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**BUILDING CONNECTIONS: EMPOWERMENT THROUGH NETWORKING**

March 29, 2023  
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## CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH WITH AAWD

Now that Women's History Month is in full swing, we find ourselves reflecting on equity and what this year's International Women's Day theme, #EmbraceEquity, means to us as women in dentistry.

Dr. Zandparsa took time to reflect while visiting "The Embrace" in Boston. This memorial, which honors the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, was unveiled in January of this year.

The Embrace is a bronze figural abstraction based on a photo of an embrace between Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King after he won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. The 20-foot-tall, 25-foot-wide artwork differs from the singular, heroic form of many memorials to Dr. King and others, instead emphasizing the **power of collective action, the role of women as leaders, and the forging of new bonds of solidarity out of mutual empathy and vulnerability**. The Embrace is an unprecedented attempt to give shape and prominence to Dr. King's conception of agape love. It is also intended to reflect Coretta Scott King's faith in the power of art, and her long life of struggle against militarism, poverty, discrimination, racism, and sexism.

"I really wanted to make the work a call to action," said artist Hank Willis Thomas. "A reminder that each of us has in us the capacity to be either of those two people or actually something inspired by and more influential. Through embracing another person our opportunities grow. I wanted to highlight the power and beauty of coming together with another person to manifest our shared goals."



Join us in embracing equity! Share your #EmbraceEquity photo with us by [clicking here](#) or emailing [lindsay.abeln@internationalamc.com](mailto:lindsay.abeln@internationalamc.com)

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AAWD hosted the first of our monthly listening sessions with members on International Women's Day. We started the session with a toast to AAWD trailblazers through our 100+ year history. As we continue our journey to gender equity, it is important to acknowledge the women who have paved the way to where we are now: women represent over 50% of US dentists. The future is certainly brighter, but there is still work to be done. Dental equipment is still geared to male bodies, dental advertising remains male-dominated, and women are still underrepresented in dental specialties, dental leadership, and at dental meetings.

Read on to learn more about this session, upcoming events, and more!

## AAWD TRAILBLAZING SINCE 1921



Dr. Mary Stilwell  
Kuesel

**1892**

Establishment of the  
Women's  
Dental  
Association



Dr. M. Evangeline  
Jordan

Founding of  
the  
Federation  
of Women  
Dentists  
(now AAWD)



Dr. Gillette  
Hayden

**1921**

Establishment of the  
Gillette  
Hayden  
Memorial  
Foundation



Dr. Donna  
Rumberger

Establishment  
of the Smiles  
for Success  
Foundation

**1995**

**Today and  
Beyond**

AAWD will continue to break barriers by connecting women dentists, providing education and resources, and advocating for gender equity across all areas of dentistry

AAWD as we know it was founded in 1921. However, the history of this organization dates back to 1892 when two trailblazing women dentists, Dr. Mary Stilwell Kuesel and Dr. Annie T. Focht, organized a society by which they could strengthen themselves by trying to help one another. The Women's Dental Society was active throughout the 1890s and early 1900s, though records cease at the end of the 1800s.

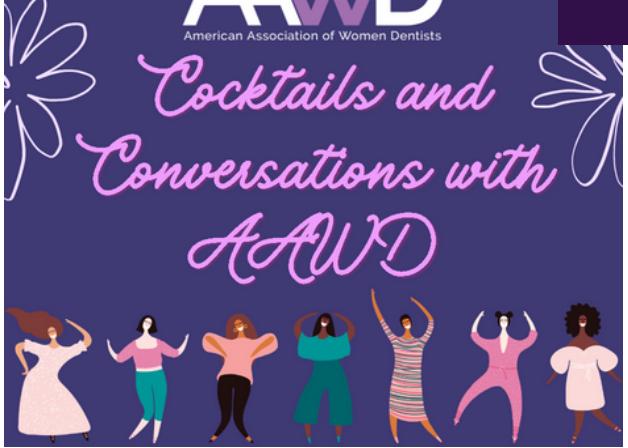
In 1921, 12 women dentists in Milwaukee, WI, met during the ADA annual meeting and formed the Federation of American Women Dentists, now known as AAWD. AAWD's first president, Dr. M. Evangeline Jordan, is credited with founding pediatric dentistry and was the first to limit her practice to children.

In efforts to create opportunities for women in dentistry, the Gillette Hayden Memorial Foundation was established in 1930 to honor the memory of Dr Gillette Hayden, one of AAWD's founding members and its third president, and support the future of women dentist leadership in the American Association of Women Dentists and the Dental Profession. The scholarship program is still active today, offering professional development and practice management scholarships.

In 1995, AAWD, under the leadership of Dr. Mary Martin, recognized an additional need for support: access to care for women overcoming incarceration, domestic violence, and other hardships. The Smiles for Success Foundation was formed to assist women in transition from welfare to work who cannot afford the cost of dental care. Volunteer dentists from AAWD provide free dental care to women in job placement programs. The first SFS patient was treated by Dr. Donna Rumberger, AAWD member and 1999 president. The program remains active today thanks to our volunteers.

For over 100 years, AAWD has supported and nurtured women in dentistry and provided opportunities to share their knowledge and expertise. As we move into the next 100 years, we intend to continue to do just that, starting with this first listening session. On the next page, learn more about our upcoming event plans for WHM and beyond!

## COCKTAILS AND CONVERSATION WITH AAWD



Our first member listening session, *Toast to Trailblazers*, was such a positive experience for our Board members and everyone who attended. The purpose of these listening sessions is first and foremost to provide a platform for you, the heart and soul of AAWD, to tell us what you want to see and how you feel AAWD can best nurture, connect, and advance our members.

We received several amazing ideas in this first session, including "Career Path" sessions to help you prepare to enter private practice, academia, public service, and beyond; financial literacy training; multidisciplinary study clubs; and mentoring programs. We will be working hard to put these ideas into action this year.

We will be hosting Cocktails and Conversations with AAWD, our member listening sessions, each month. Join us to connect with national leadership and fellow members and share your ideas! Bring your wine, soda, or drink of choice as we virtually connect and raise a toast to new friendships and opportunities! Keep an eye out for announcements to register for these events!

## EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS

Education and staying current in an ever-changing world are always top of our minds. AAWD will be offering educational webinar opportunities to members starting this month.

Join us for our first 2023 Educational Webinar: *Drilling Down on the 'Gram* with Dr. Brittany McCrorey. Social media is everywhere. As dentists, we have to face the fact that we are no longer the sole source of dental information for our patients. From oil pulling to using activated charcoal, our patients are using (and trusting) the internet and social media more than ever. Thus, it is imperative that we keep up with the times by utilizing social media to our advantages.

This webinar will introduce the various social media platforms and how they can be utilized as instruments to connect with and educate patients both near and far. Additionally, this webinar will teach dental professionals quick tips to effectively use social media with the goal of building their professional brands, fostering current patient relationships, and bringing in new clientele.

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In this workshop, you will learn how to approach networking with the intent of bringing value to the other person and committing to nurturing the relationship. Whether you're a new graduate or a seasoned professional, this workshop will provide you with the tools and information you need to thrive in a rapidly evolving industry. Keep an eye out for an announcement with more info!

## WORKSHOPS

Another topic that we heard from members is workshops on important topics related to dentistry, soft skills, and professional development. We're excited to announce our first workshop, "Building Connections: Empowerment through Networking," hosted by Dr. Isabel Rambob.

Networking starts with taking a genuine interest in people and establishing a mutually beneficial relationship. It is about asserting yourself as a trusted source of valuable information and being intentional about giving before receiving.



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# Member Spotlight



Vasiliki Maseli

Dr. Maseli was born and raised in Athens, Greece. She attended dental school in Greece. In 2014, she graduated from the MS in Restorative program University of Michigan School of Dentistry. Currently, she is a Clinical Associate Professor at BUGSDM. In 2020, she received a Master of Education in Educational Leadership & Policy Studies from BU Wheelock College of Education and Human Development, while teaching full time.

Dr. Maseli is actively involved in organized dentistry; she serves as the Editor for Boston District Dental Society and the founding Vice President for Boston AAWD Chapter. She is also serves as the Chair-elect for the ADEA CAD-CAM Technology Special Interest Group.

In January 2023, she was inducted as a Fellow in the prestigious Pierre Fauchard Academy. She lives in Boston with her husband and son. In her free time, she likes to travel and collect Christmas ornaments from all around the world.

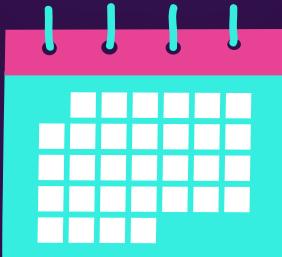
## Meharry Student Chapter



During the season of love, the Meharry Chapter of the American Association of Women Dentists decided to spread the love to those most in need. The organization came together to make handcrafted Valentine's Day Cards for the women of the Mary Parrish Center, a domestic abuse treatment center. With the help of everyone, over 50 cards and candy bags were created for the 4 families at the center. The chapter is extremely happy to be able to put smiles on faces outside of the dental chair!

Want to be featured or recommend someone as the next member or chapter spotlight? [Click here to submit to the next edition!](#)

## Upcoming Events



### MARCH

- 11-14: ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition
- 16-18: Hinman Dental Meeting
- 20: First Day of Spring
- 22: [Drilling Down on the Gram, an educational webinar with Dr. Brittany McCrorey](#)
- 29: AAWD WHM Networking Workshop

### APRIL

- 7: World Health Day
- 9: Easter Sunday
- 19: Member Listening Session: Cocktails and Conversation with AAWD
- 22: Earth Day
- TBA: Career Path Panel Session

We want to hear from you! What events would you like to see AAWD host? [Click here to share your feedback!](#)

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