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*** WE Annual Dinner Meeting ***

Saturday, June 23rd 6:30-10:30
Houston, TX

Membership Dues for 2012

Annual membership runs from Jan 1 through Dec 31.

To renew on line, visit <http://www.women-in-endo.org/>

Full members, academic and industry \$50.00

In training, post graduate \$15.00

Postdoctoral fellows

Clinical fellows

Students FREE

Predoctoral students

Medical students

As a 501(c)3 organization, all membership dues and
donations are **tax deductible**. Tax ID # 52-2137017.

Upcoming Deadlines

January 31, 2012—WE Mentor Award nominations due

April 23, 2012—Application for Young Investigator
Awards due

Volunteer Opportunites

Contact Pamela Mellon, pmellon@ucsd.edu, Mary Ruppe,
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on how to become more involved in Women in
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Thanks to our contributors for 2011

Mentor Award: **Pfizer**

Gold Level (\$5,000): **Pfizer**

WE President's Corner

I have thoroughly enjoyed this year and a half as President of WE and look forward to seeing you all at the WE Dinner in Houston in June, 2012. I have gotten to know many of you better and met many new members as well. It is my great pleasure to welcome our incoming President for 2012-2014, Lisa Halvorson and I am so pleased that our society is in such good hands for the future. I wish to introduce the 2011-2012 Committee Chairs, who are an impressive group of women leaders: Anne Cappola (Awards), Faryal Mirza (Program), Alice Chang (Mentoring), Judy Turgeon (Nominating), Dana Gaddy (Communications), and Whitney Woodmansee (Development). Our Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Ruppe, and I are delighted to be working closely with such highly qualified women and look forward to advancing the programs and activities of WE in the coming year.

I also want to encourage our members to become involved with our leadership and committees. Our committees provide the networking, interactions, and opportunities for developing and demonstrating leadership skills that are so important for career advancement and a sense of connection to the community of women in endocrinology. They provide a venue to expand your national reputation, develop relationships, and become a role model. I have found the experience very valuable and hope that you will too. Active membership on a WE Committee is an excellent pathway to committee membership and recognition in The Endocrine Society as well, allowing further leadership opportunities, networking, and career advancement. To volunteer, please contact me, Mary Ruppe, or go to the Membership page on the website. To continue to be effective in promoting women for roles in WE and in The Endocrine Society, WE will need to thrive and grow by bringing new faces to the forefront. The best way for this to happen is for you to volunteer.

It is an honor to represent you as President of WE. I have treasured this opportunity to advance the incredible women members of WE. I urge each of you to contact us with your ideas for additional ways that WE can support you and your trainees in the coming years.

Pamela Mellon, MD
President, Women in Endocrinology

Membership

Please be sure to renew for 2012. Annual dues are the financial mainstay of WE and allow us to continue our activities. The WE website features an easy way to pay your dues and make donations through a secure website. If you have any questions about your membership status, please feel free to contact Mary Ruppe, Secretary-Treasurer of WE at mary.ruppe@uth.tmc.edu or 713-500-6901.

It's easy! Click the link below to join or renew.

<http://www.women-in-endo.org/membership/#joining>

WE Annual Dinner



Dr. Elizabeth Nabel at the 2011 WE annual dinner meeting (photo V. Thackray).

The WE annual dinner for ENDO 2011 was held at the Renaissance Waterfront Hotel in Boston. This year's speaker was Dr. Elizabeth G. Nabel, President of Brigham and Women's/Faulkner Hospitals, and past director of the National

Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. Dr. Nabel gave a very inspirational talk entitled "Leadership in Practice: Personal Reflections" where she shared personal reflections on instances in her life that taught her valuable leadership skills.

Upcoming events include the WE annual dinner to be held on June 23 at ENDO 2012 in Houston, TX. Further details about this event will be posted on the WE web site as they become available.

Development

WE thanks Pfizer for their support for the Young Investigator Awards. The Development Committee is dedicated to attaining funding support for our 2012 annual WE meeting and Young Investigator Awards. WE encourages you to consider making a charitable contribution to WE. Corporate donations, membership dues and donations from you, our members, support the work of WE. Support from our members and individual donors remains extremely important. The WE website has been revised to make donations even easier. As a 501(c)(3) organization, all donations are tax-deductible (tax ID # 52-2137017). If you work for a company that matches charitable donations, the WE Secretary-Treasurer can work with you to secure the employer's matching funds. Donations can be directed to trainee development, to a targeted grant, or to unrestricted use in the areas of networking, development of informational programs, maintenance of the website and other critical functions.

Congratulations to the 2011 WE Mentor and Young Investigator Awardees

WE Mentor Award – 2011 The primary mission of WE is to promote the scientific advancement and recognition of female endocrinologists. With this goal, WE presents an annual Mentor Award. This award recognizes outstanding individuals who have encouraged and promoted female endocrinologists and who have been instrumental in changing institutional policy toward professional women. The WE Mentor Award is sponsored by a generous grant from Pfizer.

Congratulations to **Dr. Benita Katzenellenbogen** on receiving the 2011 Mentor Award! WE encourages all of you to consider nominating mentors (female or male) who have impacted your careers and have had a positive impact on the careers of female endocrinologists.

*For information about the nomination process and to see a list of former winners, please see the WE website. Applications must be received by **January 31, 2012**.*

The mentor award will be presented at the WE dinner at ENDO '12. *Nominations for the 2012 WE Mentor Award and any questions about application preparation should be directed to the Chair of the WE Awards Committee:*

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WE Young Investigator Awards – 2011 These awards are provided to recognize outstanding abstracts accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society:

Neena B. Schwartz Award for Excellence in Basic Science Research:

Deena Walker, University of Texas at Austin

Janet W. McArthur Award for Excellence in Clinical Research:

Natalie Shaw, Massachusetts General Hospital

WE Young Investigator Awards:

Montserrat Alaya-Ramirez, MD Anderson
Houda Benlhabib, University of Texas, Southwestern
Laura Gathercole, University of Birmingham
Cheryce Harrison, Monash University
Emi Ishida, Gunma University
Stacey Jamieson, Monash University
Jung-Sun Kim, Baylor College of Medicine

Kristen Kobaly, Northwestern University
Eleanor Lin, Massachusetts General Hospital
Zeynep Madak, University of Illinois at Urbana
Leila Mady, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
Arvind Suresh, University of Pittsburgh
Roxanne Toivanen, Monash University
E. Leonie van Houten, Erasmus Medical Center
Aimee Varewijck, Erasmus Medical Center
Emily Witham, University of California, San Diego
Sheng Wu, Johns Hopkins

Australasian Women in Endocrinology

The Australasian Branch of Women in Endocrinology (AWE) is a sister organization of WE which has shown remarkable development over the past few years. Among other activities, this group provides travel awards with the generous sponsorship of DSL/Beckman Coulter and Novo Nordisk.

Australasian Women in Endocrinology Young Investigator Awards

Shiran Hussain, Monash University
Jun Yang, Prince Henry's Institute.

Mentoring Committee

WE is proud to sponsor two trainees each year to the Endocrine Society Trainee Day. If you are a trainee or work with one, the deadline to apply for a travel award for Endocrine Society Trainee Day is February 6, 2012. In addition, the WE-sponsored trainees are invited to attend the annual WE meeting reception and dinner during Endocrine Society.

WE Trainee Day Awards

Katja Kiseljak-Vassiliades, University of Colorado, Denver
Lauren Fishbein, University of Pennsylvania

Mentoring Pearl:

It often takes a village of mentors to raise a single mentee. Rather than searching for the one perfect mentor, seek out mentors for specific spheres of your career, science and work/life satisfaction. Suggested readings:
Lahay, G. "How to Survive and Thrive in the Mother-Mentor Marathon." *Molecular Cell* 38, May 28, 2010, p. 477.
Lee, A, C. Dennis and P. Campbell. "Nature's Guide for Mentors." *Nature* 447, June 2007, p. 791.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is always open to feedback on our website. Please email suggestions for improvement or corrections to the current Chair, Dana Gaddy, at gaddydana@uams.edu.

Remember to renew your membership using the on-line payment form for simple and secure processing. We are also in the planning phase for development of a WE Facebook account! Anyone with particular interest or talent in this area is welcome to join this project. Stay tuned for more news on this initiative.

President Elect’s Message

I would like to start by thanking all of you for the honor of having been selected as the President-Elect for Women in Endocrinology. One of my first responsibilities is to fill the

committee rosters for positions to start in June, 2012. As many of you know, I have been involved in WE for over 10 years and have had the pleasure of serving on the Program Committee, as well as acting as Secretary-Treasurer. I can therefore tell you firsthand about the satisfaction to be derived from participating in a group that strives to support the professional development of women. I invite all of you to think about whether you, or one of your colleagues, would be interested in giving your time and energy to one of these committees. To our more senior membership, I remind you to suggest your trainees and junior faculty- this is a great way for them to get experience in a leadership role. Positions are available in each of the committees listed on the first page of this newsletter. Feel free to contact me, Pamela Mellon (President), or Mary Ruppe (Secretary- Treasurer) for more information.

Lisa Halvorson, MD
President-Elect
Women in Endocrinology



Scenes from the 2011 Women in Endocrinology Annual Dinner

DATES to REMEMBER for 2012

January 1, 2012—Please pay your dues for 2012 at <http://www.women-in-endo.org/membership/#joining> or via mail to Mary Ruppe, 6431 Fannin St, MSB 5-106, Houston, TX 77030. Checks should be made out to Women In Endocrinology. Please consider making a tax deductible donation to help WE continue to sponsor our annual dinner and abstract awards.

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