



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN

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First Advanced Curriculum On Women's Health Held

The first AMWA Advanced Curriculum on Women's Health: Part I - Midlife and Mature Years (45 to 75) was held October 29-November 1, 1993 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City. The intense three-day program featured national experts discussing topics such as demographic changes, breast cancer, menopause, osteoporosis, cardiovascular disease, smoking cessation, mental health, substance abuse and domestic violence. Hands on workshops were given in cervical screening, endometrial biopsy and Pap smears.

"We were thrilled to be presenting such an unprecedented workshop," said Lila Wallis, MD, Course Director. "AMWA has made history with this course and I am looking forward to presenting the Advanced Curriculum on Women's Health Part II: Birth to 45 and Advanced Years 80 Plus."

The majority of the 250 physicians participating in the course were general practitioners who wanted to learn more about meeting their women patients' health care needs.

AMWA thanks The UpJohn Company for their generous educational grant which was instrumental in developing the curriculum. Bristol Myers Squibb, Marion Merrell Dow, Mead Johnson Division, Trylon Corporation and Zeneca Pharmaceuticals also contributed to this effort.

Top Recruiters Lead AMWA Membership Campaign

The results are in for the 1992-1993 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 884 new AMWA members in the past year.

The 1992-93 Individual Recruitment Winners include: Leah J. Dickstein, MD (38 new members), Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD (31 new members), Lori Daughters (27 new members); Kathleen MacNaughton (24 new members); and Jennifer Gilby (22 new members).

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Kathryn C. Bemmman, MD, Named President

At the largest Annual Meeting in AMWA's history, psychiatrist Kathryn C. Bemmman, MD, of Waukesha, Wisconsin, was inaugurated on November 6 as AMWA 1993-1994 President.

Delegates to the New York City meeting, held from November 3-7, 1993 with more than 900 participants, also selected Diana L. Dell, MD, obstetrician/gynecologist with Duke Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina, as President-Elect.

At the annual transfer of AMWA leadership, members bade farewell to outgoing president Leah J. Dickstein, MD, who presided over a successful conference and an eventful year of activism, which she summarized in a special Farewell Address on November 6.

Also elected at the meeting were Vice-President of Program Diane Helentjaris, MD, Director, Loudoun County Department of Health, Virginia; and Vice-President of Communications Donnica L. Moore, MD, Associate Director, Medical Education Center, Sandoz Pharmaceuticals Corporation, New Jersey. Re-elected to her position as Vice-President of Career Development is Sharyn A. Lenhart, MD, psychiatrist in Concord, Massachusetts.

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Kathryn C. Bemmman, MD

AMWA Supports Clinton Plan

In a special meeting, AMWA's Executive Committee of the Board of Directors voted to support President Clinton's health care reform plan, the Health Security Act.

Following the vote of support for the proposed legislation, AMWA President Kathryn C. Bemmman, MD, participated in a White House press conference with President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. Ten physician organizations representing more than 300,000 physicians attended the conference including ACOG, AAP, AAFM, ASIM, ACP, NMA, ACPM, ATS and NHMA. Six other AMWA leaders attended the

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YEAR IN REVIEW

Eileen McGrath, JD, CAE

AMWA has witnessed continued growth in influence and numbers. Here is a wrap-up of the major achievements from September 1992 through August 1993.

New Activities

AMWA launched the first Advanced Curriculum on Women's Health (detailed in this issue). The association began work on two grant-funded programs: a Center for Disease Control funded educational grant promotes early detection and control of breast and cervical cancer; and a John Merck Fund grant to develop a medical school curriculum on reproductive health.

Clinton Administration Events

With the election of the first Democratic president in 12 years, Janet E. Freedman, MD, Co-chair, AMWA's Ad Hoc Committee on Health Care Reform, was appointed to the President's Health Care Task Force, Health Care Professionals Review Group. AMWA members were present when President Clinton signed several bills into law. On the Cabinet level, AMWA members supported the nomination of U.S. Surgeon General, Joycelyn Elders, MD, and testified before the Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary of Health.

Policy Issues

Laura L. McCann, MD, Regional Governor, Region I, testified before Senator Kennedy's Labor and Human Resources Committee on the need for preventive services in women's health. The organization supported legislation on breast cancer, violence against women, student loans, advancement of women in science, reproductive freedom and tobacco regulation. During two lobby days and the Interim Meeting, AMWA members supported legislation on women's health issues.

Co-Sponsorship

AMWA co-sponsored several programs. Among the most notable were the National Mental Health Association/National Public Education Campaign on Clinical Depression; and a menopause education program with the Business and Professional Women USA.

Media Opportunities

News conferences sponsored by AMWA were held on RU486, violence against physicians, health care reform, legislation to develop a medical school curriculum on domestic violence and women's preventive health behaviors. As a result of their efforts with AMWA, a national survey and a series of articles on women's health issues appeared in Prevention magazine.

Membership

AMWA experienced a 3.5 percent increase in members with an 8.3 percent increase in Regular Members. Our Member-Get-A-Member campaign recruited almost 600 new members. More than 800 members — a new record — attended the 77th Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Fundraising

Successful fundraising campaigns by the AMWA Foundation resulted in more than \$600,000 in grants and more than \$60,000 in contributions. AMWA's funding and support through AWHF enabled the purchase of \$8,000 in medical equipment and \$33,000 in project funding for clinics in medically underserved areas. AMWA's medical education scholarship fund grew to more than \$80,000. AMWA granted more than \$85,000 in medical educational loans.

Conclusion

This year's success presents a challenge to AMWA members to continue to expand our organization in 1994.

"Ask Me About Women and Health Care Reform" Campaign

With the national debate over health care reform in full swing, AMWA is taking action to make sure the interests of women patients are fully addressed. At the annual meeting in New York City, AMWA launched its "Ask Me About Women and Health Care Reform" Campaign, enlisting dozens of physicians and medical students from around the nation to act as spokeswomen for women's health needs.

The AMWA "Ask Me About Women and Health Care Reform" campaign is based on the philosophy that medical professionals, and specifically women physicians, are the key to educating the public about the impact of the proposed Clinton health care reform plan on women's health care issues.

The "Ask Me About..." Campaign is designed to bring the voice of women physicians to the press, elected officials and your personal network. The campaign is created so that you can participate at whatever level of activity is comfortable for you.

To accommodate your needs, AMWA in conjunction with Bass and Howes, a women's policy consulting firm, has prepared a campaign booklet that provides participants with background information, talking points, specific examples on how to work with the press, information about contacting your elected officials, and how to communicate with your friends and colleagues.

For a campaign booklet, write: "Ask Me About..." Campaign, Bass and Howes, 1601 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009, or call (202) 328-2200.

Dues Reminder

Membership dues invoices were mailed to Regular Members in November. If you did not receive one, please contact AMWA at 703/838-0500. By sending your payment today, you ensure that AMWA services will continue through 1994.

STUDENT SENATE

What Do We Do Now?

by Rose Baghdady and Kristen Savola,
National Student Coordinators

It seems fitting for the new National Student Coordinators to provide some nuts-and-bolts information. What local chapters do at home is the most important aspect of AMWA, and our job is to make your efforts more successful. The information here should help orient you.

- **Contact your Regional Student Coordinator (RSC).** She is your liaison among the national office and the NSC. To ensure an exchange of information bring questions in one hand and information for the student newsletter in the other. Anyone can contact the RSC, but the chapter president must! If you do not have an established chapter, appoint yourself as the official contact person so that you will receive all the important information from the national office. Here is a list of the RSCs:

Lisa Pratt 617/527-1209

(ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI)

Barbara Hessel 718/823-9378 and

Jenny Libien 718/857-6561 (NY, NJ)

Michelle Horvath 804/977-6698

(DE, MD, PA, VA, DC)

Jennifer Elliott 919/942-6925 and

Charmette Huggins 919/932-3489

(FL, GA, NC, SC, PR)

Kelly Burst-Singer 918/749-3747 and

Devi Merchant 409/763-4786

(AL, AK, LA, MS, TN, OK, TX)

Audrey Cheung 708/623-6643 and

Jen Schroeder 513/879-3572

(IL, KY, OH, MI, WV, WI, ID)

Emily Garabedian 314/361-7423

(IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD)

Debbie Wilson 602/298-6924

(AZ, CO, NM, UT, WY)

Nicole House 213/666-0995 and

Pamela Petersen-Crair 510/654-5111

(CA, NV, HI)

Jennifer Adu-Frimpong 503/223-8766

(AK, ID, MT, OR, WA)

- **Submit information to the student newsletter.** Let everyone know what you have done and your plans for the future. The deadline to submit information to your RSC is February 1, 1994. The featured topic is "Starting a Mentor Program."

- **Suggest a name for the newsletter.** The current name is The Rag. If you

would prefer a new name, submit creative suggestions to Rose Baghdady 314/362-6629.

- **If there is no chapter at your school (or even if there is): Arrange to have lunch with friends or acquaintances.** Your conversation doesn't have to delve deeply into politics or "women's issues." You can talk about classes/rotation/life in general. If you find yourselves with the same concerns, ask yourselves, "What are we going to do about it?" Scan issues of the student newsletter for program ideas that may help to address the issues raised during your lunch-time conversation. Once you have eight women medical students, you can contact your RSC to start an AMWA chapter.

- **Attend a conference.** Check bulletin boards, read newsletters and ask your RSC about the regional conferences nearest you. Talk to your dean about when your university or a university nearby will have a symposium. Inquire about financial aid to attend these conferences. Start now to plan and raise funds for AMWA's 78th Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, November 2-6, 1994. At the Annual Meeting you can join a committee, run for office, meet people and attend workshops.

- **Contact your local physician branch.** Your branch president and RSC have a leadership directory and can help you reach your local physician branch. Many meet regularly and welcome students. It's a great way to find a mentor. Some physician branches have been formed around mentoring and other programs started by students.

For more information, contact your National Student Coordinators: Kristen Savola 212/740-0378 or Rose Baghdady 314/362-6629 e-mail: W95_Baghdady@WUMS.WUSTLED.U. If you can't afford the call, we'll call you back.

Look for Resident Rounds in the next issue

Recruiters *Continued from Page 1*

Dr. Dickstein, AMWA Past President, was the top individual recruiter bringing in 38 new members. Dr. Dickstein also recruited the greatest number of Regular Members and Resident Members. For her efforts, Dr. Dickstein won United Airlines tickets. She was honored at AMWA's 78th Annual Meeting with the four other top recruiters.

For her efforts in recruiting the greatest number of medical student members, Lori Daughters also won United Airline tickets.

Each of the five winners was recognized for her achievement with prizes and a Certificate of Appreciation. Each will have her name engraved on a plaque in the AMWA office.

Thanks to the AMWA members who participated in the campaign including 176 AMWA members, two physician branches, and 112 student branches.

The leading recruiter in the branch categories was Loma Linda University recruiting 33 new members. Jennifer Rae Baxter and nine student branches qualified for one free registration to the 78th Annual Meeting in New York City.

Legislative Interns Needed

AMWA is accepting applications for four legislative interns. The one-month internship offers an opportunity to contribute to AMWA's Government Affairs program, while learning how women's health policy is processed through Congress. Contact Gillian Thomas, AMWA's Legislative Assistant, 703/838-0500. Deadline: January 31, 1994.

Legislative Wrap-Up

The first session of the 103rd Congress adjourned in late November and the members have returned to their home districts for the holiday season. Here is a wrap-up of some of the last days' action, and a look ahead to 1994.

The **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)** has passed both houses of Congress. Many thanks to the AMWA members who communicated with their elected officials during the past several months advocating for this omnibus measure tackling gender-based violence.

The VAWA was passed in different forms in the House and Senate and after the recess will be sent to a conference committee comprised of members from both houses so that a single bill can be hammered out for final approval.

The two key differences between the versions are: The House bill omits the crucial civil rights provision which designates gender-based violence as a civil rights offense. The Senate bill does not contain a provision protecting the interests of battered immigrant women who often remain in abusive homes because they fear deportation if they seek protection from the authorities.

The **Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act (FACE)** addresses the abortion clinic violence which has escalated against abortion providers and facilities nationwide, most tragically illustrated by the murder of Florida physician David Gunn, MD, last March.

The bill prohibits anti-abortion protesters from using force, the threat of force, or physical obstruction to prevent the delivery of abortion services. The bill also authorizes substantial fines (up to \$100,000) and jail time for offenders.

FACE passed both houses in late November. As with the VAWA, a conference committee will be appointed after the holiday recess.

The 1994 funding measure for the **Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education**

cleared both houses in late October.

Under the bill, which included the infamous Hyde amendment prohibiting Medicaid coverage for abortion services, women's health programs administered by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), received small increases. Title X, which provides family planning services to low-income women, received \$180.9 million, up \$7.5 million from last year. STD prevention, screening and treatment programs were allotted nearly \$100 million, an increase of \$10 million. The Breast and Cervical Cancer screening program for low-income women won \$78 million, up \$6.8 million.

The **Women's Health Equity Act (WHEA)** is not just one bill, but a comprehensive package of women's health measures.

AMWA is excited about the **Health Profession Education** in the Women's Health Act, which requires a federal survey of the women's health training received in health professions schools. Also of note is the **Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Studies Act**, which directs the Federal Trade Commission to study the cigarette advertising aimed at women and minorities.

In late October, President Clinton introduced the **Health Security Act** to Congress, setting in motion a frenzy of health care reform activity nationwide, which will intensify in the coming months.

AMWA has had significant contact with the Administration to ensure full coverage for women's health concerns. In addition to its membership in the Health Care Reform Project, and the Grassroots Project of the Campaign for Women's Health, AMWA has launched the "Ask Me About Women and Health Care Reform" Campaign, its own grassroots effort, to make women physicians heard around the country.

Although AMWA has supported the Clinton Plan, and its leadership

applauds the Administration's core principles for health care reform, such as universal coverage and emphasis on preventive care, AMWA also has voiced concern that the package offers inadequate coverage of certain women's health services. Under the plan, for example, mammograms are covered only after age 50, and then only every two years unless the patient is determined to be at high risk. Pap smears are covered every three years, after three normal smears and every two years after age 40. If the woman is at risk for STDs, she would be covered more frequently.

Here's what you can do during the holiday recess:

Violence Against Women Act. Contact Rep. Jack Brooks (D-TX) the Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, and Rep. Don Edwards (D-CA), Chair of the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, and urge them to stand firm on the House's battered immigrant women provision, and to accept the Senate's version of Title III (the civil rights provision). Also, thank Sen. Joe Biden (D-DE) for his leadership and ask him to accept the House's battered immigrant women provision, and to continue defending Title III.

Health Care Reform. Start voicing your concern now about the issues affecting women. Key points are the need for improved mammography and reproductive health coverage. Stress the fact that without abortion coverage under the plan, women's health needs will not be fully met.

Also emphasize the need for a \$2 increase in the federal cigarette excise tax (the plan calls for a 75 cent increase). Such a tax is a hefty revenue-raiser (to pay for the new health system) and a deterrent to smokers (especially those underage). The national office has talking points on this issue.

The "Ask Me About Women and Health Care Reform" Campaign. Be sure to join AMWA's greatest advocacy effort ever which is described in detail in this issue.

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Continuing to serve two-year terms are Vice-President of Finance Satty Keswani, MD, gynecologist, Livingston, New Jersey; and Vice-President of Membership Debra R. Judelson, MD, cardiologist, Beverly Hills, California.

Dr. Bemmann Discusses Challenges

A long-standing advocate for women's health care, Dr. Bemmann brings 30 years of psychiatric, administrative and community activist work to the AMWA presidency. Currently, Dr. Bemmann is a psychiatrist in private practice and a staff psychiatrist at the Waukesha County Mental Health Center in Waukesha, Wisconsin. She also is Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

"It is an honor to serve as president of an organization representing 13,000 women physicians at this time in history, said Dr. Bemmann. "I am particularly eager to make sure women's health issues take a front seat in health care reform."

She has a special interest in the effects of victimization and violence in women's health and in preventing violence against women.

Dr. Bemmann was an early advocate for women's health concerns co-founding the Waukesha Women's Center in 1977. Today, the Women's Center counsels, supports and trains women.

An AMWA member since 1968, Dr. Bemmann has provided leadership at the local, state and national levels.

She received her medical degree from Marquette University School of Medicine, now the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Medical Students: Get Involved

AMWA has launched a grass-roots organizing project for medical students around the issue of tobacco excise taxes and health care reform. To receive a campus organizing kit, contact Gillian Thomas, 703/838-0500.

JAMWA Announces New Editor

Wendy Chavkin, MD, MPH, is the new editor-in-chief of the Journal of the American Medical Women's Association (JAMWA).

Dr. Chavkin holds an appointment in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Beth Israel Medical Center and is Associate Professor, Clinical Public Health and Ob/Gyn at Columbia University School of Public Health and College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City.

Dr. Chavkin has an extensive background and interest in women's health issues. She has been a Research Fellow of the Rockefeller Foundation where she conducted research on the social construction of conflict between mother and fetus and its impact on the health of poor women. She received the American Health Magazine Book Award for Double Exposure: Women's Health Hazards on the Job and at Home. Dr. Chavkin also has been a Public Service Science Fellow of the National Science Foundation where



she researched occupational hazards to reproduction. In the late 1980s, she was Director of Maternity Services and Family Planning of the New York City Department of Health.

In addition to these national awards, Dr. Chavkin serves on numerous national commissions and task forces.

She has authored 27 peer review articles, edited one book and written for 16 other publications.

"My objective is to enhance JAMWA's significant role in advocating for women's health concerns and in examining issues that confront women physicians," said Dr. Chavkin. "Recent recognition of the importance of gender on health and health care reform, makes this an exciting moment to focus on women's health and health care."

Dr. Chavkin will begin her position as editor-in-chief with the July 1994 issue of JAMWA.

AMWA wants to thank Kathryn E. McGoldrick, MD, for her outstanding service during the past 11 years as editor-in-chief of JAMWA. Under Dr. McGoldrick's direction JAMWA expanded its outreach. We commend Dr. McGoldrick for her dedication and professionalism.



Janet E. Freedman, MD, shakes President Clinton's hand after serving on the President's Health Care Task Force, Health Care Professionals Review Group.



Janet Rose Osuch, MD, and Susan C. Stewart, MD, speak about the need for mammograms in women 40-49 during the American Cancer Society press briefing.



Kathryn C. Bemmann, MD, talks to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton about health care reform.

Director of Students

Jeanne F. Arnold, MD

"How do you identify the best residencies?" is a question frequently asked when I visit medical school campuses to talk about transition to residency. My answer is "there are no perfect residencies." All residencies are evaluated by the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education through its respective Residency Review Committees. To become accredited, they must all meet certain standards which have been set for residency education. While many meet or exceed standards, none succeed in achieving an outstanding rating in all areas. The environment, the patient population, resident supervision or the didactic learning are all factors to consider.

As medical students, you have been selected from a large group of bright, articulate individuals. You will all meet the competencies required of physicians. When your dean's letter is written, you will be described as outstanding; there are no unsatisfactory graduating medical students.

As you review the residencies, consider the environment, the teaching style and the other residents. Is this a place where you can be comfortable for three to nine years? If, after you review five to 15 programs, it feels right, trust your intuition. It is probably right for you. It is less important to be at a well-known institution and more important that you are in an environment that meets your needs, affords you an opportunity to learn, and allows you to apply the knowledge you gained in medical school.

This is my last column as Carolyn Webber, MD, is the new Director of Students. Nonetheless, I shall continue to care about you and your transition to residency and beyond. If you want to talk with me or wish me to speak at your school, write Jeanne F. Arnold, MD, The Malden Hospital, Family Practice Residency, Malden, Massachusetts 02148.

AMWA Launches the 1993-94 Leah J. Dickstein, MD, Recruitment Campaign

The AMWA Member-Get-A-Member campaign for 1993-94 has begun. The campaign has been named in honor of the recruiting accomplishments of AMWA's Past President, Leah J. Dickstein, MD.

The top individual recruiter for the period October 1, 1993 to September 30, 1994 will win the new Leah J. Dickstein, MD, Recruitment Campaign.

The next four achievement levels of the 1993-94 campaign are named in honor of the 1992-93 recruitment winner. The campaign is named as follows:

- **Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD, Club**
(Level 4: 20+ new members)

- **Lori Daughters Club**
(Level 3: 10-19 new members)
- **Kathleen MacNaughton Club**
(Level 2: five to nine new members)
- **Jennifer Gilby Club**
(Level 1: one to four new members)

All campaign participants who recruit new members will receive gifts based on the number of members recruited. Each recruiter will be recognized in the newsletter. Awards will be announced at AMWA's 79th Annual Meeting, November 2-6, 1994 in Orlando, Florida. See insert for more information on the recruitment campaign and for the ways in which you can participate.

Recruitment Thanks

AMWA wishes to thank the following members who as part of the 1992-93 **Lillian Gonzalez Pardo, MD, Recruitment Campaign**, recruited 884 new members from October 1, 1992 through September 30, 1993. Thanks to the following members for participating in the campaign:

Lynne Abruzzo, MD	Maria Dizon	Mary Jackson, MD	Roya Rezaee
Ghea Adeboyajo	Heidi Dupret	Marie Jahantgen, MD	Amy Rothberg
Sofia M. Ali, MD	Kathleen Dudenhoefer, MD	Margery Johnson, MD	Bernice Sachs, MD
Jeanne F. Arnold, MD	Joan Durbin, MD	Debra R. Judelson, MD	Kathleen Santi, MD
Rose Baghdady	Robin Edward, MS	Tessa Kauphusman	Margaret Scandura, MD
Noel Bairey, MD	Raonak Ekram	Leslie J. Kohman, MD	Lisa Schmid, MD
Eva Balash, MD	Jennifer Elliott	Cathy Kocarek	Eileen Schweickert, DO
Heather Bartlett	Margaret Engdahl	Mary Kraft, MD	Ann Selzer, MD
Doris G. Bartuska, MD	Lynn Epstein, MD	Gunnbjorg Lavoll, MD	Rochelle Shapiro, MD
Allison J. Batchelor, MD	Marny Eulberg, MD	Ellen Lazarus, MD	Jean Siebenaler, MD
Jodi Bayley	Beth Familant	Eunice Lee	Leslie Sinn
Jennifer Rae Baxter	Elaine Feldman, MD	Flora Leigh, MD	Melissa O. Smith
Emogener Bedrosian, MD	Nancy Rector-Finney	Erin Lynch	Iris Soliman, MD
Maureen Behr	Mary Fontana, MD	Sue Maben	A.C. Squires
Kathryn C. Bemmann, MD	Jean L. Fourcroy, MD	Kathleen MacNaughton	Susan Stegman, MD
Anne Bernstein, MD	Deborah Friedman, MD	Kathy Maupin, MD	Susan C. Stewart, MD
Nancy Binder, MD	Suzanne Frye, MD	Debra McCormack	Cecilia Stuopis
LeClair Bissel, MD	Gerrie Gardner, DO	Lesly T. Mega, MD	Susan Swick
Emily Brewer, MD	Lisa Garza	Marlene Mendiones, MD	Carrie Sylvester, MD
Brenda Brischetto	Roberta Gebhard, PO	Melissa Merideth	Mary Tarail
Michelle Brochner	Susan Gerber	Connie Micek	Mary Templeton, MD
Susan C. Brozena, MD	Sheryl Gern, MD	Jennifer Miller	Jennifer Thie, MD
Moir Burke, MD	Linda Getz-Larson, MD	Donnica L. Moore, MD	Pauline Titus-Dillon, MD
Marian Butterfield, MD	Gita Gidwani, MD	Margaret Mullins, MD	Kim Tjaden
Marlene Calderone	Jennifer Gilby	Frances Murphy, MD	Allison Tonkin
Selma Calmes, MD	Allison Gilhousen	Maureen Nelson, MD	Rebecca Tung
Gayle Carpenter	Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD	Carol Ness	Jennifer Utley
Setsuko Chambers, MD	Catherine Goodstein	Kaaren A. Nichols, MD	Christina Verna
Audrey Cheung	Janet Gorkin, MD	Beti Nissan	Rachel Vile
Grace Chou	Dana Grbic	Georgia Nolph, MD	Rachel Voogt
Elinor T. Christiansen, MD	Norah Griffith	Lyn Norman	Dorothy Vura-Weis, MD
Nancy R.G. Church, MD	Mary Guinan, MD	Barbara Nylund, MD	Lila A. Wallis, MD
Heather Cqats	Janet Hale, MD	Marcia Ormsby, MD	Charlotte Anne Waugh
Andrea Crane	Patricia Harper, MD	Kathy Parker	Carolyn Webber, MD
Laura Culley, MD	Toni Harris, MD	M. Whitney Parnell	Cheryl Weinstein, MD
Lori Daughters	Esterbelle Heceta, MD	Naomi Parry, MD	Judith Weisman, MD
Mary David, MD	Diane Helentjaris, MD	J. Patok	Carolyn Wepman
Margaret Davies, MD	Sheryl Heron, MD	Dena Peterson	Suzanne A. Widrow, MD
Debra Davis	Clarita Herrera, MD	Jane Petro, MD	Laura Willenborg
Pat Dawson, MD	Day Hills	Lauren Plawner	Julia Winter
Diana L. Dell, MD	K. Sarah Hoehn	Mara Rubin	Jane Winston, MD
Vickie DeVito, MD	Susan Hotz	Luz Racela, MD	Joan Wurmbrand, MD
Leah J. Dickstein, MD	Joy Huddleston	Patricia Randal, MD	Cheryl Zaret, MD
Martha Dodson	Nicole Hydock	Martha Regan-Smith, MD	Lana Zarlena

AMWA Thanks Its Sponsors

On behalf of AMWA's 13,000 women physicians and medical students, President Kathryn C. Bemmman, MD, and the Board of Directors wish to express their deepest appreciation to those companies that supported AMWA's Advanced Curriculum on Women's Health and the 78th Annual Meeting.

Special thanks to Marion Merrell Dow for increasing AMWA's visibility both at the Advanced Curriculum on Women's Health and the Annual Meeting. Through the efforts of Boasberg Valentine-Radford, a public relations firm, more than 20 reporters attended the week-long activities.

In addition, the Marion Merrell Dow sponsored Medical Writers' Seminar was another success with approximately 15 reporters representing professional medical press and publications such as Mirabella, Self, New Woman, Woman's Day and McCalls. During the month following the conference, AMWA received more than 40 media inquiries, many with regard to AMWA's New York activity.

The Board of Directors is grateful to The UpJohn Company for their generous educational grant which enabled AMWA to develop its extremely well-received Advanced Curriculum on Women's Health. AMWA Board members recognize how difficult it is to sponsor a new program. We applaud The UpJohn Company for serving as a pioneer in sponsoring this innovative program.

Dr. Bemmman and AMWA's Board of Directors also wish to salute Bristol Myers Squibb, Mead Johnson Division, Marion Merrell Dow, Trylon Corporation and Zeneca Pharmaceuticals for making AMWA's Advanced Curriculum on Women's Health such a professional success.

**Remember to Renew
Your AMWA
Membership**

BULLETIN BOARD

WANTED: MWIA Delegates and Attendees

AMWA members interested in participating as a delegate at the 23rd International Congress of the Medical Women's International Association in the Hague, Netherlands, May 7-12, 1995, please contact Estherina Shems, MD, MWIA Corresponding Secretary, 1310 Wyngate Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096; Phone: 215/649-0697. If you are interested in attending the conference, contact Dr. Shems or Marie Glanz, AMWA, 703/838-0500. Note: If you are an AMWA member in good standing, you are a member of MWIA.

Student Loan Update

Applications for AMWA's 1994 Student Loan Program will be mailed to interested students beginning in January 1994. The deadline for completed applications is April 15, 1994. If you are interested in applying for a student loan of \$1,000 to \$2,000, to be awarded in late summer 1994, contact Marie Glanz, AMWA, 703/838-0500.

Staff Changes

Sheri Singer is AMWA's new Director of Public Affairs. Ms. Singer brings to AMWA 15 years of association and corporate experience. Most recently, she was an Account Supervisor with Ruder Finn, an international public relations firm.

Ms. Singer is the recipient of a national American Society of Association Executives' Gold Circle Award for the textual and graphic redesign of an association newsletter, and is past president of Washington Women in Public Relations.

The Membership Department has new divisions of responsibilities. Jennifer N. Pruett has joined the AMWA staff as the Membership Assistant. Ms. Pruett has five years of association experience. Elizabeth S. Woods has been promoted to Membership Development Manager after four years as Membership Assistant. Regina D. Sanborn, Director of Membership will continue to oversee all membership functions in addition to assuming the specific responsibilities of regional development.

Regional Conferences Scheduled

These regional conferences have been scheduled for 1994:

Region I

Date: April 9, 1994
Location: To be announced
Topic: Health Care Reform and the Women's Health Initiative
Contact: Laura L. McCann, MD, 617/332-3293

Region III

Date: April 16-17, 1994
Location: To be announced
Topic: To be announced
Contact: Willa Brown, MD, 301/314-8190

Region VII

Date: June 1994
Location: Kansas City, MO
Topic: The Sport of Medicine — The Winning Team
Contact: Kay Shilling, MD, 402/393-4355

Region VIII

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Holiday Inn
Alexandria, Virginia

June 24-27, 1994

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The Washington Court
Washington, D.C.

November 2-6, 1994

79th Annual Meeting
The Contemporary Resort
Orlando, Florida

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"We supported the President's plan because we believe it is the best proposal currently on the table," said Dr. Bemann. "The plan's core principles— especially universal coverage, defined comprehensive benefits package and mandated employer benefits— closely mirror our own. Now, we have an opportunity to work with the Administration to resolve any reservations we have about the plan."

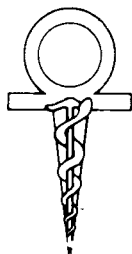
AMWA would like to hear how you feel about the organization endorsing the Clinton plan. Please write or fax Gillian Thomas (AMWA, 801 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314, Fax: 703/549-3864) and let us know your thoughts. We would be happy to express them to Administration officials at our next meeting.

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