Dr. Patricia L. Blanton named AAWD’s 2008 Woman Dentist of the Year

The Lucy Hobbs Taylor Woman Dentist of the Year Award is AAWD’s highest honor, which recognizes significant service to dentistry on the basis of achievement in civic, cultural, humanitarian and academic areas. It honors women who promote a positive image for women in dentistry and those who help to advance AAWD’s mission to be the recognized resource for connecting and enriching lives of women dentists.

The American Association of Women Dentists is pleased to award Dr. Patricia L. Blanton with the 2008 Lucy Hobbs Taylor Woman Dentist of the Year Award. Dr. Blanton is professor emeritus, Department of Biomedical Sciences at Baylor College of Dentistry and also has a full-time periodontal practice in Dallas.

Among Dr. Blanton’s many accomplishments:
• In 2005, Dr. Blanton was named Distinguished Alumna of Baylor College of Dentistry/Texas A&M Medical University.
• In 2003, Dr. Blanton became the 1st woman president of the Texas Dental Association.
• In 2001 Dr. Blanton was recognized by the Dallas County Dental Society as the Dentist of the Year – the first woman to hold this honor.
• In 1998 Baylor College of Dentistry, Department of Biomedical Sciences established the Patricia L. Blanton Library.

In the nomination packet put together by colleague and friend, Col. Theresa S. Gonzales, DMD, MS, Col. Gonzales explains why she feels Dr. Blanton is so deserving of this award:

“At every step of her professional development, Dr. Blanton has labored valiantly to advance women into positions of empowerment within the profession. She believes that true leadership is both ageless and genderless. Not unlike Dr. Lucy Hobbs Taylor, Dr. Blanton was the lone female student in her dental class. Even then, Dr. Blanton’s enthusiasm for the profession was not hampered by those who could not see beyond the issue of maintenance of the status quo. In 1974 she graduated from the Baylor College of Dentistry at the top of her class. I am absolutely certain that even Dr. Lucy Hobbs Taylor would be thoroughly impressed with the never ending list of accomplishments and the selfless services and devotion to the profession of Dr. Patricia L. Blanton.”

Dr. Blanton received her award on Friday, June 20 at the AAWD’s 87th Annual Meeting & Conference in Oak Brook, IL.

2009 Board of Directors Elected

The members of the American Association of Women Dentists have elected the presented slate of officers at the 87th Annual Meeting and Conference, June 19-21, 2008 in Oak Brook, IL.

Dr. Stephanie Houseman will be installed as President of the 2009 Board of Directors. Dr. Houseman and the 2009 Board will be installed on Friday, October 17, 2008 in San Antonio, TX at AAWD’s Annual Installation Banquet. See enclosed flyer to sign up or log on to www.aawd.org.

The AAWD 2009 Board of Directors Executive Committee (seated left to right):
Secretary - Jennifer Biter, DDS; Immediate Past President - Lilia Larin, DDS; President-Elect - Laura Murcko, DMD; President - Stephanie Houseman, DMD; Vice President - Judith Belitz, DDS; Treasurer - Mary Beth Aichelman-Reidy, DDS

2009 Board of Directors (back row - left to right):
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AAWD dentists had an inspiring Mother’s Day when we joined AAWD Corporate Member HU-FRIEDY Manufacturing’s team for a second year in a row at the Y-Me Walk to Empower along with over 40,000 participants in fifteen cities across the nation. The Y-Me Walk to Empower is an annual event held to support breast cancer programs and to ensure that no one faces breast cancer alone! This year the AAWD teams were Team Women Dentists, Chicago and the Team Women Dentists, San Diego. Together our two teams raised over $20,000 for this worthy cause. Nationwide the participants raised close to $9 million to fund programs and services for those who can’t wait for tomorrow’s cure. Next year, with everyone’s help, AAWD is planning on spreading the word and increasing fundraising efforts to other parts of the country as well. We will keep you updated!

The spirit of giving continued in May when I was fortunate enough to receive my first Smiles for Success patient referral. My patient, Loretta Salazar, was ready to transform her life and her looks with help from a San Diego based job readiness and placement program, and the AAWD’s Smiles for Success Foundation (SFS). The joy and satisfaction I received from being able to improve Loretta’s quality of life and her smile has been one of the most fulfilling and heartfelt accomplishments I have enjoyed in my professional dental career. Check out Loretta’s story together with before and after pictures on page 6 of this Chronicle. If you would like to volunteer dental services and change someone’s life through SFS, I urge you to contact SFS at info@smilesforsuccess.org.

We just finished the Annual Meeting and I am excited to report that it was a huge success. I look forward to the many networking opportunities in 2009 and the chance to meet some of dentistry’s most fabulous and exciting women. Many thanks to Dr. Stephanie Houseman, this year’s annual meeting chair, and Debbie Gidley, the AAWD Executive Director, for their hard work and perfect planning! Hope to see you next year in Hilton Head!

The final thought I want to communicate in this message concerns membership. I am firmly committed to increasing AAWD’s membership because I believe in our organization and know that we have a huge potential for growth. The best way for us to grow is from within, through the individual efforts of our members. Each and every member has the power to make a difference.

Lilia Larin, DDS
2008 President
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### A-dec, Inc.

Dental professionals around the world have a great new place for discovery. It’s called the A-dec Education Center, a state-of-the-art showroom and training facility located on the campus of A-dec corporate headquarters in Newberg, Oregon. The new 25,000 sq ft (2323sq m) center is home to A-dec’s professional sales and technical training programs and includes a large conference space, dining and business areas, as well as 20 rooms of the latest in quality A-dec dental equipment. The center also serves as the starting point for doctors, dealers, and other guests who visit the A-dec campus.

A-dec officially opened the new center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for employees and the local community on April 2, 2008. The new education center’s grand opening celebration was held on April 7. Authorized A-dec dealers, dental school deans, A-dec product partners, dental association leaders, and key members of the dental trade attended the event. The grand opening began with a short presentation and speeches by A-dec owners Ken and Joan Austin, President Scott Parrish, and Vice President of Sales & Marketing, Wayne Aho. Dinner followed, and many of the guests returned the next day for a factory tour of the A-dec campus. Nationally renowned motivational speaker Doug Young was also honored at the event for his years of contribution to A-dec sales training.

According to A-dec President Scott Parrish, the new center is a perfect symbol for the company’s core philosophy on education. “This center continues what Ken and Joan began in 1965 when they started A-dec,” he said. “Not only does it show off the quality and breadth of our equipment—it also demonstrates our commitment to education and the dental industry. And we plan on continuing this spirit of learning and engagement with our customers for many years to come.”

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In addition to the showroom, the new education center includes features designed to take A-dec’s world-renowned training programs to the next level. Supporting the professional sales training classes and other seminars is a large conference room that seats 200 guests and features the latest in sound, lighting, and projection equipment. For technical training, two spacious labs with fully-functioning workstations allow service technicians a more interactive, hands-on approach to troubleshooting old and new A-dec equipment. Other highlights include WiFi throughout the building, a comfortable dining area that seats 70 people, and a business center with dedicated phones, computers, and printers. For more information about A-dec, call 1.800.547.1883 or 1.503.538.7478 worldwide.

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Dr. Cathie Hidalgo Butterworth
Fredericksburg, Virginia
To Smiles for Success and the AAWD,

My name is Loretta Salazar. I have been without most of my teeth for going on 20 years. I’ve learned to cope without my smile for so long that it not only has affected by self-esteem, but my life as well. I have been so self-conscious about my missing teeth that it prohibited me from living my life the way I want to. I have not been able to look at people without feeling embarrassed or afraid that they would make fun, or perhaps judge me.

When trying to find employment, I have not had the confidence I would normally have and would be too uncomfortable to speak or open my mouth.

Now that I have been offered the once in a lifetime chance to have my smile back through the Smiles for Success program, I really feel that I have a chance to get my life back. I look forward to the change with open arms and am eternally grateful for this program. The kindness and generosity shown to me has been overwhelming and I can’t thank them enough. I had the pleasure to work with Dr. Lilia Larin and her staff and they have been phenomenal. I really felt they cared by the way they treated me and I feel their sincerity with every visit. I look forward to seeing my smile whole again.

I have nothing but good things to feel and say about this program and the special individuals that are such a major part in the process. Thank you again Smiles for Success and Dr. Larin.

Without you, I would not feel like a success.

Sincerely,
Loretta Salazar

Here is Loretta’s treatment plan:

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Why AAWD?

AAWD is a unique association where women dentists can develop their skills as leaders in a helpful and comfortable environment. The friendships made here will last a lifetime. There is no better place to meet colleagues around the world, gain knowledge of your profession, and knowledge about life. This is an organization filled with history and a mission of helping women achieve their goals by helping each other. AAWD gave me my start in organized dentistry and is also a place to give back through mentorship and stewardship.

Kathryn A. Koll, D.D.S.  
District 10 Trustee, Board of Trustees, American Dental Association  
AAWD Past President and Recipient of the 2007 Lucy Hobbs Taylor/Woman Dentist of the Year Award

AAWD holds a special spot in my heart. Starting my career as a member, officer and then President of this group taught me organizational skills, gave me visibility within a male dominated profession and helped me form life-long friendships with professional women around the country. Now, decades later, these same women are in influential places within our profession. It is great to be able to reach a friend of many years to find out information, work collaboratively on items of mutual interest and just keep in touch. Now, with larger numbers of women in AAWD, the organization can have an even bigger impact upon the growing number of women in dentistry. I still belong because I want others to know that this is an organization worth supporting. New generations of leadership for dentistry are being formed worth supporting. New generations of others to know that this is an organization in dentistry. I still belong because I want to run gas-powered generators to power portable dental equipment.

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Linda J. Edgar, DDS, MEd, MAGD, was elected as Secretary for the AGD last July and as an ADA delegate in Sept 08. She also received a Lifelong Learning and Service Award from the Academy of General Dentistry.

Eva Dahl, DDS, MS, of Onalaska, WI was recently featured in an article entitled: “Dahl Enjoys Role as a Leader in Dentistry by Women” which appeared in Dr. Dahl’s hometown paper, The LaCrosse Tribune. To read the article, log on to: http://www.lacrossetribune.com/articles/2008/04/17/health/00lead.txt

Colleen Holohan, DDS, Northbrook, IL, and her associate Dr. Kim Bush participated in a dental mission to Mexico, with a group called El Nino Rey. Both Dr. Holohan and Dr. Bush have traveled several years now together, and with other women, dentists and hygienists, assistants and volunteers to serve people in the remote mountain villages in the state of Guerrero, Mexico. Over a one week period, a group of 16 treated over 900 people, with such things as extractions, cleanings and fillings. Even with the lack of proper electricity in some of the villages, they were able to run gas-powered generators to power portable dental equipment.

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Rise’ Lyman, DDS, (pictured) was installed as the San Antonio District Dental Society President on May 9, 2008. Dr. Lyman will also be serving as Vice President of the Texas Dental Association from May 2008-2009. Dr. Lyman has recently been named a Fellow in the Pierre Fauchard Academy, an international honor dental organization. She will be presented with her credentials at the Pierre Fauchard Academy annual meeting and convocation in October during the ADA meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Lyman continues to serve the ADA Council on Annual Sessions and is the Program Chair for the 2010 ADA meeting.

Calling All Speakers:

AAWD is gearing up for Phase 2 of our updated website. It will include a new Speaker’s Bureau section. If you are a speaker and want to be included on the website, please send your name and speaking topics to Dr. Stephanie Houseman at drszh@7ste.com and info@aawd.org. We will then contact you for titles, short bio, photo, etc. to be used on the website. Don’t be shy; this is your opportunity to announce yourself to meeting planners and others who are looking for speakers.

Member News

The AGD’s second annual advocacy conference, A Great Dentist Goes to Washington, was planned to coincide with the two-week Congressional recess, an opportune time for lobbying. Nearly 60 attendees from 30 states traveled to Washington, DC for a day-long session of advocacy training on Monday, March 10, followed by visits to their Congressmen and Senators on Capitol Hill on Tuesday, March 11, 2008. Together, the interests of general dentists were communicated to over 100 legislators and their staff!

AAWD Members attend the AGD’s A Great Dentist goes to Washington (pictured left to right: Dr. Sue Bishop; Dr. Paula Jones, President of the Academy of General Dentistry and Dr. Leslie Grant)

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I just wanted to say Thank You for sharing words of wisdom and advice this past weekend at the conference. It was truly one of the best experiences of my dental career as of yet. I hope to see you next year in Hilton Head!

Sincerely,
Grace Castro & Lisa Gonzalez, Tufts University

**IOWA**
AAWD is proud to welcome its newest chapter, Central Iowa AAWD. Led by chapter president, Dr. Maryam Shirazi, this chapter is already planning programs and events for the women dentists of Central Iowa. For more information, contact Dr. Shirazi at hlasshirazi@msn.com.

**GEORGIA**
Watch for information on a new chapter coming soon to Savannah, GA.

AAWD is committed to growing chapters across the country. For a list of chapters or information on how to start a chapter near you, log on to www.aawd.org or contact Director of Local Chapter Development, Dr. Tawana Ware at tawanaware@hotmail.com and she’ll guide you through the steps.
University of Maryland, College of Dentistry

Recently the University of Maryland had three AAWD student members honored with the award of an Albert Schweitzer Fellowship. The Fellowship seeks candidates that can carry out Dr. Albert Schweitzer’s ethic of “Reverence for Life” through the development of original service projects that address the unmet health needs of individuals within their community. The students; Dorie Frank, Sara Kramer, and Sarah Raymond planned and developed an oral health-oriented service project to be implemented within the Baltimore, MD area. Their project B.E.A.M., which stands for Baltimore Education and Awareness for Mothers and children, involves partnering with many organizations. They include the only homeless women’s day shelter in Baltimore City, a help center for women in transition to stable housing, and a local elementary school for children with emotional needs. Through informational lectures, workshops, mentoring and dental screenings the students hope to empower the women in Baltimore with the tools they need to obtain and maintain a healthy oral environment for themselves and their children.

If you want more information on how you and your local chapter can get involved please contact the B.E.A.M. team at: BEAMbaltimore@gmail.com.

Medical University of South Carolina

I am proud to report from Charleston, South Carolina and the AAWD student chapter at the Medical University of South Carolina. Our 2007-2008 year has been filled with numerous activities, great guest speakers, charity events, and more. We opened the year with an informational lunch meeting and after school happy hour to recruit new members, which successfully influenced approximately 50 members to join, both new and old. Our first major event was a school wide Halloween bowling tournament with prizes given to groups with the best group costume. Our next event included participation in World AIDS Day, a school-wide awareness event where we led a bake sale and presented a poster on the “Oral Manifestations of HIV/AIDS.” Although exams were quickly approaching, we celebrated the holidays at a local Japanese steakhouse and each member brought a toy to donate to Toys for Tots.

Our major spring semester events included an appreciation luncheon for our school dental assistants and secretaries who need a special “thank you” from what is often a thankless job. Our proudest accomplishment as a group included our annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction which raised over $3900 for “My Sister’s Smile,” a local charity that serves battered and abused women by providing appropriate dental care thanks to the incredible leadership of Kara Grasso.

Besides participating in all these great events, we met once a month and had many guest speakers which included: very successful and talented local dentist, Dr. Vicki Tatum, Dermatologist, Dr. Marguerite Germain (who invited us to her office and gave us a presentation on skin cancer and pampered us with various creams and treats), MUSC Psychiatrist, Dr. Connie Best (who spoke with our group on Sexual Harassment in the workplace), and Dentist, Dr. Chip McInry who spoke to us prior to our Wine Tasting and Silent Auction about his work with “My Sister’s Smile,” our sponsored charity. Our 2007/2008 officers helped make this a great year. This includes: President-Jane Horton, Vice President-Kara Grasso, Secretary-Lori Cook, Treasurer-Elizabeth Marler, Activity Chairs-Krystal Myers, Michelle Haynes, Robin Strickland, Historian-Sonia Karamchandani, Philanthropy-Liz Sutton, Member of the Year-Stacey Lemmons, and Faculty Adviser-Dr. Elizabeth Pilcher.

Submitted by Jane Horton
2007/2008 AAWD President, Medical University of SC College of Dental Medicine 2009
AAWD is pleased to present Stephanie Houseman, DMD, of 7 Steps 2 a Balanced Life, as a speaker at the Hispanic Dental Association’s Annual Meeting in Carefree Arizona, which will be held November 13th through 15th, 2008.

Dr. Houseman will speak on “Life Balance for Women in Dentistry” from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. on Saturday November 15th, 2008. The session will be moderated by Dr. Lila Larin, DDS, President of AAWD.

According to Dr. Houseman, “Hispanic women in dentistry are committed to their careers and strongly committed to their families; as a result, they often overextend themselves. Their time, energy, and talents are taxed as they make choices which impact not only themselves, but also their families. How can the men in their lives support these Hispanic women so that the family unit remains strong? Learn what it takes to make wise choices so that everyone benefits from a more balanced lifestyle.”
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