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WHY WE NEED OUR OWN SEPARATE PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP

Address given by Dr. Sheryl Ann Beltrane to the Texas Association of Women Dentists' Annual Brunch May 3, 1986 San Antonio, TX.

Excerpts transcribed by Dr. Aguilar for the 2021 Chronicle Monthly

...As our members grow and the percent of women dentists increases from 1 -3% in the [19]70's to about 8% in 1990 and 15% in the year 2000, we cannot help but have a profound impact on the future of dentistry. The profile of dentistry is changing and what was substantially a very secure male dominant field has now opened up to a minority that brings with it a set of concerns as it gains a strong foothold in the profession of dentistry.

...When we are asked, "Don't you want to be treated like dentists?" the answer is undeniably YES. We are dentists first. We look to our parent organizations, our professional groups, the ADA and TDA, to address those problems and concerns which affect us because

we are dentists. But we look to the AAWD to address those concerns which affect us because we are women.

...Only someone going through a similar situation can truly empathize and sympathize with the problem of being a mother and a professional student.

...There are other areas of concern for female dental students. One is blatant sexual advances...

...We are not angry young women. We are not here to search out every injustice that has befallen our gender. When problems are identified we are confident that we can find solutions to them by working within

the system. We are very proud to be dentists and we are proud of our organization.

...So you see, the American Association of Women Dentists exists to help you through the trials of being a dental student. It helps you deal with inequalities that exist in the work force and it gives you the confidence to enter your profession as a member of a minority group feeling good about yourself. Obstacles that you face because you are a woman can be overcome as you join together with those of similar concerns.

...We are all proud to be dentists and we are all proud to be women.

Presidents' Series

100 years of leadership opportunities.

I joined AAWD in 1981, unlike today, there was no student membership designation; a special approval was needed to let a student join. I was desperate for a connection to private practice while in school after careers in dental assisting and dental hygiene. My first meeting was a pot luck held at Dr Jane Selbe's home. I met about a dozen of the local women dentists

and knew it would be an anchor through the remainder of my education. Most of these women continue to be in my support circle of friends. I was fortunate to have a chance to visit, the still feisty Dr Selbe and her husband, Dr Herb Hammer, at her home in Santa Fe shortly before her death.

My membership led to meeting some of the most talented, notable women dentists in the country at AAWD

Dr. Barbara Mousel, 1994

annual meetings. One of the more impressive highlights for AAWD occurred in 1986 when past President Dr Eleanor Bushee, a rather gentle woman, convinced Proctor and Gamble and ADA President, Dr Abe Kobren, to host a conference on the women dentist in the ADA building. The keynote speaker was Ms Gloria Steinem.

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At some point, I was asked to replace a retiring AAWD Board member. That is when the leadership training began in earnest. Understanding board activities, importance of facilitating discussion by the chair, parliamentary procedures to advance an agenda item, importance of bylaws, managing a budget, and the challenges of maintaining corporate partnerships. AAWD provided me and many others with these essential leadership skills and an arena in which to develop them.

The years I spent on the AAWD Board including my term as President gave me skills that I have relied while serving on the Illinois Board of Dentistry, as ISDS President, President of CRDTS and ADA House and committees. We often see other women dentists in important leadership positions and the common factor is AAWD membership. AAWD has been the foundation for my success in practice and in organized dentistry.



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R On March 2, Nick Talamelli from Juno hosted a webinar with AAWD members.
Nick reviewed the history of the company and addressed several member concerns regarding student loan refinancing and financial planning strategies.

E It was recommended that anyone with federal student loans, defer any type of refinancing at this time due to the 0% interest rates mandated by the current presidential administration.

C Loans will remain in deferment through October 2021. It is uncertain what the refinancing rates will look like in the fall, but they are currently at all-time low rates. People with private loans were encouraged to explore refinancing using our partnership to secure the lowest rates.

A Any questions can be sent to aawdchronicle@gmail.com or to nick@joinjuno.com.

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Study: Women underrepresented in publishing leadership

The authors of a new study of chief editing positions at prosthetic dentistry publications concluded that women are "significantly underrepresented" in journal leadership.

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Presented to
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WHY WE NEED OUR OWN SEPARATE PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP

Four years ago, in 1982, I had the privilege of being the first President of the first student chapter of TAWD. How proud we are to see its growth extend to UT Houston Dental Branch and Baylor University! Dr. Haralson is in the process of organizing the entire state for AAWD and this will lay the foundation for developing membership in AAWD at the state level instead of only on the local level as we now have.

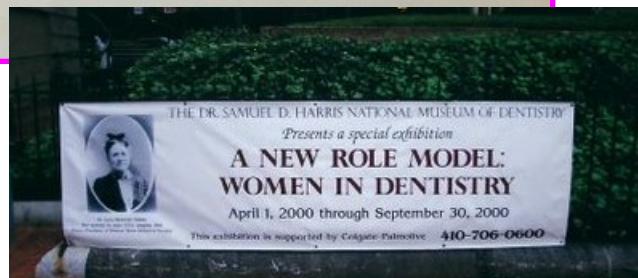
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But, because fragmentation and loss of members has become a concern of organized dentistry in general, women dentists are being challenged as to why they feel they need a separate professional organization.

Today I will deal with that very issue: Justifying why it is so imperative to have a strong association of women dentists.

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Today we will analyze our uniqueness on three different levels:



Thank you to all of our partners!



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