



**Summer 2010**

**TrusteeGram**

**District 6**

Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin



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(MAL States)**

**Iowa**

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### Conference 2010 Tempe, Arizona

Conference 2010 was held in mid-April at the beautiful Buttes Resort in Tempe, Arizona, and what a treat!!! The hotel was beautiful; the weather was perfect, the service outstanding, the food delicious, the sessions informative and exciting, and the co-chairs Shari Carter and Mary Percy so warm and friendly! We started the Conference with an optional day trip to Sedona, which helped "Renew" and build some new friendships!!! Nearly 90 members of the Alliance, 18 dentist spouses and 8 family members found *Reasons to Smile*. Sessions during the conference were designed to help attendees hone their skills in legislative advocacy, membership recruitment, oral health education and well-being. The conference also marked the debut of the Alliance's new logo and message: *The Reason to Smile*.

The conference program kicked off with an interactive wellness session by Julia Pearl, an Arizona-based wellness consultant. Ms. Pearl had participants utilize stretching exercises and audience response system keypads during the program, "**Take Charge of Your Health and Live Life to the Fullest.**" Later that evening, everyone headed for the poolside **Reason to Smile Welcome Event** where we were enthralled by the Hopi Indian dancers – WOW!!! The next morning we were inspired to become politically active by Dr. Paul Gosar, a general dentist and candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives; Dr. Mark V. Walker, chair, ADA Council on Governmental Affairs; and Dr. Denny Zent, American Dental Political Action Committee Treasurer at the **Legislative Advocacy Breakfast**.

Attendees also attended a **Membership Recruitment Program** where everyone was given a CD with our new graphic guidelines and tools to use in increasing membership. This information is also available on the AADA website at [www.AllianceADA.org](http://www.AllianceADA.org) on the Membership Benefits web page.

Additionally, we were enlightened about how our website has changed and that the Alliance is now on Facebook and we have a Blog ([aadachats.blogspot.com](http://aadachats.blogspot.com))!!!

## 2009- 2010 AADA Board of Directors

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### Editor

**Armella Glenn** needs articles and information to assist each member in becoming an involved "Partner in Dentistry" through **KEY**. The next deadline is July 1, 2010. Please contact her at [armellaglenn@aol.co](mailto:armellaglenn@aol.co).

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### The 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 wellbeing of the dental family, and engages in legislative advocacy for the welfare of the public and the dental profession."

The **Dental Health Education** session covered maternal and infant dental health with an explanation of the **Right from the Start** program by Dr. Ray Wagner, a pediatrician from Tucson, AZ. After seeing how sick a little child could get from an infected molar tooth, he began a crusade and developed the **Right from the Start** program. In addition to Dr. Wagner's program, each attendee received the **Improving Women's and Children's Oral Health** flip chart, an educational tool in English and Spanish text, to be used in their community. Additionally, Alliance member Sue Gardner presented a program on "**Meth Mouth Mary**" and its impact on America. For more information on the **Right from the Start** program and to view the **Improving Women's and Children's Oral Health** flip chart, please go to the AADA website [www.AllianceADA.org](http://www.AllianceADA.org). Both programs are available in English and Spanish.

Alliance members honored nine new **Reasons to Smile**, with AADA's **Beulah K. Spenser New Member Service Awards** for members with ten years or less of involvement, commitment and volunteer efforts in making a significant impact. These awards are sponsored annually by ADA Insurance Plans underwritten by Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company.

### Beulah K. Spenser New Member Service Award Recipients

Stacey Butler, Millville, Utah  
Requil Golbek, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma  
Jean Harrington, Milledgeville, Georgia  
Maralyn Hauer, Tucson, Arizona  
Karen Mantoan, Chicago Heights, Illinois  
Joann Richard, Lititz, Pennsylvania  
Kaleena Shreeve, Gilbert, Arizona  
Dr. Brenda Valliere, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Claudia Williams, Canton, Ohio

I was delighted that we also had **Twelve First Time Conference Attendee Grant winners**, including five who were Student Spouse members with two being our first male members. We also had two Student Spouse Scholarship winners who have previously attended a conference. The Scholarship winners were also generously sponsored by the ADA Insurance Plans underwritten by Great-West Life.

### First Time Conference Attendee Grant Winners

Helen Adkins (GA)  
Mr. Corey Anderson (MCG Student Spouse – GA)  
Bertha Nell Barth (TX)  
Mr. Chad Brown (MCG Student Spouse – GA)  
Eva Carpenter (Case Western Student Spouse - OH)  
Katie Cowden (Case Western Student Spouse - OH)  
**Alicia Fawson (Marquette Student Spouse - WI)**  
Helen Gardner (UT)  
Jill Kralicke (TX)  
Nancy Manzanares (NM)  
Cheryl O'Donnell (GA)  
Krystal Skinner (AZ)

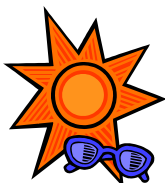
### The Student Spouse Scholarship Winners

April Cobb (UT Student Spouse – UT)  
Kimberly Fleming (Case Alliance – OH).

*Have you ever looked at the AADA Website? If not, it is loaded with information, much of which I have referred to in this Trustee Gram. Go to [www.AllianceADA.org](http://www.AllianceADA.org) and just click around!*

**Dates to Remember:**

**AADA/ADA Convention  
October 9-11, 2010  
Orlando, Florida**



**Sunglass Contest during the  
ADPAC/Member Project Awards Brunch  
Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>  
10 am – 12 noon**

**AADA Conference 2011  
Richmond, Virginia  
Omni Hotel  
March 3-6, 2011**

**2011 AADA/ADA Convention  
October 2011  
Las Vegas, Nevada**

**AADA Conference 2012  
Atlanta, Georgia area**

*Dishing Up Smiles* cookbooks are still available. Although the free shipping has ended (cost is approximately \$40 per box of twenty books), AADA is continuing to provide the books to its members at no cost until the supply is exhausted through its Community Outreach Program. Program Guidelines and the application are available on the AADA website Home Page [www.AllianceADA.org](http://www.AllianceADA.org)



*Student Spouses with AADA Student Spouse Trustee Pat Cross (2nd from left, back row) and Marquette Student Spouse Alicia Fawson (1<sup>st</sup> female from left, front row)*

Finally, the Conference included a Student Spouse Forum, the Constituent Presidents' Gala, a silent auction to benefit the Alliance's Foundation for Dental Health Education, and District Trustee Meetings.



*District 6 Members, Alicia Fawson and Anne Morrison on left meet with District 5 Members*

[It's all Available on the Web!](#)  
[2009-2010 Strategic Plan](#)  
[AADA Bylaws](#)  
[List of Districts and TrusteeGrams](#)  
[Membership Benefits](#)  
[KEY](#)

**[JOIN OR RENEW NOW](#)**

Applications for Alliance Membership,  
Contributing Member, or Student Spouse

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  
Debbie Torbush or logging on to  
[www.AllianceADA.org](http://www.AllianceADA.org)

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**Need a Christmas, Hanukah, or  
Birthday idea? Consider giving your  
spouse a Contributing Membership in  
the Alliance of the American Dental  
Association. Cost is only \$50 and  
applications are available on the  
Alliance website.**

I would still love for someone to move into  
the **District 6 Trustee** position and  
welcome any phone calls or e-mails  
requesting information. The District  
Trustees are "The Face of the Alliance"  
and provide a connection between the  
Alliance of the American Dental  
Association (AADA) Board of Directors and  
the members in their district, which usually  
covers several states. Trustees are  
members of the AADA Board of Directors,  
and they chair their District Caucus  
Meeting during annual Convention and  
their respective District Meeting during the  
annual Conference. Throughout the year  
they prepare TrusteeGrams (what you are  
currently reading) highlighting various state  
and AADA events and information.  
Trustees are also available to offer  
assistance to constituent presidents and  
members-at-large, to attend state dental  
meetings within their district to promote the  
Alliance, and to serve as spokespersons  
for Alliance matters. Trustees are elected  
for a two year term and may succeed for  
one additional term. So..... if you enjoy  
meeting new people, traveling to new  
places, being "in the know," learning new  
skills, and helping others, then the Trustee  
position may be for you.

**Exciting News from District 6  
and for the field of dentistry**

Dr. Jane Grover, a Michigan dentist, is running for State Representative in  
Michigan's 64<sup>th</sup> District. She has practiced dentistry for 31 years, and her  
husband Bob is an Alliance member. Jane served as ADA Vice President  
from 2006-2008 and was actually the liaison to the Alliance during part of  
that term. Please note that her primary is August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

You may visit her website: [www.groverforstaterep.com](http://www.groverforstaterep.com) for information on  
how you can help financially or by volunteering.

*(NOTE: Referral to website not produced by the Alliance of the American Dental  
Association is for informational purposes only and does not necessarily constitute an  
endorsement of the site's contents.)*

**Alliance of the American Dental Association  
Convention 2010  
Orlando, Florida – Peabody Hotel  
October 9-11, 2010**



The ADA/AADA Annual Convention will be held in sunny Orlando. The  
Alliance hotel is the beautiful Peabody Orlando, so hopefully everyone has  
made their reservation. The AADA Registration form is available on the  
AADA website, along with any updates to the schedule. Highlights of our  
convention include the District Caucus Meetings, Reference Committee  
Hearing, House of Delegates meeting (annual business meeting), and  
election of officers. If you would like to participate on one of our Councils,  
please note the time of those meetings.

Convention is also time for the Alliance to recognize members who have  
provided outstanding dedication and service to dentistry and their  
communities through the **Thelma J. Neff Awards Luncheon** and the  
**ADPAC/AADA Member Project Awards Brunch**. Please note that since  
we will be in sunny Florida, we want you to pull out your sunglasses and  
enhance them for the **Decorate your Sunglasses Contest** to be held  
during the ADPAC/AADA Member Project Awards Brunch. There will be  
prizes so start getting the creative ideas going!!!

Finally, the Alliance Convention will culminate with the **Presidents'  
Reception**, recognizing outgoing President Carol Reitz and the incoming  
President Debbie Preece!

Be on the lookout for the **Call to Convention KEY** that will be mailed to  
you later this summer. Please note the tentative schedule on the following  
page.



Please let me know what is happening in your area so I can include it in the next TrusteeGram!

## Convention 2010 Tentative Schedule (Revised 06-07-2010)

| DATE                   | TIME                  | FUNCTION  |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Thursday,<br>October 7 | 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm     | Executive Committee Meeting   |
| Friday,<br>October 8   | 9:00 am – 3:30 pm     | Board of Directors Meeting  |
|                        | 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm    | Board of Directors Lunch  |
|                        | 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm    | Registration  |
| Saturday,<br>October 9 | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm     | Registration  |
|                        | 9:00 am – 9:45 am     | Foundation for Dental Health Education Meeting  |
|                        | 10:00 am – 11:45 am   | District 1 Caucus Meeting<br>District 2 Caucus Meeting<br>District 3 Caucus Meeting<br>District 4 Caucus Meeting<br>District 5 Caucus Meeting<br>District 6 Caucus Meeting<br>District 7 Caucus Meeting<br>District 8 Caucus Meeting<br>District 9 Caucus Meeting<br>District 10 Caucus Meeting |
|                        | 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm    | Thelma J. Neff Awards Luncheon<br><i>Sponsored by Henry Schein Dental</i>   |
|                        | 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm     | Reference Committee Hearing   |
|                        | 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm     | Reference Committee Meeting   |
|                        | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm     | Trustees and Council on Membership Committee Meeting<br>Council on Government Affairs Committee Meeting<br>Council on Dental Health Education Committee Meeting<br>Council on Well Being Committee Meeting  |
|                        | 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm     | Circle of the Golden Key  |
|                        | Sunday,<br>October 10 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm   |
| 10:00 am – 12:00 pm    |                       | AADA Member Project Awards Breakfast<br><i>Co-sponsored by ADPAC and by Johnsons &amp; Johnson, Healthcare Products, Division of McNeil-PPC, Inc.</i>   |
| 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm      |                       | House of Delegates  |
| 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm      |                       | Presidents' Reception   |
| Monday,<br>October 11  | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm     | Post Board Meeting  |