Greetings! I hope that everyone is well, and getting ready for the upcoming conference in beautiful Napa, California. The landscape is recovering well from last year’s fires, and the opportunities for fun abound in the Valley-wine tasting, amazing restaurants, hiking, golf, museums, galleries, Safari Park, etc. Lots of hard work has gone into making this year’s conference special. I want to offer a huge thank you to everyone involved in arranging the lectures, variety show, mentoring programs, pre-conference workshop for medical and pre-med students, scholarships, fundraising, free-time excursions, and everything else that went into this year’s conference. It really does take a village, and I’m very appreciative of the WIM village.

If you haven’t already, make sure you’re registered for the conference and your hotel room is booked, as they go quickly. Also, make sure that you have signed up to participate in our very first Variety Show, so that you can wow the crowd with your many talents. I know we have plenty of singers, dancers, poets, jugglers, writers, etc. in our midst, and can’t wait for this amazing night.

Alas, my term as President is nearly complete, and a new President will be voted on in August. I’m truly thankful for having had this time, and the trust of the Board, these last 4 years. I’m not going to fib and say that it’s always been an easy road, but I do think that WIM has made some great strides in my 8 years on the Executive Board. We’ve implemented and grown our scholarship program, expanded our mentoring programs, created subcommittees to help with operations, expanded our attendance to NDs, and increased our visibility, especially with medical students. While progress has been made for LGBTQ people since the first WIM, each year I am reminded that there is still very much the need for a place like WIM, especially in our current political climate. It has been an honor, and I look forward to supporting the incoming President and WIM.

Thank you.

Jennifer Chaffin, MD, WIM President
This year marks the 35th annual retreat/conference for our organization! On August 5th we will be converging in beautiful Napa Valley, California for a lively discussion of front-line research on topics such as pharmacogenomics, transgender care, and the use of artificial intelligence to prevent human errors.

This year for the first time we will have a pre-conference workshop on mentorship and career exploration for pre-med and medical students. We also have new topics for the longitudinal workshops allowing attendees to get CME credit for participating in discussions such as Managing Difficult Patient Interactions and Essential Procedural Skills in Emergency Medicine.

One of the things that always makes our conference so memorable is the time we spend with each other outside the lecture hall. Participants will have the opportunity to explore Napa Valley together with activities such as wine-tasting, gourmet cooking class and nature walks. Evening entertainment will have you laughing with Lisa Koch at the LHF fundraiser, and applauding your fellow WIM members at the talent show.

Sign up now to join us for this innovative, informative, and life-affirming experience. Just go to www.womeninmedicine.org to register and we will see you in Napa!

Sheri Task, MD
Conference Co-Chair

Conference Announcements:

Last year the archives committee supported medical students as they interviewed, in video format, senior WIM participants. These interviews are now part of the WIM archive at Drexel. The enthusiasm for this has led us to set up our video equipment (thank you Dee Mosbacher!!!) again.

Students who are interested in this program should contact Jane by email at: DRJPETRO@AOL.COM or call 914-671-0750 to sign up. Attendees who wish to be interviewed may also sign up early, or at the meeting. A brief educational session will be held to discuss issues of confidentiality, and something of the ethics of oral history taking. Pairings of interviewer/interviewee can either be random, or intentional.

I look forward to seeing you all there, and am thrilled to continue our history project.

Jane Petro, MD

T-Shirts will be available again this year. If you are unable to attend the conference but would like to order a t-shirt, please contact Karen Karen.Whitcomb@med.uvm.edu for more information.
Embassy Suites by Hilton  
Napa Valley, California ~ August 5-9, 2018

**UPCOMING 35th ANNUAL WIM CONFERENCE**

**Pre-Conference Workshop: Mentorship and Career Exploration for Lesbian Pre-Med and Medical Students:**

This pre-conference workshop will be held on Sunday, August 5, 2018 from 9:00am-1:00pm and will include lunch. The program will host a panel of physicians speaking about their specialties. It will also review the application process into medical school and residency, whether to come out or not during the application process and how to identify a LGBTQ friendly environment. **Please register early, as space is limited.**

**Tours/Activities**

**Tuesday, August 7**

**Custom Hands-On Cooking Event:** This cooking class will be at the Culinary Institute of America (CIA), the world's premier culinary college. It 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. 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 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 $95. **Please register early, as space is limited.**

**Gallery Tours:** If wine tasting is not your thing, but you want to see the landscape of Napa Valley, this tour is for you! Transportation and a box lunch will be provided. Total cost per person is $80. **Please register early, as space is limited.**

More information can be found on the following websites: (womeninmedicine.org) or UVM (med.uvm.edu/cme). Please visit either site to register by July 1 before the tuition increases by $50.

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

... If you see someone wearing camouflage, make sure to walk right into them so they know it is working!!!

... What happened when some dogs went to the flea circus?? They stole the show!!!

... A man is telling his friend…”My wife complains that I never take her anywhere!! So I told her that’s not true…we take a trip around the sun every year. Yep…and she believed him!!

... Grandfather: "Son, you’ve got your shoes on the wrong feet!”  Grandson: “But these are the only feet I have!”  Grandfather: “Fair enough!!” (smart kid!!)

... A rookie police officer was assigned to ride in a cruiser with an experienced officer. A call came over the car’s radio telling them to disperse some people who were loitering! The officer drove to the street and observed a small crowd standing on the corner. The rookie rolled down his window and shouted, “Let’s get off the corner!”  No one moved, so he barked again even louder, “Let’s get off the corner!!”  Intimidated, the group of people began to leave, casting puzzled glances in his direction. Proud of his first official act, the young policeman turned to his partner and asked, “Well, how did I do?” “Pretty good,” replied the veteran officer, “especially since this is a bus stop!!”

... You know I love da doctor jokes, so here is one that will be familiar to many. The phlebotomist entered a patient’s room in the hospital to draw blood. Noticing an apple on the patient’s nightstand, she remarked: “An apple a day keeps the doctor away!!” “That’s very true”, the patient replied. “I haven’t seen a doctor in three days!”

Best I close now with this last one…one of my favorite Oxymorons!  How come abbreviated is such a long word?  Be Well! Be kind.. Aloha..a hui hou….

Graduation News!!!

Nix Zelin graduated from Yale School of Medicine with her MD cum laude, and received an outstanding thesis prize for her research on medical specialty choice among sexual and gender minority people in medicine this May! She will be starting as an intern in the Stanford Psychiatry Program in June.

Saba Malik graduated Medical School at Albany Med and will be starting her family medicine residency at Harbor-UCLA in LA County!

Archive Committee News!!!

The WIM archive held by the Legacy Center Archives and Special Collections division of Drexel University College of Medicine continues to grow. The generous contributions of Dee Mosbacher and Nanette Gartrell included material related to the first and second WIM conferences, copies of speeches and other memorabilia as well several of Dec’s Documentaries. Lesley Anderson forwarded the combined collections of Lesley, Elizabeth Harrison and Jane Petro, representing programs, registration materials from nearly all the first 25 conferences.

During the recent AMWA annual meeting held in Philadelphia, members were able to view representative samples from Drexel’s collections of the early days of the Women’s Medical College of Pennsylvania. Photographs, even embroidery as well as letters, and various documents of interest were placed on special display and attendees were able to tour the impressive storage areas of the Archive. Jane Petro presented a plenary session on the lesbian early founders of AMWA, as well as offering a memorial to Liz Karlin and LeClair Bissell who were prominent AMWA activists as well as WIM members. Following the lecture, Dr. Katie Wolf provided Jane with additional names of early lesbian physicians known to her and to her mother and grandmother who were also physicians. And Dr. Mary Guinan recounted some poignant memories of her own of Liz.

WIM has an amazing history, well worth recounting and the Archives Committee of WIM hopes that you will consider contributing your own WIM memories and memorabilia to Drexel in the coming years. For more information you may contact Drexel: Archives@drexelmed.edu 215-991-8340 or visit the website: http://archives.drexelmed.edu.

If you want to discuss your collection feel free to contact Dr. Jane Petro at dripteo@aol.com or 914-671-0750. Plans are afoot for a WIM meeting in Philadelphia, August 8-11, 2019, to include time at the Archives.

Jane Petro MD FACS

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.

GOING GREEN?

If you would like to help WIM save money as well as help the environment, please let us know if you would prefer to receive future publications and notices electronically.

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.doctors@gmail.com