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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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### Hey lady dentists!

Happy new year and welcome back to the Chronicle Monthly!

For those wondering about the big-toothed smile you see above, that's me in my natural element. I've been a member of the American Association of Women Dentists since the beginning of dental school in 2011 and joined the board of directors in 2014. It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome the new CM committee and congratulate them on an outstanding first issue.

The American Association of Women Dentists, like many other dental organizations, is in a rebuilding process. Our mission statement resoundingly promises to advance, connect & enrich the lives of women dentists. It is with great collaboration and a multifaceted approach that 2022 is anticipated to be a year of extreme growth. We have a dynamic board of directors that is reflective of our diverse lady dentist population from at least six different cultural backgrounds, who speak multiple languages, and represents seven professional backgrounds. It is with this powerful lady leadership that we aim to increase engagement with all women dentists. Expect a refreshed website and social media presence, a return to an in-person annual meeting - including a celebration of 101 years of women dentists, and several other exciting engagement events...let's call them EEE's.

AAWD is an organization founded on a unique peer relationship that will persist as the number of women dentists continues to increase. The need for women to bond is no less significant now than it was 101 years ago, as evidenced by the growing number of other women's groups. AAWD remains the only inclusive space for **ALL** women dentists and their allies. AAWD aims to be part of the entire lives of women dentists. Beginning in the fundamental educational years and growing into the active and dynamic career stages as associates, business owners, members of academia or federal services, organization leaders and beyond. AAWD hopes to be a reliable resource for camaraderie during all personal endeavors unique to women. The organization wants to connect women dentists from the beginning of their careers in dentistry to the end, and even in legacy. AAWD will continue to participate in advocacy efforts, maintain historical records, and persist as the only non-profit national organization for women dentists.

If you're a new dentist member, consider exploring our social media pages and sharing content. If you're an active dentist member, think about sharing this publication with a friend, joining a committee, or starting a discussion on our Facebook forum. If you're a student member, feel free to keep us updated on your creative chapter events. If you're an affiliate member, we encourage you to keep us informed about your products and services. If you're a curious woman dentist or supporter who is not yet a member, request to join in on some EEE's that interest you.

It is thanks to the support and encouragement of other women in leadership that I am honored to represent AAWD in its 101st year. AAWD remains persistent, resilient, and empowered. How can we celebrate your success?



Dr. Jean Furuyama, AAWD Past President, Dr. June Warren Lee, AAWD Past President, Dr. Mary Hayes, AAWD Past Treasurer, Dr. Jane Selbe, AAWD Past President.



Dr. June Warren Lee, AAWD Past President, Dr. Helyn Leuchauer, AAWD Past President



Dr. Trucia Drummond, AAWD Past Treasurer, Dr. June Warren Lee, AAWD Past President, Dr. Mary Hayes, AAWD Past Treasurer

## Honoring Dr. June Warren Lee

**Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to supporting a cause near and dear to all of us in June's honor. Please click on the link to make a donation to the Dr. June Warren Lee Fund and the Gillette Hayden Memorial Foundation.**  
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Knowing remarkable women is a gift, especially for me, who grew up in the 1950's at a time when women were not given extensive opportunities to demonstrate how amazing a woman could be as a person, a parent, a professional and as a peer. June Warren Lee was a gift to many of us "Boomer Babes" and a fabulous expression of dedicated selfless service to a profession I love.

June and I met early in our careers enabled by two more "remarkable women" and cherished friends- Drs. Barbara Kay and Andrea Richman. Dr. Barbara Kay introduced me to June through the American Association of Women Dentists (AAWD) in the early 1980's. Barbara had been President of AAWD and was a national spokesperson for Colgate and the Chair of the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association Board-to this day, Barbara has a huge professional network. Dr. Andrea Richman began her volunteer path at the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS) on the Council of Membership with me in the early eighties and she spoke so highly of June's capacity for getting things done, that I asked to work with June on the Yankee Dental Congress. The three of us, Andrea, June and me, were soon lifelong Yankee Dental Congress volunteering buddies. We had fun, made incredible lifelong friends, and we cared deeply for each other's successes.

June and I were both from large families, me being the middle child of seven siblings and June being the oldest of six. We grew up in similar neighborhoods-Dorchester and Medford, Massachusetts, with parents who valued education and achievement more than money. We were both married with kids. June met her soulmate Dr. Bill Lee their first week in college at Brandeis University, 1969. They attended Georgetown University because that was the only school that accepted them both. At Georgetown that year, that was the largest group of women dental students ever accepted - all of 8 women. While attending Georgetown University School of Dentistry (1977) and as my friendship with June grew, we shared the challenges of being in a committed relationship, raising children, managing a dental practice and finding ways to be engaged with the profession. June made it look easy. We shared a passion for art and music- June loved the Scottish fiddle, an instrument to this day that fills me with joy. June's daughter Jaime was quite an accomplished Scottish Fiddler musician.

We got involved in organized dentistry before there were many women represented. A few women were in practice, but not active in dental societies - much less leadership. June was a pioneer. One of her first professional involvements was with the Women's Dental Society of Massachusetts which was a great organization and a great training ground for eventual leadership positions in our districts, in MDS and the Yankee Dental Congress. These relationships forged there persisted throughout our careers.

I watched in awe as June took on multiple responsibilities. She quietly had a solution for most problems she encountered. When the Academy of General Dentistry presented challenges in gaining Mastership for New England dentists, June created The New England Mastertrack five-year program that enabled achievement. When the South Shore District Dental Society needed a chair, June stepped up despite the demands of a full-time practice and two extremely talented children, Jaime and Danny. When Yankee Dental began to grow in attendance and needed dentists to help manage the meeting, June volunteered in any capacity needed-scientific programs, general session, allied education, exhibits, sponsorships. This amazing dedication and devotion to her profession was a bit perplexing to me as a new dentist and just talking to June was intimidating-how did this petite, shy woman accomplish so much? I found out how.

Dr. Bill Lee. Bill supported and encouraged everything June took on. I realized that my husband Steve was much like Bill and they thoroughly enjoyed each other's company, sharing stories about their over committed wives, their kids, the business of dentistry and the fact that the housework did not always get done, but who cared. Dr. Andrea Richman's spouse is an even bigger supporter-we referred to her husband Michael Shulman (finance career) as the "other" Dr. Richman.....My advice to women dentists to this day, is how important it is to have support at home-its very difficult to be "remarkable" without that secret ingredient-a life partner that believes in you and your pursuit of excellence.

When June became President of the American Association of Women Dentists (AAWD) I realized how important it was for women to sponsor, mentor and guide other women, who often struggle to self-promote, and to request career help from male peers. Women have a unique way of looking at the world through eyes of compassion, nurturing, selflessness and with a bit of "imposter syndrome"-am I really that capable and confident? Through AAWD, I became involved as a mentor who gives advice, and a sponsor who is someone who pulls you through the professional keyholes of life. My sponsors were mostly men, but June showed me how to be a sponsor to other women and I continue to try diligently to promote women in the profession and the workplace.

June and I shared a close camaraderie with many engaged and thoughtful citizens of the dental profession. American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, the Pierre Fauchard Academy were opportunities for us to laugh, celebrate, learn and bear witness to all of the remarkable dentists that we named as colleagues and friends. When our kids were a bit older, we decided to take our daughters to high tea at the Ritz Carleton hotel in Boston as a special treat. I was so worried about cocoa being spilt on the pretty dress my daughter Brittany had on, that I failed to fully enjoy the time together. June on the other hand, was relaxed, enjoying Jaime, and not one bit worried about spills. Letting go of things that cause stress may have been June's greatest strength-I am only guessing. When a serious illness took hold of June in her mid-fifties, that ability to get past the stress and still focus on the moment and be grounded in the wonder of it all became very visible to many.

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In April 2010, June's liver disease took her life at age 58. When June received the news that she was not eligible for a liver transplant and she had but a short time to live, she was a trustee of the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS), representing the South Shore District. When it was suggested to her that this was the time to figure out what she enjoyed most and devote her remaining time to it - she answered that she had always wanted to be Trustee, and this where she would spend her remaining time and energy. Representing her district on the MDS Board of Trustees.

Everyone loved and respected June. She was so devoted to the Yankee Dental Congress, that 3 months before her death, clearly jaundiced, she came to the meeting with a special refrigerator for her infusions, so she could participate and receive two awards. The first award was a special recognition for service to the Yankee Dental Congress and was presented to her by President, Dr. David Samuels. There wasn't a dry eye in the house, including his.

The last time I saw June in person was during the American College of Dentists (ACD) luncheon at the 2010 Yankee Dental, where we celebrated June's remarkable career and her many recognitions, including the Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award (we share that honor) and her special recognition by the Yankee Dental, and her second YDC award, the 2010 Thomas F. Winkler Leadership Award from ACD. She was overwhelmed with gratitude and humility. Despite her illness, June was fully present in the moment of joy. When June and I said goodbye that day, we both knew it be our final hug.

That was the first time in my life that I returned to Chicago and the American Dental Association from the Yankee Dental Congress heartbroken. It's been twelve years and grief persists if I let loose the painful feelings of loss. The pain of the premature death of such a remarkable woman never goes away, you just learn to live with it along with other losses suffered along the way as we move forward through life. June's legacy lives on through the amazing contributions by women in the dental profession, past, current and future leaders. June blazed a trail for all of us that will never be forgotten.

To my remarkable women dentists-thank you for the amazing gift of you. You transformed me and I am forever grateful.

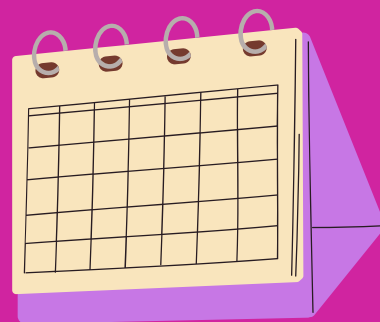
Kathleen O'Loughlin, DMD, MPH

Immediate Past Executive Director of the American Dental Association

## Yankee Dental Congress 2022



Secretary Treasurer  
Dr. Yalda  
Rostamnezhad with Dr.  
Anne Koch in Boston at  
Yankee Dental Congress!



### FEBRUARY

- 3: Juno Webinar
- 9 : National Toothache Day
- 13: Galentine's Day
- 14: Valentine's Day
- 24-26: Chicago Midwinter Meeting
- 28: National Tooth Fairy Day
- 28: Chronicle Monthly, Ed 2
- 28: AAWD BOD Meeting

### MARCH

- 6: National Dentist's Day
- 8: International Women's Day
- 17-19: Hinman Dental Meeting
- 19-22: ADEA Meeting
- 20-22: Lobby Day
- 20: First Day of Spring

## Recipe:

## NEED A SPECIAL COCKTAIL FOR VALENTINES DAY? TRY THE LOVE POTION NO. 9!

- 1 cup pomegranate juice (or substitute w/ Cranberry juice)
- 3 ounces of Strawberry flavored Vodka
- 3 ounces of Chambord, a popular raspberry liqueur



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