

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

AAWD celebrates 100 years of women in dentistry!

Presidents' Series

Eleanor Bushee Senior Dental Award Application now OPEN

February is Black History Month

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President's Message

Dr. Daphne Ferguson-Young 2020-21

"The time is always right to do the right thing" Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.

1921 – an exciting year in an exciting era. AAWD, originally named Federation of America's Women Dentists was organized in Milwaukee, WI by twelve (12) strong energetic and visionary women. The setting was at the annual meeting of the American Dental Organization, now known as the American Dental Association. The Federation of America's Women Dentists was not about separation from the men dentists but about having an organization which fostered networking, sharing common goals and dreams and fostering friendships.

Outside of this small organization's meeting was a country engaged in the Civil Rights movement. In 1921, the Tulsa Race Riots occurred deliberately destroying a prosperous

black community. Women of all colors were standing up for the "Right to Vote" and when they received those rights, African Americans received the right to vote as well. Also, in 1921 the late President Warren G. Harding made a speech in Alabama denouncing lynching.

Fast forward 100 years to 2021 as the American Association of Women Dentists celebrate their 100th year in a country strongly divided on so many levels and here I stand as the President of AAWD. Yes, I am African American but I'm not the first African American AAWD President. I am number four. The first African American AAWD President was Dr. Sandra Harris, Board Certified Orthodontist from 2006-2007. This was not the only time she has been first as she was also the first African American

President of Nashville Dental Society (ADA). I stand strongly on her shoulders as well as Dr. Tawana Ware, Board Certified Pedodontist and Dr. Karyl Patton, Public Health Dentist.

As I look around the AAWD Board table I noticed the diversity which is reflective of our country. We come from various backgrounds, various specialties various experiences from different parts of the country. We work well together as we continue to work hard for AAWD. Our organization is also very diverse as we continue to grow and reach out to regions without an AAWD chapter. We've come a long way through challenges and successes in the first 100 years. AAWD is ready for the next 100 as we look forward to a continuous ride of success which will include diversity and inclusiveness.

Presidents' Series

Dr. Cheryl G. Sheets, 1979

What does it mean to you to have been president of AAWD?

Having the honor of being AAWD President in 1979 was a special privilege for me personally. When I graduated from dental school in 1968, 99% of the dentists in the US were male, and the statistics were not much different when I took the Presidency of AAWD. As an AAWD Board, we tackled the challenges of being a small minority of the profession by expanding our

outreach to student chapters, increasing awareness of women in dentistry by launching AAWD Booths at local and national dental conventions and helping women to gain leadership experience/visibility in the profession. Each of their hard work was noticed by their male colleagues and lead to leadership positions in other professional organizations. It was a critical and exciting time. We were always underfunded and had "a few doing

the work of many". However, for me, it was worth the time, talents and treasure of us all. The most lasting result was the wonderful lifetime friendships that were established with mentors and peers. I wish that every woman dentist would have that same experience. I feel that AAWD is a critical organization for women in dentistry.

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How do you reflect on 100 years of women in dentistry?

As I look back at the 100 years, I am grateful for the pioneers that first entered the profession of dentistry establishing the pathway for all of us that followed in their footsteps. Each of us owe them a debt of gratitude. They opened up doors for us into all of the disciplines of dentistry. These professional pioneers became mentors to the ones that followed, and that legacy is priceless. It is never easy to be on the front lines of any change, but the rewards for us that followed have been tremendous. A personal thank you to the names we know, Lucy Hobbs Taylor and the other firsts, and to the leadership and mentorship of Helyn Luechauer, Jane Selbe and others of their generation. Many of us still active in the profession benefited from their direct influence in our lives. For women to have the ability to choose from countless dental career options...the freedom

and responsibility of being a small professional business owner, the option of being an associate or employee, the opportunity to be on a faculty at a dental school, or be the Dean of a dental school, or the corporate pathway found within dental manufacturing, for a few examples...provide endless career options and opportunities. All require hard work to be successful, but we can create the lives we want if we are prepared, confident and willing to strive for it.

Looking back on my personal career, I am stunned at the way this profession has allowed me to grow, expand my scope of practice and re-invent myself without even knowing it was happening. After five decades of a very busy full-time private practice, augmented with teaching and research, I still have no desire or plans to slow down. In fact, I am always wanting to charge forward with the next new adventure. I wish that you have the same experience in your chosen niche

of this wonderful profession we have all chosen.

Do you have any advice or hopes for women in the next 100 years?

My advice to each individual woman dentist would be to realize that you can be the "Captain" of your personal destiny within dentistry. Sometimes, it takes a while to reach your goal, but this is a professional career that allows you flexibility during different phases of your life so you can modify according to your personal needs and desires. Realize the rareness of that opportunity for women in the world today. I would also highly encourage women to be involved in professional organizations of your chosen discipline, or of the discipline of dentistry as a whole. Women who understand our history need to be at the "table" making the decisions our profession will abide by for the next 100 years. The future is in your hands and I'm sure you will do a great job! Finally, keep yourself

healthy and fit with a good nutritional and exercise program. Clinical dentistry is a physically demanding profession, and you want to have a long, rewarding career free of injuries. Best of luck to you all!

New Local Chapter: North Carolina

President: Lauren Massey-Williams

Vice President: Jordan Hubbard

James Ascher 15% off code: TOOTH

Trucia Drummond DDS Recipient of Ted Weclaw Award

At the Midwinter Meeting 2020 luncheon held at the Hyatt McCormick on Saturday February 22, 2020, the Ted Weclaw Award is given by surprise to the recipient.

The presentation speech that was given by Dr. Mary Starsiak is as follows:

The Ted Weclaw Award was started by Dr. Kozal and Dr. Kort to honor those who have served the profession of dentistry as Dr. Weclaw and his brother did on the Northwest Side of the Chicago Dental Society. Dr. Weclaw was the founder of Academy of General Dentistry.

The recipient of the award this year is a dental colleague of mine and a friend that I have known for many years. We first met each other when I became involved in AAWD. I have served on numerous committees of the ISDS, CDS, and the CDS Foundation with her and we have also attended many charitable functions as she has been active in the auxiliary of the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago.

She is a graduate from the University of Illinois College of Dentistry with honors in 1981 and is the recipient of the F. William Townes Award from the College. She has retired from private practice in 2016.

She is currently Chair of the CDS Foundation which she became involved with at the insistence of her friends who were the founders of the CDS Foundation including myself when it started over 10 years ago. The naysayers colleagues told us it would never last a year and now the Foundation is winning Aawards for the Clinic that serves the people of Chicago.

She also serves on the Board of Smiles for Success Foundation and the Gillette Hayden Memorial Foundation which are affiliated with the American Association of Women Dentists. She is the recipient of the Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award from the AAWD.

She was the President of the Illinois State Dental Society, 2000-2001. She is a Fellow of the American College of Dentistry, the International College of Dentistry and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

It is with great pleasure that I and Dr. Setterberg present Dr. Trucia Drummond with the Ted Weclaw Award.



CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING THE FIRST WOMAN
RECIPIENT OF THIS AWARD!

From the Archives

Dr. Annika M. Logardt, 1983

We will be featuring photos, meeting minutes, and comments from past members of AAWD.

Please submit any interesting historical data or stories that you'd like to share.



President Reagan shakes hands with AAWD past-president Dr. Annika Logardt.



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