

AILA “Progetto Donna” Award given to Rear Admiral Blumenthal

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Rear Admiral Susan Blumenthal is the first person to receive the “Progetto Donna” International Award, created by the AILA Foundation to combat arthritis and osteoporosis. The ceremony took place at the Embassy of Italy in Washington on June 17, 2010. Ambassador Giulio Terzi di Sant’Agata and the President of the AILA Foundation, Dr. Francesco Bove, were present.

“We are honored – stated President Bove – to confer the first international “Progetto Donna” award to Rear Admiral Susan Blumenthal, a woman recognized throughout the world for her accomplishments in medicine, in particular women’s health.”

“Dr Blumenthal –said Italian Ambassador Giulio Terzi in his opening remarks- is one of the most influential women in medicine today. We are proud at the Embassy that she has kindly accepted to have a key role in the next Global Health Conference, which will be held here in October, dedicated to a very important issue: healthy aging, quality of life and the science of longevity”.

The event included a concert by “Affetti Collaterali”, a band which performs exclusively for charity events and has financed numerous scientific research projects through its activity and CD sales. The group has recently released a collection (Across the 60’s – 70’s) of the most significant songs during that golden period for music. All proceeds from the sale of the album go to “Sapienza” University in Rome to support bone ultrastructure research.

The guest of honor of the evening was international artist Ami Stewart, famous for her hit disco recording “Knock on Wood.”

The AILA Foundation to prevent and find a cure for arthritis and osteoporosis was established in 1998 to combat these two highly debilitating disorders that affect a large percentage of people worldwide, especially women. Over the past 12 years, AILA has worked as a bridge between scientific organizations and citizens, conducting educational and advocacy campaigns as well as establishing the “Progetto Donna” Award to raise awareness and provide critical information on lifestyle changes that can prevent arthritis and osteoporosis.

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