PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS

It’s that time of year again. Time to start getting excited for another WIM conference. Jane Petro has put together an amazing program this year, expanding the available CME while still providing time for mentoring, bonding, networking and enjoying ourselves. Also, since we will be in Burlington, Mary and the ladies from UVM are in their own backyards, which makes them a valuable resource for free-time adventure recommendations.

Thanks to everyone’s generous donations, and our dedicated scholarship donors, we are again able to provide four, $5000 Leadership Scholarships to four amazing medical students this year. The recipients include: Taylor Howard, Erin Klein, Erica Thomas, and Charlotte Hastings. They will accept their awards at the conference and enlighten us on the wonderful things they are doing at their institutions and in their communities to advance LGBT rights and healthcare. Please take the time to introduce yourselves to them at the conference and welcome them into the WIM family.

Over the past year, the WIM board has been actively trying to incorporate more structure and participation from attendees by creating subcommittees to assist with day to day operations throughout the year. Some subcommittees have gotten off the ground, some have flourished, and some are still struggling to find leadership and vision. This will continue to be a work in progress, but if you are interested in joining or leading a subcommittee and becoming more involved, please let me know (jac4md@hotmail.com). The subcommittees include: Archives, Recruitment and Retention, Mentorship, Scholarship, Financial, Fundraising, Program, and Communications.

Additionally, the WIM board has voted to expand our bylaws to include doctors of naturopathy. If you know an ND or ND student, please inform them of this and encourage their attendance at an upcoming conference.

I look forward to seeing you all in Vermont!

Cheers,
Jennifer Chaffin, MD, WIM President
It is time to register, if you haven’t already, for our 34th WOMEN IN MEDICINE Conference, May 31-June 4 in Burlington Vermont. The full brochure can be viewed/downloaded on the WIM (womeninmedicine.org) or UVM (med.uvm.edu/cme) websites. Please visit either site to register by May 1 before the tuition increases by $50.

The topics for the conference are far ranging, including attention to our spiritual, social and political health as well as to numerous issues related to health disparities, addiction treatment and prevention, gender medicine and the ecology of neonatal medicine. Old favorites will bring new insights into their fields, including Nanette Gartrell’s latest research on families of choice, Carolyn Becker on bone, and Diane Krause on immune therapies. The number of new speakers is particularly exciting and promises to make this a very informative and somewhat novel meeting. We have worked hard to increase the CME credits available this year, as recommended by participants’ comments from last year.

Two new activities are also included this year, which I hope become a regular part of the conference.

The Sunday morning session is devoted to medical student presentations. Rather than simple poster board set ups, they have been invited to give 5-10 minute presentations on their research topic, followed by discussion from the audience offering critique, suggestions and support. The response to our call for papers was overwhelming so we have a full 3 hours scheduled. Please plan on staying and participating in this chance to shape the work of our budding physicians.

We want to begin a more formal documentation of WIM history. As you may know, Drexel University has agreed to become the repository of our WIM Archives. Incorporating an oral history of WIM is both a worthwhile and an urgent need. Dee Mosbacher, who has contributed so much to the founding and documenting of WIM has agreed to starting this process during the meeting, holding brief video interviews with the senior participants so that some of this history can be captured. In addition, we are hoping the medical students can assume a role, doing audio interviews with their mentors during the meeting. Consent forms and guidelines for the interviews will be provided in advance. Students who are interested in participating should contact Jane Petro (drjpetro@aol.com) or Nicole Sitkin (nicole.sitkin@yale.edu)

And as always, we will be having a fund raiser for the Lesbian Health Fund, sponsored by GLMA on Thursday and a Saturday night Dinner/Dance Cruise on Lake Champlain to honor those we have lost, and celebrate the transitions of those moving through their careers and life!

As a final treat, Dee and Nanette sent me this link to an inspiring, comedic and interesting WOW talk. It’s nice to move away from politics and this really helped me!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkSnYwMiF1U

Hope to see you all in Burlington!

Jane Petro, MD, Program Co-Chair
UPCOMING 34th ANNUAL WIM CONFERENCE

Hilton Burlington, Vermont
May 31 ~ June 4, 2017

TOP 10 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD VISIT VERMONT IN MAY

#10 Beautiful Scenery.
#9 Home of Ben & Jerry’s, The Vermont Teddy Bear, Lake Champlain Chocolate and some of the best Beer and Cheese in the country!
#8 Narrated cruises aboard The Spirit of Ethan Allen.
#7 Lake Champlain. The 6th largest lake in the US.
#6 Great Restaurants. Unofficially, the highest number of trained chefs per capita.
#5 Family Activities: swimming, sailing, hiking, biking, ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center...
#4 5 Mile Bike Path along the lake and right across the street from the hotel!
#3 The Arts. Vermont Symphony Orchestra’s outside concerts, Friday Afternoon Jazz, St. Michael’s Playhouse!
#2 Shelburne Museum, Ethan Allen Homestead, Robert Hull Fleming Museum of Art.
#1 Friendly people - Especially those great CME folks!

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If you have any questions, please email: wim.doctors@gmail.com or Karen.Whitcomb@med.uvm.edu.
Laughter Therapy by Shay Bintliff, MD

Finally they are making a Barbie that women can relate to!! Hot Flash Barbie!!! Just press Barbie’s bellybutton and watch her face turn beet red while tiny drops of perspiration appear on her forehead. Comes with hand held fan and tinny tissues. Now...Post-Menopausal Barbie: This Barbie has embarrassing moments when she sneezes, forgets where she puts things, and cries a lot!! She is sick and tired of Ken sitting on the couch watching football or basketball, so she is holding the clicker. This one comes with Depends and Kleenex, and as a bonus this year only, the book, "Getting In Touch With Your Inner Self" is included! A DEAL!!!

For you medical people: Overheard in the operating Room: "Nurse, quick, get on the Internet, go to Surgery.com, scroll down and click on "Are you totally Lost.com"!! ....and some for you parents: **A young girl was sent home sick from school one day. Her mother was pregnant. Once she got home she whined to her Mom, "I think I caught your morning sickness!!" **A Dad asked his kindergartner when she got home from school, "What was your test on today?" She responded with a smile, "Paper!" **one more?? One afternoon a Mom spent some time with her daughter shooting hoops of basketball. When the Dad got home from work and asked his daughter what she did that day, she responded, "I did shots with Mommy!"

Why did rabbits go on strike?? They thought they deserved a better celery!! (Yep...some more!!) **At a job interview, a woman filled her glass of water until it overflowed a little. "Nervous?" asked the man interviewing her. She replied, "No, I always give 110%." (Yep...she got the job!) **time to close with one more from a school experience. When a young man graduated high school, he had to give a speech. He began by reading from a prepared text, "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she has had on my life!," he told the audience. "She is a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words could ever do justice!" At this point he seemed to struggle for words. After a pause, he looked up with a sly grin and said, "Sorry, but it's really hard to read my mother's handwriting!!" Have a fabulous week...do kind deeds...clean up your neighborhood...and above all...LOL...LOL!!!!

Juno Obedin-Maliver, MD and Therese Lee, JD are thrilled to announce the birth of their son - Emet Soji Obedin-Lee on 1/11/17. He's doing great at 2 months and joyfully brining his ma-mas to their knees.

Baby News!!!

2017 T-Shirt

This year’s keepsake will be a t-shirt with the 2017 Burlington logo designed specifically for WIM. We will have these available at the conference. To help us make sure we have enough for everyone and the correct size (s), please make sure to indicate the number of shirts and sizes you wish to purchase on your conference registration. If you are unable to attend the conference but would like one shipped to you, please email: karen.whitcomb@uvm.edu.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR WIM

Donations to WIM can be made all year long through our PayPal account at WomenInMedicine.org. You may also include donations when you register for the conference and lastly, you can send checks directly to WIM! You can specify your contributions to our general operations fund, academic 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.

REMINDER: Any donations above $1,201 makes you a “Legacy Donor” and entitles you to one free (non-transferable) tuition to the upcoming conference. Please email Karen.Whitcomb@uvm.edu and she can give you your discount code!

Send checks to:  Women in Medicine, Inc.
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    Colchester, VT 05446

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

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

Email WIM: wim.doctors@gmail.com