

# Alliance of the American Dental Association

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the reason to smile



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### AADA Mission Statement

**The Alliance of the American Dental Association is the organization of ADA members spouses committed to supporting the American Dental Association through public oral health education, legislation advocacy and the well-being of the dental family**



## 2011 AADA Conference Richmond, VA

by Jocelyn Lance, AADA Conference co-chair

Learn from the past, understand the present, and create the future is the theme of the 2011 AADA Conference to be held at the Omni Hotel in historic Richmond, VA, March 2-5.



Wendy Zent (IN) and Jocelyn Lance (VA)  
2011 AADA Conference Co-chairs

This year's conference features changes requested by past attendees. In addition to relevant speakers and activities related to leadership, membership, dental health education, advocacy and well-being, there will be plenty of free time to socialize, relax or tour the area on your own.

Richmond is located on the historic James River, and the Omni Hotel is just a stone's throw away. The river has been referred to as "the cradle of America" for the events that happened on or near it since the area was founded in 1607. Events such as the establishment of the first English colony of Virginia at Jamestown and on upstream to a trading post that would later become Richmond, the Revolution, the Civil War and much more. With so much history taking place here, we hope you will not only bring your spouse but also linger afterwards to savor more of it than we can offer at the conference.

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Armella Glenn needs articles and information to assist each member in becoming an involved "Partner in Dentistry" through the KEY. Please email her at [armellaglenn@aol.com](mailto:armellaglenn@aol.com).

Conference offsite activities include a historic Richmond City tour starting with a visit to Berkeley Plantation, with an excursion around many of the city's sites, and concluding with a visit to the Tredegar Iron Works overlooking the James River near downtown Richmond, the site of the main Visitor's Center of the Richmond National Battlefield Park. Tredegar is a half mile from the Omni along the Kanawha Canal, so if anyone opts to linger they can easily walk back to the hotel. The Canal Walk meanders 1.25 miles through downtown Richmond and presents four centuries of Richmond's history interpreted through medallions, monuments and exhibits.

Another highlight will be our Saturday tour of the state Capitol as a part of our advocacy program. The Capitol was designed by Thomas Jefferson and built in 1788. Totally restored in 2007 and viewed by Queen Elizabeth II, it can be considered the womb of American philosophy (by giving birth to Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, George Mason and George Washington). The same could be said about the area in general. We want to give you the feeling that "you are there."

Please make your plans early to attend this conference. To register, simply complete the conference registration form found on page 3 of this newsletter and mail along with your payment to the Alliance of the American Dental Association, 211 E. Chicago Ave., Suite 730, Chicago, IL 60611. **Registrations received after February 2** will incur a \$25 late fee.

If you wish to pay using a credit card, fax the registration form to (312) 440-2587. If you have any questions, please contact Trish at the AADA Central Office at (800) 621-8099, ext. 2865, or visit [www.AllianceADA.org](http://www.AllianceADA.org).

To make a hotel reservation, visit

[www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/Richmond/MeetingFacilities/AllianceoftheAmericanDentalAssociation2.aspx](http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/Richmond/MeetingFacilities/AllianceoftheAmericanDentalAssociation2.aspx).

or call 1-888-444-OMNI (6664). You will need to reference the Alliance of the American Dental Association group block. Please book your room by February 9 to take advantage of the special room rate.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Thelma J. Neff Award** applications are available on the AADA website. Please nominate a deserving Alliance member who has served 10 years or more. Deadline submission is **April 15, 2011**.

**Member Project Award** applications are also available on the AADA website. Deadline submission is **April 15, 2011**.

These awards will be presented at the 2011 AADA Convention.

**AADA Conference 2011**  
Richmond, Virginia  
Omni Hotel  
**March 2-5, 2011**

**ADA Washington Leadership**  
Conference  
Hyatt Regency  
**May 9-11, 2011**

**ADA Convention**  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
**October 9-12, 2011**

## Wherever You Are

*by Carol Reitz*



I am a firm believer that for all things there is a reason, a time and a season.

The **reason** I am a member of the Alliance is that I said, "I do," to an ADA dentist. I am passionate about protecting the way my spouse practices dentistry in this ever changing environment. I believe in giving back to

my community and building relationships with others, who share a common goal.

This is the **time** to find out what YOU can do to support your dental family! With this changing environment, the shape of dentistry, our practices and how we support our dental families, are all in constant flux. You have an important voice to help shape the future and partner with your dental spouse. Time is so precious and we are all very busy, but we would love to have your help with our many projects.

A **season**: Our personal lives are changing. We have Internet, e-mails and Facebook. Things happen so quickly! Some of us are in the season of raising a young family, some of us are dealing with empty nesting, some of us are caring for our aging parents and some of us are retiring and off to wonderful places. Wherever you are, you are still a dental spouse and we cherish the friendships, fun and philanthropy we share.

The Alliance of the Pennsylvania Dental Association congratulates Carol Reitz for being a superb 2009-2010 AADA President!

**Join your spouses and dental students for**

**PDA's Day on the Hill**  
**June 14, 2011**

You can access all of the information you need to know at [www.padental.org](http://www.padental.org), including background information and talking points on our issues, directions, Capitol maps, group and legislative assignments and much more! Check this information frequently as PDA will update the website, especially closer to the date when we know which issues to advocate and your assignments have been made.

**PDA will assign you to a group of five to six members, spouses and dental students.** Your group will be responsible for visiting a number of legislators. PDA's staff and lobbyists will schedule these meetings in advance. You will receive your group and legislative visit assignments one week prior to PDA's Day on the Hill. You also will receive information on where your meetings are located at the Capitol. Please plan to attend the legislative briefing at the PDA Central Office at 8:30 a.m. to meet with your group.

**Help shape the future of the dental profession or it will be shaped FOR you! We hope to see you there.**

## 2011 AADA Convention

*by Jenny Zehner*

Sunny Orlando, FL, where weather is warm and the skies are blue, was site of our convention at the opulent Peabody Hotel. The hotel had just finished its expansion project and we could feel it in our legs as we walked from one end of the hotel to the other.

The experience was worth the effort. The facility was gorgeous and the conference rooms were well arranged for our activities. The Peabody still held its traditional afternoon red carpet duck parade to the fountain square for a time of "splash and play" before heading back to their duck palace. The ducks were so adorable!

The schedule was streamlined, but the meetings and activities ran smoothly. The Thelma J. Neff Luncheon honored outstanding Alliance members, women of wonderful character and interesting hobbies, who also have contributed so much for the good of our organization as well as service to their communities. Nine ladies received this award.



L to R: Sherie Shapiro (IL), Carol Croteau (SC), Melanie Roundy (UT), Judith Corbin (GA), Terry Alvarez (CA), Leslie Hannigan (MA), Shari Carter (GA), Eleanora Perry (IL) and Janet Pawlowski (WA) not shown

The Member Project Awards were also presented in the areas of ADPAC, Legislative, Dental Health Education, Well-Being, Communications, Student Spouse and Membership.

The District II caucus shared their meeting with District III. Our caucus was small and we were thankful to join the welcoming alliance members from District III. We were able to have a thorough discussion of all the issues and hear one another's opinions.

**FYI: 2011 APDA Convention  
Hershey Hotel**

**Welcome to:  
Chocolate and Wine Pairings**  
Friday, April 8 at 2:00 PM

Saturday, April 9, at 9:30 AM **APDA Board Meeting** followed by **Member Luncheon** honoring APDA past presidents at 1:30 PM (off site)

We are assembling oral health kits to be donated to charity. If you would like to participate, we would appreciate toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, etc. You may bring them with you or ship them to Stephanie Test, Convention Chair. You may contact Stephanie at [helgahitsit@aol.com](mailto:helgahitsit@aol.com) or call (610) 462-1109.

**Registration deadline is:  
February 25, 2011.**

Forms are in the *By Word of Mouth* newsletter. You may contact Stephanie Test for a form.

## The Peabody Legend of the Ducks



Back in the 1930's Frank Schutt, General Manager of the Peabody, and a friend, Chip Barwick, returned from a weekend hunting trip to Arkansas. The men had a little too much Tennessee sippin' whiskey and thought it would be funny to place some of their live decoy ducks (it was legal then for hunters to use live decoys) in the beautiful Peabody fountain.

Three small English call ducks were selected as "guinea pigs", and the reaction was nothing short of enthusiastic. Thus began a Peabody tradition which was to become internationally famous.

## Lancaster County Alliance Report

*by Stephanie Grambau, President of the LCDS Alliance*

Brenda Coffin was able to get local vendors to donate over 1,800 oral health items for the Alliance's National Children's Dental Health Month project. Her efforts will allow us to distribute many more dental health kits to our community.

In December, we gathered at the home of Stephanie Grambau to discuss ways to volunteer, get more involved in the community and give back. We also put together our Holiday Sharing Card mailer. This is our one and only fundraiser, which has been very successful in the past. Instead of asking people to come to this or that all year long, we ask them to give a one-time donation of \$100 (or more) and then promise not to ask for anything else the rest of the year. It's the new millennium way for charitable organizations - short and sweet!



L to R: Mindy Georgelis, Anne Chikes, Christina Seldomridge and Stephanie Grambau discuss upcoming mailing of membership.

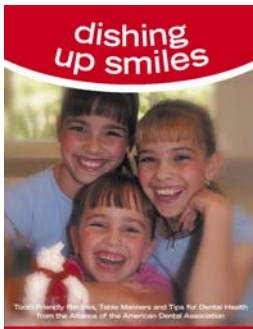
We would like to thank our local dental society for supporting us and printing our activities and meetings in their newsletter, *Handpiece*.

We appreciate this wonderful visibility, which allows all of our members to keep in touch with our projects.



## Updated AADA Website

Be sure to check out the updated Alliance website. It is even interactive so that forms can be completed online. In order for the Alliance member to reach the member only area, you will need to create a password and enter a credit card number. The number will not be captured for any records. You can, however, use your card to pay your dues. Your username is your email address. Margo Martin is the Alliance webmaster and will be glad to answer any questions concerning the site at [mmbutterfly@comcast.net](mailto:mmbutterfly@comcast.net). The Alliance site is [www.AllianceADA.org](http://www.AllianceADA.org).



## "DISHING UP SMILES"

Several years ago the Alliance published **Dishing Up Smiles**. The book includes recipes submitted from AADA members, along with tips on healthy eating and etiquette. The books are now available **FREE** to its members through its Dishing Up Smiles Community Outreach Program. Program Guidelines and application are available at [www.AllianceADA.org](http://www.AllianceADA.org). There is no deadline to apply. There are 20 books per box/about \$40 S&H.

## Oktoberfest: An Afternoon at the Brewery

by Carol Reitz

The Berks County Dental Association and Alliance members gathered for fun and friendship at Stoudt's Black Angus Brewery for Oktoberfest.



Front (L to R): Bonnie Shuman and Dr. Dean Wetzel. Back (L to R): Dr. Eric Zehner and Dr. Mike Shuman

The festivities began with a tour of the microbrewery, and continued with German music, dancing, dinner and beer. Many of us wandered off to take advantage of the antique mall and their craft village.

The alliance also is planning a romantic Italian dinner with our partners at Monte Lauro on March 26. Mark your calendars for this special night. We hope to see you there!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday with family and friends. You should've received your holiday sharing card. The monies raised through this project support St. Joseph Dental Clinic.



**Learn more about starting an Alliance or boosting the membership of your Constituent or Component; what benefits are available to student spouses; and how to become involved in local dental health projects, and legislative and well being initiatives by contacting Patsy Dumas at [vicepres@allianceada.org](mailto:vicepres@allianceada.org) or logging onto [www.AllianceADA.org](http://www.AllianceADA.org)**