**Women’s committee meeting 3/17/2021**

Attendance: Colleen Tuson, Kaitlyn Tradd, Theresa Gordon, Taylor Heyl, Hilde Oliver, Veronique LaCapra, Jessica Kozik, Dina Pandya

**Cosponsoring a movie and CommuniTea with the WCC**

This information below went out in Headlines announcing the event. The WCC asked for volunteers to help plan the CommuniTea which will be held on **Friday, March 26 at 1 p.m.** Collen Tuson and Taylor Heyl volunteered to attend the planning meeting that will be held Friday, March 19 at 1 p.m. – if others are interested in attending this meeting, please email Mak at msaito@whoi.edu. The WCC may need the WC to help with the breakout room discussions.

Women's History Month Events: Movie Showing, Recent Study, and CommuniTea: The Workplace Climate Committee and Women's Committee are hosting the documentary Secrets of the Surface: The Mathematical Vision of Maryam Mirzakhani (available for download and watching during March at this link [https://tinyurl.com/c5hpra5k](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fc5hpra5k&data=04%7C01%7Cdpandya%40whoi.edu%7Ccfeceba504a24416f04708d8e9562bda%7Cd44c5cc6d18c46cc8abd4fdf5b6e5944%7C0%7C0%7C637515903627926317%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2FnOJ%2FQMDX6Nnz7h91qc2poqHCTAUa%2FCAyNQS8aBwVi8%3D&reserved=0) through institutional license). We would also like to bring attention to a recent study "Rebuilding the Academy: Supporting academic mothers during COVID-19 and beyond" that examines the COVID impact on female scientists with childcare responsibilities, including the challenges of those planning field work. [https://journals.plos.org/plosbiology/article?id=10.1371/journal.pbio.3001100](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fjournals.plos.org%2Fplosbiology%2Farticle%3Fid%3D10.1371%2Fjournal.pbio.3001100&data=04%7C01%7Cdpandya%40whoi.edu%7Ccfeceba504a24416f04708d8e9562bda%7Cd44c5cc6d18c46cc8abd4fdf5b6e5944%7C0%7C0%7C637515903627936310%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=RTtbRdxgOb6kbSuVqL5g5w%2BbCpcqAn4hEnKOX3DM%2BqQ%3D&reserved=0). Finally, save the date for a  CommuniTea next Friday March 26th at 1pm to discuss workplace climate for women during COVID, more information to follow. For more information contact WCC co-chairs Sheri White and Mak Saito and WC chair Dina Pandya.

**Did you know**In celebration of Women’s History month the Women’s Committee is posting interesting information about various groups of women at WHOI in Headlines. The two that have run in Headlines are below (thank you Mai and WHOI Comms). One more “Did you know” on the Data Dollies who worked on current meter data (without computers) is scheduled for the March 25 Headlines. Taylor suggested doing a write up on the Engineering, Technical and Administrative staff – great idea.

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8. CELEBRATE WHOI WOMEN DURING WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH
Women’s History Month gives us a chance to look back and plan forward. Did you know that as of December 2020, 13% of the WHOI ships' workforce is female? Since 1997, 105 women have worked on our ships to make successful science-filled cruises around the world’s oceans while pushing forward the boundaries of our knowledge; additionally, we have had a female *Alvin* pilot. [Read about some of the women who have changed oceanography since WHOI’s inception](https://web.whoi.edu/womens-comm/category/extraordinary-women-at-whoi/). Get involved in changing the future demographics at WHOI - nominations for the Women’s Committee are [open](https://web.whoi.edu/womens-comm/womens-committee-nomination-form/)!

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6. ALUMNAE OF MIT-WHOI JOINT PROGRAM CELEBRATED DURING WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH
At WHOI, Women’s History Month is a time to commemorate the groundbreaking accomplishments of the Institution’s female scientists, engineers, and alumnae of [the MIT-WHOI Joint Program](https://www.whoi.edu/oceanus/feature/mit-whoi-joint-program-celebrates-50th/). More than 412 women have graduated from the world-renowned program since it launched in 1968. Ahead of its time in supporting women in STEM, the program has had a near-equal split between men and women since 1999. And between 2013 and 2017, 59% of the Ph.D.s were awarded to women. Countless JP alumnae have gone on to advance the field of ocean science, including 17 women who currently work at WHOI. They are Harriet Alexander, Erin Fischell, Dana Gerlach, Kalina Gospodinova, Annette Govindarajan, Lara Gulmann, Susan Humphris, Liz Kujawinski, Isabela Le Bras, Alison Macdonald, Ann McNichol, Anna Michel, Gwyneth Packard, Stephanie Petillo, Pelle Robbins, Sheri White, and Susan Wijffels. Today, 74 female JP students are pursuing a wide variety of doctoral, engineering, and master’s degrees, focusing on topics from deep sea parasites to volatile superoxides and more.

To learn more about the legacies of trailblazing female scientists and engineers, check out the [Extraordinary Women Series](https://web.whoi.edu/womens-comm/category/extraordinary-women-at-whoi/) hosted by the [WHOI Women’s Committee](https://web.whoi.edu/womens-comm/).

**Professional Development**

The Leadership program that Anya and Dina investigated was too expensive and we are unsure of the budget. Colleen will look into the budget and we will discuss more at a future meeting.

**New Member Recruitment**One person has inquired about joining the group. There was a discussion about sending the announcement to the women at WHOI list and to ask members from the CDEI and/or WCC who were rolling off and would like to join. Dina will ask IS if there is a women at WHOI list. Jessica will update the announcement to emphasis that it is easier to be involved with virtual meetings, etc.

**WHOI is Your Buddy Program**

If you are interested in helping plan the WHOI’s your Buddy Program, please come to a meeting on April 8 at 11. Zoom information is below and here is a link to sign up to be a Buddy - [**https://web.whoi.edu/wcc/whois-your-buddy-program/**](https://web.whoi.edu/wcc/whois-your-buddy-program/).

Topic: WHOI's Your Buddy Planning Meeting

Time: Apr 8, 2021 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://whoi-edu.zoom.us/j/99887382385

Meeting ID: 998 8738 2385

**Room Naming Working Group Meeting**

There was a call for nominations for Clark 271 which is a G&G Conference Room. A number of nominations were received from the Community and the G&G department. The RNWG will send the G&G department the nominations to select from.

**Event with Loral O’Hara**

NASA provided dates that Loral will be available both in Russia and the US. If we hold the event when she is in the U.S. it could be start at 6 or 7 p.m. otherwise it would be a 9 a.m. to 12 noon event. We selected Thursday, May 13 as the date and the format would be short presentations by the speakers followed by a Q&A. The event would be on Zoom. In addition to Loral, the committee suggested having a panel of women in engineers including Kaitlyn Tradd, Molly Curran, Sheri White and/or Gwyneth Packard. Kaitlyn will reach out to see who is available.

**Update**

\*As it turns out WHOI Comms is not able to support an event in May (there are three major initiatives happening in May and June) but is available in July. Dina emailed her contact at NASA to find out about Loral’s schedule in July. We need to discuss more at our next meeting.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the week of April 19 – just realizing this is school vacation week so maybe the week of April 26 might be better. Dina will send out a Doodle Poll.

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