell Publishing Co., Inc. 1978: p 50.

## Foundation, continued

AMWA specialists are now preparing a single, revised edition of "Career Choices," which will consolidate earlier volumes of the guidebook with new chapters on specialties including ear/nose and throat medicine, emergency medicine, geriatrics, pathology, pharmaceutical medicine, radiation oncology, and much more. Publication is scheduled for 1992.

The Women's Smoking Cessation Project. To combat tobacco use among women, this educational program would enable women physicians to help women and girls stop smoking. One focus will be educating mothers on ways to prevent their children from smoking.

# To Make a Contribution

In addition to funding from foundations, government, and corporations, the AMWA Foundation relies on the help of individuals to support these ambitious programs. Please consider a tax-deductible gift to the important work of the Foundation. Funds may be designated for a specific program, if preferred. Just clip and mail the coupon below.

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# BULLETIN BOARD

# **Community Service**

Have you long admired an AMWA physician member for her contributions to her local community? Nominate her for our 1992 Community Service Award. Send your nominee's name and address, along with her CV and a paragraph describing her community service, to Marie Glanz at AMWA's national office by May 31, 1992.

# **AMWA Seal of Acceptance**

The AMWA Scientific Evaluation Council (SEC) awarded the AMWA Seal of Acceptance to two products in 1991. One was *Gyne-Lotrimin*\*, an overthe-counter vaginal cream that, when used as directed in educational materials, "enables a woman to effectively treat most vaginal yeast infections herself and thereby helps her to make a responsible decision about her health," noted the SEC. The second product was *Stay Free Ultra Plus*, a feminine napkin that the SEC found to be "a technological advance in women's health and hygiene products."

# President's Trip Details

In honor of this Olympic Year, the 1992 President's Trip offers a CME course in Sports Medicine, to take place in Spain on August 15-23, 1992.

The President's Trip will travel to Barcelona, Seville, and Madrid. All arrangements are provided on the tour, which offers round-trip, economy-class air travel from New York; 7 nights' accommodations, with buffet breakfast; transportation costs; half-day sightseeing in Barcelona, Seville, and Madrid; and an experienced tour guide throughout the trip.

The price per person, based on double occupancy, is \$2637. For more details, contact Lisa McLendon at the AMWA office, at 703-838-0500, ext. 311.

# Membership News

### **Branch Officers Alert**

All AMWA branches are reminded to immediately notify the national AMWA office whenever there is a change in one of their branch officers. Providing such information to the AMWA Membership Department helps AMWA to communicate effectively with all branches.

### **Branch Dues Assistance**

The AMWA National Office currently collects dues for 39 of the 75 physician branches. Many of these branches are now reporting an increase in branch members. If your branch is interested in participating in this program, please contact the Membership Department at the AMWA office, at 703-838-0500.

### International Membership!

AMWA is expanding internationally. At the Medical Women's International Association conference in Guatemala, AMWA President Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD, invited women physicians from all over the world to join AMWA. In April, the AMWA national office, working with the Federation of Medical Women in Canada, invited 10,000 Canadian women physicians to join AMWA. AMWA is also planning future mailings to women physicians in Europe. Updates of these campaigns will be available at the Interim Meeting.

### Member-Get-A-Member Kudos

AMWA members have been busy recruiting new members as part of the 1991-92 Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD, Recruitment Campaign.

Several AMWA leaders deserve mention. AMWA President Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD, sent membership invitations to 612 of her alumnae from the University of the Philippines. President-elect Leah Dickstein, MD, invited more than 600 women physicians in Kentucky to join AMWA.

Others recruited women physicians in conjunction with the April 5 March for Women's Lives in Washington, DC. Nyda Brown, MD, alerted 1,200 women

physicians in Georgia about the march and the benefits of AMWA membership. Barbara Hamming, MD, invited 154 Delaware women physicians to join both the march and AMWA.

AMWA would also like to thank the following AMWA-member physicians and medical students, who recruited new members for AMWA during the period Oct. 31, 1991 - Jan. 31, 1992:

Karen Anderson, MD; A. Anson-Fontana, MD; Anjali Arora; Doris G. Bartuska, MD; Allison J. Batchelor, MD; Kaaren Benson, MD; Monica Brane; Lynn Brumage; Janet Canterbury, MD; Rossanna Carter; Pat Cole, MD; Sheri Cook, MD; Amanda Corey; Kathleen Cowling, DO; Elizabeth Coughran; Flora I. Danque; Sondra Dantzic; Mary David, MD; Martha Dobson; Roselyn Payne Epps, MD; Elaine Feldman, MD; Jean L. Fourcroy, MD; Cynthia Frane; Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD; Susan Gerber; Sheryl Heron; Barbara Howard; Cynthia Huelsman; Karen Jerome, MD; Megan Johnson; Portia Jones, MD; Mary Joyce, MD; Shirley Kellie, MD; Satty Gill Keswani, MD; Leslie J. Kohman, MD; Lisa-Ann Lancaster; Shawna Larsen; Amanda Leib; Erin Lynch; Sandra MacLeod, MD; Donnica Moore, MD; Janet Rose Osuch, MD; Patricia Quinby, MD; Nelly Rivera; Laura Roebuck; Sharon E. Ross; Patricia Schuster, MD; Jill Silverman; Elizabeth Speliotes; Susan Stewart, MD; Jennifer Thompson; Karen Walsh; and Kathy Walsh.

### Health, continued

our members aware of the issues surrounding breast cancer — and let them know that they themselves are at risk for the disease."

On reproductive health, Governmental Affairs Chair Marjorie Braude, MD, notes, "This is the year when Roe v. Wade may fall, leaving each state to be governed by its own abortion laws." Adds Elizabeth Karlin, MD, Chair of the Women's Health Committee, "Access and availability of reproductive technology and information is in crisis right now. We are limited in offering birth control to our patients, and some federally-funded providers can't talk about abortion. By protecting women's reproductive rights now, we protect women's health in the future."

(See page 3 for related news.)

# **Mark Your Calendar**

# June 27-29

Region VI Conference May 15-17, 1992

Detroit, Michigan

**AMWA Interim Meeting** 

Washington, D.C.

August 15-23

President's Trip

Spain

September 18-20

Region VII Conference

Kansas City, Missouri

November 11-15

**AMWA Annual Meeting** 

San Francisco, California

# **AMWA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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# WHAT'S **HAPPENING**



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