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President's Message



You can always tell the strong women. We are #oneaawd.

AAWD had a very challenging year. Our former management company resigned the organization earlier this year. We were given a framework of operations and systems but no detailed roadmap for the association.

I am here to say we survived. We kept our AAWD moving forward and fiscally sound. We have hired a new Executive Director, Donna Deans and we are looking forward to a bright future!

I have several people personally to thank for their dedication and determination to make AAWD financially successful this year. Dr. Lilia Larin and Dr. Judi Belitz, two past presidents who served again in this very difficult year, who went above and beyond for our AAWD. Lilia managed our finances and gave us a clear understanding of

balance sheets with an understandable format. Judi created the Chronicle and learned more about pixels and VoIP than she ever imagined. Dr. Griselle Ortiz's primary mission was to make sure we were fiscally stable. Griselle was instrumental in researching our finances. In addition, she took over our website and managed our membership data. Dr. Karyl Patten served as secretary and parliamentarian as no other before her. She had to transcribe the often long meeting notes by hand. The countless volunteer hours these women have spent dedicated to our AAWD are too many to numerate. I thank them for their dedication and friendship. Our AAWD would not have survived without these women.

I would also like to thank our search committee, led by Dr. Lilia Larin. A nationwide search was conducted for our new executive director. Over twenty seven management companies were interested in working with AAWD. Many hours of research and due diligence went into deciding on the finalist. We are so pleased with Donna Deans, who offers us a wealth of knowledge and experience to move AAWD forward.

Other women also worked to help our AAWD succeed and thrive. Dr. Pia Chatterjee Kirk worked with member benefits to ensure awards and scholarships were timely and accurate. Dr. Brittany Bergeron came up with creative solutions for membership. We worked together to secure a great future!

I have met many leaders of dentistry and industry this year. I have been honored to serve this organization alongside many of the leaders of our profession, such as Dr. Maxine Feinberg, President of the ADA and Dr. Carol Summerhays, President Elect of the ADA and Dr. Kathleen O'Loughlin, Executive Director of the ADA, all AAWD members. #womendentists.

I thank you for the honor of serving this great, history rich organization. I had dedicated over ten years promoting AAWD to industry. This year, I personally visited several of our corporate partners to affirm their knowledge of women in dentistry. #newnormindentistry

I have had many wonderful mentors, some of whom are not with us anymore, such as Dr. Fae Alhstrom and Dr. Jane Selbe. These visionary women always discussed with me about not only seeking leadership but helping other women move up and aspire to be leaders. Dr. Judi Belitz has been an exceptional mentor, friend and confidante. She helped me lead with transparency and integrity.

Finally, I would like to thank Dr. Jean Furuyama for her encouragement, friendship and mentorship. She has been a good sounding board, diplomat and a wise historian. I may not have always followed every suggestion, but I did listen. The discussion on the golf course, about bringing our meeting to the same time as the ADA turned out to be a professional and financial success. Thank you, Jean.

We have come a long way this year. We are here, advancing women in dentistry. I would like to say the future is bright for AAWD. We have a positive fund balance, transparent finances and a new director. #movingforward

We still have many things to do. To make the founders of AAWD proud and to grow our organization, we need to all work together towards our centennial anniversary and beyond. We are women professionals, balancing our chosen career with the other important facets of our lives. We need to be pitch perfect. #oneaawd

Some final thoughts: I know this isn't our grandmother's AAWD. With dental schools graduating classes of fifty percent women, our numbers are increasing. We are not a minority in a male driven profession anymore. AAWD was founded because women dentists needed a group that understood their personal and professional balance issues. We have all been "through it" in one way or another. If you have a chance to mentor a woman dentist, it will be one of our greatest mitzvah's. #payitforward

Thank you again. It has truly been an experience I will never forget.

Sheri

Sheri B. Doniger, DDS
2015 President, American Association of Women Dentists

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Smiles for Success

The University of Maryland AAWD Student Chapter has been busy treating patients in our Smiles for Success program. The University of Maryland School of Dentistry was the first dental school to host a student-based program for Smiles for Success. It was founded in 2009 by students Sarah Raymond, DDS '10, Sara Kramer, DDS '10, and Dorie Drank, DDS '10 with the help of Dr. Mary Beth Aichelmann-Reidy, DDS. Since 2009, third and fourth year dental students have provided therapy to over thirty women who were then able to obtain jobs with their new sense of confidence.



Ms. Sylvia Franklin was suffering from domestic violence and drug abuse when she started the program at Marian House, an organization in Baltimore, MD that offers rehabilitative services and housing to empower women. Ms. Franklin came to the dental school embarrassed about her smile and in dental pain. At her last appointment, Ms. Franklin couldn't stop smiling. While getting treatment at the dental school, Ms. Franklin completed the program at the Marian House and started volunteering to help other women going through similar situations. She also moved into her own apartment and also began working at an assisted living facility.



Mrs. Debra Scott was referred to the Smiles for Success program from My Sister's Place, a center that provides meals, case management, education and job training to women in Baltimore, MD. Mrs. Scott had several health problems including being diagnosed with breast cancer in 2006 that impacted her oral health and ability to maintain a job. Thanks to the treatment provided at the dental school, Mrs. Scott now has a healthy and beautiful smile. She is currently taking classes in nursing and Spanish at a local college.

Ms. Charlyne Spring was also a member of My Sister's Place who was recommended by her case worker to receive dental care to make her more employable. Ms. Spring was so grateful for her student providers and now works in housekeeping at a local hotel in Baltimore, MD.



Ms. Detra Williams has two sons and was having difficulty providing for them and paying for their education. During her treatment at the dental school, Ms. Williams enrolled in a master's program for social work and was applying for jobs. She is so thankful

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Drs. Mary Martin, Sheri Doniger, and Linda Niessen



LHT Award Winner Dr. Sharon Siegel



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According to Dr. Linda Niessen, Dean and Professor at College of Dental Medicine, Nova Southeastern University, "Dr. Siegel's skills as an accomplished scientist, teacher, clinician and mentor continue to develop where she now serves as one of the leading academic prosthodontists in the country." Dr. Siegel was the first woman to be appointed as a Section Chair at NSU College of Dental Medicine.

Dr. Siegel is an accomplished researcher, who has published 35 papers in international peer-reviewed journals. She has presented nationally. She is the co-inventor of a dental device used to stabilize dental casts.



LHT Award Recipients

She has had a long standing commitment to AAWD. She has been a faculty mentor to the AAWD student chapters and both the University of Maryland College of Dentistry and NSU. She has served on the Gillette Hayden Foundation Advisory Board and as the Chair of Corporate Round Table and Seal of Approval. She also served on the AAWD Board.

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Member News



Dr. Kathy Kell was elected on September 24th, 2015 as president-elect of the FDI World Dental Federation.



Dr. Tatiana Barton was one of the authors for [Considerations for the Dental Treatment of Pregnant Women: A Resource for Connecticut Dentists](#).



Dr. Lisa Knowles was recently elected to the Michigan Dental Association Board of Trustees.



Dr. Jean C. Wu is President-Elect of Academy of Microscope Enhanced Dentistry (AMED) and on the Executive Council of the Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics (PCSP).



Dr. Sheri Doniger presents Donna Deans as AAWD's new Executive Director

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In October, the Chapter helped to promote Breast Cancer Awareness Month in several ways. We "Painted the Clinic Pink" by providing pink clinic gowns, pink gloves, and pink masks to all students. Additionally, the Chapter worked to raise money for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. A few of the fundraising events included the sale of Breast Cancer Ribbon Bagels and of "Dress-Down" stickers to students, faculty and staff, also encouraged purchasers to wear pink and promote awareness.



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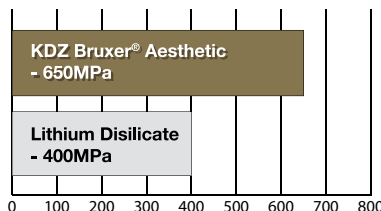
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AAWD's Exquisite Heritage



From the Director of Archives
Dr. Mary Licking

The Gillette Hayden Memorial Foundation is AAWD's charitable arm and has education as a mission. The GHMF was the subject of an article in the July 2015 edition of the AAWD Chronicle. On the front page of the September – October

1983, Volume 4, Number 5 edition of the AAWD Chronicle, there was a photograph of the papers being signed, with the caption: Above: The trustees of the new AAWD Charitable Trust signing the official documents for establishment of the fund: Dr. Helyn Luechauer (L), Dr. Jane Selbe (C), and Dr. Faye Ahlstrom (R). That Chronicle does not further describe what those papers were. From the July 2015 article we know that the GHMF was founded well before 1983. It is doubtful that the 1983 picture was about a totally different foundation. Presumably, the 1983 photograph captured bringing the GHMF up to date.



Above: The trustees of the new AAWD Charitable Trust signing the official documents for establishment of the fund: Dr. Helyn Luechauer (L), Dr. Jane Selbe (C), and Dr. Faye Ahlstrom (R).

AAWD was founded in 1921 and therefore will be celebrating its 100th anniversary soon on a date to be determined. This article is one in a series that illuminates activities of AAWD over the past 50 years.

AAWD is looking to expand our membership!

We value each individual member and want to give you a chance for discounted membership dues for the 2016-2017 year! Don't let your friends miss out on all of the membership benefits that AAWD has to offer! Each One, Reach One is the best way to get your friends involved in our worthwhile organization!

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As we enter the New Year, remember October, 2016 is the 95th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Women Dentists. Plan to join your friends and make new ones while enjoying continuing education, exhibits, and a silent auction.

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Watch this space for details – coming soon!