Hello all, and hello Fall!

It was great seeing so many familiar faces in Burlington this past spring, and wonderful meeting some new folks. This past conference was a great balance of brilliant speakers, fun free-time adventures and making connections. The introduction of the Student, Resident and Fellow research presentations was a great addition to our conference, and will be a staple moving forward. My deepest thanks to Jane Petro for putting together the fantastic programming, to all of our wonderful participants, and to the staff at UVM for pulling it off. Even more thanks to Jane for not dumping me overboard in Croatia this past July (if you ever have the opportunity to sail with her, take it)!

Moving into fall means moving on to planning another conference. This being my final year as WIM’s President, I am honored to team up with our Immediate Past President, Sheri Task, to help plan WIM 2018, in Napa, California. Napa has a special place in my heart, and not just because it produces some of the best wines ever made. As a child, I spent a fair number of weekends in the Napa Valley with my mother, visiting my brother, and watching movies like “Some Kind of Wonderful” and “The Breakfast Club.” Oh, the teenage angst! Over the years, I have returned for day trips, short and long weekends, and eventually planned WIM 2012 in Napa. Since it is such a special place for my wife and I, and since we love the vibrant fall colors of the vines, Myra and I married in Napa in 2015. Each time we return to Napa is special, and WIM 2018 will be no exception.

WIM in Napa will again feature the research forum, but will also host many wonderful panels and individual speakers, on a variety of topics. Given the current political climate, we are seeking proposals for health and social justice topics, mental health topics, Trans health and wellbeing, and physician wellbeing and burnout. That said, all abstracts are welcome, and encouraged…..ASAP.

We have also had volunteers for organizing activities for children and partners, and details will follow in the coming months. Some of the organized free-time opportunities will include a wine tasting trip, culinary classes at the Culinary Institute of America (please contact me ASAP for this opportunity), hiking and/or walking tours, and others. The Lesbian Health Fund will again sponsor an evening of entertainment in conjunction with their fundraiser for research for sexual minority women’s health, and WIM’s closing ceremonies will be designed to bring all of us together, as only WIM can. I look forward to seeing all of you in Napa, and hope to see your abstracts pouring in.

Cheers,
Jennifer Chaffin, M.D.
This year’s conference was held in Burlington at the University of Vermont within walking distance of beautiful Lake Champlain. The conference provided ample opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues from around the country and learn about interesting topics in medicine during our continuing medical education sessions. If we missed you this year, we are excited to see you at our 2018 conference in wine country — Napa Valley, CA!

The 2017 WIM conference was held at The Hilton, Burlington which had its own restaurant, an indoor heated pool, and whirlpool spa and fitness center. They also had bicycles available to guests to borrow for exploration of the nearby Waterfront Bike Path along Lake Champlain. Guests also took advantage of nearby attractions like the Church Street Marketplace or Lake Champlain Echo Center. This year our visit coincided with the Jazz Festival—music and excellent food greeted attendees as they walked through the Church Street Marketplace into the night! Many attendees also took the chance to visit fun destinations like the Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream Factory.

Topics covered this year in medical education were relevant and motivating. Colleen McNicholas held a highly regarded session titled “Healthcare Advocacy in a Trump Administration”, giving real tools that could be used by attendees when they return home. Other sessions covered LGBTQ health education, updates in treating addiction in LGBT populations, and updates in cellular immunotherapy and diabetes bone disease. Several more focused on how being ‘out’ has changed over time and the struggles many of our members have faced. Throughout the conference, medical students and members of WIM had the opportunity to participate in interviews for the WIM oral history archive at Drexel University. Students were tasked with interviewing a woman who had been a part of WIM from its formation (or near it!). Many students found the experiences enlightening and powerful. Jane Petro and Dee Mosbacher completed the work behind the project, and their passion and vision connected members from across generations in WIM. I am excited to see our collective history and to remember our roots as an organization! This year we added something new for medical students to participate in on Sunday—oral presentations about their submitted posters. It was one of my favorite parts because it gave attendees the chance to see the activities and progress medical students are moving towards at their institutions and in their research.

There were nine different presentations with amazing questions from those who attended. The event was organized by Nix Sitkin and Jane Petro, and was fabulously executed. Earlier in the conference there was also the annual mentor-mentee lunch, providing students with role models in their fields of interest. The students are very grateful to be able to participate in the conference, which would not be possible without your contributions to fund medical student travel, lodging, and scholarships. Our medical student numbers are growing and the vibrancy of their work and commitment to the WIM organization is thanks to you!

Thanks to Jennifer Chaffin and Jane Petro to planning a fantastic and well-received conference this year. I am already excited to see what our next conference will hold. Please save the date for our 35th annual WIM conference, which will be August 5-August 9, 2018 in Napa Valley, California. Expect to find more information on our website and in your mail (and email)!

Best wishes,

Jessica Keesee
WIM Communications Sub-Committee Chair

We hope to see everyone in Napa, where we will have the opportunity to celebrate one another, reconnect, and continue our legacy.
ATTENTION SPEAKERS and STUDENTS!

The 35th Annual Women in Medicine 2018 Conference & Retreat
Seeks Plenary, Workshop and Poster/Research Presentations!
Embassy Suites Hotel, Napa, California — August 5-9, 2018

Plenary Sessions: Plenary Sessions are from 45 to 60 minutes in length and will be the only presentation offered during that time period. Preference will be given to proposals that relate to medical topics. Panel presentations are also possible as plenary sessions.

Workshops: There will be multiple workshops scheduled concurrently. These will be 40 to 45 minutes in length. Presentations may focus on any topic of interest to lesbian physicians or their partners.

Longitudinal Workshops: We are seeking leaders for traditional small group sessions. These sessions tend to be 30 to 45 minutes in length and will be offered several times during the conference to maintain continuity of discussion. Leaders are not required to be trained facilitators and newcomers are welcome.

Topics of Interest: Opioid Dependency and Management, Pain Management in Pediatrics, Aging, Neurologic Evaluations and Care, EMR and Time Management, Nutrition, Food Additives, Diet Management for Food Intolerances, Cultural Competency, Racism, Under the Radar Homophobia From Patients and Staff, Overprescribing of Drugs Like Antibiotics, Surviving an Independent Practice in Today’s Environment of Consolidation, Health and Social Justice Topics, Mental Health Topics, Trans Health and Wellbeing, and Physician Wellbeing and Burnout, General Medical Issues-Pneumonia, Sepsis, Migraines, etc.

Attention all Medical Students and Residents:
• Do you have something that you would like to present at WIM?
• Do you have preliminary data on a project and want to know how to go forward?
• Do you have completed research that you would like to have critiqued?
• Do you have what you think is a good idea for a research project but lack support for it?

WE HAVE SOLUTIONS FOR YOU: Rather than having you stand in front of a white board with a poster, we are holding a special session dedicated to these student presentations. You will each have no more than 10 minutes to present your material (no more than 5 PowerPoint slides—one of which should include a question you have about your project that you hope will generate productive feedback from the audience). You will present your research findings (preliminary, early results, or even preliminary planning for your project is acceptable) during a plenary session. If selected, presenters will be provided with formal letters to their training programs to help secure time and funding for the conference.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS: January 15, 2017
Please submit proposals on-line by visiting: http://www.uvm.edu/medicine/cme If you have any questions, please contact the University of Vermont at: (802)656-2292 or via email: karen.whitcomb@uvm.edu

Every year many amazing women (including yourself) help support WOMEN IN MEDICINE and the donations that we receive each year keep the conferences continuing, along with the student scholarships and our ability to stay connected as a lesbian physician group. Remember that any donation above $1,501 a year, will allow you one registration fee towards the upcoming conference—Legacy Donors!

Donations to WIM can be made all year long through our PayPal account at WomenInMedicine.org. Thank you to those that have included us on their life insurance and/or wills and to those that have donated stocks. You may also send checks directly to WIM. You can specify your contributions to our general operations fund, leadership scholarship fund, or for the support of our medical students to attend the conference. As many of you know we have a had a great increase in medical students and residents over recent years and this is thanks to the generosity of our members, so let’s keep it going.

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Please send your name and preferred email address (or two).

MOVING?
Please also keep us up-to-date on your current addresses for our database.

Email WIM: wim.doctorn@gmail.com
UPCOMING 35th ANNUAL WIM CONFERENCE

Napa, California
August 5~9, 2018

It is hard to believe that the Annual Women in Medicine conference will be celebrating their 35th Conference! The conference will be held at The Embassy Suites Hotel, located in the historic town of Napa, within minutes of Napa Valley’s world-renowned wineries, restaurants, spas and specialty shopping. Fifty-five minutes from downtown San Francisco and blocks from COPIA: the American Center for Wine, Food and the Arts, and the Napa Valley Opera house.

If you have never been to Napa Valley, you owe yourself a treat. As you arrive in Napa, you will be awed by its pictorial scenery of cascading hills with beautiful perfect rows of grapevines. The landscape is second to none, and the beauty of the land continues to improve. Where on one side of the street once stood a glorious winery dating back to perhaps the 1870's, across the way may be a new beautiful and proud winery.

In an effort to reduce the expenses of the conference, we will not be mailing a brochure this year. Registration is open! Please visit http://www.med.uvm.edu/cme/ to register. We will be updating the website as we confirm the faculty and agenda.

Adventure choices Tuesday afternoon:

Custom Hands-On Cooking Event

Includes CIA Chef, hands-on cooking, recipe booklet, CIA logo apron, special CIA gift buffet lunch or dinner, and flight of three wines paired by the Sommelier. The cooking class will be at the Culinary Institute of America, the world’s premier culinary college. As Chefs -for-the-day, you will be working in a professional kitchen. This cooking class is approximately two hours long, which includes time for relaxing and enjoying the meal you have prepared. Price per person will be $380. Please register early so we can make sure we have the necessary numbers required. If we do not meet the requirement, you will receive a refund.

WINE Tasting Tour

Transportation, water bottle and a tour guide will be provided. With over 450 Napa wineries, Napa Valley has an array of options for every visitor; from wine neophyte to the serious connoisseur and collectors. As you explore the wineries in Napa Valley, you will find yourself immersed in new sensory experiences. In a valley with so much rich history, you’ll likely discover numerous iconic landmarks along the way. Total cost per person is $140. Please register early, as space is limited.

Museum and Art Gallery Tour

If wine tasting is not your thing, but you want to see the landscape of Napa Valley, this tour is for you! Transportation, water bottle and tour guide will be provided. Guests will be visiting the di Rosa Museum which as well as the Gordon Huether Art Gallery. Total cost per person is $90. Please register early, as space is limited.

REGISTER TODAY: https://www.regonline.com/2018womeninmedicineconference

We will be updating the website as we develop the program. Please visit:

The University of Vermont (www.med.uvm.edu/cme) or WIM (www.womeninmedicine.org)
email: wim.doctors@gmail.com or Karen.Whitcomb@med.uvm.edu
www.pridestudy.org. In addition, The PRIDE Study team is excited for any web-enabled device (laptop, desktop, pad etc.) Check us out at phase). With our online portal you can securely participate from participants (we recruited over 18,000 in our pilot mobile app only LGBTQ+ and health (broadly defined). So far, we have over 8,000 LGBTQ people. We are studying the relationship between being Study is a national online prospective longitudinal cohort of directs -- is live and recruiting after years of work! The PRIDE Juno Obedin-Maliver, MD, MPH, MAS (WIM Board Member) is very excited to announce that The PRIDE Study – which she co-

Awards:
Carolyn Becker, MD, FACP, of the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Hypertension, received the Endocrine Society’s Outstanding Educator Award in recognition of her exceptional achievement as an educator in the discipline of endocrinology and metabolism. The honor is one of the society’s prestigious 2018 Laureate Awards. An endocrinologist with nearly 30 years of clinical experience, Becker’s clinical interests were in treating patients with metabolic bone diseases including osteoporosis and calcium disorders. After retiring from clinical practice in 2014, she has devoted herself to the role of educator. She is a co-course director of the Intensive Review of Internal Medicine (IRIM) at BWH and serves as a Marshall A. Wolf Master Clinician Educator, teaching and supervising medicine residents in the “art” of medicine. Becker was among 14 leaders in endocrinology from around the world to receive a 2018 Laureate Award. She will be presented with the award in March 2018 at ENDO 2018, the society’s 100th Annual Meeting & Expo in Chicago. The Endocrine Society is the world’s oldest and largest organization of scientists devoted to hormone research and physicians who care for people with hormone-related conditions. Established in 1944, the Society’s Laureate Awards recognize the highest achievements in the endocrinology field, including groundbreaking research and innovations in clinical care.

Juno Obedin-Maliver, MD, MPH, MAS (WIM Board Member) is very excited to announce that The PRIDE Study – which she co-directs -- is live and recruiting after years of work! The PRIDE Study is a national online prospective longitudinal cohort of LGBTQ+ people. We are studying the relationship between being LGBTQ+ and health (broadly defined). So far, we have over 8,000 participants (we recruited over 18,000 in our pilot mobile app only phase). With our online portal you can securely participate from any web-enabled device (laptop, desktop, pad etc.) Check us out at www.pridestudy.org. In addition, The PRIDE Study team is excited to announce that in collaboration with the San Francisco General Hospital foundation we will be helping the NIH and the All of Us Research Program to support deep diversity by meaningfully recruit sexual and gender minority adults into its national 1 million person cohort (https://allofus.nih.gov/news-events-and-media/announcements/all-us-research-program-announces-first-community-partner-awards). The NIH is paying attention to LGBTQ+ needs!! Contact us at pridestudy@ucsf.edu to find out more about our projects and how you can help!

Laughter Therapy by Shay Bintliff, MD - Hope you are having a great day! If not, keep reading and I promise things will change!!! A young 8yr. old girl, Yasmin, was given a homework assignment, which left her parents and many others scratching their heads, but a few smiling wildly. The worksheet ask students to write the word for “Hospital Lady”. Yep, you read it right: HOSPITAL LADY!! Yasmin responded with the ultimate amazing response: “Surgeon”!!!! (Now there is one smart kid!!! And yes, I am biased…you know that!!!)

Hope you like PUNS….I have some great ones coming next!!

***The roundest knight at King Arthur’s round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi***I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian! ***She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still!

A child psychologist had twin boys…on was an optimist, the other a pessimist. Just to see what would happen, on Christmas Day he loaded the pessimist’s room with toys and games. In the optimist’s room he dumped a pile of horse droppings. That night the father found the pessimist surrounded by his gifts and crying. “What’s wrong?” the father asked. “I have a ton of game manuals to read…I need batteries…and my toys will all eventually get broken!” Passing the optimist’s room, the father found him dancing for joy around the pile of droppings. “Why are you so happy?” he asked. The boy shouted: “There’s got to be a pony in here somewhere!”

Remember, my friends…Life is easy…it’s the people who make it difficult. Be Well…Aloha…a hui hou…

Send us your updates!!
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This has been another year of renewed excitement and interest in the future of our organization. The board has spent quality time looking at how we can grow and sustain ourselves for the future. The result of this is the formation of one $5,000 student Leadership Scholarships that was awarded to:

**Erin Klein**, Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louise, St. Louis, MO, expected graduation date of 2019; Bachelor of Arts in Biology, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, 2013.

**Three additional $5,000 Leadership Scholarships awards include:**

**The Breeding-Task Women in Medicine Academic Scholarship** established by Caroline Breeding and Sheri Task, was awarded to:

**Taylor Howard**, University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, Reno, NV, expected graduation date of 2019; University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, Reno, NV, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, 2014; University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, Bachelor of Arts in Biology, 2010.

**The Gartrell-Mosbacher Women in Medicine Academic Scholarship** established by Nanette Gartrell and Dee Mosbacher, was awarded to:

**Charlotte Hastings**, University of Vermont College of Medicine, Burlington, VT, expected graduation date of 2018; Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience and Behavior from Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, 2010.

**The Reynolds-Warner Women in Medicine Academic Scholarship** established by Nancy (Nan) Warner and Christine (Chris) Reynolds, was awarded to:

**Erica Thomas**, UC Davis School of Medicine, Sacramento, CA, expected graduation date of 2019; UCSF Post-Baccalaureate Program, San Francisco, CA, Interprofessional Health Sciences Certificate, 2014; UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, Bachelor of Arts in Gender and Women Studies, 2013.

We are currently accepting applications for the 2018 scholarship year. Deadline for the application is March 15, 2018. Please visit womeninmedicine.org for more information.