

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN

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At her annual meeting inauguration, Leah J. Dickstein, MD (right), the 1992-93 AMWA President, receives her president's pin from Past President Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD.

Top Recruiters Lead AMWA Campaign

The results are in for the 1991-1992 Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD, Recruitment Campaign, the popular program that rewards AMWA members who recruit colleagues into the organization. Hundreds of participants joined in the membership drive that registered 1,309 new AMWA members in the past year.

The 1991-1992 Individual Recruitment Winners:

Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD, AMWA Past President, was the top individual recruiter for the second year in a row, bringing in 81 new members.

Dr. Pardo was honored at the November Annual Meeting along with the four other top recruiters: **Leah J. Dickstein, MD**, the new AMWA President (recruiting 47 new members); **Rose Baghdady** (recruiting 27 new members); **Sheryl Hemmen** (she was first to recruit 25

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1993 Dues Reminder

1993 is quickly approaching and it is now time to pay your AMWA dues. Invoices were mailed to Regular Members in November. If you misplaced or never received yours, please contact the National Office at 703-838-0500 and we will send you another one.

By sending your payment today, you fund vital AMWA services and programs.

Leah J. Dickstein, MD, is New AMWA President

At the largest Annual Meeting in AMWA history, Leah J. Dickstein, MD of Louisville, Kentucky was inaugurated on November 14 as the 1992-1993 AMWA President.

Delegates to the San Francisco meeting, held from November 11-15 with over 800 AMWA participants, also selected psychiatrist Kathryn Bemmann, MD, of Waukesha, Wisconsin as President-Elect.

At the annual transfer of AMWA leadership, members bade farewell to outgoing President Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD, who presided over a successful conference and an eventful year of activism, which she summarized in a special Farewell Address on November 13.

Also elected at the meeting: Satty Gill Keswani, MD, as Vice-President of Finance; and Debra R. Judelson, MD, the new Vice-President of Membership. (For more election results, see pages 4 and 6).

The gathering at San Francisco's Westin St. Francis Hotel was one of the most popular and widely-covered AMWA meetings in recent years. Leading the press coverage was Dr. Dickstein, who was profiled in the *San Francisco Chronicle* as the next leader of medical women.



Leah J. Dickstein, MD

Dr. Dickstein Steps Forward

"As our society enters the twenty-first century, women physicians must have a strong voice and role in ensuring humane medical care for all," says Dr. Dickstein, a professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and the Associate Dean for Faculty and Student Advocacy, at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

A long-standing advocate for better women's health care, Dr. Dickstein brings a strong interest in health education to her AMWA presidency. "I believe unquestionably in AMWA's leadership role in educating the public, all physicians, the research community, and funding agencies about the need for dramatic and immediate increases in research funding for women's health."

A former teacher in an inner-city school in Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Dickstein has pioneered several health

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AMWA's Year in Review

by Eileen McGrath, JD, AMWA Executive Director

For AMWA, 1992 was a year of major achievements in pursuit of our dual mission — supporting women physicians and promoting women's health. Now is the time to take stock of this "Year of the Woman."



Women's Health

AMWA leaders prioritized women's health issues (breast cancer and reproductive health topped the health issues for 1992), and worked to influence public policy. AMWA promoted women's health by:

- leading a coalition of 26 medical associations against the "gag rule" in Title X clinics;
- convening representatives of 14 medical specialty societies to develop a CME curriculum in women's health;
- testifying on women's health research before the National Institutes of Health and the Society for the Advancement of Women's Health Research; testifying before Congress on both the "gag rule" and RU486; and participating in FDA hearings on breast implants and Depoprovera;
- publishing a landmark issue of *JAMWA* on breast cancer;
- sponsoring conferences on obesity and menopause; and cosponsoring the "March for Women's Lives;"
- mobilizing AMWA's Legislative Network of 600 members to press Congress for better legislation on women's health issues; and
- offering over 40 CME workshops at AMWA's 77th Annual Meeting on a wide array of women's health issues.

Promoting Women Physicians

AMWA provided leadership training, advocacy, and publicity for women physicians and medical students, as well as collaboration with other organizations. Support included:

- publishing a special issue of *JAMWA* on maternity and medicine;
- offering numerous leadership and career development workshops at AMWA's 77th Annual Meeting on everything from public speaking, to breaking through the "glass ceiling," and handling the stress of medical school;
- nominating 15 AMWA members for top appointments in the Clinton Administration;
- publicizing AMWA's positions and members in the *Washington Post*, *N.Y. Times*, *USA Today*, and *American Medical News*, and on C-Span, NPR, and CBS;
- increasing membership by 3.9%, physician branches by 15% and student branches by 26%; and welcoming 100 new international members; and
- conducting lobby days for AMWA members, and providing countless mentoring and networking opportunities.

Just by belonging to AMWA, *you* have made all of this possible. Now the challenge is to make 1993 an even better year. If you are impressed with 1992, remember: AMWA's influence could *double* if each member recruited one colleague in 1993. Happy New Year to all.

Top Recruiters, *continued*

new members); and **Shelley Turner** (second to recruit 25 new members).

Each of the five winners was recognized for her achievement with prizes and a Certificate of Appreciation, and each will have a plaque mounted in her honor at the AMWA National Office. In addition to these top recruiters, hundreds of others — including 157 AMWA members, five physician branches, and 117 student branches — participated in the successful campaign.

Although AMWA reserves the five top honors in the campaign for individual recruiters, AMWA also recognizes the leading recruiters in the branch categories. **The New York State Branch (#18)** was tops in the physician branch category, bringing in five new members. **Washington University** was outstanding among the student branches, recruiting an impressive 36 new members. In addition, **Jennifer Baxter, Diane Titcomb, Jodi Aragona, and ten student branches** qualified for one free registration to the November Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Our thanks to all campaign participants.

Announcing the 1992-1993 Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD Recruitment Campaign

The AMWA member-get-a-member campaign for 1992-1993 is already underway. For the second year in a row, the campaign has been named in honor of the recruiting accomplishments of AMWA's Past President, Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD.

The top individual recruiter for the period October 1, 1992 to September 30, 1993 will win the new *Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD Recruitment Campaign*. In addition, the next four achievement levels of the 1992-1993 campaign are named in honor of the 1991-1992 recruitment winners. They are:

Leah J. Dickstein, MD, Club (Level 4: recruiting 20+ new members)

Rose Baghdady Club (Level 3: 10-19 new members)

Sheryl Hemmen Club (Level 2: 5-9 new members)

Shelley Turner Club (Level 1: 1-4 new members)

All campaign participants who recruit a new member will receive gifts based on the number of members recruited. Gifts range from a lapel pin (for all Level 1 recruiters) to free Annual Meeting registration for those who recruit 20+ new members. Each recruiter will also be recognized in the newsletter. Awards will be announced at AMWA's 1993 Annual Meeting.

With your participation, AMWA's influence grows — and exciting prizes await you!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

1992 WRAP-UP

The 102nd Congress adjourned in early October, and our scorecard for the session included some important wins — as well as some disappointing losses.

First, the bad news.

Reproductive Rights

Title X Reauthorization: Would have reauthorized Title X (which gives federal funds to family planning clinics) and repealed the Gag Rule barring clinic staff from discussing abortion with patients. Congress passed the bill this summer, and President Bush vetoed it. The Senate overrode the veto, but the House failed to override by ten votes.

The Freedom of Choice Act: This bill recognized a woman's right to abortion until fetal viability (though the Senate version of the bill gave states greater latitude for restrictions, such as parental consent laws). The bill was ready for floor votes as of July, but threats of weakening amendments from anti-abortion legislators — and the Supreme Court's ambiguous ruling in the *Casey* case — hurt the bill's momentum. It "died" upon adjournment.

Family Leave

The Family and Medical Leave Act: This bill would have allowed employees (in companies of 50 or more workers) to take up to twelve weeks of unpaid leave to care for a seriously sick child, spouse, or parent, or to recover from a personal illness. Congress passed the bill in September, and the President vetoed it (just as he vetoed a similar bill in 1990). The Senate overrode, but then the House failed to override by about thirty votes.

Women's Health Research

The NIH Revitalization Amendments: Would have increased research funding for many women's health concerns, including breast cancer and osteoporosis, and also overturn the

controversial ban on federally-sponsored fetal tissue research. The President vetoed an earlier NIH bill, saying such research encourages abortion. A second NIH bill was drafted as a compromise on the fetal tissue provisions: it required that researchers first try the President's proposed "tissue bank" of material from ectopic pregnancies and miscarriages before using tissue from induced abortions. The bill was ready for floor action by mid-September, but time ran out for a vote before adjournment. Supporters promised to reintroduce the bill immediately upon reconvening.

Violence Against Women

The Violence Against Women Act: Called for expanded public education and law enforcement efforts, new shelters for battered women, and most important, it classified violence against women as a federal civil rights offense, subject to punitive damages. Action on the bill was held up by: debate on an omnibus crime bill; objections by opponents that the bill would cause a flood of federal litigation; and review of the bill by several committees. Sponsors vow to make the bill a top priority next session.

Despite these defeats, there were reasons to celebrate during this Congress. Here's the good news:

Women's Health

The Mammography Quality Standards Act: Establishes uniform federal standards for regulating mammography services and radiological equipment, and mandates that all facilities be subject to accreditation and periodic on-site evaluations. The bill passed both houses and was signed into law by October.

The Pacific Yew Act: Directs the government to begin protecting the Pacific Yew tree, whose bark produces Taxol — a substance which shows great promise in treating breast, ovarian and lung cancers. The bill was passed and signed by August.

Army-Sponsored Breast Cancer Research: In a last-minute development during the Department of Defense (DOD) appropriations debate, Congress voted to use \$210 million of the DOD's budget for breast cancer research. It is unclear how DOD plans to use the funds. (In other appropriations action, the Department of Health and Human Services was given \$196 million for breast cancer research; the Centers for Disease Control received \$72 million for its Breast and Cervical Cancer screening program for low-income patients; and Title X received \$174 million, exceeding the Administration's request by \$19 million).

DES Education and Research Amendments: Provides for research into the effects of the hormone diethylstilbestrol, once given to pregnant women. In the offspring of those women, the hormone has been linked to breast and cervical cancer, infertility and other reproductive tract disorders. The measure passed in late summer and was signed by October.

Student Loans

The Higher Education Amendments: Reauthorizes the 1965 Higher Education Act for five more years; increases loan limits of major loan programs like Stafford, SLS and Perkins; and recommends that the Secretary of Education use the income-to-debt ratio standard for determining "economic hardship" (students meeting that criterion can win up to three years deferment). The bill does, however, eliminate the automatic two-year deferment for all residents. The bill was passed and signed by late July.

Thanks to all AMWA members who wrote, called and visited their representatives this year, and who contributed funds to the AMWA Governmental Affairs program.

Those efforts must continue in order to win important victories in the 103rd Congress. Help, and stay informed, by joining our Legislative Network. Call Gillian Thomas at 703-838-0500.

STUDENT SENATE

Our Last Column

by Flora Danque and Jennifer Tuteur
1991-92 National Student Coordinators

As this is our last column, we would like to take the opportunity to thank the 16 women who have served as Regional Student Coordinators (RSCs) this year. They have dedicated time, energy, and personal finances to keep in touch with AMWA members. Many regional conferences, newsletters, and branch reactivations were the result of their hard work.

The RSCs for 1991-92 were:

Region I: Heidi Queen and Sabah Servaes

Region II: Amy Ferry and Susan Gerber

Region III: Sofia Ali

Region IV: Vivian Houg and Parish McKinney

Region V: Jennifer Baxter and Rachel Curtis

Region VI: M. Angela Lapid and Maureen O'Brien

Region VII: Laura France

Region VIII: Deborah Wilson

Region IX: Elizabeth Coughran and Jill Silverman

Region X: Debra Davis

We would also like to thank Drs. Pardo, Arnold, Moore, Judelson, Batchelor, Stewart and Church, and Ms. Sanborn, Woods, Glanz and McGrath at the AMWA national office for their advice, encouragement, and leadership training throughout the year. We both have learned a great deal during our terms as National Student Coordinators (NSCs).

Since this column has gone to print, the new NSCs (see box) and RSCs have been elected. The role of the RSCs is to communicate with all Student Branch Presidents on a regular basis, and to report back to the NSCs. The NSCs then report to the AMWA Board of Directors. Local presidents should be receiving a call/letter from their RSCs soon. Please feel free to contact RSCs or NSCs with any questions you may

have, or call Membership Director Regina Sanborn at the national office at 703-838-0500. All are excellent resources for understanding AMWA's structure, and offering fundraising ideas and names of Ambassadors Program speakers.

Since the National Meeting has just ended, you may have suggestions for speakers and programs for next year. Please mail these to the national AMWA office, attention "Chair, Program Committee." All comments are typed and considered by the whole committee. Student input is always welcomed.

Reminders

If your branch elects new officers in January, please send these names to Regina Sanborn at the national office. If your branch consistently has trouble getting started in the fall, you want to consider January elections.

News

Flora Danque presented an AMWA program at the annual AAMC/OSR meeting in New Orleans

this November. "Healthy Moms, Happy Babies" connects M-1s and M-2s at the University of Missouri-Columbia with pregnant women in need of extra support. Students follow pre-natal care, observe the birth and then follow pediatric visits. This program was featured in a panel of "Community Service Programs" sponsored by the consortium of medical student organizations, of which AMWA is a founding member. If you are interested in starting such a program at your branch, contact Jennifer Tuteur at 314-443-6408.

Congratulations

To Rachel Curtis, Debbi Wilson, and Jennifer Baxter for their superb job in revising the RSC Handbook.

NOTE: Anyone interested in helping to revise the Student Branch Presidents' Handbook should contact the new NSCs.

Finally, we would like to thank all of you for making this an enjoyable year. Our highlights have been the individual contacts we have had with student members throughout the country. Please feel free to contact us if we can be of any help.

Award Winners



Sheri Springs-Phillips (far left), a student at Loyola-Chicago School of Medicine, receives the Carroll L. Birch Award for best research paper from annual meeting presenter Anita Johnson, MD. Sheryl Heron (right) of Howard University College of Medicine addresses meeting delegates after receiving the Janet M. Glasgow Essay Award.

Message from the Director of Students



Winter Doldrums got you? Is it just the weather, or is it chronic fatigue and chronic stress? Remember, the mid-winter holiday season had its origins in early history and reassured the people that winter would end and spring would begin. It seems we need the same reassurance in the academic year. After the initial jubilation about our status as a (first year student, clinical student, resident, practitioner), the "honeymoon is over." Reality sets in. This is hard work!

When is there time for me? (And those important to me.) Sometimes, it is not only hard work. Sometimes the people and the demands are not fair.

I want you to know: You are worth it! You deserve to be a (first year student, clinical student, resident, practitioner)! You are the "cream of the crop." You made it into American medicine over many hurdles, selected from a cohort of many qualified applicants. If you want one of my "I WILL PASS! I WILL MATCH" stickers as a morale booster, let me know. Keep your confidence. You can do it. Take time for yourself. Of course, you have to put in a lot of time in medicine. However, there is a life as well. If the environment is hostile, talk with your colleagues. Just talking about it may give you some strategies as well as solace. Collective action can sometimes result in positive change for everyone: learners and teachers. Call me at 617-397-6017 or 395-8660 if you need an ear.

— Jeanne Arnold, MD

Health Policy Fellowship

In the summer of 1993, the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) Foundation will again sponsor the Washington Health Policy Fellowship Program (WHPFP), which gives ten to fifteen selected medical students an introduction to the health policy field. The program combines seminars with field placements in congressional offices, federal agencies and health advocacy organizations.

The program, offered from June 14 to August 6, 1993, is not limited to AMSA members. Completed applications are due in the AMSA office by January 15, 1993.

For information, call Doris Ralston of the AMSA Foundation at 703-620-6600, ext. 207.

Our Thanks

Thanks to the Regional Governors, other AMWA Members, and pharmaceutical companies for their generous donations to student events and student housing funds for education-

al programs at AMWA meetings. This year, 25 students were helped with this support.

— Flora and Jennifer

Student Loan Update

Applications for AMWA's 1993 Student Loan Program will be mailed to interested students beginning in January 1993. If you are interested in applying for a student loan of \$1000-\$2000, to be awarded in late summer 1993, contact Marie Glanz at the AMWA national office at 703-838-0500.

President, continued

awareness and prevention programs for young people, and has selected as her 1993 AMWA theme *Prevention Through Education*. She has also promoted better self-care and health awareness for medical students, founding the Student Hour Support program and the innovative "Physicians and the Arts" elective program at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

Dr. Dickstein is a fellow and Vice-President of the American Psychiatric Association, a fellow of the American College of Psychiatrists and the American College Health Association, and a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, the national medical honor society.

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New NSCs



Sofia Ali of Region III (left) and Rachel Curtis of Region V were elected 1992-93 National Student Coordinators at the recent AMWA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Watch for their first column, as well as the names of the new Regional Student Coordinators, in the February 1993 issue of What's Happening in AMWA.

RESIDENT ROUNDS

"The Last Word"

by Mary E. Bongiovi, MD, PhD
1991-92 Resident Representative

When I began to think of what I should write in this, my last column for Resident Rounds, I drew a complete blank. For those who know me well — and maybe for those who know me less well — my having little-to-nothing to say is a rare occurrence. As I like to think that I am self-reflective, being a psychiatrist and all, I began to ponder what this might be all about.

My first thought was that I literally had nothing to say. As I mentioned above, this happens rarely, if at all, in my life. It only led me to think that there must be something else going on.

I next reflected that this represented denial as a resistance. If I cannot write my last column, then I cannot finish my term as Resident Representative to the Board. Sounds pretty shrinky but I think there is something to it.

As I have mentioned in the past, I have been very involved in AMWA since beginning medical school. I came from a family in which there were no women professionals, and I was hard-pressed to figure out how it was that I could manage being a mother, as my own had been full-time, and a "career woman." Through AMWA, I began to learn how a multitude of women physicians before me had grappled with — and come up with solutions to — this

very same issue. As I became more involved in my training to become a physician, many more issues surfaced and again I could turn to my colleagues and friends in AMWA for inspiration and advice.

With time, my involvement in AMWA changed from the local level to the national level. After serving as the branch vice-president and then as president, I was elected National Student Coordinator. Sitting on the Board, representing the student voice, taught me a lot about the policy of AMWA, but more importantly, I learned how to be a policy-maker and leader.

The skills I have learned and the experience I have gained through AMWA have been invaluable for my career. I have learned to speak about important issues in a cogent and diplomatic way. I think I am perceived as a no-nonsense person who knows the bottom line and is not reluctant to express it. My involvement in AMWA has propelled me to become more involved in my own specialty society. My experience in organized medicine, gained through AMWA, resulted in my being nominated for and accepted as a Burroughs-Welcome Fellow in the American Psychiatric Association.

The more important aspects of my involvement in AMWA are the friends I have made. Throughout my membership in the association I have met bright and wonderful women. I have maintained a close friendship with a handful of these women. These friends are very dear to me.

Having served this past year as Resident Representative, I have continued to serve this organization to which I am very committed. I know, however, I have gotten much more out of the association than I will ever be able to give.

So it is with some remorse that I end my tenure as Resident Representative to the Board of AMWA. I feel somehow that the debit/credit sheet is not quite balanced. As I suggest

above, it is unclear how long I would have to serve AMWA to give back in equal measure all that I have received.

In addition, it is as if I am going through a mourning period as I relinquish my role to another resident. It is true that I will mourn the loss of the position, but it is larger than that. I mourn the people with whom I have had the pleasure of working and sharing, including both the staff and the members of the association.

It is difficult for me to leave, as I feel I am walking away from an important part of my life. My inability to initiate and complete this article in a timely manner (I sent in the draft a week later than the deadline, which is not like the obsessive person that I am) speaks to the difficulty I had addressing the myriad of feelings awakened around it.

I do not know how to end this piece. I suppose I really do not need to end it formally. Instead, I will leave this as an unfinished piece since it reflects my interest in continuing with AMWA. All I can say is this is not the last word.

President, Continued

AMWA Makes News

In addition to the 45 educational workshops offered at the meeting, AMWA made the headlines with its meeting theme, *Women Promoting Women's Health*. The *Kansas City Star* published an op-ed article by Dr. Gonzalez-Pardo before the meeting on the power of the women's vote. AMWA members Roselyn Payne Epps, MD and Mary Jane England, MD, were cited in *USA Today* as potential candidates for high-level health positions in the new Clinton Administration. The *New York Times* interviewed Lila Wallis, MD, on AMWA's Women's Health Curriculum plans. AMWA Program Chair Debra Judelson, MD, briefed San Francisco radio listeners on the latest meeting developments.

In other press events, an ABC-affiliate covered the AMWA session on domestic violence, noting the physi-

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New Resident Officers

At the recent AMWA Annual Meeting in San Francisco, Kathy Keller, MD, of Leslie, Michigan was voted 1992-93 Resident Representative to the AMWA Board. The new Director of Residents is Cheryl Weinstein, MD, of Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Watch for Dr. Keller's first Resident Rounds column in the February 1993 issue of *What's Happening in AMWA*.

BULLETIN BOARD

Recruitment Thanks

AMWA wishes to thank the following members who, as part of the 1991-1992 Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD, Recruitment Campaign, recruited **265 new members** into AMWA during the period August 1 - September 30, 1992:

Jodi Aragona; Rose Baghdady; Heather Bartlett; Jennifer Baxter; Katherine Budzac, MD; Leah J. Dickstein, MD; Susan Gerber; Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD;

Shannon Hader; Betty Hamilton; Sheryl Hemmen; Catherine A. Henry, MD; Jean Holt, MD; Debra R. Judelson, MD; Debra McCormack; Lesly T. Mega, MD; Connie Micek; Julie Mitchell;

Elaine Reed, MD; Roya Rezee; M.M. Rosenthal, MD; Kristen Savola; Margaret Scandura; Gwendolyn S. Smythe, MD; Mica Sovak; Diane Titcomb; Shelley Turner; Amy Wechsler; Maureen Whelihan; and Jane Winston, MD.

1993 Awards

January 2, 1993 is the deadline for nominations for AMWA's 1993 Blackwell, Van Hoosen, Mermod and Calcium Nutrition Education Awards. Direct any questions, and your nominations with CVs, to Marie Glanz, AMWA, 801 N. Fairfax, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA. 22314. Tel. 703-838-0500; fax 703-549-3864.

Dues Decision

The AMWA House of Delegates approved a membership dues increase on November 13 at the AMWA Annual Meeting. The new dues rates, with effective dates, are: \$195 for Regular Member and \$130 Retired Member (both effective January 1, 1993); \$70 Resident Member (effective July 1, 1993); and \$45 for Student Member (total for all years as student, and effective September 1, 1993).

New! Major Medical Plan

AMWA now offers a new Major Medical Insurance Plan, providing comprehensive coverage of up to \$1 million in lifetime protection.

All AMWA members under age 65 are eligible to apply for coverage for themselves, their spouses, and unmarried dependent children to age 19 (23 if a full-time student). Employees of AMWA members, and their spouses and unmarried dependent children, are also eligible to apply.

The program, underwritten by Continental Casualty Company and administered by Albert H. Wohlers & Co. of Chicago, offers two different coverage plans and the choice of three deductible amounts.

The Comprehensive Plan pays 80% of the first \$5,000 in covered expenses per year, after the deductible, and then 100% of all eligible expenses per year. The Economy Plan pays 70% of the first \$10,000 in covered expenses per year after the deductible, and then 100% of eligible expenses. Participants can choose the amount of their deductible — \$300, \$500 or \$1000 — and thus vary their premium payments.

The plan covers a variety of hospital, surgical and medical costs. For information, write: Albert H. Wohlers & Co., AMWA Group INSURANCE PLANS, 1440 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068-1400. Or call Toll Free: 1-800-323-2106.



Francis Conley, MD (right), Stanford neurosurgeon and AMWA guest speaker, discusses the annual meeting with AMWA President-Elect Kathryn Bemmann, MD (center), and Lila A. Willis, MD, an AMWA past president.

President's Retreat

AMWA Board members and committee chairs: mark your calendars for the 1993 President's Retreat, scheduled for February 5-7 at the Ramada Hotel in Alexandria, Virginia.

AMWA Exhibits Art

If you visited the AMWA office in Alexandria, Virginia this past fall, you may have noticed some beautiful prints and photographs on the walls. Thanks to an agreement between AMWA and the women-owned *Corner Gallery* of Front Royal, Virginia, AMWA was a temporary exhibit space for 29 pieces of art by 9 women artists associated with the gallery. Among the represented artists: AMWA member and photographer Diana Helentjaris, MD, of Leesburg, Virginia.

The exhibit arrangement, which may be repeated in 1993, gives new visibility to gallery artists and adds color and appeal to the AMWA office space. In addition, the Corner Gallery will donate \$15% of all sales proceeds to the AMWA Foundation. If you are in town, stop by and take a look. For information about Gallery artists, call 703-635-9595.

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cian's role in detecting abuse. Doctors Susan Stewart and Susan Fiester briefed reporters about smoking cessation techniques for women, at a telephone-linked press conference on November 12. And Marjorie Braude, MD, Chair of AMWA's Subcommittee on RU-486, made national waves for AMWA at a November 14 press conference sponsored by AMWA and Physicians for RU-486. Calling on President-Elect Bill Clinton to take immediate action to bring RU-486 into the U.S. for research and testing on women's health conditions, Dr. Braude was widely covered by the Associated Press wire service and radio, and by National Public Radio.

For more meeting highlights and photos, watch for the January issue of JAMWA.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 2, 1993

Awards Nominations Deadline

February 5-7, 1993

AMWA President's Retreat
Alexandria, Virginia

June 25-28, 1993

AMWA Interim Meeting
Washington, D.C.

October 30 - Nov. 2, 1993

AMWA Women's Health
Curriculum Course
New York City

November 3-7, 1993

AMWA Annual Meeting
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June 24-25, 1994

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AMWA Annual Meeting
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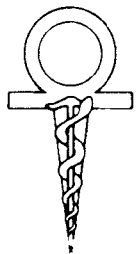
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