

Alliance of the American Dental Association

District 2 — TrusteeGram

DELAWARE, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND, NEW JERSEY,
PENNSYLVANIA, VIRGINIA, & WEST VIRGINIA



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NEW AADA MISSION STATEMENT

The Alliance of the American Dental Association, as a partner organization to the American Dental Association, actively provides community oral health education, supports the well-being of the dental family and engages in legislative advocacy for the welfare of the public and the dental profession.

My dear District II members this TrusteeGram is filled with wonderful articles written by our members.

Because I was unable to attend the 2009 Convention in Hawaii, they willingly submitted their experiences and articles to give you the up-to-date information that you need to keep informed about our Alliance.

Much news is inside:

- Our “new” mission statement
- An awesome 1st Time Attendee experience
- A “Thank You” from our new AADA President, Carol Reitz
- District II Thelma J. Neff Award recipient
- DHE Community Outreach Program, “Ready, Set, Brush!”
- Highlights from the 2009 Convention
- “Find the Shoes that Fits” membership campaign
- Conference 2010 at the Butte Resort, Tempe, Arizona.

TESTIMONY TO THE GOODNESS OF OUR ALLIANCE

I was a first time attendee to the AADA, which was held in Hawaii. As a member-at-large delegate from

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Pennsylvania, I was told to seek out another first time attendee from Pennsylvania, Debbie Auchter. Where was I going to find Debbie in a sea of people at the hotel or convention center? The Lord works wonders! My husband Jay and I decided to go to a restaurant in our hotel. We had to wait and decided to sit with another couple, who were also waiting. We struck up a conversation with the couple, who were very sociable. Who were they? The couple was Dave and Debbie Auchter! A very pleasant surprise has turned into a very wonderful friendship.



L to R: PA delegate, Thelma J. Neff recipient & 1st Time Attendee Debbie Auchter, AADA Vice President Debbie Torbush, and PA delegate & 1st Time Attendee Nancy Wells

The AADA is all about friendship and working together to provide dental health education and care for those in our communities, states, and nation. It is about providing care (dental health education and dental care kits) to those who really need it the most. It is about a "we" attitude and not a "me" attitude--all of dentistry working together. It is all about prevention through dental health education--from Head Start programs for youngsters, "Meth Mouth Mary" and "What Chewing Tobacco Does to Your Mouth" for preteens and teens and young adults, and the Senior Smiles Program. The AADA cares about people from birth to their last years.

At the AADA Annual Convention, District III

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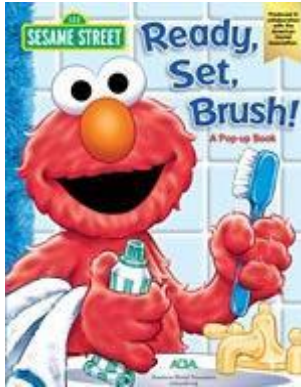
graciously accepted Debbie Auchter, Eileen Griffin (VA) and me into their group of dedicated members. We learned much about the AADA through the District II & III Caucus. The AADA reference committee and house of delegates showed how business is conducted--with taste and humor. Civility is practiced in AADA matters. We witnessed the end of Anne's term of office and the beginning of Carol Reitz as AADA President, plus the installation of the other officers and trustees. Carol is a truly inspiring and capable AADA member and we are justifiably proud of her as our new association president.

The AADA House of Delegates had a lot of weighty matters to decide upon. All decisions were made with best interests of the AADA in mind. We all worked together as a unified voice for the best outcomes to those issues. It felt good to have each person's opinions valued. We did our work and then we enjoyed our leisure time.

Leisure time was spent attending social activities held by the ADA candidates (and eating), shopping (and eating), dining out with our friends and spouses (more eating). Did I mention the good ice cream at Lappert's? You get the general idea. Some of us came in before the AADA meeting began and we visited the other Hawaiian Islands, while some waited to visit those islands afterwards. It was good to be in Hawaii a few days ahead of time to get adjusted to the time change – 6 hours difference from Eastern Daylight Time! Everyone you talked to from Pennsylvania was talking about getting up at 3 or 4 am – ready to start the day – before the birds were up!

The AADA annual convention was a wonderful way to learn about our association, how it works, and

**“READY, SET, BRUSH!”
National DHE Outreach
Program**



In honor of the ADA 150th anniversary celebration, AADA is distributing children's dental health education books, "Ready, Set, Brush!" to local community libraries. If you are interested in obtaining copies for libraries in your area, you can go to the AADA website:

www.AllianceADA.org

to download a form and information. Look for "dental health" in the topic menu.

AADA is offering free copies of the pop-up book "Ready, Set, Brush" to Alliance members who develop outreach programs in their community.

Applications must be submitted to the Alliance by December 15.

For more information please call Central Office toll-free at 800-621-8099 Ext. 2865, email at aada@allianceada.org or log on to our NEW and Improved web site: www.allianceada.org.

what it does. I was warmly welcomed and made to feel that I had something of worth to contribute. In fact, EVERYONE was welcomed that way, not just Debbie and me – every member, first timers or regular attendees! That welcome tells others that the AADA values its members and welcomes new ones.

Nancy Wells, 2009 AADA Pennsylvania Member-at-Large

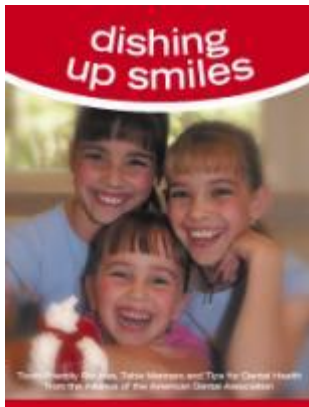
**DEBBIE AUCHTER
MEMBER EXTRAORDINAIRE**

In District II we had the honor to have Debbie Auchter from Pennsylvania receive the Thelma J. Neff distinguished Service Award in Hawaii. After reading about her merits, you will agree Debbie is the kind of recipient that Thelma would applaud.



Debbie is affable, supportive, conscientious and generous of heart and time to our Alliance. She is a humble behind the scenes, hard-working leader. She thinks of all the details and keeps pristine records on any project while modestly avoiding the limelight. She is a dependable, loyal team player who enjoys planning and organizing activities. We know if Debbie is involved it will be on time and

**"DISHING UP SMILES"
AVAILABLE**



The *Dishing Up Smiles* cookbook includes recipes submitted from AADA members, along with healthy eating and etiquette tips.

It is available to Alliance members for FREE through its *Dishing Up Smiles* Community Outreach Program.

Shipping fees will still apply. Contact AADA Central Office for shipping estimate.

The forms are on the AADA website: www.allianceada.org. There is no deadline to apply. 20 books per box/ \$40 S&H

done exceptionally well. These qualities are equally matched by her creativity that bring the “uhhs” and “ahhs” to all she does.

Debbie has served as our component co-president for seven years.

She organized the inception of and continues to oversee our annual *Holiday Sharing* card. In its 5 year history this project has raised over \$8,000 for underserved children at the St. Joseph’s Dental Clinic.

She is our computer wizard, meticulously preparing DHE literature as well as award certificates for both local and state functions.

Debbie cooperates and supports us wherever she is needed. She helps package oral health kits for our annual project, “Let’s Bag It for DHE!” She judges the annual Berks-Reading Science and Engineering Fair held at a local college. Each year the Berks County Dental Society relies on her design talents to attractively arrange silent auction items at their annual banquet.

She is an excellent photographer, who as our historian has documented all our alliance activities into a beautifully composed scrapbook.

“Service” is Debbie’s middle name. We cannot imagine what we would do without her. She does it all with her signature giggle and smile.

Maureen Szish and Jenny Zehner

Alliance of the Berks County Dental Society members

Dates to Remember

Applications for the Beulah K Spencer Award, the Conference 2010 1st Time Attendee Grant and Conference 2010 Student Spouse Scholarship are available on the AADA website. The submission DEADLINE is January 15, 2010.

Application for the AADA 2010-2011 Elected Officers is available on the AADA website. The applications are due February 1, 2010.

Thelma J. Neff Award application will be available on the AADA website Jan. 15, 2010. Please nominate a deserving Alliance member who has served 10 years or more. Deadline for submission is April 22, 2010.

Member Project Awards applications will also be available on the AADA website January 15, 2010. Deadline for submission is April 22, 2010.

ADA Washington Leadership Conference
April 12-14, 2010

THANK YOU PENNSYLVANIA!!!

My sincere THANKS to all the APDA members, PDA members and PDA staff who worked so diligently behind the scenes to make my installation as AADA President and the President's reception a stellar event in Hawaii.

The excitement began with John helping Jan Hagedorn, installing officer, install myself and the AADA Board. PDA delegates Dr.'s Bill Spruill and Dave Auchter presented me with two congressional citations, one from Representative Samuel Rohrer and Senator Michael O'Pake.



L to R: PDA delegate Dr. David Auchter, 2009-2010 AADA President Carol Reitz, PDA delegate Dr. Bill Spruill

Then it was on to the Presidents reception in a beautiful room with lots of wonderful food. In the center of the reception was a large roasted pig, so fitting for the menu in Hawaii! The remaining food from the reception was donated to a food bank in Hawaii.

Conference 2010 Tempe, Arizona

*“RELAX and have fun,
RENEW friendships,
RECHARGE the AADA
mission”*

April 15-18, 2010

***The Buttes, A Marriott Resort,
Tempe, AZ***

**2000 Westcourt Way
Tempe, AZ 85282
602-225-9000**

www.marriott.com/phxtm
or check the Alliance website
for further information
and the group code

**Room rate \$149.00/ night
Reservation deadline:
March 13, 2010**

**COME AND FIND
THE SHOE THAT FITS!**

**Our Success
is based on
Our Relationships!**



Pig Roast – Compliments of Berks County Dental Society
PDA delegates assist the chef.

Debbie Auchter from Berks County brought lovely greetings from you all. She presented me with a beautiful, three heart necklace representing the tripartite from Berks County and a beautiful amethyst bracelet from the Alliance of the Pennsylvania Dental Association.



Everyone leaving the reception was given a snack bag stuffed by Stephanie Test and Judith Worsley with snacks from Pennsylvania. Many of us enjoyed them on our long journey home.

Thanks so much for all you have done for ME,
dentistry and our dental families.

Carol Reitz, AADA President 2009-2010

FIND THE SHOE THAT FITS



You are receiving the TrusteeGram because you are a current, or past, AADA member. Have you checked to see if your membership is current? The 2010 dues renewal is starting soon and you should receive a dues renewal notice. Please remember to send in your 2010 dues, so as not to miss out on our national level of support of organized dentistry. A new membership drive was launched a few months ago with shoes as its logo . . . "Find the shoe that fits".

There is a place for you and your gifts in the Alliance world.

I encourage you to talk to other dental spouses you may know and invite them to be members of this great group, too. Remember, some of the benefits with your membership are: you may participate in annual Convention and annual Conference, you may apply for awards, take part in opportunities to develop and share your skills, and develop friendships.

Aloha! Convention 2009

Stepping up and filling some "Big Shoes!" The Membership Council coined the theme "Find the Shoe that Fits" and Debbie Auchter and Nancy Wells did just that! Debbie was coming to Hawaii to receive the Thelma J. Neff Award for her service in her community and the Pennsylvania Alliance and to support me as incoming President. Little did Debbie and Nancy know the whirlwind they were in for during their attendance at convention. They both quickly made the trip from the ADA headquarters hotel down to the AADA's Sheraton hotel and put on their shoes as our delegates to the House and attending caucus, reference hearings and asking questions to be able to vote on Pennsylvania's behalf. Along with all of this, they helped with both my reception and Dr. Glecos's reception. They wore many shoes and a smile to match!

It was truly an honor to give my dear friend Debbie Auchter the Thelma J. Neff Award because John and I met Debbie and Dave during dental school at Temple about 30 years ago. The theme I chose for the Neff Awards was the "Pearls of the Alliance". There were 10 winners each receiving a pearl necklace with 11 pearls on the strand, one for each of the award winners and one for Thelma! Each one also received a DVD of pictures of them and their ADA partner and an "I Do" tie for their spouse!

The House has approved six Focus areas on which the Alliance will be concentrating during this year. The outcome of the first Focus area was to revise the mission statement and the delegates of the 54th AADA House approved the following:

***Watch for the newly-revised
KEY to come to you soon and
dare to get involved.***

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Carol Reitz, AADA President 2009-2010

My deepest gratitude to the District II delegates:

- **Debbie Auchter, PA delegate**
- **Nancy Wells, PA delegate**
- **Eileen Griffin, VA delegate**

I shall always be indebted to you for filling my shoes when I needed you the most.

Jenny Zehner, District 2 Trustee