

Shalom,

There are lots of good things happening with Hadassah and the Greater Southwest Region!

Ft. Worth Hadassah's Thank You reception last week honoring Texas State Representatives Phil King, Craig Goldman and Linda Koop for their leadership in passing the Texas Anti-BDS House Bill 89 was a huge success. More than 150 people from 20 Jewish and non-Jewish sponsoring organizations came together for the event.

I was delighted to represent the region and I enjoyed speaking about Hadassah and the outstanding work we do. It's always wonderful to be in a room filled with people who love and support Israel! Kol Hakavod to Ft. Worth President and Event Chair Debby Rice for a job well done.

Yesterday, I had the privilege of being on an exclusive conference call with HMO (Hadassah Medical Organization) Head of Nursing Services Dr. Rely Alon. She is fairly new at Hadassah Hospital and she has big plans to increase the number of nurses at our hospitals. I learned that we have 1,800 nurses and 13 % are male. There is a shortage of nurses in Israel and Dr. Alon hopes to attract more people to become nurses – and to stay at Hadassah after graduating from our terrific nursing school.

Next week will be extra special as 14 GSW members will go to Washington, DC Monday, May 14 – Thursday, May 17 for Hadassah's Health Summit and a Day on the Hill where we will meet with our representatives on The Hill. Several women attending are receiving grants from the region and will in turn be planning some excellent health programs for their groups or chapter. We have members going from Dallas, Ft. Worth, Friendswood, Houston, McAllen and San Antonio.

Todah rabah for everything you do for Hadassah - and Shabbat shalom,

Linda