

Women in Medicine & Science (WIMS) Meeting June 16, 2022

Present: Nienke Dosa, Jessica Henty-Ridilla, Jeanmarie Glasser, Ann Botash

1. **WIMS Book Club**

The next WIMS book club meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2022 at 5:30pm at Deborah Hermann's home (email jarviss@upstate.edu for address info). The book is: **The Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict. As a reminder, all WIMS members are invited to attend the Book Club, whether you've read the book or not.

2. **WIMS / Law Dinner**

The WIMS / Law Dinner that was postponed in the Spring has been tentatively rescheduled to September 2022. Once the date is finalized, it will be emailed to the WIMS list serve. The plan is to have an in-person event at The Collegian Hotel & Suites at 1060 E. Genesee Street in Syracuse (former Genesee Grande)

The topic for the dinner remains "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;
- Dale Avers, DPT, PhD, College of Health Professions;
- Jenny Ackley, Elder Justice Coalition / Vera House

3. **Juggling Series**

The next event in the Juggling Series is scheduled for Friday, September 16, 2022 at noon via Zoom. The topic for the event is "Care Planning for our Aging Parents" presented by Sharon Brangman. More information regarding the event, to include the meeting link, will be sent to the WIMS list serve as the date gets closer.

4. **Child Care Survey**

Discussions continue regarding the Child Care Survey and possible collaboration with ESF on a new facility. Jess Henty-Ridilla contacted Linda Veit for an update. Linda said they are still evaluating the plan and are waiting for more information from ESF. They will contact WIMS when more information is available.

5. **Other Business**

How to get more people involved in WIMS: The group discussed how to get more interested in WIMS and more attendance at meetings and events.

Ideas offered include:

- getting more involved with a community organization on a regular basis
- possibly having presentations at WIMS monthly meetings from other women groups at Upstate
- host an in-person cocktail hour or reception for new women faculty
- host an in-person event once a year that brings together all the various women's groups at Upstate (students, residents, etc)
- creating a WIMS Twitter account to allow for more exposure for the group. Jess Henty-Ridilla will take the lead on this item
- sharing information about any awards offered through various societies or groups that faculty belong to and encourage members to submit nominees. This would include creating a spreadsheet of information and a form letter that members can use to submit nominations
- reaching out to individual faculty personally and invite them to events or meetings

The next WIMS Monthly Meeting is scheduled for ***Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 8am via Zoom** (see reminder email for link)

*Due to multiple Upstate events during the week of September 12, Sept's meeting will be held during the second week of Sept. Watch your email for a complete list of monthly meeting dates for September 2022 – June 2023.

Minutes prepared by: Sandy Jarvis