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*WE Annual Dinner Meeting*  
Saturday, June 23rd 6:30-10:30  
Ballroom of the Americas of the Hilton Americas  
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.

**Volunteer Opportunities**  
Contact: Lisa Halvorson, lisa.halvorson@utsouthwestern.edu or Mary Ruppe, mary.ruppe@uth.tmc.edu for more information on how to become more involved in Women in Endocrinology

*Thanks to our contributors for 2012*  
Mentor Award: **Pfizer**  
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Silver Level ($1000-$5000) **Amgen**  
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*WE President’s Corner*

As my Presidency of Women in Endocrinology comes to a close, I want to thank all of the outstanding Committee Chairs and members for their excellent efforts on behalf of our WE organization. They have made my tenure a great pleasure. Particular thanks go to our Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Ruppe, and the outstanding 2011-2012 Committee Chairs, 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). They have worked diligently and creatively to advance the goals of WE. On behalf of myself and our incoming President for 2012-2014, Lisa Halvorson, I wish to introduce the Incoming Secretary-Treasurer, Geralyn Messerlian, and three new Committee Chairs for 2012-2013, Synthia Mellon (Nominating), Buffy Ellsworth (Communications), and Ellen Seely (Awards). Lisa 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. It is a great privilege to have served you all and I look forward to seeing you at the WE Dinner in Houston on June 23, 2012.

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 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

*Development*

WE thanks Amgen, Ipsen Biopharmaceuticals, Medtronic Diabetes and Pfizer for their support of this year’s annual meeting and 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.

*WE Annual Dinner*

The WE annual dinner for ENDO 2012 will be held on June 23 starting at 6:30 pm in the Ballroom of the Americas of the Hilton Americas in Houston, Texas.

This year’s speaker will be Dr. Margaret Kripke. Dr. Kripke is a professor of immunology and was the Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. She has served in many leadership positions, including being the chairperson for the Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board Research Strategies Advisory Committee and served on the United Nations Environment Program Subcommittee on Stratospheric Ozone Depletion. In 2000, she was elected as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and in 2003, was appointed as a member of the 3-person President’s Cancer Panel, a group that advises the President on the status and needs of the cancer problem in America and continued in this role through 2011. She is widely regarded as a trailblazer and role model for women in medical science, academia and executive leadership. She will give a talk entitled Leadership Lessons Learned.

The cost of the dinner is $70. If you would like to attend and have not yet purchased a ticket, please contact Faryal Mirza the program committee chair at fmirza@uchc.edu.

WE would like to thank Faryal Mirza, Ann Marie Zavacki, Tami Wolden-Hanson, Susan Spratt, Jen Perkins, Barbra Attardi and Ann Brown for their service on the Program Committee this year.

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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.

WE would like to thank Whitney Woodmansee, Karen Klahr Miller, Carol Lange, Janice Kerr and Karen Herbst for their tireless commitment to the Development Committee.

*Congratulations to the 2012 WE Mentor and Young Investigator Awardees*

**2012 Mentor Awardee**

Elizabeth Barrett-Connor, MD  
Distinguished Professor of Family and Preventive Medicine and Medicine  
University of California, San Diego School of Medicine

**WE Mentor Award – 2012** 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 and will be presented at the WE dinner at ENDO ’12.

**WE Young Investigator Awards – 2012** 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:**
- Koriand’r Williams, University of Texas Southwestern

**Janet W. McArthur Award for Excellence in Clinical Research:**
- Eve Bloomgarden, University of Pennsylvania

**WE Young Investigator Awards:**
- Debalina Bagchi, University of Virginia  
- Irina Bancos, Mayo Clinic  
- Kara Britt, Monash University  
- Katelyn Finch, University of Texas Southwestern  
- Christine Glidewell-Kenney, University of California, San Diego  
- Jingjing Kipp, DePaul University  
- Katja Kiseljak-Vassiliades, University of Colorado, Denver  
- Laura Manenschijn, Erasmus Medical Center  
- Alyson Myers, University of Texas Southwestern  
- Aditi Saxena, Brigham & Women’s Hospital  
- Zohreh Shoor, Drexel University  
- Renea Taylor, Monash University  
- Iain Thompson, Brigham & Women’s Hospital  
- Sonali Thosani, Baylor University  
- Kristen Tolson, University of California, San Diego  
- Kristy Townsend, Joslin Diabetes Center  
- Kelly Walton, Monash University

WE would like to thank Anne Cappola and Judith Turgeon for serving on the Awards Committee this year.

**Mentoring Committee**

WE is proud to sponsor two trainees each year to the Endocrine Society Trainee Day. In addition, the WE-sponsored trainees are invited to attend the annual WE meeting reception and dinner during Endocrine Society.

**WE Trainee Day Awards**

Natasha Lucki, University of California, San Diego  
Margaret Garin University of Pennsylvania

Thank you to Alice Chang, Djurdjica Coss, Marion Sewer, Ana Paula Abreu, Jennifer Condon and Jingjing Kipp for serving on the Mentoring Committee this year.
**Mentoring Pearl:**
Do you know your “elevator sentence”? When you meet your chair in the elevator, the President of the Endocrine Society or network at the Women in Endocrinology meeting, what would you say about yourself and what you do in one or two sentences? Remember to practice your elevator sentence so you sound comfortable and convincing. Try calling your own voice mail so you can hear how you sound.

**Suggested career develop workshops/seminars:**
The Endocrine Society’s Annual Meeting has several career development workshops targeting trainees and early career faculty, including Endocrine Trainee Day and How to Secure Promotion and Tenure. If you have not already registered to attend these workshops this year, there are opportunities to hear speakers on similar topics throughout the meeting (see schedule link below). The Association of American Medical Colleges also offers two Professional Development Seminars focused specifically on women: The Early Career Women Faculty Professional Development Seminar and Mid-Career Women Faculty Professional Development Seminar. For more information:

http://www.endo-society.org/trainees/cdw_PreliminarySchedule.cfm
https://members.aamc.org/eweb/

**Communications Committee**
The WE Communications Committee is looking forward to seeing everyone at our Women in Endocrinology annual dinner next week. We would like to load some images of attendees enjoying the reception prior to the dinner, as well as some during the dinner. If you collect any photographs you would like to share on the WE Website (from smart-phones or actual cameras), please forward them to the Communications Committee Chair, Dana Gaddy at gaddydana@uams.edu or Co-Chair, Buffy Ellsworth at bellsworth@siumed.edu.

The Communications Committee is always open to feedback on our website. Please email suggestions for improvement or corrections to us as well.

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.

We would like to thank the members of the Communications Committee, Dana Gaddy, Buffy Ellsworth, Kina Thackray, Lori Raetzman, Gayathri Devi and Geralyn Messerlian for their contributions to WE.

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https://members.aamc.org/eweb/

**DATES to REMEMBER for 2012**

**June 22, 2012**—WE Board Meeting (For WE Officers and Committee Members), 6-8 pm, Room 337AB of the Hilton Americas, Houston, TX

**June 23, 2012**—WE Annual Dinner Meeting, 6:30-10:30 pm, Ballroom of the Americas of the Hilton Americas Houston, TX

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