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President's Message



Dr. Karyl C. Patten, DDS, MPH, JM

What an amazing year we had teaming up with new management in 2016. Big cheers to our second year of new management!

For more than nine decades, the American Association of Women Dentists has forged its way to advancing and enriching the lives of female dentists.

AAWD promotes oral health equity amongst all people. We continue to be the leading resource for mentorship and leadership for women throughout the country.

This year will be no exception. We are ever more deliberate as we focus our collective path in serving both the oral health and overall health needs of those under our care. Our message is simple: We've done it before and we will endeavor to do it again.

This year our theme is "To Build." Build up. Build out.

As we move in these directions, let us rely on critical lessons from the past. With our strength of character, pursuit of excellence and determination to succeed we will continue to change the landscape impacting oral health in America and beyond - Women with vision.

We will strive harder, we will move faster and we will continue to be purposeful and thoughtful in our quest to deliver oral healthcare.

As the 2017 President of the American Association for Women Dentists, it is my pleasure to begin the new year with you.

I am excited about the journey...we are in this together.

ONWARD!

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President, AAWD

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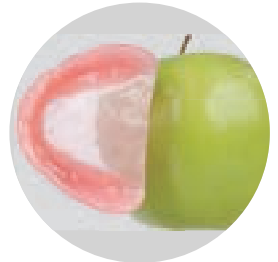
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2017 AAWD Board of Directors

**Each quarter, the Chronicle will highlight the 2017 AAWD Board Members.
In this issue, meet the Student Representatives.**



Deeva Bhat, Nova Southeastern University, College of Dental Medicine

Deeva Bhatt is in her third year at Nova Southeastern University. She is concurrently pursuing her MPH degree with a goal to help enhance her contribution to the community upon graduation. Deeva joined AAWD during her D1 year. The following year, she served as Secretary and is currently Vice President. She loves the strong female community AAWD provides and feels it is a great resource for advice, camaraderie and ideas. Her favorite part about her local chapter is the holiday event where they raise more than 900 pounds of food for the local community. In her free time, Deeva is an avid reader and enjoys spending time with her family and friends, as well as traveling to new places.



Katherine Sage, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, School of Dental Medicine

Katherine is in her third year at LECOM. She was born in Burlington, Vermont and grew up in Michigan. In 2012, Katherine graduated with a degree in Biology from Loyola University Chicago. Her first career aspirations were to manufacture synthetic organs. During her third year of undergrad, she became interested in dentistry and changed her entire career path. Katherine is passionate about women in dentistry and orthodontics. She has served on both founding organizational executive boards for the Predoctoral Orthodontics Association and the AAWD Student Chapter at LECOM. Katherine is excited and feels blessed to have the opportunity to serve as a National Student Representative and looks forward to enriching and furthering the lives and careers of the women in AAWD. Katherine enjoys spending time with her two sisters, her “spunky” 18-month-old niece and her “sweet” nephew.

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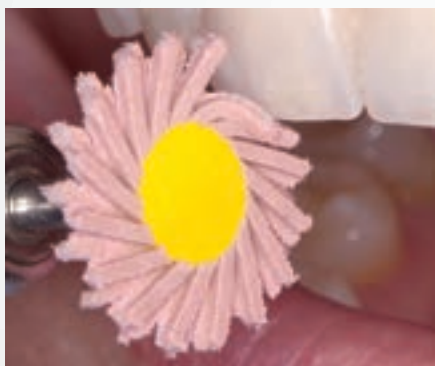


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In Memoriam: Dr. Helyn C. Luechauer 1921-2016



Dr. Helyn C. Luechauer (front row, second from left) with past AAWD presidents at the AAWD Annual Meeting in 2004.



Dr. Helyn Luechauer, right, accepts the prestigious Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award from Dr. Jane Selbe, the award's first recipient. (Source: Dec-Nov 1991 issue of the Chronicle, Vol 12; No. 6)

In September 2016, Dr. Helyn Catherine Luechauer, 1977 President of the American Association of Women Dentists, passed away at the age of 95.

In learning of her passing, Dr. Mary Martin (1995, 2016, AAWD President) stated, "She was active in AAWD for many years. I met Helyn at my very first AAWD meeting in 1984 and told her I would like to become involved in this organization. The rest is history." Dr. Margaret Scarlett (2002, AAWD President) added, "What a great lady! I will miss her smiling face at our meetings - and her inspiration!"

In an interview with Dr. Rhona Gissen Stanley for the Chronicle in 1991, Dr. Luechauer described her path to dentistry. She originally went to college as a pre-med student; however, World War II changed her course. In 1942, she met her husband, Jarvis Luechauer, when they were both working at the Henry J. Kaiser Shipyard. After the war, they moved to Chicago for her husband to attend dental school at Loyola University.

In 1961, Dr. Luechauer applied to 12 dental schools and was denied admittance because she was "too old and not serious enough." With determination and resolve, she applied to four schools the following year. She was 45 years old when she graduated from the University of California San Francisco School of Dentistry and was one of two women in the class of 1966. She and her husband practiced together in Hollywood, California for 35 years.

Dr. Luechauer was a role model and an advocate for women in dentistry and beyond. She was an actively engaged member of AAWD throughout her career. In 1977, she was the first woman in California's history to be appointed to the California Department of Consumer Affairs' Board of Dental Examiners. She was also involved in organizations outside of dentistry that celebrated and supported the advancement of women, including the League of Women Voters and PEO. Because of her commitment to dentistry, dedication to patient care and support of women, Dr. Luechauer was presented with the Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award in 1991, AAWD's highest honor in recognition of her many contributions.

To read more of her tribute in the Vallejo Times-Herald (October 2, 2016), click [here](#).

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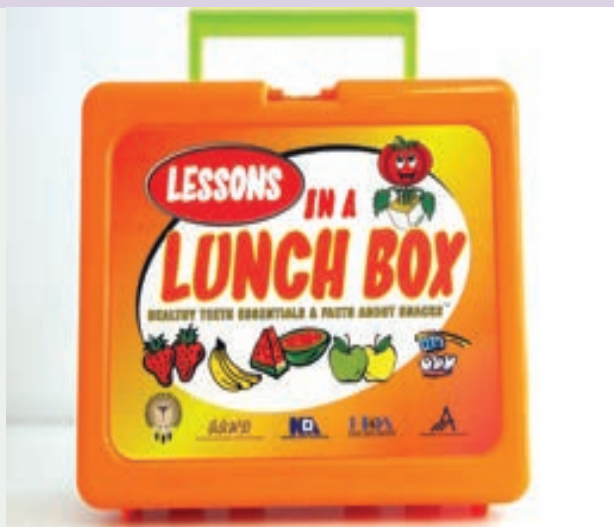
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AAWD members observe National Children's' Dental Health Month through Lessons in a Lunch Box

February is National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM). Launched in 2008, The Children's Oral Health Institute is proud the American Association of Women Dentists (AAWD) was one of the first organizations to endorse the Lessons in a Lunch Box: Healthy Teeth Essentials & Facts About Snacks™ program for children. The AAWD logo is displayed on the lunch box and represents the dedication of female dental professionals. The nonprofit organization is excited about AAWD members' continued commitment to the oral health education of children through the Lessons in a Lunch Box presentations.

AAWD members can visit www.mycchi.org for the list of the Lessons in a Lunch Box programs being presented around the country in February. Volunteers join dental school leaders, community and student dentists, hygienists and other volunteers to offer brushing and flossing instructions to captivate audiences of students in grades 1, 2 and 3. They explain the USDA Food Plate and proper food portions. Finally, information is provided about careers in dentistry. Volunteers witness unparalleled jubilation when they give children their very own Lunch Boxes, which include a toothbrush, Sparkle Fun toothpaste and Tutti-Frutti dental floss located inside of a vibrant plastic carrot case with a rinse cup that doubles as the screw-on top.

Visit www.dentalcare.com then type "456" into the search engine to learn how the Lessons in a Lunch Box program is presented in elementary schools. AAWD members and others in the dental community will earn a continuing education credit by going through these steps of this one hour course, Improving Oral Health Literacy: Teaching Primary School Students through the Lessons in a Lunch Box Program.

Volunteers can go to The Children's Oral Health Institute website to learn more about this and other oral health education initiatives and to identify oral health education materials and resources to share with teachers and educators.



Winifred Booker, DDS, served on the 2016 AAWD Board of Directors. She is a pediatric dentist practicing in Owings Mills, Maryland. Dr. Booker is the CEO and Director of Development for The Children's Oral Health Institute.

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Diversity Summit President's Group

At the 2010 National Summit on Diversity in Dentistry leaders affirmed the commitment to nurture and advance a culture of diversity and inclusion in the dental profession. In 2013, AAWD became a collaborative partner in the Diversity Summit Presidents' Group.



From left, Dr. Judy Greenlea Taylor (2016 President, National Dental Association), Dr. Karyl C. Patten (2017 President AAWD), Dr. Andrew J. Kwasny (Third District Trustee, ADA), Dr. Judith Fisch (First District Trustee, ADA) and Dr. Amarilis Jacobo (2016 President, Hispanic Dental Association) members of the Diversity Summit Presidents' Group met at the Greater New York Dental Meeting in November 2016. (Not pictured-Dr. Maximillion Jensen, Society of American Indian Dentists)

Member News



Dr. Ethel Esianor-Mitchual joins faculty of Temple Kornberg School of Dentistry

Dr. Ethel Esianor-Mitchual has joined Temple Kornberg School of Dentistry as a part-time Adjunct Clinical Instructor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry. She has had a solo private practice in Lancaster, Pennsylvania for nearly 17 years.

Dr. Karin Irani new President of the San Fernando Valley Dental Society

Dr. Karin Irani was installed as president of the San Fernando Valley (California) Dental Society President on January 8, 2017. Dr. Irani is a member of the ADA Council on Membership and an ADA success speaker as well as the chair of the CDA Leadership Development Committee.



Dr. Kathryn Kell honored by University of Iowa College of Dentistry

AAWD Past-President Dr. Kathryn Kell received the University of Iowa College of Dentistry's "Dental Alumna Leader of the Year" award for outstanding contributions to the profession. The award was presented in November at the Dean's dinner and was the first award of its kind.

Dr. Bethany Piziks-Gareiss published in Dental Economics

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This year is the year “To Build”: 2016 National Student Representative lays foundation for Student Chapter growth

Michelle L. Thomas was elected as one of the AAWD National Student Representatives for 2016. She also served as president of the University of Florida’s AAWD Student Chapter.

Michelle was born in Toms River, New Jersey and grew up in Sarasota County, Florida. In May, she will earn her DMD from the University of Florida College of Dentistry and plans to pursue postgraduate education in pediatric dentistry.

In this interview, Michelle shares reflections on her experiences as a student leader.

“Big dreams and major steps forward are possible if you utilize the strengths of your team and remain patient.”

Q. What do you feel was your most meaningful accomplishment as the 2016 AAWD National Student Representative?

Probably the most meaningful-and largest-task I took on this year was finding contact information for every AAWD Student Chapter across the country. We now know there are 24 Student Chapters and who their presidents and advisors are. This not only allows us to better reach the students about upcoming events and opportunities, but has also opened the door to contact past student presidents to start local chapters in their communities once they become dentists. It has increased communication and idea sharing amongst our AAWD student leaders throughout the year. With this information, we were also able to hold our first “Student Council of Presidents” video conference. I am hopeful that these will continue in the future, allowing Student Chapters to grow, improve and offer even more to their members.

Q. You’ve had an exciting year, what are some key leadership lessons you learned?

As cliché as it may sound, the phrase “it takes a village” comes to mind. The AAWD Board is an amazing group of women that work hard as a team to move mountains. This year, I became even more aware of the fact that big dreams and major steps forward are possible if you utilize the strengths of your team and remain patient. Results take collaboration and time, but the hard work definitely pays off! I’m so thankful to have had the opportunity to work with such an incredible team of women who not only supported all of my crazy ideas and aspirations for the student side of AAWD, but helped them come to fruition.

Q. Now that you’re a few months away from graduation, what advice do you have for women dental students in their first year?

Take some time to establish who your friends are and who your support system will be in dental school because this isn’t something you can do alone. There is nothing more worthwhile than having a group of people who completely understand what you’re going through and how hard you are working to achieve your ultimate goal of becoming a dentist.

Aside from this, find a mentor-perhaps in your AAWD Student Chapter-who is in the year above you. Having a mentor who has just experienced everything that you are about to embark on can prove invaluable.

Finally, despite all the work and stress, make time to do something other than study. Know that dental school truly is what you make it and that the opportunities available to you as a dental student are wide-ranging. In the wise words of Disney Pixar, “Adventure is out there!”



Dr. Mary Licking (AAWD Director of Archives) and Dr. Jodie Wing Lee (AAWD Director of Student Chapters) joined the women of UNE for the AAWD Student Chapter kick-off event on November 10, 2016.



Local orthodontists Drs. Meghann Dombroski and Tarryn MacCarthy hosted the UNE chapter event at their office. (From left) Drs. Pamela Anzelc, Kristin Lawson, Elizabeth Franco, Jodie Wing Lee, Heather Keeling, Meghan Dombroski, Lisa Howard, Michelle Tsao and Mary Licking

The **University of New England (UNE) chapter** is dedicated to promoting wellness, professional development and life balance for women student doctors. The chapter hopes to improve the vitality of all women in the Northern New England area by giving back to their communities in whatever ways they can. This past semester, members spent one Saturday per month volunteering at a soup kitchen for women in the Portland area, raised campus awareness about domestic violence and held a self-defense course for women on campus. The chapter hosted a gathering for the women student doctors from UNE to meet local women dentists.

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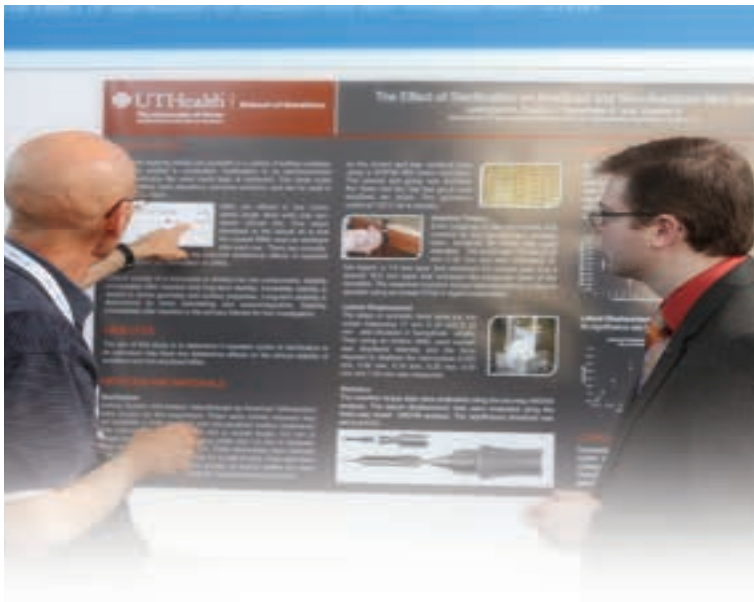


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Elizabeth Wilson	Owensboro, KY	Student	Jill Bussey	Richmond, VA	Active
Madison Heine	Sturgis, KY	Student	Sally Abdelkarim	Fairfax, VA	Student
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3. Educate patients about the risk factors, provide counseling and offer treatment for avoidable risky behaviors, and promote a healthy lifestyle.

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February 4

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March 8

International Women's Day

March 18-21

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AAWD's 96th Annual Meeting



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