

THE ANNUAL AGNES B. SEASONGOOD LUNCHEON AND MARIAN A. SPENCER AWARDS

On May 3, 70-plus people gathered at the Kennedy Heights Art Center Annex for the annual Seasongood Luncheon. Attendees were delighted by the easy parking, delicious food, an engaging and wonderful speaker in Judge Wende Cross, and the incredible talents of the five high school seniors who received our Marian Spencer Education Awards.

Thanks to the generosity of three WCC members and the Woodward Trust Fund, we were able to award five young women \$1,500 each—an increase of \$500 from last year.

One thousand dollar donations came from WCC members Marge Davis, Deborah Allsop, and Alice Schneider. The Woodward Trust provided a \$1,500 grant. Other funds came from our WCC Spencer Fund. Many thanks to our members who donated to help young women achieve their goals.



Rapt guests listening to Judge Cross

Sharon McCreary, Education Award Chair, did her usual outstanding job of welcoming and introducing the awardees and their families. Each of the young women told us of their college and career plans. Seeing the excited, grateful smiles on the students' faces make our efforts so worthwhile. The students' names and high schools are as follows: Brooklyn Jackson, Wyoming HS; Srividya Bade Vinod, Hughes STEM HS; Layla Klotz, Colerain HS; Joi Burton, Winton Woods HS; Savanna Hayes-Bogle, Walnut Hills High School.

All are attending college, including Harvard! Two are majoring in mechanical engineering and one in robotics. It was an impressive group of young women.

Judge Wende Cross, this year's speaker, was an inspiration to the girls—and to all of us! She spoke of her own childhood and her struggles growing up. She assured the award-ees they are all very smart and advised them to never NOT speak up. "Meetings in which you are the only female can be intimidating," said Judge Cross, "but do speak up. Tell people your ideas!"



Judge Wende Cross

We had eighteen beautiful raffle baskets that brought in over \$1,150—the most ever! Thanks to all the committee and board members who donated baskets. The luncheon generated a profit, which benefits the Spencer Awards.

Thanks to committee members who all did their share, and to Donna Tukel, who was invaluable. Another successful, well-run, inspiring Seasongood Luncheon.

Committee Members: Susan Noonan, Chair Seasongood Luncheon, Sharon McCreary, Chair Education Awards, Marge Davis, Jeff Dey, Carole Donnelly, Laurie Frank, Sarah Gideonse, Erika Jay, Chalet Jules, Edna Keown, and Alice Schneider.



Proud honorees and their parents

~ Susan Noonan, Chair