Hello from Maui!

Districts 8 & 9 gathered for the 1st of 3 meetings consecutively at the Ritz Carlton, Kapulua Maui in October. The ADM meeting addressed disparities in OB/GYN and asked some tough questions about our own biases when caring for patients. The resort was very family friendly and the conference was set up as 3 half days, allowing for some beach time! Hope to see you next year in October 2019!

The YP sponsored Mock Oral boards was well attended, limited by number of examiners and prioritizing JP-P, PGY-4’s then PGY-3’s. We did a format of just standardized cases, 20 minutes then a 5 minutes debrief with two different examiners. This allowed for examinees to be exposed to different styles and feedback. There was less preparation with the standard cases, making set up easy with just a laptop and quick examiner review. Our impromptu "Social Hour" poolside introduced new JF/YP’s to each other before the conference's Welcome Reception. Snacks were provided but not drinks to help with costs. The Mentorship Mingle was in the same area as the Poster Session, had boxed lunches but caused a slight division of focus. We made stickers with topics of discussion on them that participants could choose. Next year, we will try to have a more dedicated time for the Mingle, bringing together JF, YP, and Fellows.

District 8 has decided not to move forward with separate YP Section Leadership (Hawai'i has done so) at this time because there are still recruitment issues for actual Section Leadership. YP’s are the focus of many sections for potential leaders and we did an ASK that each section save/slate a spot on their CLC funding for at least 1 YP. Please seek out your Section Chair/Vice Chair if you are interested in a leadership position or attending the CLC in March 2019!

Suzanne Burlone rotates off this year and we have a huge THANK YOU for all of her work with the District Maternal Mortality Review Process and hope to have her stay on in this role.
Thank you!
Margie Amos

pictures: Double rainbow on the south side of Maui; View of the Haleakala Volcano; Margie and Suzanne at the mentorship mingle; sunset from Lahaina shore.