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President's Message



In 2016, I was honored to be asked to lead the American Association of Women Dentists for a second term. I first served in 1995. The changes in dentistry and the technology advances have often made it difficult to keep up. One of the big changes has been the growth of women in our industry. They now account for 50% of dental school enrollment and have become the new normal in dental practice.

With this exponential growth, many people would ask why we still need an association for women dentists. I was actually wondering that myself until I held this position again. I traveled across the country speaking and listening to women in many different areas of dentistry. Even with the growing numbers, women are still being paid less than their male colleagues across the board. There is disparity in every area of dentistry, including academics, private practice and organizations. Women dentists need a voice and they need a place where they can feel supported, nurtured and given opportunities for leadership training. That is why the AAWD has existed for 95 years and continues to exist today.

We started 2016 with a new management firm, International Association Management, located in Pensacola, FL and a new Executive Director, Ms. Donna Deans. Although the transition from a Chicago-based firm took several months, we are excited to be fully established with a new website and a new brand! We have an updated and very active Facebook page which is updated daily and sees heavy activity. Be sure to "Like" us if you haven't already!

On the national level, AAWD has become active in Washington, DC with the Organized Dental Coalition, chaired by the ADA Washington office. We have welcomed several new corporate members wanting to assist women dentists in private practice, especially with ergonomic needs. In addition, we have partnered with the Society of Women's Health Research, also located in DC, for the planning of a round table discussion to be held in 2017 which will increase awareness both in news media and in Congress of health concerns for our female patients, particularly those with oral effects.

We have also reached out to other dental organizations, in an effort I named, "Bridging the Gap." There are so many groups that are all trying to accomplish similar goals. I believe we should keep in touch for areas of common interest in order to work together. To that end, I have attended meetings with the Lucy Hobbs Project, the Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity and the Academy of General Dentistry. In addition, our new management team, our treasurer, Dr. Vishruti Patel and I traveled to Chicago in May and met with the ADA Executive Director and her staff in order to explore potential areas of mutual interest. And finally, with the Director of Federal Services, Dr. Daphne Young, I met with members of the Women's Issues Subcommittee of the United States Public Health Services (USPHS).

On the local levels, AAWD is thrilled to announce that we have several new chapters in the United States, including Puerto Rico. There is also growth in Student Chapters with the establishment of new dental schools. Meeting with these students has left me feeling very optimistic and filled with pride at their enthusiasm for dentistry, especially in any area of giving back to those in need.

Just like all dental organizations, AAWD has experienced both surges and plateaus in membership over recent years. 2016 has been a good year for growth and we appear to be on the upward swing for the next several years. Our new Executive Director has a long-range plan for increasing membership and improving all areas of our organization. In addition, our new Board of Directors and Officers for 2017 are ready to work for you, so please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We have a great team.

By the time this Chronicle is published I will be completing my term as President and we will be looking forward to a New Year. I want to thank each of you for placing your trust in me as the face of AAWD in 2016. We belong to a wonderful organization that continues to provide the inspiration and energy we need as women dentists. I am looking forward to our 100 year anniversary in 2021! I hope you are too.

Sincerely,
Mary E. Martin, DDS

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Annual Meeting Highlights



Installation of 2017 Officers (left to right) Dr. Karyl Patten, Dr. Tamera Berg, Dr. April Hearn, Dr. Tanya Gibson, Dr. Mary Martin



Dr. Martin (right) with AAWD's 2016 retiring board members



Dr. Martin with LCDR Carol J. Wong, Women In Service representative, USPHS



(Left to right) Dr. Gin Houghson-Otte, Dr. Martin, Lucy Hobbs Taylor award winner Dr. Carol Summerhays and Dr. Patten



Keynote speaker
Dr. Denise Kassenbaum



Dr. Martin and Michele Thomas, winner of the President's Award



Dr. Liz Ramos (left) and
Dr. Melisa Rathburn



Dr. Patten (left) and
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Several AAWD members attend the Awards Luncheon



Dr. Teresa Duncan



(Left to right) Dr. Mary Hayes, Dr. Cissy Furusho and Dr. April Hearn



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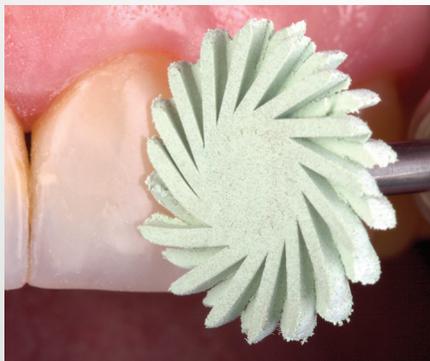


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Annual Meeting Highlights: P&GAward Reception

AAWD partners with Procter & Gamble (P&G) to improve women's health during pregnancy

On Thursday, October 20, 2016, during its 95th annual meeting, AAWD jointly co-hosted a fun, educational reception with Procter & Gamble's (P & G) Crest and Oral-B brands to highlight the need for oral care during pregnancy. Oral care includes preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic oral care for women at all stages of pregnancy. Inclusion of oral care is an important part of management of pregnancy for non-dental providers and pre-conceptual or pre-pregnancy counseling. Joining AAWD and P & G was March of Dimes, supporting state efforts to reduce premature births. Dr. Robert Gerlach, Global Clinical Investigations, P & G, presented the latest analysis of oral health outcomes of the OHMOM, a large clinical trial that is studying oral health and pregnancy. The informative presentation whetted our appetite to learn more once the analysis of pregnancy outcomes becomes available.

Dr. Mary Martin, president of AAWD, concurs. "Oral care professionals, like AAWD dentists, can provide safe and effective oral treatment in the first and second trimester of pregnancy to prevent gingivitis... Policymakers are beginning to provide insured coverage for oral care of pregnant women, and more states are considering this as a cost-savings measure for improved pregnancy and birth outcomes." Incoming president Dr. Karyl Patten added, "AAWD supports the idea that oral care is part of overall healthcare and primary care. AAWD calls upon our colleagues in dentistry to ensure that pregnant women can access oral care..."



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Annual Meeting Highlights: Student Session

The Student Session of AAWD was held on October 22, 2016, in the Embassy Suites Hotel. The meeting was kicked off with a speaker on Management 101, Ms. Teresa Duncan, President, Odyssey Management Inc., Centreville, MD.



Dr. Martin with 2017 Student Representatives Kathleen Sage (left), D3 from LECOM (FL) and Deeva Bhatt (right) from Nova Southeastern University (FL)



Dr. Martin presents the 2016 Student Chapter of the Year to the University of Maryland (Student Advisor Dr. Mary Beth Reidy)



The AAWD Student Meeting featured students from 13 institutions from coast to coast across the United States.



Dr. Martin with AAWD's Student Leader of The Year Marinee Cabrera, D4 from UT San Antonio

Following Ms. Duncan, our own Student Representative, Michelle Thomas, presented the highlights of the program at the University of Florida, including its work with the local Girl Scout chapters for an oral health patch. The presentations were followed by the election of the student representatives for 2017. Six AAWD members gave speeches highlighting their credentials and why they should be selected to lead the student side of AAWD. Ballots were cast and tallied by Dr. Tamara Berg and Ms. Donna Deans. The new Board representatives for 2017 are Katherine Sage, D3 of LECOM and Deeva Bhatt, D3 of Nova Southeastern University. It is interesting that both of these young ladies are in Florida, as is our management company.

Following the elections, Dr. Martin presented awards for the Outstanding Student Chapter of 2016. This year the award went to the University of Maryland, led by student advisor Dr. Mary Beth Reidy. The award for Student Leader of the Year went to Marinee Cabrera, D4 of UT San Antonio. Marinee rebuilt the UT Chapter, which started in the Fall of 2015 with no members and grew to 96 members in one year! Dr. Martin stated that applications for Student Chapter of the Year award were all outstanding and deserved recognition, so she created three small plaques to recognize their individual efforts. UT San Antonio was given a Phoenix Award by Dr. Martin for their incredible year of growth the past year. LECOM was awarded the "WOMEN TO WATCH AWARD" after starting with six members and growing the membership to 20 in a brand new school with only three years in a non-traditional campus setting and the University of Florida was given the Most Innovative Chapter Award for its Milestone Celebrations.

AAWD Best New Product

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Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award Winner: Dr. Carol Gomez Summerhays

AAWD recognizes Dr. Carol Gomez Summerhays, a San Diego-based general dentist, as the 2016 recipient of the Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award for her outstanding civic, cultural, academic and professional achievements.

Dr. Summerhays is the 2016 American Dental Association President. She graduated from the University of San Francisco with a B.S. in Biology and earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the Ostrow School of Dentistry at the University of Southern California in 1978.

Dr. Summerhays served four years on active duty in the Navy Dental Corps and 11 years of inactive duty rising to the rank of Lieutenant. She started full time private practice in 1982.

Some of her past positions include past president of the California Dental Association, Board member of The Dentists Insurance Company as well as the CDA Foundation. She has held positions with the Academy of General Dentistry and was a Board member for 10 years at the Pankey Institute.



Dr. Summerhays served as the Thirteenth District trustee of the American Dental Association. ADA committee appointments include Compensation, Governance, Pension and the FDI delegation. ADA trustee liaison appointments include the New Dentist Committee, the Council on Government Affairs, and the Council on Members Insurance and Retirement Programs. Dr. Summerhays served as an at large member of the Strategic Planning Committee for four years with an additional two years as trustee and as a national advisor to the ADA Institute for Diversity.



Dr. Martin presents the 2016 Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award to Dr. Summerhays at the 2016 AAWD annual meeting in Denver, CO.

She is a fellow of the American College of Dentistry, the International College of Dentistry, the Academy of Dentistry International, the Academy of General Dentistry and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Additionally, she earned a Master in the Academy of General Dentistry and the AGD LLSR, Life-long Learning and Service Recognition Award.

In San Diego, Dr. Summerhays was honored in 2010 by the Salvation Army as one of the “Women of Dedication-Portraits in Philanthropy” and by the Girl Scouts as one of “San Diego’s 10 Cool Women.” She and her husband of 32 years, Soames, have two sons, Giles and Bryce.

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On October 21, 2016, three dental students were recognized at the AAWD Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

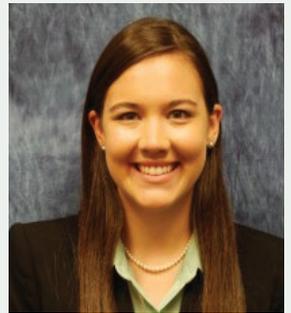
Mitra D. Adhami is in her final year of the PhD/DMD program at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. In 2009, she was awarded an Institutional National Research Service Award (NRSA) training grant and received an individual NRSA dual-doctoral degree fellowship. She defended her dissertation on the molecular mechanisms of tooth development in 2014. Mitra served as a board member in the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) and President of the AADR National Student Research Group. She has five publications and has presented her research locally, regionally and nationally.



Katherine (Katya) Frimenko is a fourth-year dental student at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. Katherine has served as President, Secretary and class representative in UM-SOD AAWD student chapter. In addition she has held leadership positions in the campus interprofessional health student organization, UMSOD student council and $\Xi\Psi\Phi$ dental fraternity. Katherine's research represents collaboration with the Comprehensive Eating Disorder Center at the University of Michigan Hospital. She has presented her research in a poster session at the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session in 2016.



Michelle L. Thomas is a fourth-year dental student at the University of Florida College of Dentistry. She has held the position of President and Treasurer of the UFCD AAWD student chapter and is currently serving as one of two Student Representatives on the AAWD Board of Directors. She has been a leader in UFCD components of the American Student Dental Association and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Michelle has engaged in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning focusing on enhancing education for advanced dental students. She will present a poster at the upcoming American Dental Education Association Annual Session.



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AAWD's Exquisite Heritage

From Past President Dr. Sheri B. Doniger



In my year as President, we “saved” AAWD. We lost our executive director and had to go it alone. Along with a small core of dedicated volunteers (Dr. Judi Belitz, Dr. Griselle Ortiz-Ramsey, Dr. Lilia Larin and Dr. Karyl Patten), we ran the organization from my house, as did Dr. Rise Lyman many years before. Without these dedicated women helping to manage AAWD, the organization would not have survived. They gave hours of their time to ensure the membership, finances and structure was maintained.

We retained our strong partnerships with industry and gained new supporters. During my tenure, we hired a new management company that will see us to our centennial year! Additionally, we changed our mission statement to include “advancing” women in the profession. It was not enough to just connect and enrich, but we are the organization to advance women to roles in leadership in and out of their professional lives. It was a great year. I look forward to the future of women in dentistry and the now reality that women dentists are the new norm, not merely a segment. Best of luck to AAWD and its progress to 100 years!

Dr. Sheri B Doniger
President, AAWD 2015

AAWD is looking to expand our membership!

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Dr. Daphne Ferguson-Young

Congratulations to Dr. Daphne Ferguson-Young (right), who was inducted into the International College of Dentistry.



U.S. Dentist Creates Smiles in Jamaica

Dr. Lathuras, owner of Sunrise Family Dental Care in Waterbury, CT along with six of her employees, are volunteering to provide free dental care to underserved children and adults in Jamaica. It is the 12th year that Dr. Lathuras has volunteered her services in the region. "The opportunity to give back in a meaningful way is the most rewarding aspect of my career. I love being able to help people and make a difference for them, it's the reason I became a dentist," says Dr. Lathuras.



Dr. Barbara L. Mousel

Congratulations to AAWD past President (1994) Dr. Barbara L. Mousel, who was designated as the President-Elect of the Illinois State Dental Society this past September.



Dr. Dora Vilik-Shapiro

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Student News



Annual Tea Party Festivities

In August, AAWD hosted Western University of Health Science's annual tea party in Glendora, California, where students, faculty and staff members enjoyed afternoon high tea. The event helped students and faculty get better acquainted and strengthen the mentorship already present in the chapter.

Counterclockwise from left to right, student members Gwendolyn Garcia (DMD 2020), Kelly Nelson (DMD 2018), Bano Ali (DMD 2018), and LadyAnn Dionisio (DMD 2018) enjoy the festivities.



MUSC AAWD Inspires Young Girls

The Medical University of South Carolina AAWD chapter visited with young girls from grades 4-12 at a local Girl Scout STEM camp. Members conducted experiments that demonstrated the importance of oral hygiene and explained how the girls could pursue careers in dentistry. One, two, three, smile!

Top Reasons to Become a Part of AAWD!

Founded in 1921, AAWD dedicates itself to enhancing and promoting unique participation and leadership for women in dentistry by seeking to mentor and support women dentist professionals academically and personally.

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- AAWD's quarterly newsletter *The Chronicle*
- Speaker's Bureau - AAWD actively promotes women speakers on a variety of topics
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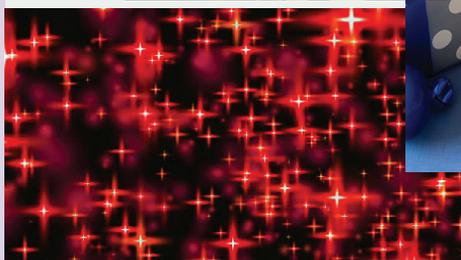
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