

Greetings from the President of the KOWIN DC Chapter



Dear KOWIN DC Members & Friends,

It has been a long time since our last newsletter was published. I hope everyone has been healthy and doing well personally and professionally. This newsletter is the last one for me to publish as your president. Our next president will be Professor Young-Key Kim-Renaud. I am thrilled she has accepted to become the next KOWIN DC president. I have no doubt that KOWIN DC will have a leap under her leadership.

We have been busy trying to better serve our members, develop core committees, prepare for main activities and attend KOWIN-related conventions. This Newsletter (volume 5) is a combination of what would have been two volumes, and the most recent events will be presented first in reverse chronological order. I would like to briefly touch on some of these events that you will be able to read in more detail in the following sections of the newsletter.

First, we have many outstanding and energetic new members, and they have been actively involved in various KOWIN DC activities already. Since 2009, our membership has grown significantly, and the most updated membership list will be published sometime this fall. I welcome every new member and hope to see everyone become an actively participating member of KOWIN DC.

Second, the KOWIN DC fellowship has been firmly established, and the third fellow (2012-2013), Susie Won, has been actively involved in all of our activities and has proven her ability more than we expected. Our newly selected fourth fellow (2013-2014), KangEun Jeong Olson, has begun transition and is already actively involved. You will meet both of them at our next membership meeting on Saturday, June 15, 2013. KOWIN DC is blessed to have been able to successfully recruit a high-quality fellow every year.

Third, we have finally established committee-based planning and execution of our main events: Fundraising, Gala, Newsletter, Seminar and Web/Facebook. The committee chairs and members worked on the events for which they are responsible, and you have seen the level of professionalism already. Thanks to their services, KOWIN DC has been recognized as one of the leading professional women's organization in the region.

Fourth, several KOWIN DC members participated in the 12th International KOWIN Convention in Yeosu City, Korea. The theme was "Global Korean Women Challenging Climate Change." 225 women leaders, old and young, came from 53 different countries and shared their experiences and enthusiasm in women's networking. We began as strangers, but at the end of the convention, we shared the sisterhood of Korean women. Personally, this was another fulfilling experience for me even after attending previous conventions.

In addition, as you are well aware, many of our members have had remarkable achievements in their careers, and I want to highlight two of these members here. Professor Hong Ja Kim was awarded the "Outstanding Lifetime Achievement" award in Art by KOWINNER at the 3rd annual KOWINNER Convention held in Romania in 2012. The past KOWIN DC president, Kwang Ja Kim, received the presidential award for her outstanding service to Korea on behalf of comfort women. Please read the Member News section to learn about all of our members' achievements.

Finally, I would like to re-emphasize that KOWIN DC is your organization, and I want to hear from you how to serve you the best. Without the members, the organization does not exist. I look forward to seeing you at our various events and your active participation in our committees.

Best Regards,

Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam, M.D.
President, KOWIN DC Chapter

2013 REMAINING EVENTS CALENDAR

June 15 th	The 2 nd Membership Meeting
August 27-30	Daejun KOWIN International Convention
September	The 3 rd Membership Meeting
November 16 th	The 4 th Annual KOWIN DC Leadership Seminar
December 7 th	The 2013 KOWIN DC Holiday Gala

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The 2013 1st Membership Meeting

March 28, 2013



On March 28th, 2013, the first 2013 membership meeting was held at the Woo Lae Oak restaurant in Tysons Corner. Due to the participation of many new members, each KOWIN DC member gave a short introduction of their backgrounds and positions in different organizations including KOWIN. An extensive report on the past Leadership Seminar, Holiday Gala, Fundraising and the MT Retreat were given by the chairs and other members of the Executive Board. It was announced that

the Spring Benefit Concert would be held in May, and planning for the 2013 Leadership Seminar and Holiday Gala has already begun. Young-Key Kim-Renaud was selected as the new president of KOWIN DC for next two-year term. Councilmember Grace Han Wolf of Herndon Town was the guest speaker for this meeting giving her presentation on "All Politics Are Local!" She focused on the importance of participation in local politics. There was extensive discussion and remarks of accord with the presentation.

The 2013 Membership Retreat

January 28-31, 2013



During January 18-20, 2013, the following KOWIN members attended the second retreat of KOWIN DC at an amazing waterfront property backing up to Weems Creek in Annapolis, Maryland: Judi Rhee Alloway, Christine Choi, Suzanne Doud Galli, Young-Key Kim-Renaud, Sami Lauri, Junghee Lee, Myung Ja Lee, Yoo Sook Lund, Kyoung-Ah Nam, Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam, Sukza Park, Sue Kyong Shin Vittas, Helen Won, and Susie Won. The fourteen of us had a splendid outing, blessed with beautiful weather, healthy and delicious home cooked meals by the attendees, and a lot of delectable snacks to munch on throughout our stay.

During the retreat, members participated in hands-on workshop sessions led by Judi Rhee Alloway on factors in self-motivation; review discussions on Sukza Park's creative writing based on a moving and endearing short story, "Baram Sori (Sound of the Wind)"; Lucy Nam on how better to interpret our medical lab test results and on preparing the right questions to ask our doctors regarding the lab test results; Myung Ja Lee on tea ceremony with a live performance to demonstrate the art of tea drinking with different kinds of teas as well as with interesting teacups; and Suzanne Doud Galli's magic touch of facial glycolic peels to make all of our complexions radiant.

We also discussed the future KOWIN activities. The new president (mid-2013 through mid-2015), Young-Key Kim-Renaud, shared her vision with all of us and outlined the new organizational structure which entails adding a senior vice-president (Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas) to the two existing vice president positions for her upcoming term. Nominations to fill some of the chair positions were made and we discussed the

responsibilities and contributions that we all have to share as KOWIN DC members.

The warm friendship and camaraderie experienced throughout the stay bonded us all close and we left the retreat as sisters, the KOWIN sisters.

The 2012 KOWIN DC Holiday Gala

December 16, 2012



This year, the KOWIN DC Chapter celebrated its Holiday Gala at the Congressional Country Club. The Gala Chair, Sami Lauri, headed a committee of dedicated members who successfully carried out a beautiful decorated and delightful event full of music, games, fun and prizes. The night started off with Dr. Lucy Nam, President of KOWIN, giving the welcoming remarks and followed by Consul General Soongu Yoon with the congratulatory remarks. Florence Lowe-Lee (2010 Seminar Chair), Junghee Lee (2011 Gala Chair), Balbina Hwang (2011 Seminar Chair) and Jungsil Lee (2012 Seminar Chair) were all awarded appreciation plaques for their dedication and contribution to KOWIN DC. This presentation of awards led up to a vocal performance by Sonia Lee, and the closing remarks by Sami Lauri.

In the second part of the program, Christian "DJ Xian" Sese was the MC and DJ who provided the fabulous music and games. Young-Key Kim-Renaud demonstrated an exquisite flamenco dance to the song "Tanguillos de Cádiz." In addition, there was an incredible magic show "Illusion by Vick." A silent auction was held in order to fundraise for the KOWIN fellowship. The event itself was a great celebration for KOWIN'S great work and effort throughout the year of 2012.

The 3rd Annual Leadership Seminar

October 27, 2012

The KOWIN DC chapter had yet another incredible leadership seminar with the great help of this year's Seminar Committee chair, Jungsil Lee. The third 2012 KOWIN Leadership Seminar was held at the City View Room at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University.



The event was co-hosted with the Korean Students Association of GWU with the theme of *Empowering Womanhood: Reclaiming Feminine Power*. The keynote speaker, Senator Yonah Martin of British Columbia (Canada), gave a speech, "Y's women: Wisdom of Women (and a Few Good Men)." This motivational and interesting speech was followed by a panel discussion on "Reclaiming Feminine Power in Politics" moderated by Florence Lowe-Lee, a lecture, "Superwoman Complex," by Professor Mina Cheon and a roundtable mentoring session. It was motivational to see and hear from such established Korean women. A favorite part of the seminar was the mentoring session in which young women as well as some men who participated in our event could learn and speak directly to these role models. Over 100 participants attended this event.

The 2012 3rd Membership Meeting

October 9, 2012



The third 2012 KOWIN membership meeting was held at Woo Lae Oak near Tyson's Corner. There were 16 participants present at the meeting. A new member, Anne Choe, joined the meeting. The participants watched a slideshow of the pictures from the Yeosu KOWIN Convention. The main event was a "Etiquette and All About the Tea" demonstration and tea tasting by a Tea Master, Ms. Euna Kim. It was a beautiful

presentation of tea with traditional music. The topics of discussion included details about the upcoming Leadership Seminar, and the Gala.

The 2012 Yeosu KOWIN International Convention

August 28-31, 2012



This summer, from August 28 to 31, the annual KOWIN International Convention was held in Yeosu, Korea. Approximately 200 Korean women leaders (both from Korea and overseas) participated. Seven of the DC Chapter members attended this convention: Dr. Lucy Nam, Dr. Suzanne Kim Doud Galli, Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas, Helen Won, Stella Yi, Judi Rhee Alloway, and Susie Won. Under the theme "Korean Women Challenging Global Climate Change", a number of speeches were made by distinguished people, including Yeon Suk Lee, the former second Political Affairs Secretary and Hee Ja Lee, CEO of LOOPEN, and there were also many informative and intellectually stimulating group discussions. Several other noteworthy activities took place during the convention, such as the book donation program, in which participants donated about 1200 children books in their local languages, and an outing to the Steel-making factory and the EXPO Aquarium of Yeosu. The convention concluded with a tea time at Cheongwadae (the Blue House) with First Lady Kim Yoon-ok. The following paragraphs are reflections from several of our members who attended this event.

Judi Rhee Alloway

When I arrived at Yeosu, what started at as an enlightening convention with scrumptious food and first class accommodations actually changed my life. Through KOWIN and fate, I met with the President of INKAS, an adoptee service organization. Through that meeting, I arranged to go back to my orphanage.

Thanks to the KOWIN network, I now have a greater understanding of where I came from, plus greater career opportunities. I am forever grateful to feel more clarity, resolution, and peace of mind. I thank the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family for its work to invite us, Korean women from around the world!

Suzanne Kim Doud Galli

I was thrilled and honored to join throngs of Korean women from around the globe to bask in the glory of Korea's recent Olympic wins, share in the joys of Korea's economic triumphs and recall the age old Korean qualities of perseverance and resilience that always helped get us through hard times. It was great to see familiar faces, meet new friends from different countries and share the experience of visiting with Korea's first lady in the Blue House. I'm very grateful for the opportunity I had to revisit Korea with KOWIN.

Margaret Susie Won (Fellow)

I met amazing women who are entrepreneurs or experts in their fields. As a 2012 graduate school graduate, I was inspired by these women to pursue my own dreams and aspirations. Some have travelled the whole world and learned new languages. Some have started their own successful businesses from nothing. I would like to follow their footsteps as well as extend my own knowledge in my field.

The 2012 2nd Membership Meeting

July 17th, 2012



The second 2012 KOWIN meeting was held at Woo Lae Oak near Tyson's Corner. There were about 16 participants present at the meeting. The newly joined KOWIN members were Anna Morris and Susie Won, the 2012-2013 Fellow. The previous 2011-2012 Fellow, Erika Shin, was presented a certificate of completion and a stipend for her great work. The participants watched the Romania KOWINNER slideshow, and it was announced that the next KOWINNER will be held in India in January 2014. The topics discussed during this meeting included the following: Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas's lecture on global executive etiquette, the March meeting minutes, the current KOWIN financial report, Dr. Suzanne Kim Doud Galli's glycolic peel fundraising opportunity and the Junior Membership as well as the 12th Annual KOWIN

International Convention, which would be held in Yeosu, Korea.

The 3rd KOWINNER Romania Convention

June 15-17, 2012



At a time when the number of Koreans living overseas has reached 7 million, and with the aim to increase the recognition of Korea by the world community, 90 Korean female leaders from 21 different countries gathered in Bucharest, the capital of Romania, for the 3rd International KOWINNER Convention from June 15th to 17th 2012. The attendees from our chapter included Dr. Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam, Hong Ja Kim, Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas, Sami Lauri, and Susan Oh. The Korean congressman, In Choon Son, attended this event. Han Taek Kim, the Korean ambassador to Romania, gave the opening speech.

This convention was held in Europe for the first time. In the past, the convention was hosted in Sydney and Hong Kong. This time, there was an emphasis on the arts and culture. KOWINNER awarded prizes to 21 people for the advancement of art and culture by Korean women in the international community. Hong Ja Kim from our DC chapter was presented the "Worldwide Recognition of Women's Art and Culture" award.



The KOWIN DC chapter shined at this convention: Hong Ja Kim gave a presentation, "Looking Back on the Last 40 Years

of My Art Life" and Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas lectured on the manner and etiquette for international events and parties.

Toward the end of the convention, there was a cultural show involving performances by KOWIN members from various countries. The purpose of this show was to portray the different cultures of the countries in which our KOWIN members reside.

This meeting reminded the participants of the importance of our responsibilities to Korea and the world's prosperity. The woman leaders from the world bonded together as one Korean family and shared their own experiences and successes in their field.

The 2012 1st Membership Meeting

March 27th, 2012



The first 2012 KOWIN Annual Meeting was held on March 27th at Woo Lae Oak near Tyson's Corner. There were about 30 participants present at the meeting, including the invited speakers as well as nine new KOWIN members. The newly joined KOWIN members are Melissa Park, Sukza Park, Dr. Suzanne Kim Doud Galli, Sung Hee Lee, Cathy Kim, Ginny Kim, Hoonae Kim, Moon Sook Shin, and Estella Kyungmi Lee. The meeting was held in English, and the topics discussed included the following: the KOWIN International Convention in August 2012 at Yeosu EXPO, the KOWIN International Conference in Romania in June 2012, the financial report of the 2011 fiscal year, and the committee assignments of KOWIN members. There were two special presentations that day on retirement strategy for women by Ms. Lieba Macias and building of the Korean Community Center by Mr. Youngseu Park.

The 2012 KOWIN DC Retreat

January 27-29, 2012

During January 27-29, 2012, the following KOWIN members attended KOWIN's first mountain retreat at Berkeley Springs in West Virginia: Judi Rhee Alloway, Hia Kim, Sami Lauri, Myung Ja Lee, Yoosook Lund, Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam, Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas, Helen Won, and Stella Yi.

The main objective of the retreat was to plan and discuss the future KOWIN activities.



During the retreat, members participated in hands-on workshop sessions led by Judi Rhee Alloway to learn individual and Asian women's leadership qualities, including group IQ dynamics and behavior conflict management styles. In addition, we watched a documentary film "Don't cry for me, Sudan", a compassionate story of the late Father Lee, Tae-seok who worked as a doctor, teacher, and musician to impact the lives of the poorest people in Sudan.

Sharing stories and laughter with good food, walks, and spa treatments did wonders in bringing us close together

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES 2012-2013



KOWIN DC hosted a benefit concert at the Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center of Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus on May 18th, 2013. The evening's program, Opera Gala: Aria and Love Duet, was planned and directed by Sung Hee Rhee, which included remarkable pieces from Gounod's Romeo et Juliette, Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor, Puccini's Tosca, Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin, Verdi's Aida, Rigoletto and Don Carlo, Wagner's Flying Dutchman, and Giordano's Andrea Chenier. These pieces were performed by the following local artists: Seyoung Jeong, soprano and piano, Jeongeun Park, piano, Yoonsoo Shin, tenor, Kwangkyu Lee, bass, Fabiana Bravo, soprano, and Nemeh Azzam, baritone. The money raised from this benefit concert goes towards our annual leadership and mentoring seminar.

KOWIN DC BENEFIT CONCERT
Opera Gala: Aria and Love Duet
Ernst Cultural Center, NOVA, Annandale Campus
8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003
Saturday May 18, 2013 ~ 7:30 PM
\$10 Student, \$25 Adult
Program Director: Sung Hee Rhee
Sponsored By: KOWIN DC Chapter

The fundraising committee has worked to raise funds for KOWIN. A tea party held at the home of Marina Kim and featuring the work of Mia Kim and friends, raised \$1500. KOWIN members supported this event with food, wine, donations of items to sell and even special teas. Other funding acquired includes \$500 from the Korean government, received during the trip to Korea this past summer, \$400 was generously donated by Dr. Nam after a speaking engagement in Korea, and \$910 from Dr. Doud Galli's ongoing chemical peel fundraiser.



A one-time donation of \$300 is strongly requested from each KOWIN DC member. Dr. Doud Galli will offer those members who give this one-time \$300 donation until December 31, 2013, a special gift of a \$300 credit towards any procedure in her office including fillers, botox, chemical peels, noninvasive fat contouring and facial surgery.

Another big fundraising event was the holiday gala silent auction to support the fellowship and the leadership seminar.



Personal Donations

A total of \$7,160 was donated by the following KOWIN DC Chapter Members and Supporters to fund the Leadership Mentoring Seminar, Fellowship Program, and other activities: Suzanne Kim Doud Galli (\$1310), Henry and Youngja Kim (\$500), Kwang-Ja Kim (\$400), Young-Key Kim-Renaud (\$900), Sami Lauri (\$300), Junghee Lee (\$300), Myung Ja Lee (\$550), Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam (\$1250), Susan Oh (\$300), Grace Park (\$300), Sukza Park (\$300), Sue Kyong Shin Vittas (\$800), and Mok Ja Sohn (\$300).



Thank you for your support!

MEMBER NEWS

Christine Choi Awarded By *Dongponews* as “2011 Person of the Year” for Her Contribution to Comfort Women Issues

Kwang-Ja Kim (Christine Choi), president of the Washington Coalition for Comfort Women Issues, Inc (WCCW) was named by the *Dongponews* newspaper publisher in Korea as the “2011 Person of the Year” in February, 2012, for her dedication and contribution to Comfort Women issues.



On December 1, 2012, the WCCW will hold its 20th annual conference at George Mason University. The conference will

include a symposium to showcase educational resources, publications, as well as a special exhibition of unique artwork created by globally prominent artists to illustrate and honor the lives of Comfort Women.

The WCCW cordially invite all KOWIN members to join this landmark event to support the resolution of unsolved and unresolved crimes committed against Comfort Women, and attempt to bring justice to all those whose lives were destroyed by the heinous actions of both the Japanese government and military. A formal invitation for this event will be delivered in the upcoming months. We encourage everyone's participation at the WCCW Conference on December 1, 2012.

Young-Key Kim-Renaud Participated in a Panel in the Third GW Global Forum and Delivered Lectures at Foreign Universities and Other Global Conference



In March 2012, Young-Key Kim-Renaud, Professor of Korean Language and Culture and International Affairs at the George Washington University (GW) and Chair of the East Asian Languages and Literatures Department, went to Seoul to attend the Third GW Global Forum, which met under the title “Global Growth and Innovation,” in Seoul, Korea, March 16-17. Her panel was titled “The Information Revolution and the Ways People Interact, Think, Behave, and Access Public Health.” While in Seoul, she was invited to deliver two special lectures at Sogang University on March 14, 2012: (1) “Education of English-speaking Students of Korean: Pragmatic Embedding for Linguistic Politeness”; (2) “Making Sense of Korean Sound Symbolism to English Speakers.”

In July 2012, Kim-Renaud returned to Asia, this time to China. It was to attend the 18th International Conference of Korean Linguistics and the Xuzhou Conference on Linguistic Sciences, hosted by Jiangsu Normal University School of Linguistic Sciences, Xuzhou, China, July 5-8. Her paper was titled “A Syntactic and Pragmatic Analysis of Subject Honorification.” While in China she went to two other universities to deliver three special lectures: (1) “Quest for Identity: Korean Language and Culture in Changing Contexts,” Shanghai University, July 4; (2) “Korean linguistic and cultural

identity in a global era,” Yanbian University in Yanji, July 10; and (3) “Linguistic and Cultural Negotiation in Translating Modern Korean Fiction into English: A Case Study,” Graduate School, Yanbian University, July 11. In Yanbian, Kim-Renaud also collected language data in order to compare their Korean with the Korean language variety spoken in South Korea.

Mok Ja Sohn Appointed as the Second Chairperson of the Global Children Foundation



The Global Children Foundation (GCF) appointed Mrs. Mok Ja Sohn as its Chairperson, who plans to engage in more activities than ever in the future. The foundation was established by concerned mothers in Washington D.C. to help over 120,000 hungry Korean children as the economic crisis in Korea deepened in 1998. GCF, composed entirely of women, was able to create a sound member-supported financial database, and used its membership fees to help children.

Since its inception, GCF has been helping many needy children in over 30 countries including the United States, spending more than \$2.5 million. It has 20 branches and 4,000 members in the U.S., Hong Kong, Canada, Japan, and Korea. GCF supports after-school children programs, holds a bazaar in Seoul every autumn, and the general assembly meets annually in a selected region. All events are funded by the members. Last year's bazaar was held on September 15-16 at Ryu Kwan-sun Hall, Ewha Girls' High School in Seoul, Korea. The 2012 general assembly was held in Hong Kong from September 21 to 23, and the 15th anniversary general assembly will be held from July 12 to 14, 2013 in Hilton Tysons Corner, Virginia near Washington D.C.

Jae-Ok Chang, author of 'Vignette of Korean Cooking, Received 'Woman of the Year' Award

Jae-Ok Chang received a 'Woman of the Year' award from Soon-Ja Kim, director of Global Korean Women Entrepreneurs Association on June 29th at Woo Lae Oak. (Young- Sook Park; Chair of the Washington Chapter).



Ms. Jang introduced her book and Korean cooking to the mainstream public at “2012 North America and Asian Women Leader Economic Forum”

Ms. Jang immigrated to the United States in the 1970s and she wanted to teach Korean cooking to her daughter. Eventually she published 4 Korean cook books written in both Korean and English. Originally living in Ohio, she moved to Washington DC in 2005 at the request of the Korean Cultural Center of the Korean Embassy to promote Korean cooking to mainstream public. She was thankful for her special award. The president of KOWIN DC Chapter Myung Ho (Lucy) Nam gave congratulatory remarks.

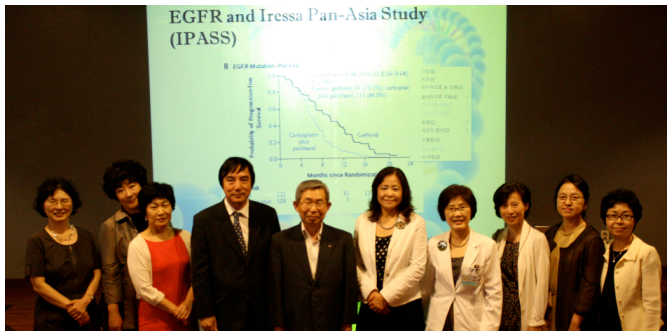
Eun Ae Lee, Chairwoman of the Korean American Foundation, Gave the Welcoming Speech for the 7th Anniversary of 'The Day of Koreans in America'



With the theme of “United as One Korean-American Community of the U.S., the New Challenges and Hope,” the 7th anniversary of “The Day of Koreans in America” event was held on January 14, 2012 at the Culture Center of Northern Virginia Community College under the auspices of the Korean American Foundation, chaired by Ms. Eun Ae Lee. In her welcoming greetings, she declared that the Korean-American immigration history has come to maturity and that Koreans are now looking forward to another centennial. The event, celebrating the 109th year of the Korean immigration history, was attended by a large number of American politicians and

approximately 500 well-wishers from the local communities, highlighted with congratulatory messages from Presidents Lee Myung-Bak and Obama, followed by a series of traditional music and dance performances. Prof. Victor Cha, former Asian director of National Security Council gave the keynote speech, after which he was awarded with a Citation of the Year's Leadership.

Dr. Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam Led Both a Mentoring Session and Healthcare Section in the Yeosu KOWIN Convention



KOWIN DC President, Dr. Myong Ho (Lucy) Nam, led a mentoring session (on August 29) in "Catching up with Successful International Women's Network" as well as moderating session (on August 30) on individual group discussions in the "Healthcare" Section.

After the convention, she also took time to give lectures in Seoul at the Joong Ang University Medical Center and Seoul Hyundai Medical Center on September 3rd and 4th, 2012. Her lecture title was: "Personalized Medicine, 21st Century Medicine; Role of Clinical Pathologists". She kindly donated her lecture honoraria for the 2012 KOWIN DC fellowship

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