



## HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE GARDEN PARTY!

The annual Dorthea Drake Pennington Garden Party is one of SMA's largest social events of the year and our only fundraising event. The party will be held this year on Saturday, July 29 at 6 pm at the home of Laurie and Paul Flint. Members have already received their invitations by email. If you have not had time to reply yet, please let us know soon if you will be able to join us. Our party hosts will generously provide an entree and guests are asked to bring a bottle of wine and a salad, vegetable, dessert or complementary dish to share as well as a requested contribution of \$50 per person or \$100 per couple - about what you might spend on dinner in a fine restaurant.

The Garden Party was begun many years ago as a fundraiser for the Blankets & Books for Babies project. The SMA board has decided to assign funds from this year's Garden Party to Student Support instead of of the B3 project. The generous bequest from late member Gwynn Dockery fully funds our Blankets & Books for Babies program for several years; we are currently working with medical student groups and School of Medicine administrators on identifying potential projects we can support.

There will be ample parking for all Garden Party guests in the parking lot of St. Thomas More Church, 3521 SW Patton Road with free shuttle service to and from the party. Guests with mobility issues can be dropped off at our hosts' door but there is no street parking in the area and all guests must park in the designated lot. Parking and shuttle details will be sent to all guests a week prior to the event.

## YEAR REVIEWED AT SPRING MEETING

SMA's Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 3 at the Waverley Country Club. The agenda included a review of our past year's events and accomplishments presented by President Pam Berg and the election of officers for the coming year.

Our Board officers for 2017-18 will include Pam Berg, President; Mary Carr, Vice President; Marjorie Grafe, Secretary; and Leslie Robinson, Treasurer. Only Leslie Robinson is new to the position and the board; all other board members are returning to their posts. The new board was elected by acclamation and with the sincere thanks of the membership.



*President Pam Berg receives a certificate of thanks and recognition from Jodi Karr*

More photos from the Spring Luncheon are posted on our website, [www.sma-ohsu.org](http://www.sma-ohsu.org). See bottom of page 2 for password.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello again and still here after all these years! It's a surprise to be serving as your leader for another term. My prediction was off by a few days but we celebrated the dedication of the newly refurbished NICU lounge in early June (see the article in this newsletter). It was truly a joy to have so many Dockery family members attend and gratifying to learn that at least two of the younger generation are OHSU employees, so have continued an association with OHSU in the footsteps of their great aunt Gwynn. I look forward to seeing you at the Dorthea Pennington Garden Party on July 29. This year, proceeds will go to our Student Support Fund and Mary Carr will provide an update at the party on SMA projects in the works at that time.

*Pam Berg*



### HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SMA MEMBERSHIP?

If you have not yet renewed your SMA membership, please do so now. Timely return of your membership is very helpful in preparing our annual member directory. A membership form and link to our online form were sent to you by email. Links to forms can also be found on our website at the Forms tab or contact Membership Chair, Hilary Almers, if you need a form sent to you. Our annual membership remains at \$35 and includes a printed copy of our membership directory. We are no longer able to accept credit card payments; please make membership checks payable to SMA and mail along with your membership form to SMA Treasurer, Leslie Robinson, 2915 Crestwood Lane, West Linn, OR 97068. If you wish to make an additional, tax deductible gift to SMA, please write a separate check payable to OHSU Foundation, with Student Support, General Support or Blankets & Books for Babies in the memo line on your check. Thank you!

## INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES and COMING EVENTS

\*Interest Group contacts can be found in your Member Directory. Contact them for details on the groups' activities, meeting locations, etc.

### July

3	Movie Group
11	AM Book Group, <i>America, America</i> , 10am
12	Threads Group, 9:30 am
13	PM Book Group, <i>The Ghost Map</i> , 7 pm
24	B3 Packing, 9:30 am, 2226 CDRC
29	<b>Dorthea Drake Pennington Garden Party, 6 pm</b>

### August

1	AM Book Group, <i>My Name is Lucy Barton</i> , 10 am
7	Movie Group
9	Threads Group, 9:30 am
10	PM Book Group, <i>The Gene</i> , 7pm

### September

4	Movie Group
5	AM Book Group, 10 am
6	SMA Board Meeting, noon
13	Threads Group, 9:30 am
14	PM Book Group, <i>Book Selection</i> , 7 pm
25	B3 Packing, 9:30 am, 2226, CDRC

### 2017-18 SMA Officers

President: Pamela Berg  
Vice President: Mary Carr  
Treasurer: Leslie Robinson  
Secretary: Marjorie Grafe

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## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ALLIANCE BRINGS COMFORT WHEN IT'S NEEDED MOST

by Erin Hoover Barnett, Director of Communications, OHSU



*SMA Task Force members Kay Dawson, Jean Morton, Anne Yoo and Lynnette Houghton attend the dedication*

OHSU School of Medicine Alliance members joined physicians, nurses and staff on June 8<sup>th</sup> to dedicate the Gwynn Brice Dockery Family Lounge in the Doernbecher Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and celebrate the Alliance's largest contribution to OHSU in its 70-year history.

Using a substantial portion of an \$82,000 bequest from the estate of Gwynn Brice Dockery, a longtime OHSU School of Medicine administrator and School of Medicine Alliance member, the Alliance worked with OHSU to remodel the family lounge on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of OHSU Hospital into a bright, comfortable space for families with babies in the NICU.

"We have more than 700 families a year whose babies stay with us, some as long as three to four months," said Robert Schelonka, M.D., associate professor of pediatrics, and head of the Division of Neonatology. "We feel it is very important to create a home-like environment for the families by having a comfortable place for them to decompress and rest between visits with their babies." What had been a functional but not very accommodating space with a noisy vending machine and a small television now has comfortable new furniture, a dining table and work counter, a play area for children and a large-screen television. The project included furnishing an adjacent corridor with supplemental seating. The hospital also contributed to the renovations by repainting the room and updating the carpeting.

### Identifying needs and meeting them

The School of Medicine Alliance was founded in 1947 as the

Faculty Wives Club. In the 1970s, the largely social organization adopted a service orientation, focusing on medical student financial aid and special projects for the School of Medicine.

In 1985, the group started the Blankets for Babies community service program when members realized that some families were taking their newborns home swaddled in their parents' clothing. Initially, members sewed blankets and clothing items for the layettes. Eventually they also enlisted volunteers at local churches and retirement communities to sew and knit layette items.

Gwynn Dockery, who retired from the School of Medicine in 1978 after 36 years of service, strongly supported the program, now called Blankets and Books for Babies. It provides a full layette of a blanket, clothing and a new book for babies born to needy families at OHSU hospital and "heart pillows" to cardiac patients at Doernbecher.

In recent years, the Alliance also purchased milk warmers for the NICU, which Dr. Schelonka called a godsend in a place where 42 premature infants need feeding every three hours. Over the years the Alliance has sprinkled many acts of kindness throughout the School of Medicine – including furnishing the medical students' on-call sleep rooms and renovating student study spaces.

### A gift befitting a legacy of service

Ms. Dockery died in 2014, leaving a generous bequest to the Blankets and Books for Babies program. An Alliance task force decided to focus on improving the environment for the families of babies in the NICU. The task force worked closely with Shelbe Sundeen and Nicki Wiggins, nurse managers on the OHSU Neonatal Care Team, to identify NICU needs. In addition to refurbishing the family lounge, the alliance purchased much needed developmental supplies for use with the newborns as well as 1,000 receiving blankets to replenish the NICU's well-used supply.

"We are very pleased to honor Gwynn Dockery's legacy of service by supporting families in the NICU with an attractive and comfortable place to rest when they are not at their baby's bedside," said Kay Dawson, chair of the Gwynn Dockery Bequest Task Force. "The NICU Family Lounge is the biggest project we've funded in our 70-year history, and we're so happy to see the project completed and appreciated by the NICU families and staff."

A dozen of Ms. Dockery's family members traveled from as far south as Roseburg to be at the dedication.