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What's Up with From elementary school children who adore science and math, to high school girls who are not always encouraged to enter these fields, to University deans and professors who can benefit from better understanding of how women faculty are treated, hired, and achieve tenure—all were subjects discussed January 24 at the home of Donna Satin.

Led by Abby Stewart, professor of psychology and women's studies and director of the university's ADVANCE program at the Institute for Research and Women, the evening was a fascinating exploration of how UM is working at almost every level and making great strides in uncovering and ameliorating problems for women faculty in most academic areas through Professor Stewart's programs.

She explained the many ways the ADVANCE program, funded by National Science Foundation, is creating institutional transformation by improving the institutional climate for tenured and tenure-track women faculty; by improving recruitment, retention and promotion of tenured and tenure-track women faculty; and by increasing visibility and authority of women faculty in leadership positions—all in science and engineering.

But the happy results, she said, were that the university was stronger for all in these areas—men and women faculty alike.

Our thank you to her was the Anne Duderstadt picture book, University of Michigan, A Seasonal Portrait, and a framed poster from the Santa Fe Opera, a particular passion of Professor Stewart's.

Thank you to all who brought great treats for the reception, to Yoshiko Mishina for photographing the evening, to Carol Kaplan for her assistance and to Donna Satin for hosting the more than 30 FWC
enthusiastic members.

This was the final chat in our Year of the Woman celebration of our 90th anniversary.