

Women in Medicine & Science (WIMS) Meeting November 18, 2021

Present: Sue Graham, Kathryn Hagen, Ann Botash, Jeanmarie Glasser

1. WIMS Book Club

The next WIMS book club meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2021, at 5:30pm via WebEx (see email for link). The book for September is: **Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows** by Balli Kaur Jasswal. As a reminder, all WIMS members are invited to attend the Book Club, whether you've read the book or not.

2. Juggling Series

The *Juggling Series* will continue with the next event scheduled for November 23, 2021 at 12:00n via Zoom (<https://upstate.zoom.us/j/99115704839?pwd=Z2JMejJRNm43dTFKAlA1MG5mRjYwZz09>).

The event will focus on Family Caregiver Support with Rory Lawrence from David's Refuge as the keynote speaker. David's Refuge is a group that provides respite weekends and wellness / counseling for parents of children who have developmental disabilities. This event is open to all employees at Upstate.

3. Meeting w/ Dr. Dewan

Sue Graham, Nienke Dosa and Ann Botash met with Dr. Dewan to discuss the Women in Medicine & Science (WIMS) Group. They told him about the group and the activities and advocacy that is done. He was open to helping where needed. The Child Care Survey that was distributed to employees was a result of this meeting. Survey results are currently being collected and will be sent to Dr. Dewan.

4. WiRL Reps attending January Meeting

The founders of Women in Residency Life (WiRL), Chief Residents Alexandra Goodman and Keshia Suhail, will be attending the January 20, 2022 WIMS Monthly Meeting to discuss how the WiRL group and WIMS can work together and possibly have a meet and greet event.

We encourage WIMS members to attend January's meeting to be a part of this important discussion.

5. WIMS / Law Dinner

The WIMS / Law Dinner will return to the Spring and is scheduled for April 7, 2022. It will be held at the former Genesee Grande now known as the Collegian Hotel & Suites at 1060 E. Genesee Street in Syracuse.

The topic for the dinner is "Advocacy for the Elderly". Leah Caldwell will return as moderator for the event. The panel will include:

- Rachel May, NY State Senator;
- Samantha Aguam, Volunteer Lawyers Project of CNY, Inc;
- Nancy Kern-Eaton, United Way of Central New York;
- Sharon Brangman, Chair, Dept of Geriatrics;
- Jenny Ackley, Elder Justice Coalition / Vera House.

More information will be sent via the WIMS list serve as the date gets closer.

The next WIMS Monthly Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 8am via Zoom**