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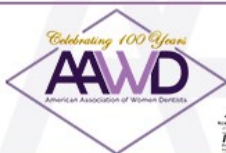
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Presidents' Series

Mary Martin DDS, M.Ed 1994 & 2015

I was honored to be President of this wonderful organization two times. Some people would say I was a little crazy, but I truly enjoyed both journeys, even though they were completely different in every way!

Being President in the mid-nineties was much slower paced. We sent written letters instead of e-mail and made phone calls instead of texts. It is hard to believe now that we actually got anything accomplished, but we really did! We developed a strong relationship with our first sponsor that was a financial institution in Penn Securities Bank. That partnership lasted many years and their staff became an integral part of our meetings. But far and above the greatest development of my first presidency was the appointment of Dr. Donna Rumberger to start a Pilot Program in New York City called Smiles For Success. None of us on the board at that time had any idea of the impact and far reaching effect of that program. Here we are, over twenty years later, and the program is still going with many smiles thanking us along the way.

The other vivid memory of my first term as President is not so pretty. The Oklahoma City Bombing occurred on April 19th and I flew out of OKC on the 20th for our mid-year Board meeting in Chicago on April 21st. I was truly still in shock, flying over the still smoldering building and looking in horror at the damage. Of course, at that time I had no idea of the number of people gone and that two of them were my dear friends from dental school. I don't remember anything from that Board meeting. I am sure that other board members just carried on without me. I was just a body sitting there.

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MEET THE SPEAKERS



Erinne Kennedy, DMD, MPH, MMSc, is a national spokesperson for the American Dental Association (ADA), a professional organization representing approximately 157,000 U.S. dentists. Dr. Kennedy is an assistant professor and director of pre-doctoral education at Kansas City University College of Dental Medicine.

Dr. Kennedy has participated in the 2017 ADA Institute for Diversity in Leadership program. Dr. Kennedy served as a volunteer for the ADA Center for Evidence Based Dentistry and participated the ADA expert panel for the guideline on Use of Antibiotics for the Emergency Management of Symptomatic Irreversible Pulpitis, Symptomatic Apical Periodontitis, and Localized Acute Apical Abscess.

Dr. Kennedy is a 2015 graduate of the Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine and completed a General Practice Residency program at VA Hospital in Baltimore, MD. She is a board-certified public health dentist and completed her dental public health residency from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM). Additionally, in May 2019 she graduated as the pioneer student at HSDM with a Master of Medical Science in dental education.

Presidents' Series (continued)

Fast forward to 2015. When I was asked to once again be President-Elect of AAWD, I only hesitated a minute. I could tell by the number of members who called, sent texts and emails that I needed to step up. And that is what we all do every day, isn't it? We step up when needed to take care of a situation, especially when there is a perceived need. The most difficult challenge of 2015 was planning the Annual Session as we did not have a management team during that year. Fortunately, I was also serving on the ADA Annual Sessions Planning Committee and the ADA Staff was fantastic in assisting me, answering about a million questions and pointing me in the right direction. The meeting was held in Denver and we were also able to introduce Jon Dancy and Donna Deans of IMC as our new management firm.

My second term as President was a blur of activity as any Past President will tell you. I loved speaking to the students in Boston to start off the year and attending the Women in Dentistry Conference in Philadelphia in April with Maxine Feinberg. The meetings, the emails, the conference calls and the texts continued non-stop for a full year. Everywhere I went I met strong, energetic women who were excited about dentistry and who empowered me to continue with my job.

I love AAWD. I love the way I feel after a dental meeting with a group of women dentists. It is a completely different feeling than a co-ed meeting. I have also spent the last two years with younger women dentists at the Oklahoma College of Dentistry and I feel like the profession is in good hands with the young women who are new graduates. We need to continue to tell them the stories of the past, so they do not forget the blessing they have in AAWD, but we also need to trust the future to them. Thank you for trusting me with your Association for two terms as President. It was an honor and a privilege.



Above: Drs. Mary Martin & Donna Rumberger



Right: Dr. Martin during her terms as president in 1994 and 2015



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