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AAWD celebrates 100 years of women in dentistry!

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CONGRATS to the 2021 Eleanor Bushee Senior Dental Award Winners!

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Happy St. Patrick's Day! March 17

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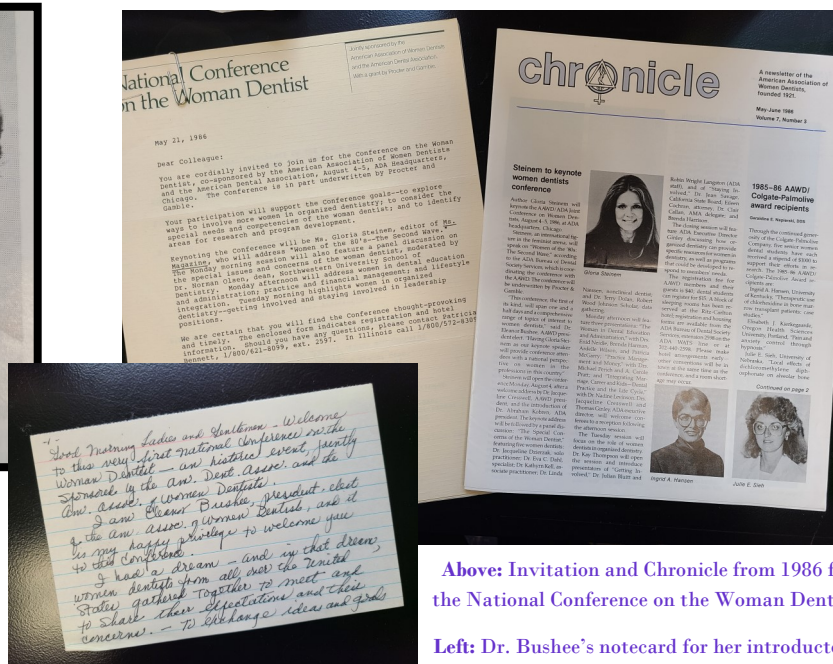
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Honoring Dr. Eleanor J. Bushee



Dr. Eleanor J. Bushee

Dr. Bushee's headshot included in her Chronicle introduction.



Above: Invitation and Chronicle from 1986 for the National Conference on the Woman Dentist.

Left: Dr. Bushee's notecard for her introductory speech given at the National Conference on the Woman Dentist in Chicago in 1986.

Presidents' Series

Dr. Geraldine E. Napierski, DDS 1993

I became a member of AAWD after my 1974 graduation from Georgetown Dental School. I was one of two women in my class and 1 % of a national statistic that reported around 100 women nationally in dental school at that time. I did not come from a family of dentists. I was introduced to the organization by Dr. Joan Gillespie (An AAWD past president) who was a periodontist and one of two women instructors I had in school. My only link to a substantial number of women dentists at this time was through AAWD.

Women in dentistry was not as new a concept as one would have liked you to believe. 14% of the class of 1919 at Columbia were women. And there was a slow reintroduction of women

in the years immediately following. I encourage all of you to become familiar with the history of women in the profession as well as the history of the founding of AAWD.

AAWD remains committed to the ideals of its distinguished founding members of 1921. And women and their proper and unique perspective will continue to positively affect the dental profession. It is the women themselves that can make the difference. AAWD has allowed them to join together and show a spirit of responsibility and commitment. The women themselves have become the catalyst for change. It was AAWD that gave me encouragement and support at times when I felt isolated.

It was truly an honor and learning experience to have served in various roles in AAWD including being AAWD President in 1993. Although women are in greater numbers in the profession today, having more role models continues to be a positive thing. And making acquaintance with women dentists both nationally and internationally.

Best wishes to all particularly the student and newest members of the profession. Please be assured that you can always draw from the advice and experience of those who came before you in the profession through an organization like AAWD.

2021 Eleanor J. Bushee Senior Dental Student Award Recipients

Megan L. Gammill	Emily Thomas	Caitlin Rose Hewitt	Sydney Twiggs
Sydney Francine Honnlee	Anthoula Nikolaidis	Jessica Brewer	Hye Hyun Choi
Grace Y. Chang	Mackenzie Elizabeth Bates	Edith Quinonez Lu	Holly Leavengood
Adriana Reppell	Adriane M. Huet	Danielle Ho	Payton Southall
Caitlin Rosemann	Anna M. Kang	Leticia Chavez	Samantha T. Calderon
Megan Levya	Julia Khatibzadeh	Bridget Ann G. Elizan	Macy Lee Huettl
Gina Dolisi	Hannah Voelker	Andria Sofia Fernandez	Maha Khaden
Jennifer Hsu	Herta S. Granado	Brittney C. Brown	Alexandra Schutter
			Brenda Manzanares

About Dr. Eleanor J. Bushee, DDS — AAWD President, 1987

AAWD president is author, administrator by Linda S. Carstens, DDS

Transcribed from the November-December 1986 Chronicle by Dr. Aguilar

"It's a very exciting time for women in dentistry right now," states Dr. Eleanor J. Bushee, AAWD president. It's pleasing to see that so many other women find dentistry such a satisfying career, as it has been for me."

Bushee became interested in dentistry through her father, a dental graduate in 1911. "Ever since I heard my father speak of a woman dentist who graduated in his class, I knew I wanted to become one. I never thought of another career choice."

Bushee is currently assistant dean for administration at the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine. Among her responsibilities are developing academic calendar and the yearly clinic rotation schedules, faculty records, security, and graduation ceremonies. Her rank is professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics. On an "as needed" basis she covers clinical assignments.

Prior to her administrative experience at the School of Dental Medicine, Bushee was at the Scholl of Technical Careers, Southern Illinois University, for 17 years. While at STC she was first a dental hygiene faculty member, then coordinator of the program, then chairwoman of the Allied Health program, and finally the associate dean for academic affairs. Her textbook, Comprehensive Review of Dental Hygiene, was published this year by C.V. Mosby, St. Louis. Bushee has written numerous publications and given a variety of presentations on such topics as management styles of women dentists, four-handed dentistry, and dental nutrition.

Bushee entered the academic world after 15 years of private practice. After graduating from the University of Illinois with a BS degree in psychology, she entered Northwestern Dental School in 1944. Bushee graduated four years later with the same classmates with whom she entered — "a rarity for a women in those days."

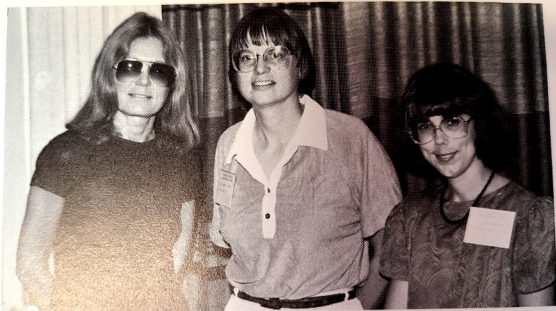
Upon graduation, Bushee married a dentist who had graduated two years earlier, and they established a joint practice in Hartford CT. She spent 10 years of private practice in Connecticut, and the five years following in New York City. Her husband was a sportsman, and Bushee learned how to fish and maneuver a cabin cruiser, which required studying navigation. After her husband's death, to help occupy her time and offer a challenge, Bushee obtained a pilot's license and became co-owner of a single-engine airplane. She says that she is no longer an active pilot, but occupies her small amount of free time dabbling with oil painting and sewing.

In 1982 Bushee was one of 15 women dentists invited to the People's Republic of China to talk about dentistry in the U.S. In 1985 she returned to the Orient for a three-week visit, "purely for fun this time." Bushee points out that 50 percent of the dentist in Japan are women, and she is pleased to see that women in the U.S. are increasing their ranks in the profession.

"It's rewarding to me to see the number of women dentists and dental students. They're bright, intelligent young women and many are at the top of their class." Bushee comments that there certainly weren't very many role models in her early professional life, and young women today should be encouraged by the amount of support given by other women in the profession.

At age 64, Bushee is certainly an outstanding role model. Her leadership capabilities will direct AAWD successfully in the year to come.

From the Archives



Gloria Steinem, Dr. Mary Licking, and Dr. June Lee.

Above: Gloria Steinem was the keynote speaker of the National Conference on the Woman Dentist in 1986. Here she is photographed with previous AAWD historian and active member, Dr. Mary Licking and former member, Dr. June Lee.



Mary Licking

New editor talks of background, goals

Ramona Cearley

Geraldine (Gerry) E. Napierski, DDS, needs no introduction. *Chronicle* readers are familiar with her contributions as writer, assistant editor, and associate editor for this newsletter.

In October, Napierski, who practices hospital dentistry at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Buffalo NY, assumed responsibilities as editor-in-chief for the *Chronicle*. A member of AAWD since 1974, Napierski said, "I'm usually not in favor of calling attention to myself. But after thinking about it, if I want to count on the support of my readers, it's best that they know who I am!"

The editor, director of the VAMC Geriatric and Long Term Care Onward Program, credits her parents' influence for her success today. "Without their support and encouragement, I would not be the person I am or in the position I'm in today," she said. "My mother had a way of making you believe you could accomplish anything you set out to do." Napierski explained. "This positive thinking has carried over into my



Dr. Michele J. Saunders

(Courtesy of Judy Jakush, assistant editor, ADA News)



Dr. Geraldine E. Napierski

adult and professional life, and, for that reason, I suppose I'm not afraid to take on a few extra responsibilities."

Editorial responsibilities are a serious matter to Napierski. The newsletter, she explained, "serves to project the image of AAWD, and it is very important that it be a good one. I realized that it would entail a lot of hard work, and I'm willing to give it my best shot."

"Credit for the type of (newsletter) we have today is due largely to the labors and dedication of our former editors, Dr. Helyn Luechauer, Dr. Roseann Mulligan, and Dr. June Warren Lee. The addition to the staff of a managing editor, Pamela Shoemaker, PhD, brought a definite element of journalistic professionalism," she indicated. Moreover, "having the support from Healthco and a definite budget have helped improve the publication."

The editor believes the development of the newsletter somewhat parallels the development of the organization. "As the course of direction of AAWD changed (from strictly social to visible and politically active), the organization's newsletter has slowly changed to best meet the needs of its members," she explained. "I

can foresee further changes in the newsletter and its format as the AAWD membership increases. It would probably be more practical to have regional editors who would submit their materials to a single editor-in-chief. "The editor-in-chief would in turn coordinate all the material submitted and send it on to the managing editor," Napierski added.

Keeping the membership informed of AAWD activities is a central purpose of the newsletter. "I am always very impressed with the wealth of talent in the AAWD," she said, and the newsletter "is a suitable means to show others what AAWD is all about."

In addition to being a historic record, Napierski said, "the *Chronicle* serves as a means of networking and as a method of role-model support. It should also provide the vehicle for members to voice their opinion on a particular issue or contribute information that would professionally benefit other members."

In organized dentistry, Napierski said, individual efforts make a difference. "Every member of AAWD should feel that there is a 'place' for her, a means for her to make her contribution in the manner she

would like," she added. "Her efforts not only serve to benefit the organization, but in the end will benefit the individual also."

A personal goal for Napierski is keeping the newsletter representative of the organization as a whole. To accomplish this, she welcomes input from all parts of the country and invites readers to submit newsworthy items which could be considered for publication. In addition, "readers should feel that they can write in to offer their opinions on articles they read in the newsletter" and provide "spontaneous feedback and input." If there are any members who are interested in participating in *Chronicle* production, Napierski said, "I'd love to hear from them."

"I hope the members will be patient as I try to 'settle in' to my new assignment," said the 1974 graduate of Georgetown University School of Dentistry. "I would like to thank Dr. Lee for her support, instruction and patience in attempting to slowly familiarize me with every aspect of *Chronicle* production," she added. "I'm flattered to have her confidence and will always remember her kindness."

Napierski is married to Andrew Jakubowski, an MBA in finance. A golf-and-tennis enthusiast, Napierski also considers her soon-to-be 18-year-old springer spaniel Dusty a member of the family. "Only another dog lover could understand the attachment," she explained.

The editor's parents, of whom she speaks fondly, are both deceased. "They both died within three years of each other, my dad just one month after I graduated from dental school. I really credit them for my success," Napierski reiterated. "Once my mother and

Above: Dr. Napierski is introduced as the new *Chronicle* editor in 1967.

Left: An article from the November-December 1986 *Chronicle* titled "Infection control in dentistry: The use of gloves" authored by Dr. Cynthia Winne, MS, MPH, DMD, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Washington DC. The article highlights the cost of gloves and the necessity of having multiple sizes for the men and women dental personnel and the importance of a single-use. The author comments that the AIDS epidemic had stimulated increased concern from patients and health professionals.

Bottom: *Chronicle* headline from May-June 1986.

A newsletter of the American Association of Women Dentists founded 1921.

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organization's 1986-87 executive committee is comprised of Catherine Karalus, chairperson; Liliana Gonzalez, senior class representative and secretary; Diane Axelrod, junior class representative and treasurer; Patricia Simon, sophomore class representative; Mary Beth Dunn, freshmen class representative; Dr. Carol Broad, practicing dentist representative; Dr. Jane D. Brewer, faculty representative. A meeting featuring a guest speaker is held about once a month at either the dental school or an area restaurant. The next meeting, planned as a Sunday brunch, will feature Michelle Marinello, PhD, a research professor in gynecology, obstetrics, and medicine and the director the genetic diagnostic laboratories, SUNY-Buffalo.

Infection control in dentistry: The use of gloves

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The current AIDS epidemic has stimulated increased concern by patients and health professionals over protection from infectious disease. The fact that serious diseases may be transmitted by contam-

nated body fluids has increased interest in the use of protective barriers during patient treatment. This is especially true as the increase in asymptomatic carriers of infectious disease requiring dental treatment pervades hospital practice as well as the private sector.

Commonly used barriers for infection control include gloves, protective eyewear, masks, and hoods. For those dentists making the transition from bare hands to gloves for patient treatment, several questions arise concerning the loss of tactile sense, proper fit of gloves, cost, and the potential for skin irritation.

Research shows that learning periods of one to two months may be required to become accustomed to wearing gloves routinely. After this learning period, even delicate procedures can be performed with the use of properly fitting latex gloves.

Skin irritation can be eliminated by proper selection of gloves as well. Powder is the usual skin irritant. Powderless gloves can be purchased for those hypersensitive to powder. (\$1 per glove). The cost of latex gloves can vary from 10¢ to 14¢ per glove (latex, non-sterile exam glove) to 25¢ to 46¢ per glove for sterile latex surgeons gloves. Neoprene gloves are available for those sensitive to latex (\$1.25 per glove).

Latex is the preferred glove material, since no other material provides appropriate strength and sensitivity required for a broad range of dental procedures. Fit varies from brand to brand. Often several brands will be required to provide properly fitting gloves for all male and

female dental personnel in the same office. Exam gloves (latex, non-sterile) are appropriate for the majority of dental procedures providing the fit is good and the patient is not a known high-risk patient. Sterile latex surgeons gloves or exam (double-gloved) gloves are recommended for the high-risk patient as the incidence of microscopic pinholes is lower, minimizing the risk of bacterial contamination to patient and dentist. Surgeons gloves are indicated for those practitioners who carry infectious disease, such as Hepatitis B.

Gloves should not be reused after the completion of dental procedures. Microscopic pinholes in gloves could lead to cross-contamination and the FDA has ruled that persons who reuse disposable products are liable.

Hands must be properly washed before and after treatment procedures using gloves since microorganisms multiply on hands under gloves and the incidence of pinholes may run as high as 9 percent. Proper handwashing includes a thorough scrub (30 seconds) with an effective antimicrobial cleanser with residual action, e.g., hibiclens, hibistat, "Kleen."

It makes cents: Chapter financial planning

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Secretary, Delaware Valley Chapter

The officers of the AAWD Delaware Valley Chapter have been learning how to operate an organization through the hard school of trial and error. Recently I became involved in

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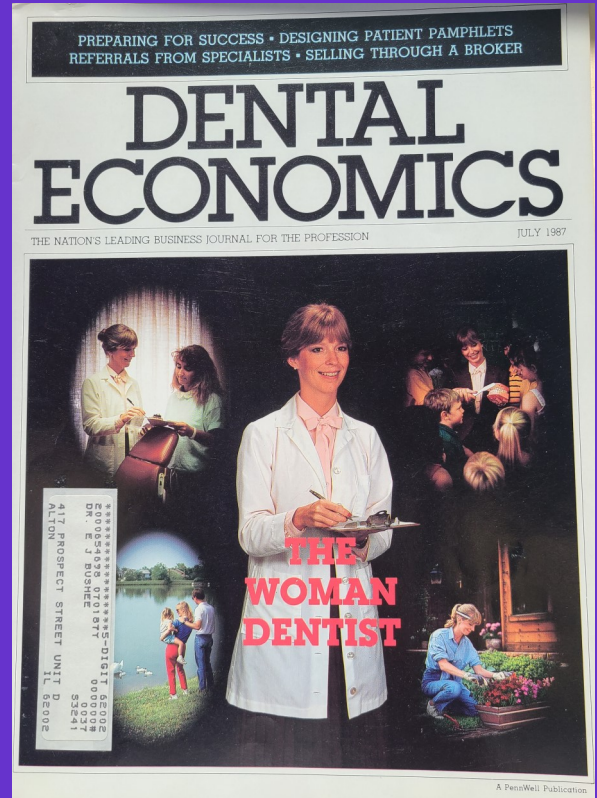
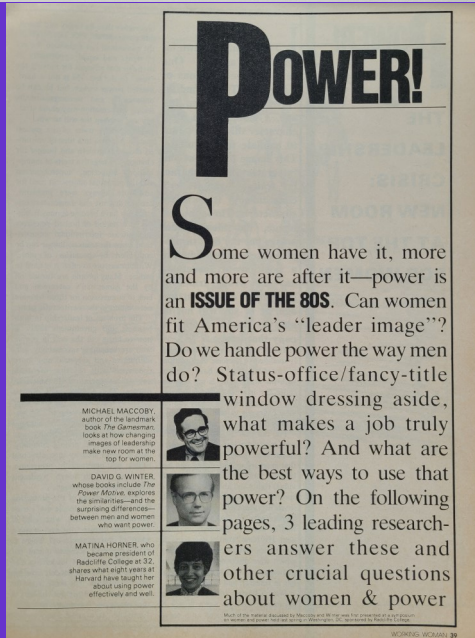
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From the Archives

"Unlike their male counterparts, women have had to actively challenge the disparaging stereotypes of femininity."



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