

METRO MIDWIVES

A Publication of NYC Midwives

What's Inside?

Celebrate our
2019 graduates!
Class photos from
all three area
schools can be
found on pp.11-12.
Our future is in
good hands!

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HONOR ROLL

By Karen B. Burgin, Editor

As I end my fourteen-year term as Editor of Metro Midwives, I want to express my gratitude to everyone who has made this newsletter possible.

It was during a Membership Committee meeting back in 2005 that the idea of having a NYC Midwives chapter newsletter was born. Two members, **Julie Rousseau** and **Suzanne Seger**, both of whom relocated to California, suggested it, and were in at the formation. After a positive response to the idea from the membership, the committee got to work. As Membership Chair, I took on the role of Editor, assisted by **Suzanne Smith** and **Lauren Lese**. **Suzanne Smith**, who won a contest to name the newsletter, is to be credited with our name, *Metro Midwives*. Her prize was a year's free chapter membership! **Lauren Lese** conceived the About Us column for personal items and conducted it until 2008, when **Suzanne Schechter** ably stepped in. Hundreds of happy events were commemorated in these columns, and many sad ones too, as members had an opportunity to share memories of their deceased loved ones and colleagues. Thanks to everyone who contributed items, too many of you to name here, but you know who you are.

Ellen Catalinotto, our "Reporter-at-Large," has been a vital part of *Metro Midwives* through the years, writing numerous reports of workshops and high school career days, articles on statistics, interviews, and discussions of relevant clinical topics.

Special recognition goes to **Aleida Llanes-Oberstein**, one of the founding members of the NY State Board of Midwifery, who, with her detailed reports over the years, faithfully kept members informed of the Board's proceedings.

Our Chapter Chair at the beginning was **Joan Bryson**, who began the tradition of communicating with chapter members in the first-page Chair's column. All the Chairs up until the present have followed her lead, and they all deserve thanks for their support. They are: **Betsy Arnold-Leahy**, **Anne Gibeau**, Co-Chairs **Megan Harlow** and **Julia Lange-Kessler**, Co-Chairs **Gina Eichenbaum-Pikser** and **Pat Burkhardt**, Co-Chairs **Laura Zeidenstein** and **Casey Selzer**, and Co-Chairs **Sharon McDowall** and **Eugenia Montesinos**.

Deepest appreciation goes to the remarkable **Laura Zeidenstein**, Program Director of Columbia's Midwifery program, who designed and implemented the student interview project known first as *Our Midwifery Pioneers*, and later as *Our Remarkable Midwives*. Over five years, thirty-eight of the NYC area's midwives were profiled in our newsletter. (This includes the four who were interviewed before the student



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Nominating Committee

The Committee prepares a slate of candidates for each year's chapter election. This spring chapter Co-Chairs, Vice President, Treasurer, and Nominating Committee members were elected. In 2020 we will be electing a new Secretary.

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Membership Committee

Members may submit the name of a midwife non-member for a year's guest membership. Please send the names to nycmidwivesnomcom@gmail.com

Membership renewal is yearly; reminders will be sent by email. To join or renew, log on to our website www.nycmidwives.org and follow the links. Those joining online may use credit/debit cards. You may also mail in the application form on the last page.

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Student Scholarship Committee

Four graduating midwifery students received Chapter-sponsored scholarships at the May 2019 chapter meeting. See the NYC Midwives website for information about applying for 2020.

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Communications Committee

This chapter committee has the stated goal of outreach to help NYC families relate to midwives and know who we are. The committee employs social media, and is looking for blog contributions.

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Student Committee

Our new Co-Chairs are grateful to **Kimm Sun, LM** for giving a Havening presentation for students and new midwives in October. See p. 14 for a report of the event.

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Miles for Midwives

This 5k Fun Run/Walk took place on Saturday, October 5, in Prospect Park, Brooklyn. The 17th annual event included a birth fair and a pee wee race. Proceeds went to NYC Midwives chapter, which funds student scholarships and grants for midwifery-related projects. See p. 6 for a report of this year's fun-filled event.

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Home Birth Committee

There are now transfer agreements with Maimonides, Woodhull & NCB. More are needed. Home birth midwives donated generously to Miles for Midwives, and are planning increased community involvement.

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Congratulations & best wishes

Nancy Kraus, CNM, LM is pleased to announce family news. Her son, Alex Dettmer, was married to Olivia Perez on June 21st. The wedding was



held at Terrain in Glen Mills, PA. Alex was delivered into the hands of **Nancy Campau CNM** 31 years ago. Nancy's two grandkids are also in the photo. She was the doula at her daughter-in-law's beautiful natural birth 3 yrs ago (PROM induced with breast stimulation alone), but the second baby came too fast to need any help from grandma! Nancy's 93 ½ year old mom is also in the photo as well as her two sisters and their families.

On Sept 26th at 12:45 AM, Josef Bush was born at home, to **Judy Bush, CNM** and her husband Daniel.

The birth was graced with the reassuring, loving presence of **Kristen Leonard, LM** and **Barri Malek, LM**.



Proud older siblings are: Yisroel age 9, Abbie age 7, and Azaria nearly 3 years old.

Karen Jefferson, LM is thrilled to announce that she and her husband, Felix, are grandparents! Their son, Antonio Hernandez, and Daphne Richards welcomed baby Dominic on November 16th. Weighing 7 lb 9 oz, the baby was born at home with BK Midwifery in attendance.



Other midwifery announcements

Midwife extraordinaire, **Christine Obremski** (Downstate Class of 1982), recently started chemotherapy. She requests to be kept in your thoughts and prayers. Chris would love to hear from NYC midwives. She can be contacted at Calofo@verizon.net

Janet A. Williams, LM received a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from Wilkes University at the summer commencement ceremony held on Sept. 8.



She has a heart for adolescents and her doctoral and ongoing research captured that interest. Her ongoing study is entitled "Dreams Matter: Future Goal Setting and Contraceptive Intent In Adolescent Females".

She believes that if women are supported throughout their life cycle, it will positively affect the entire family. She graduated from SUNY Downstate and has been in full scope practice since 2004.

NYC Midwives extend their heartfelt thanks to **Pat Loftman, CNM, FACNM, MS, LM** for a decade of ser-

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ABOUT US (Continued)

vice as Chair of the ACNM Midwives of Color Committee.

Among her many significant accomplishments, Pat was Chair of the Women's Health/Clinical Care Group that led to Harlem Hospital Center becoming the first World Health Organization Baby Friendly Hospital in New York City. She has been a tireless advocate for quality health care for women of color in NYC and nationally.



Pat retired in 2010 from Harlem Hospital Center after a midwifery career that spanned 30 wonderful years in the community she loves. Ever energetic, she diligently continues to promote the midwifery profession and to highlight the history and crucial work of many midwives of color.

On October 7th **Debra Pascali-Bonaro** gave an engaging talk entitled "Sex, Pleasure and Birth" as part



of Sex in Medicine week at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University. Debra is a dynamic, world-renowned doula and childbirth educator who produced the acclaimed documentary "Orgasmic Birth." The interdisciplinary event was organized by the Downstate Student Midwives Association.

Trinisha Williams (President), **Shar La Porte** (Vice-President), **Carol Bues** (Treasurer), and **Andrea Diamond** (Secretary) are NYS LMs, who are in the process of creating the first midwife-led, not-for-profit, birthing center in NYC.

Their endeavor is called Haven Midwifery Birthing Center

<http://www.havenmidwiferybirthingcenter.com/>

Its conception stems from a belief that New Yorkers deserve more choices for their birthing experiences. With a combined 80 years of experience, the four founders are midwives in the early stages of establishing a community birth option. The team "understands firsthand the challenges of achieving a physiologic birth and are dedicated to providing families with the highest quality care through Haven Midwifery Birthing Center."

Their mission is to provide this much needed community-based service due to the high maternal mortality rate in the US, especially among women of color. They envision a facility where women and family health care can be combined. Their plan is to offer education on all aspects of health, including parenting, and to work towards healing the disparities facing women of color and non-binary individuals.

For more information, reach out to:

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@Haven_Midwifery_NYC

#haven2020

17th ANNUAL MILES FOR MIDWIVES RACE October 5, 2019

2019 Miles For Midwives 5k Fun Run/Walk!

By Alexandra Moskaluk, LM and Jennette Morgan, LM

What a beautiful day! Miles for Midwives is truly inspiring each year as we gather as a community. Thank you for joining us, running, donating, sponsoring and supporting midwives and midwifery care in NYC.

This year we had a 5k race, Birth Fair with 30 sponsors and lots of kids' activities including a pee wee race, face painting, three legged races and potato sack races!

Also, this year we had a special guest speaker, Councilwoman Carlina Rivera, who joined our event and gave a short speech. Rivera is a strong supporter of bringing midwifery care to all NYC hospitals and patients who want and deserve it.

Due to so many generous sponsors and donors, we raised \$34,000!

We would like to acknowledge our teams who raised the most money:

- Midwifery Care NYC
- BK Midwifery
- NYC Homebirth Midwives



We would like to acknowledge our race winners:

- First Place Women's: Laura Coogan
- First Place Men's: Troy Squire
- Second Place Women's: Lizzie Heiselt
- Second Place Men's: Henry Terepka
- Third Place Women's: Amanda Schoppe
- Third Place Men's: Frank Rose

Special shout out to: **Ellen Catalinotto!**



Thank you again!
Hope to see you
all next year!



Laura Coogan



Troy Squire

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MORE MILES FOR MIDWIVES 2019 PHOTOS



By Karen B. Burgin, Editor

Thanks to NYSALM President **Sascha James-Conterelli, LM** we have been kept informed weekly about important events and accomplishments of our NY State Affiliate. This article will update readers on some of the outstanding ones this fall. New York midwives are making their presence felt!

To begin with, the revised NYSALM by-laws have made it official – our organization is now known as New York Midwives! This will be our doing-business-name (DBA), while NYSALM, Inc. remains our legal title.

On October 18, the inaugural ACOG endowed lecture in honor of the collaborative efforts between midwives and physicians was presented at the ACOG DII meeting in New York City by **Sascha James-Conterelli, LM** and **Wendy Wilcox, MD**. The lecture, entitled *New York State's Comprehensive Approach to Maternal Mortality and Disparate Racial Outcomes*, honored Richard Waldman, MD and **Elaine Mielcarski, LM**, a husband-and-wife team well known to New York maternity care providers. Dr. Waldman, a past ACOG president, has long been a staunch supporter of midwifery, and Elaine was instrumental in the formation of New York's Midwifery Practice Act. They were present, and accepted the honor with appreciation and enthusiasm. Dr. Iffath Hoskins, MD, ACOG DII President, has challenged all of the other ACOG districts to follow suit.

At the very successful NYSALM Education Day in early November, **Cynthia Lynch, LM**, was elected the new Vice President of NYSALM, **Yuliya Labko, LM** became chair of the Communications Committee, and **Whitney Hall, LM** became the new Secretary.

The day began with a keynote speech by **Mimi Niles, LM**, entitled *Notes from the Frontline: Stumbling towards Intersectionality, Inclusion & Justice Work*

in Public Health Midwifery.

During this weekend the new by-laws were approved and accepted. In addition to the Doing-Business Name (DBA) change, another change was to eliminate the alternate regional representative positions, which were essentially non-functioning. There was a discussion about the requirement that State Affiliate members must be ACNM members, which 30% of those voting desired to eliminate. **Pat Burkhardt, LM**, By-laws Chair, made it clear that this is not something NY Midwives can do independently. NYSALM will continue to consider a more effective and efficient structure for the organization and discussion will be on-going. Ideas are welcome.

Email Pat at pb8@nyu.edu.

Next year's Lobby Day will take place on May 19, 2020.

GYNHA and ACOG met in November to discuss postpartum care related to Governor Cuomo's plan to address maternal mortality. **Helena Grant, LM** and **Melanie Summersille, LM** were in attendance. A task force will be convened to further work on this. **Cynthia Lynch, LM** and **Sascha James-Conterelli, LM** will attend the planning meeting and keep members informed.

On December 6th **Cynthia Lynch, LM** represented us at the Women's Issues Roundtable featuring Senator Julia Salazar, Chair of the NY Senate Women's Issues Committee, and Senator Gustavo Rivera, Chair of the NY Senate Committee on Health. The Senators have a particular interest in the social determinants of maternal and child health and the disparities that impact women and children of color and those in underserved communities.

Helena Grant, LM has been appointed the new Co-Chair of the NYC Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Steering Committee. It is an important milestone for our profession to have a midwife in this significant role. Congratulations, Helena!

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By Karen B. Burgin, Editor

Late November 2019 brought good news for U.S. women and families in the form of new bipartisan bills introduced in the House of Representatives. All three bills would benefit the populations midwives serve.

The Birth Access Benefiting Improved Essential Facility Services (BABIES) Act, sponsored by Rep. Katherine Clark (D-MA) and Buddy Carter (R-GA), would expand access to freestanding birth centers for women with low-risk pregnancies (i.e., uncomplicated singleton vertex term pregnancies). The Act requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a demonstration project with the Medicaid program to develop and advance innovative payment models for freestanding birth centers. Birth centers eligible to participate must be accredited and licensed by their state to provide full-scope birth care, newborn care and other ambulatory services. In addition, the birth center must employ or have care delivery arrangements with both a physician and a midwife or midwives who meet ICM practice standards and are licensed to practice in the birth center's jurisdiction.

The legislation would provide planning grants to states to establish a payment system for care rendered by freestanding birth centers, covering the multiple services they provide.

ACNM strongly endorses the BABIES Act, as it builds upon data from the Strong Start for Mothers and Newborns initiative, an effort by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) aimed at reducing preterm births and

improving outcomes for newborns and pregnant women. The initiative showed that midwifery care in freestanding birth centers resulted in lower rates of preterm birth and low birthweight, fewer Cesarean births, more week-end births and more VBACs. Cost savings to the Medicaid program were \$2,101 per mother-infant dyad.

ACNM urges members to reach out to their Representative to help build congressional support for this bill. Follow this link to access the Advocacy Center on the ACNM website to send a letter encouraging your House member to co-sponsor the bill.

<https://www.votervoice.net/ACNM/campaigns/69631/respond>

Two more bipartisan bills were approved by the House Energy and Commerce Committee that would strengthen and improve maternal health access and outcomes:

The Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act (H.R. 4995), sponsored by Reps. Engel (D-NY), Bucshon (R-IN), Torres Small (D-NM), and Stivers (R-OH), would authorize grants to implement rural obstetric networks and maternal telehealth programs. It also contains provisions from the Lower Health Care Costs Act (S. 1895), including funding to promote best practices, educate health care professionals on implicit bias, implement state perinatal quality collaboratives, and deliver integrated health care services to pregnant and postpartum women. Another provision would establish a rural maternal and obstetric care training demonstration project where many types of health care providers and organizations, including midwifery education programs, could

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NATL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (Cont.)

apply for funding to help train providers, including midwives, to provide maternal care services in rural, community-based settings. Eligibility requirements mandate that the training program be evidence-based and include instruction on implicit bias, maternal mental health, maternal substance use disorder and social determinants of health.

The Helping Medicaid Offer Maternity Services Act (H.R. 4996), sponsored by Reps. Kelly (D-IL), Burgess (R-TX), Underwood (D-IL), Rodgers (R-WA), Pressley (D-MA) and Carter (R-GA), would give states the option to extend Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage for pregnant and postpartum women from the current 60 days to one year after birth, with an increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for the first year a state opts to extend the coverage. It would also require the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) to issue a report on access to doula care and reimbursement for services under the Medicaid program.

ACNM supports the provisions included in both pieces of legislation. We thank **Amy Kohl, CNM** of the Government Affairs Committee for her helpful information about these legislative issues.



NYSALM UPDATE (Continued)

NYSALM is pleased to announce the final adoption of the midwifery-led birth center regulations, which appeared in the New York State Register on November 13, 2019 under the title: *Notice of Adoption: Midwifery Birth Center Services*. The regs are available for download from the ACNM Connect post on that date, or from the NYS Register site. **Kate Finn, LM** of NYSALM credits NYSALM's negotiators with achieving the very important provision that midwifery-led birth centers may be located within two hours of a collaborating hospital instead of the 20 minutes originally required for physician-led centers. ACOG initially opposed the longer time, but NYSALM was able to present evidence of the safety of this approach. This is critical for improving access to maternal and primary care in rural areas where there are currently care deserts.

Due to inclement weather, the NYSALM Board meeting in New York City was postponed from December 2, 2019 to January 6, 2020, at the Offices of Greenberg Traurig. All particulars remain the same.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Students!

Each year NYC Midwives awards scholarships to students in good standing graduating from an ACME-accredited midwifery education program that year. Students must be members of ACNM/NYSALM and our local chapter, NYC Midwives. At least one scholarship is dedicated to a student who self-identifies as a student of color. Local programs will receive copies of the application packet, due April 1, 2020, and you can also download the application from our website. Two letters of recommendation, one from a faculty member and one from a clinical preceptor, are required. Forms for them are included in the packet. So start preparing to apply now! Someone is going to win – why not you?

For further information, consult your Program Director or the student scholarship section of our website, www.nycmidwives.org

STUDENT COLUMN: OUR NEW MIDWIVES

PRESENTING THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES FROM OUR THREE AREA SCHOOLS—SO PROUD OF ALL OUR NEW COLLEAGUES!



COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY: FIRST DNP CLASS

Front: L to R: Faculty Rebekah Ruppe, Laura Zeidenstein, Maria Corsaro. Alice Schreiber

Back: L to R: Kelly Minor, Su Thet, Nancy Ngok, Megan Marx, Angelica Staib, Mish Ives, Leah Rieff, Sarah Enteen, Whitney Hudak, Deanna Karam

Thanks to Laura Zeidenstein for providing graduates' photos over the years!

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

L to R:

Dana Cosentino

Alexandria Ross

Vashti Calderon

Sasha Quist

Vanessa Petgrave

Carolyn Bernier



Thanks to Susan Altman for providing graduates' photos over the years!

OUR NEW MIDWIVES (Continued)



SUNY DOWNSSTATE GRADUATES CLASS OF 2019

Tasha M. Baptiste

Ronica M. Bennett

Chloe A. Campbell

Kyra M. Caruso

Laura E. Coogan

Angela M. Ferin

Kathy-Jo C. Gabbur

Hannah Y. Hadi

Sorayya Kassamali Rickicki

Sarah-Lee L. Lewis

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Carrie A. Smith

Yael Sofer

Beata E. Stein

T'Karima Ticitl

Thanks to Aleida Llanes-Oberstein for providing graduates' photos over the years!

CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS MIDWIFERY

Celebrating Indigenous Midwifery with Nicolle Gonzalez of the Changing Women Initiative

By Karen B. Burgin, Editor

On Friday, September 20, 2019 New York Midwives hosted an event to benefit the Changing Women Initiative, a Native American-centered women's health collective based in New Mexico. The event featured Nicollette Gonzalez, a Navajo CNM, who founded the collective after working for many years in a health care system that failed to provide Native American women and families with the cultural support and ceremonial approaches so essential to their well-being.

Ms. Gonzalez is a passionate midwife whose goal is to "renew cultural birth knowledge to empower and reclaim indigenous sovereignty of women's medicine through women's stories and life ways." She was one of the midwives called to stand up for the sovereignty of Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to resist the building of



the Dakota Access Pipeline. There she provided midwifery care in an act of solidarity and communi-

ty service.

Since 2015 the collective has addressed Native American maternal health disparities and the lack of Native American/indigenous representation within U.S. midwifery. In 2018, they became a 501c3 non-profit following a strategic planning process and digital storytelling project which involved Native American women, families, midwives, doulas and elders to discuss sustainable ways for the Changing Women Initiative to ensure access to decolonized indigenously-centered accessible healthcare and traditional childbirth options for Native American women.

Mimi Niles, LM, one of the organizers of the event, conveyed Ms. Gonzalez's thanks to NYC Midwives for their generous donation to the Initiative.



STUDENT COMMITTEE EVENT

By Sasha Weigel, LM

Kimm Sun, LM and **Kateryn Nunez, LM** graciously offered their time and energy to hold a presentation for a group of midwifery students and newly



graduated midwives. The goal was to educate the group about the healing and stress/trauma-reducing modality called Havening. We settled in on couches, formed a circle, and created a safe space to share our struggles we face as novices in our field, as well as our ultimate goals as practicing midwives.. In this intimate setting we learned Havening touch and process which was both deeply relaxing and also a very relevant tool and approach to patient care in our field. It was an opportunity to connect with ourselves, each other, and the sisterhood of midwives that we are entering.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

NYC MIDWIVES CHAPTER

2019

Holiday Party: Sunday, December 15, 3 to 6:30 p.m. at Speakvino, 1063 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn 11216

2020

Thursday, February 13: Location TBA

Monday, May 18: Location TBA

ACNM ANNUAL MEETINGS

2020: Austin, Texas, May 29-June 2

2021: Portland, OR, May (dates TBA)

2022: Chicago, IL. May 21-25

2023: Washington, DC. May (dates TBA)

ICM MEETINGS

2020 Bali, Indonesia; date TBA

2020 NYSALM MEETINGS (all invited)

Monday, January 6 in New York City, Office of Greenberg Traurig, 200 Park Avenue, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (postponed from December 2 due to bad weather)

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

project began.) SUNY Downstate students, mentored by **Ronnie Lichtman**, their Program Director, contributed five of the interviews. Thanks to Ronnie and her students for being a part of it! *Metro Midwives* was privileged to present these interviews as a way to introduce and recognize so many of New York City's accomplished midwives. One of my greatest pleasures as Editor was working with these remarkable students. Their names are included in the list below.

Kimm Sun, LM, has graciously offered to take on the role of the next Editor of *Metro Midwives*. All the best to her, and we trust that our members will continue to help her to keep our newsletter thriving.

Heartfelt thanks to these contributors who sustained *Metro Midwives* over fourteen years:

Lauren Abrams
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Sally Mendelsohn
Malaika Miller
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Kelly Minor
Ali Kaplan Monaghan
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Jennette Morgan
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Alexandra Moskaluk
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Kayla Murphy
Molly Nathanson
Nancy Ngok

Mimi Niles
Kaya Norton
Rachel O'Hearn
Megan O'Keefe
Debbie Paley
Roma Panganiban
Mervnide Pierre
Hilary Prager
Ali Preefer
Ellen Razgaitis
Stacey Rees
Annalee Reid
Kinikia Reid
Kristin Richman
Nancy Villa Riggs
Josie Rodriguez
Valerie Roe
Kaia Ross-Duggan
Suzanne Schechter
Marlene Schoening-Frossard
Alice Schreiber
Casey Selzer
Rani Shankar
Jennifer Shark
Laura Sheperis
Karla Silverman
Laure Sinnhuber-Giles
Allison Sinofsky
Carolyn Slattery
Suzanne Smith
Jenna Sood
Angelica Staib
Elizabeth Stein
Natasha Steinhart
Marcy Perlman Tardio
Sharon Ann Taylor-Small
Su Thet
Sally Urang
Amy Walker
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