



International Women's Day

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY  
#IWD2020 #EachforEqual  
March 8, 2020

## REMINDERS

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Nomination Deadline  
March 9, 2020**
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## HEY, LADY DENTIST!

Welcome to our new monthly publication.  
Scroll below for some news and updates.

### President's Message

On March 8, 2020, International Women's Day will be celebrated with the theme of "I Am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights."

It is an important year for International Women's Day as the celebration of developing the next generation of visionaries continues.

Almost 100 years ago, there was a visionary who saw a need for an organization to support women in dentistry. That visionary was Dr. Mary Stillwell-Kuesel, who established the Federation of Women Dentists, today's American Association of Women Dentists, at the 1921 ADA meeting in Wisconsin.

It's an exciting time to be an active member of the American Association of Women Dentists as we start this new decade. We are only months away of celebrating a landmark birthday . . . 100 years! Our members, like Dr. Stillwell-Kuesel, are visionaries who have positively impacted dentistry, communities, locally, statewide, nationally and internationally. AAWD's mission is to advance, connect and enrich the lives of women dentists. We stand on the core values of PRISMATIC, which include passion, respect, integrity, service, mentoring, advancement, teamwork, inclusiveness and collegiality.

Our platform for 2020 is membership and mentorship. The number of women entering dentistry has grown exponentially. I feel that Dr. Mary Stillwell-Kuesel would be humbled and amazed to see how the American Association of Women Dentists has expanded over the decades. She would be proud of the impact that we as women dentists have had on dentistry. We must continue to keep the dream alive. I challenge each member to mentor our young visionary dental students and to encourage their leadership dreams. As the American Association of Women Dentists prepares to enter the next century, let's face that new century with the same vibrant determination of continued growth and leadership as the founders in 1921.

—Dr. Daphne Ferguson-Young

### **We're listening!**

**Auto-renew is effective as of January 2020.  
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## NEW STUDENT CHAPTER

On November 13, 2019, a group of 12 students from the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry met at the home of Dr. Tamara Berg in Yukon. Dr. Berg and Dr. Mary Martin discussed the rich history of and the benefits of the offerings of the national organization. Their first major project was to take part in a Junior Achievement Program in Norman, Oklahoma. This program was designed to inspire 8<sup>th</sup>-graders to start planning their futures and look to taking STEM classes in high school. The second meeting of AAWD-OK was held on February 13, 2020 in a classroom during lunch. Dr. Mary Martin is the student advisor. The classroom was overflowing with interested women! Even the Dean was in attendance and commented, "You are going to need a bigger room!"

THE OKLAHOMA STUDENT CHAPTER IS OFF TO A GREAT START!



Drs. Aguilar & Bergeron at  
Yankee Dental Congress 2020



## NEW LOCAL CHAPTER

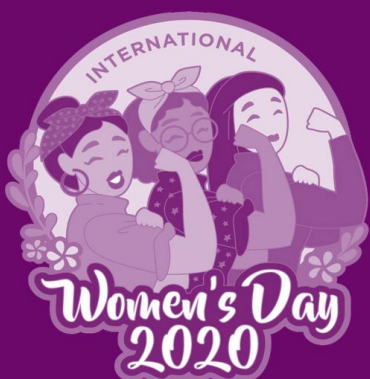
We are happy to announce that the St. Louis chapter of AAWD was re-established in early 2020. Founding members, Angelyn Rosenberger and Liz Doyle Binz, had both independently expressed interested in joining a local chapter and were subsequently connected. After some legwork, the chapter was officially established and officers were selected: Liz Binz, President; Angelyn Rosenberger, Vice President; Marileana Garcia, Treasurer; and Amanda Darling, Secretary. The group has recruited about 15 members from across the St. Louis region, and most dental specialties are represented.

The first official chapter meeting was held January 30 at the dental office/yoga studio of member Dr. Elizabeth Burns. Dr. Burns is a general dentist and certified yoga instructor who is passionate about the physical and emotional benefits of regular yoga practice. Dr. Burns led a fantastic yoga session for members, which emphasized core strength, stretching and relaxation. The group is looking forward to growing and learning together and has big plans for the rest of 2020.

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Interested in starting your own student or local chapter?  
Contact our Director of Membership, Dr. Maeve Daly at  
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Drs. Tawana Ware, AAWD member and Past  
President; Chad P. Gehani, ADA President;  
Daphne Ferguson-Young, AAWD President; and  
Winifred Booker, AAWD member and Past  
President of SAID.

## LET'S CELEBRATE!

International Women's Day (IWD) is March 8, 2020. IWD was first recognized in 1911 to honor the achievements of women. This year's theme calls for greater equality for women across the globe. To celebrate, two AAWD Past Presidents share a book that has made an impression on them. They hope their recommendations inspire you, too.

### **Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China** by Jung Chang

Dr. Barbara L. Mousel (AAWD President, 1994)

*Chicago, IL*

"It is the biography of the author's grandmother and mother and her autobiography. The challenges faced by these women over a century of hardships during economic and political upheaval is inspiring. It has taught me that fortitude and perseverance are necessary traits to pursue my goals."

### **Blind Spot** by Mahzarin Banaji, Anthony Greenwald

Dr. Karyl C. Patten (AAWD President, 2017)

*Atlanta, GA*

"[This is] a good read regarding hidden biases of good people. One section that stood out for me is gender stereotypes. Besides some of the traditional stereotypes of women roles, this book looks at challenges women face with their inherent biases. It's been reported that women who believe that they are not suited to high-paying jobs don't apply for them or negotiate properly. In this environment, it is important to negotiate salaries that will compensate you for your body of knowledge--dentistry. One emerging optimistic view is that bringing attention to gender bias issues has resulted in swift changes in our society."



Drs. Lauren Aguilar, Brittany Bergeron, Judith Fisch, and UNE students Yalda Rostamzhad and Kimberlee Sell, at the AAWD booth at Yankee Dental Congress 2020.



Drs. Brittany Bergeron and Lauren Aguilar pose with members from the newly formed Boston AAWD Local Chapter.



AAWD and PPP teamed up to commemorate Women's History Month in 2019! Check out this piece on Lucy Hobbs Taylor and visit the PPP Blog for more fun facts about women in dentistry!

### **A Risk Worth Taking!**

**Lucy Beaman Hobbs Taylor** was the first woman to earn a dental degree in the United States. After being refused admittance to the Ohio College of Dentistry, Jonathan Taft, the dean, taught Hobbs in his own office. Afterward, she moved to Iowa and opened her own practice. Eventually, the Iowa State Dental Society pressured the Ohio College into admitting Hobbs. Since she had already been practicing dentistry for years, Hobbs was required to attend only one session before she was awarded her dental degree. Hobbs was also very involved in politics, where she was a women's rights activist. AAWD and PPP thank Dr. Taylor for the risks she was willing to take so that other women could earn their dental degrees. Today more than half of all dental students in the United States are female!

