



## Community and communication

What an exciting time to be a member of the Alliance of the American Dental Association! I am so honored to be serving as your president! The installation by Sarah Looper and Jean Weathers was wonderful, and the theme of “Serving” apropos for our organization. And as it couldn’t get any better, the reception honoring Debbie Preece and me was incredible. What a day to remember!!

My focus this year is our tagline, *The Dental Community Belongs Here*. The Alliance is a secret we need to share with the dental community throughout the nation. We are receiving many applications for the Communications Specialist position and hope to have someone on board early in 2012. This new Alliance team member will promote our organization on social networking sites, with state and local dental associations, and to dental spouses. This individual will send out e-blasts to members, submit articles to dental publications, maintain our wonderful website <[www.allianceADA.org](http://www.allianceADA.org)>, and continue to expand our relationship with the ADA.

Communication about the Alliance comes from each of us. We talk about the need for grassroots efforts to grow our organization. That was true for me. One person asked me to chair an event, which led to many different positions and friendships that keep me connected. Communication is the key to any organization’s success. I hope all of us will share with others what makes the Alliance worth joining!

Our goals for 2012 include providing oral health education, advocating for legislation that supports dentistry and our spouses, and insuring our families’ well-being. We are developing a mentoring program using knowledgeable and dedicated members to share themselves with those who are new or do not have an active Alliance. Please become more visible by joining your spouse in visiting legislators. Offer to speak and volunteer your services to your local and state dental association. Produce a puppet show or Dipper Dan Program—or just read the *Ready, Set, Brush* book to school children. Your participation in dental activities is limited only by your imagination.

Our Head to Toe Membership Project in Las Vegas served many functions: uncovering the secret of who we are, providing a community service, and building relationships among our



### 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.**

members. We will continue a similar service at Conference 2012 in Stone Mountain, providing dental kits to seniors through Meals on Wheels and nursing homes. Please bring hats, socks, gloves, and dental supplies that we can package and deliver. Conference 2012 will offer activities for both Alliance members and our dentist spouses, so plan to join us. Invite a potential or long-time member to join you. At Conference, you build friendships and a sense of family that will sustain and support you for years to come.

I look forward to a busy and productive year. Please invite me to your annual state Alliance and dental association meetings. Help me promote the Alliance and uncover our secret!!!

**debbie rorbush**  
AADA President

## 2012 Proposed AADA Budget



### REVENUES

\$201,860	Membership dues
39,400	Conference 2012
25,400	Convention 2012
37,500	ADA grants and sponsorships
25,000	Other income
<b>\$346,660</b>	<b>Total revenues</b>

### EXPENSES

\$37,155	Awards, grants and service recognition
26,550	Board of Directors/Advisory Committee administration
31,500	Board of Directors/Meetings
148,337	Central Office
43,405	Conference 2012
20,955	Convention 2012
23,200	Member benefits
15,558	Miscellaneous
<b>\$346,660</b>	<b>Total expenses</b>

A full, detailed budget is available to members upon request by contacting Connie Slyby at <[cslyby@comcast.net](mailto:cslyby@comcast.net)> or calling AADA Central Office at **800.621.8099, ext. 2865**.



Scenes from Convention 2011: **Patsy Dumas, Debbie Preece, ADA Executive Director, Dr. Kathleen O'Loughlin, Debbie Torbush, Connie Slyby, Secretary Cheri Ross**



## 2010 Thelma J. Neff Distinguished Service Award recipients



Ten outstanding women were recognized as recipients of the Thelma J. Neff Distinguished Service Award in Las Vegas during the 2011 ADA/AADA Convention. Mr. Steve Kess, Vice President, Global Professional Relations with Henry Schein (partial sponsor of the Neff luncheon), and AADA President Debbie Preece assisted with the presentation. Each honoree received the coveted Neff pin, along with a “star” tray engraved with their name and the award information.

The Thelma J. Neff Distinguished Service Award was established in 1984 in honor of the Alliance’s founder and first President, who served two consecutive years from 1956-1958. Awardees were chosen for their significant contributions in the areas of leadership, dental health education, legislative advocacy, and the well-being of the dental family.

### **susan beckett, wabash, in**

Susan Beckett (Dr. Bob Beckett) has been an Alliance member for more than 25 years, and was nominated for her commitment to the dental community and the Alliance. She was a member of the Indiana University Student Spouse organization and became a charter member of the Alliance of the Wabash Valley Dental Society, where she served in most positions, including three years as president. Susan has served in many state-level leadership positions. Because of her interest in and knowledge of well-being programs, she serves as Well-Being Liaison to the Indiana Dental Association. Dental Health Education projects also are important to Susan. She wrote the grant application for the AADA



*Thelma J. Neff awardees (l-r) Sue Kuehn, Joy Greer, Margaret Phillips, Pam Pafford, Monica Sullivan, Susan Beckett, Sarah Looper, Diane Dinsmore, Cathy Robinson. Not pictured: Sandra Strong*



## Thelma J. Neff Distinguished Service Awards



**Susan Beckett**



**Diane Dinsmore**



**Joy Greer**



**Sue Kuehn**



**Sarah Looper**

Senior Smiles Project, and chaired it for two years. Along with her daughter and grandson, Susan produced the video “My First Trip to The Dentist,” shown throughout the U.S. In her professional life, Susan worked as a Health Information Administrator, Quality Improvement and Medical Staff Support in hospitals. She now volunteers as a representative for the State Health Insurance Program. Susan and her husband love to travel, visit their grandchildren, and spend time with friends.

### **diane dinsmore, knoxville, tn**

Diane Dinsmore (Dr. John Dinsmore) is a 35-year member of the Alliance who has held most local and state offices, including serving twice as a local president. She is actively involved with dental health education in school classrooms, at health fairs, events held at the zoo and at hockey games, and at the annual community Job Fair. She delivers baskets for the first babies born each February. Diane fills and delivers gift bags for Mobile Meals recipients, and helped assemble bags for a women’s shelter with goodies including AADA’s *Dishing Up Smiles* Cookbook. Diane attends all local and state meetings, and serves as a national-level delegate to Alliance Conventions and Conferences. In 2011, she chaired the Christmas Card Fundraiser for the Tennessee Alliance, earning more than \$5,000 for Alliance projects with 149 dentist participants. Diane enjoys historic preservation, boating, hiking,

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henry schein, for your  
continued support!**

reading, volunteering with the Fantasy of Trees, and the Alliance. She and her husband also enjoy spending time with family and attending University of Tennessee sporting events.

### **joy greer, tulsa, ok**

Joy Greer (Dr. Jerry Greer) was a member of the Baylor College of Dentistry Student Spouse group and has been an Alliance member for more than 30 years. In the Tulsa County Alliance, she has served in most positions, including president, as well as chairing the annual picnic, a huge activity held in conjunction with the Tulsa County Dental Society and including food, decorations, tents, pony rides, and clowns. Additionally, Joy has served as Treasurer of the Alliance of the Oklahoma Dental Association for the past four years. Joy enjoys dental health education projects, and has been active in Give Kids A Smile and the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy. She is very involved with her family, and works for her husband, her oldest son, and her mother-in-law. Joy enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren, and picnicking and fishing away from the crowds.

### **sue kuehn, alamo, ca**

Sue Kuehn (Dr. Richard Kuehn), an Alliance member for more than 35 years, has served actively at the local, state, and national levels. Sue has held many positions in the Alliance of the Southern Alameda County Dental Society, including six years as president. At the state level, Sue served as Treasurer of the Northern California Auxiliary to the California Dental Association, then as President-elect and President for almost two





Pam Pafford



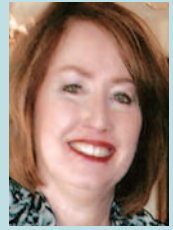
Margaret Phillips



Cathy Robinson



Sandra Strong



Monica Sullivan

years in the Alliance of the California Dental Association. As an AADA member, she has chaired both the Public Relations Committee and the Council on Dental Health Education, and currently is in her fifth year as a member of the Foundation for Dental Health Education Board. Sue has been involved with the Junior League of San Francisco, and served as a Dental Care Co-Coordinator for East Bay Stand Down, which aids homeless veterans. Sue enjoys connecting with Alliance members, sharing projects at AADA Conferences, decorating, and entertaining. Professionally, she is a Real Estate Broker with Sotheby's International Realty. She and her husband are empty nesters who enjoy their three granddaughters.

### **sarah Looper, Atlanta, GA**

Sarah Looper (Dr. Joe Looper) has done it all in more than 50 years of Alliance membership. She has served in most positions, most notably as President of the Women's Auxiliary of the Northern District Dental Society of Georgia, the Women's Auxiliary of the Georgia Dental Association, and the Women's Auxiliary to the American Dental Association (now AADA). Dental Health Education has been Sarah's primary focus. Georgia's Sarah Looper Foundation for Dental Health Education remained in existence until the Georgia Dental Association organized its own foundation. She also chaired the committee to organize AADA's Foundation for Dental Health Education. Sarah was instrumental in recruiting Georgia Alliance member Pegg Callahan to write the "Wanda Wondersmile" puppet show. Professionally, Sarah worked as a dental hygienist early in her marriage. A long-time community volunteer,

she served as President of the Junior League of DeKalb County, and with the American Cancer Society, the Central DeKalb Republican Women (where she currently serves as the District 4 Director for the Georgia Federation of Republican Women), the DeKalb Historical Society, and many other organizations. Sarah and her husband have participated in three mission trips to Costa Rica. They enjoy spending time at their vacation home, with their grandchildren and first great-grandchild.

### **Pam Pafford, Norcross, GA**

Pam Pafford (Dr. Eddie Pafford) has been an Alliance member for more than 30 years, starting as a "Dental Dame" in a student spouse group. Pam is known as an excellent organizer and initiator of Georgia "firsts." She was the first Alliance liaison for the Student Spouse group at the Medical College of Georgia (now Georgia Health Sciences University), where she hosted student parties, spoke to freshman dental students about the importance of organized dentistry and spousal involvement, and attended Family Day events. Pam has organized parties for Alliance members and their dentist spouses, and served in Alliance fundraising events, raising significant amounts for the dental school in honor of three deceased dentists and for the first Georgia Mission of Mercy Project held in the summer 2011. Pam enjoys reading, especially political and financial books, cooking, gardening, spending time at her lake house, restoring her historic home, and spending time with family, including two grandchildren. Professionally, Pam serves as bookkeeper in her husband's office.

**margaret phillips, Lititz, PA**

Margaret Phillips (Dr. Jason Phillips) has been an Alliance member for 16 years, serving in many local and state positions, including President and Treasurer. She is described as professional, organized, and trustworthy, reflecting her many years of service as Treasurer on the local and state levels. Margaret is credited with reviving her Component through her commitment to the Alliance. Nationally, she has served on the Reference Committee and as a Delegate. Along with the friendships she has made, she enjoys packaging dental kits for community shelters and programs that help others. Professionally, Margaret retired from a career as a healthcare executive and works as an administrator in her husband's practice, along with consulting and volunteering. Margaret enjoys gardening, travelling, gourmet cooking, and hosting and attending dinner parties and wine-tasting events.

**cathy robinson, orem, UT**

Cathy Robinson (Dr. Reed Robinson) has been an Alliance member for more than 30 years, serving in multiple local positions (including secretary, treasurer, and president), state-level positions (including secretary and treasurer), and as dental health chair. Cathy has organized dentist visits to every second-grade classroom in Utah County, introduced "Mike the Polar Bear" as the Utah State Dental Health mascot, appeared on local television to promote dental health month, promoted oral hygiene through puppet shows every February for 19 years, and currently is working to bring a dental-health exhibit to a local museum. Cathy is a former educator and a community volunteer, serving as PTA President and Alpine School District Community Council representative, and working with her church youth organization. She enjoys reading, travelling (including to five of the Seven Wonders of the World), spending time with family and friends, and meeting new people. She and her husband have five grown children and five grandchildren.

**sandra strong, Elyria, OH**

Sandra Strong (Dr. Joseph Strong) is a 40-plus-year Alliance member. Sandy has held most local positions, including 16 years as president, along with serving as Dental Health Education Chair, developing and directing the Dental Health Lending Library in the Lorain County Schools, coordinating dental health education Midway Mall presentations, and producing "Once Upon a Planet," a dental-health marionette show also shown nationally. At the state level, she has served as Vice-President, Program Chairman, Membership Chair, and as Public Relations Chair for multiple years, speaking to other components throughout Ohio. A former professional dancer, Sandy has taught drama for more than 50 years in settings from high school to community college. She has taught computer skills to seniors, played lots of tennis, and tried out successfully for the Rockettes. Sandy and her husband have two grown children, six grandchildren, and love both domesticated and wild animals.

**monica sullivan, Evergreen Park, IL**

Monica Sullivan (Dr. Barry Sullivan) has been an Alliance member for more than 20 years. She has served in multiple roles in the Alliances of the Chicago Dental Society and the Illinois State Dental Society, including as president. She edited the state Alliance newsletter for six years, spearheaded the selection of dental-student scholarship awards, and participates actively in AADA Conventions and Conferences. Monica enjoys meeting with Alliance friends to discuss ways to promote membership and develop projects, especially in dental health education. In 2010, she initiated the "It's Not Tooth Early, It's Not Tooth Late" dental health education project, now promoted nationally. She was very involved in the first Illinois Mission of Mercy event. Monica enjoys reading, cooking, antiquing, and currently works as Office Manager of her husband's practice.

## AADA Conference 2012, Stone Mountain, Georgia



No place is more beautiful than Atlanta in the spring. Georgia, the Peach State, wel-

comes you to the 2012 Alliance of the American Dental Association Conference, April 10-14, 2012, at the Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort in Stone Mountain, GA. The Resort is nestled in a lovely wooded property that promises to be full of blooming dogwood trees and colorful azaleas. Amenities include spa facilities, a workout area, and a beautiful pool area with outdoor fire pits. Views from every area promise serenity.

Conference begins with the **Executive Committee meeting** on Tuesday, April 10, followed by the Board of Directors meeting and progressive dinner at three distinctive homes on April 11. **Registration** begins the afternoon of Wednesday, April 11. On our **Antebellum Trail Tour**, Thursday, April 12, we will travel to Covington and Social Circle, GA, to visit historic antebellum homes, with lunch at the famous Blue Willow Inn.

Our energetic opening session on Friday morning combines **Membership and Well-Being** into a surprise presentation to delight and uplift your spirits. Yes, it's a secret, so don't even ask!

The **Dental CE course** will be presented by the renowned Dr. Ronnie Weathers. What a great opportunity for dentists to earn four CE credits at his lecture, *New Advances in Oral Pathology*.

On Friday evening, Alliance members and spouses travel to the **Carlos Museum** on the campus of Emory University for touring and a cocktail buffet dinner. This evening at one of the Southeast's premier ancient art museums, with major collections of art objects from ancient Egypt, Nubia, Near East, Greece, Rome, ancient Ameri-

cas, Africa, and Asia, promises to be another highlight of our conference.

Saturday morning begins with our **CGA/ADPAC Breakfast**, with a host of speakers. Georgia is delighted that Martha Phillips, Executive Director of the Georgia Dental Association, will talk about the successful Georgia LAW Day program. Martha has served in this position for more than 25 years and is an expert on legislative and political advocacy of interest and importance to the dental profession. We all will benefit from her expertise.

Following the ADPAC breakfast is a tour to Atlanta's Buckhead area for sightseeing and a visit to the **Atlanta History Center**, **Tullie Smith House**, and **Swan House**, with lunch and great shopping at the beautiful Swan Coach House. Menu favorites include chicken salad, cheese straws, and French Silk Swan shaped meringue filled with chocolate mousse. "Just a moment on the lips" but well worth the rest of that phrase.

Conference culminates with our **FDHE Auction and Dinner** honoring Beulah K. Spencer Recipients. The success of the FDHE auction depends on YOU! Bring a dynamite donation or two. Bid aggressively and support funding for the Foundation for Dental Health Education.

Every aspect of our conference has been planned to promote "Ever Green, Ever Growing, Everlasting Friendships." Activities include first-time attendee orientation, student spouse gathering, surviving spouse meeting, and District lunches. Breakout sessions and DHE presentations are sure to excite and inspire you.

Spouses are welcome at all events, with golf and tennis alternatives available. Pack your bags, bring your spouse, and join us in Atlanta for real southern hospitality and great conference bags!

More details about each event are available on the Alliance website at <[www.allianceADA.org](http://www.allianceADA.org)>.

Keep "Georgia on Your Mind" and we will see you in Atlanta.



## Events and enjoyment at AADA Conference 2012



**Session Offerings:** Three special sessions are offered Friday afternoon during two one-hour time slots. Make your selections once you arrive at Conference. Come ready to learn and have fun!!

### Golf at the Stone Mountain

**Golf Club** will be available throughout the Conference. Please note the description of the two courses from their website:

With breathtaking views on every hole, Stone Mountain Golf Club's two courses wind through a forest of Georgia pines and hardwoods, and around the famous Stone Mountain and Stone Mountain Lake. Designed and built in 1969 by the renowned Robert Trent Jones Sr., the Stonemont Course places classic emphasis on accuracy and strategic course management. The less-demanding Lakemont Course features incredible views of Stone Mountain along with the famous Confederate Memorial carving of Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis, and Stonewall Jackson on horseback.

Dr. Thomas Kauffman will coordinate a scramble Saturday afternoon. Please contact Thom to sign up: <[twkdds@mindspring.com](mailto:twkdds@mindspring.com)> or 404-524-1981/office.

For further information about policies, rates, golf club rental, and additional tee times, visit <[www.stonemountaingolf.com](http://www.stonemountaingolf.com)>

**Tennis at Smoke Rise Country Club** will be available Saturday afternoon. Doug Torbush will schedule a "fun" mixed doubles round robin format. All levels are welcome. Please bring your racquet and wear appropriate tennis attire, including court-approved tennis shoes. Balls will be provided. Please contact Doug to sign up: <[Torbush@aol.com](mailto:Torbush@aol.com)> or 770-630-2418/cell.

**Transportation to the Evergreen Resort:** It is approximately 26 miles from the Atlanta Airport to the Evergreen Resort. Car rentals are available

at the Airport and parking is complimentary at the Resort. A list of drivers, shuttle services, etc., is being compiled, so stay tuned. However, so we can assist you with transportation, **please complete the flight information on the AADA Conference 2012 Registration Form** so we can try to buddy you up with other attendees.

**Head to Toe Project for Senior Citizens:** In keeping with AADA's Strategic Focus Goals and DHE goals for 2011-2012, we want to continue the Head to Toe Project during Conference 2012. Please plan to bring hats, socks, gloves, and dental supplies in your suitcase so we can provide them to senior citizens through Meals on Wheels and nursing homes. Refreshments will be provided as we package the kits starting at 7 pm Thursday evening, April 12 in Debbie's suite—everyone is invited.

**Stone Mountain Park's Beauty and Attractions:** Highlights include the Summit Skyride, scenic railroad, antebellum plantation, Stone Mountain Museum at Memorial Hall, walk-up trail to the top of Stone Mountain, 15 miles of hiking and walking trails including the Songbird Habitat & Trail, laser show, and fishing in Stone Mountain Lake.

**A visit to a state-of-the-art Dental Office** will be available on Thursday, April 12, for dentists, dental students, and spouses. Dr. Thomas Kauffman and his staff will present "How to Be a Digitalized Digitless Weekend at Bernies Dentist." This four-hour visit will offer an opportunity to experience the successful integration of optics, digitalized data, and fabrication of fixed restorations with the Sirona 3-D Cone Beam Tomogram, Cerec Design, and MCXL Laboratory Milling Unit in a general restorative practice. **Please note that this dental visit conflicts with the Antebellum Trail Tour.** Indicate your interest on the Conference Registration Form, and read about this opportunity on the AADA website at <[www.allianceADA.org](http://www.allianceADA.org)>.

# AADA Conference 2012 tentative schedule

**April 10-14, 2012, Evergreen Marriott, Stone Mountain, Georgia**

## **Tuesday, April 10**

3:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting
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## **wednesday, April 11**

9:00 am-4:00 pm	Interim Board of Directors Meeting
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11:30 am-12:30 pm	Board of Directors Lunch
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3:00-6:00 pm	Registration
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5:00 pm	Board of Directors Progressive Dinner
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## **Thursday, April 12**

7:00 am	Breakfast on your own
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9:30 am-3:30 pm	Antebellum Trail Tour: visit historic homes, lunch at the Blue Willow Inn
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3:00-6:00 pm	Registration
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5:00-6:00 pm	First-Time Attendee Orientation
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5:30-7:00 pm	Foundation for Dental Health Education Board Meeting
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5:30-7:00 pm	Nominating Committee Interviews
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6:00-7:00 pm	Student Spouse Gathering
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## **Friday, April 13**

7:00 am-8:45 am	Continental Breakfast
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8:30 am-2:00 pm	Registration
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9:00 am-10:30 am	Opening Assembly
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10:45 am-12:00 pm	Dental Health Education Session
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Noon-5:00 pm	Dentist CE (4 hours CE) with Dwight "Ronnie" Weathers, DDS, MSD, lunch included
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12:15-1:15 pm	District Meeting Lunch
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1:30-2:30 pm	Session # 1
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2:45-3:45 pm	Session # 2
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4:00-5:00 pm	Council Meetings
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6:30 pm	Cocktail Buffet Reception at Carlos Museum
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## **saturday, April 14**

8:30-10:30 am	Legislative Advocacy Breakfast
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*Sponsored by the American Dental Political Action Committee*

11:00 am-5:00 pm	Buckhead the Beautiful Tour with lunch at the Swan Coach House
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Noon	Golf/Tennis Options
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6:00-7:00 pm	Foundation for Dental Health Education Auction
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7:00-10:00 pm	Dinner honoring Beulah K. Spencer Awards Recipients
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*Sponsored by ADA Insurance Plans underwritten by Great West*

**Visit the Alliance website at [www.AllianceADA.org](http://www.AllianceADA.org) for more information.**



# AADA CONFERENCE 2012 REGISTRATION FORM

April 11-14, 2012, Stone Mountain, GA

Mail this form with payment to the Alliance of the American Dental Association, 211 E. Chicago Ave., Suite 730, Chicago, IL 60611

Registrations received after March 23, 2012 will incur a \$25 late fee. **Paying by credit card? You may fax this form to 312.440.2587.**

**Do you have questions about an event or other details?** Call Trish at Central Office, 800.621.8099 EXT 2865, or visit <www.AllianceADA.org>.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Badge first name/Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

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Spouse's name (if attending) \_\_\_\_\_

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I depart on [ ] [ ] / [ ] [ ] / **2 0 1 2** at [ ] [ ] : [ ] [ ] \_\_\_\_\_ am \_\_\_\_\_ pm on Flight # [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

## Check below if you hold current leadership position(s)

	Constituent	Component
DHE Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legislative Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
President-Elect	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Special information (check all that apply)

- I am a first-time attendee.
- I would like a Conference Mentor.
- I am accepting the Spencer Award.
- I am a Conference Grant Recipient.
- I am a Conference Scholarship Recipient.
- I have dietary restrictions or food allergies. \_\_\_\_\_
- I need a roommate.

I have accessibility needs. \_\_\_\_\_



## See the sights on AADA Conference 2012 tours



### ANTEBELLUM TRAIL TOUR

Covington and Social Circle, GA

Thursday, April 12, 2012

9:30 am-3:30 pm

Just outside Atlanta's hustle and bustle lies the small, charming city of **Covington**, incorporated in 1822 and

known for its wealth of Antebellum and Victorian-era homes. You will visit **Sandtown Place**, built in 1840 for Mr. John Broughton, which will give you a trip into early American history. The original structural areas show hand-hewn timbers and wide board ceilings and floors. In addition to lovely gardens, an 1880 general store represents a super-market of yesteryear. You also will tour **Boxwood**, built in 1830 and furnished with American Empire and Victorian antiques. There is also a large collection of Napoleon memorabilia, including a large Sevres urn and pedestal, dated 1806, which (legend has it) the Sevres factory presented to Napoleon I to commemorate his victory at the Battle of Jena. A very special lunch awaits you at the **Blue Willow Inn**, recognized by *Southern Living*, *Gourmet Magazine*, CNN, and USA Today as the South's finest Southern Cooking restaurant. While dining in this magnificent Greek Revival mansion, you will feel what life was like for the

wealthy of the Antebellum South. And no one is allowed to leave hungry!

**Tour includes:** Luxury motor coach and experienced tour guide, admission to two private homes, driving tour of Covington, buffet lunch at Blue Willow Inn, tax, gratuities and all arrangements.

*The homes are privately owned and are not ADA accessible.*

### BUCKHEAD THE BEAUTIFUL TOUR

Saturday, April 14, 2012, 11:00 am-5:00 pm

This tour begins with a drive through the **West Paces Ferry** area, an exclusive residential area known as the Beverly Hills of the South. Next, you will explore Atlanta's colorful past in further detail at the **Atlanta History Center**, whose award-winning exhibits illuminate Atlanta history from the Civil War to civil rights and beyond with incredible stories, artifacts and models. You also will stroll through the **Tullie Smith House and Farm**, a plantation-plain house built in the 1840s by the Robert Smith family. The Tullie Smith House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Your third stop on the grounds of the Atlanta History Center is a tour of the elegant 1928 **Swan House Mansion**. You will learn about the prior occupants of this splendid home and view unique



Sandtown Place



Tullie Smith Farm House

design features used in its architecture. The **Swan Coach House**, once the garage and servants' quarters for Swan House, now houses a delightful restaurant and gift shop. Within this atmosphere of traditional Southern elegance, you can enjoy regional cuisine and tearoom specialties, shop for unique gifts, and view a changing collection of exciting contemporary southern art.

### SWAN COACH HOUSE MENU

- ▶ Swan's Favorite Signature Chicken Salad served in delicate timbales with Frozen Fruit Salad and Cheese Straws.
- ▶ French Silk Swan: Swan Shaped Meringue filled with Chocolate Mousse & topped with Chantilly Cream & Almonds
- ▶ Iced Tea or Coffee

**Tour includes:** A luxury motor coach, experienced tour guide, admission to the Atlanta History Center, Tullie Smith House, Swan House, and lunch at the Swan Coach House, tax, gratuities and all arrangements. Limit of 55 guests, so please make your reservation early.

*The Atlanta History Museum and the downstairs of the Swan Coach House are ADA accessible, but not the Tullie Smith House.*

Atlanta History Center



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### COCKTAIL BUFFET RECEPTION

Friday, April 13, 2012, 6:30 pm-9:30 pm

A very special evening awaits you at the **Michael C. Carlos Museum** on the campus of Emory University, as you enjoy a sumptuous buffet, along with beer, wine, and sodas, in one of the Southeast's premier ancient art museums. The museum's collections comprise more than 16,000 works dating back to 4000 BC, with art objects from ancient Egypt, Nubia, Near East, Greece, Rome, ancient Americas, Africa, and Asia, as well as a collection of works on paper. Elaborately decorated ancient coffins and mummies of humans and animals form the centerpiece of a permanent exhibition of ancient Egyptian art. In 1999, the Carlos Museum purchased an unidentified male mummy that some thought could be a New Kingdom pharaoh. Through research and collaboration with medical experts, museum scholars identified the mummy as the pharaoh Ramesses I. The museum returned the mummy to Egypt in 2003 as a gift of goodwill and international cultural cooperation. Ancient Greek and Roman pieces include the finest existing portrait of the Roman emperor Tiberius and one of the country's best examples of Hellenistic sculpture, a depiction of Terpsichore, the Greek muse of dance. This will be an evening to remember.

Swan House Mansion



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## FDHE programs and plans

Thanks to your generosity the Foundation for Dental Health Education will be able to award \$13,000 in grants during 2012. This is the second year during which we have raised our full grant amount. AADA's Dental Health Education program will receive up to \$5,000 to use for Conference and special projects during the year. We will award up to \$8,000 in grants to other groups.

**Barbara Harrell** was the lucky winner of the amethyst and diamond necklace and earrings during our raffle at Convention 2011. The raffle brought in nearly \$2,000. Thanks for buying those tickets and making our profit possible.

### conference 2012

The popular FDHE Silent Auction will be held on Saturday night, April 14, from 6-7 pm, during the reception preceding our Gala. Plan to enjoy

the venue's amazing view. Bring enticing items to attract heavy bidders. Gift certificates and services pack light. Think of your favorite national chain or online retailer. What unique service can you provide? Do you have a special talent? What goodie would you like to bid on?

This year there will be a new fun way to support the Foundation. We are going to play "Heads and Tails." You pay a little to play and one of you wins cash. If you don't know the game, you will learn—and have lots of fun.

Bring your stuffed wallet, checkbook, and/or credit card to Conference. We are very accommodating.

We are always raising money. That's what Foundations do. The fun part is giving the money away to help you and others promote dental health. With your support, the Alliance will accomplish more valuable educational objectives in 2012.



## Dentist CE: New Advances in Oral Pathology

**DWIGHT "RONNIE" WEATHERS, DDS, MSD**

Friday, April 13, 2012, Noon-5:00 pm *Four hours of CE with lunch included*

Dwight "Ronnie" Weathers, DDS, MSD, who holds the National Board and Georgia Board in Dentistry, and is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral Pathology, will present the CE course: New Advances in Oral Pathology. Dr. Weathers was a member of the Emory faculty from 1966 until his retirement in 2010. He taught, served as the Chairman of the Department of Oral Pathology, Dean of the Dental School, Professor of Pathology and Professor of Dermatology in the Emory University School of Medicine, Program Director of the Division of Oral Pathology and Vice-Chairman for Oral Pathology.

Dr. Weathers has written numerous scientific articles and book chapters, and has made presentations nationally and internationally. This presentation will include a summary of new and current information on the effectiveness of diagnostic aids available for the detection and diagnosis of oral dysplasia and carcinoma, a discussion of the status of bisphosphonates and osteonecrosis of the jaws, and salivary diagnostics. The new concept of at least two types of squamous carcinoma of the mouth and the perceived relationship of periodontal disease to systemic disease will also be discussed. This is a CE course not to be missed.



## Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort



Stone Mountain has a long and storied past as a site revered by both Native Americans and early settlers for its natural beauty. Stone Mountain Park is the place to have fun in the great outdoors. The park has:

- ▶ The world's largest relief carving on the biggest exposed mass of granite
- ▶ Myriad attractions from the Laser Show Spectacular to canoeing and kayaking
- ▶ 3,200 acres of forest and miles of trail
- ▶ A source of granite used to build structures including the US Capitol
- ▶ A Civil War theme park

The AAA Four Diamond Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort is in a natural setting that is a short drive from the airport and downtown Atlanta's landmarks. Enjoy relaxing at The Spa at Evergreen. For the golfing enthusiast, there is a Robert Trent Jones, Sr. golf course at the 36-hole Golf Club.

### HOW TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR CONFERENCE 2012

Reservations at the Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort can be made by either

- ▶ calling 888.670.2250 and ask for the AADA room rate, OR
- ▶ online through this link

<<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/atleg?groupCode=aadaada&app=resvlink&fromDate=4/9/12&toDate=4/15/12>>

The room rate is \$135.00 Single/Double and is subject to 12% state and local taxes.

The hotel reservations deadline is **Monday, March 19, 2012**.



We Care for You from Head to Toe: **Monica Sullivan, Maxi Merkel, Johanna Manasse, Jenny Zehner, Kristie Peppy** at Convention 2011 in Las Vegas



## Time for Beulah K. Spencer Award nominations

Has an Alliance member made a special contribution to dentistry in your community? Submit a nomination for the Beulah K. Spencer New Member Service Award.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE JANUARY 16, 2012

Visit the AADA website to obtain applications on line. Go to <[www.allianceADA.org](http://www.allianceADA.org)>, click on Awards, and click on Beulah K. Spencer.

The Spencer Award will be presented during AADA Conference, April 10-14, 2012, in Stone Mountain, GA.

Winners receive an allocation of up to \$600 for travel expenses, and will be recognized on Saturday, April 14, 2012, at a very special Dinner event sponsored by ADA Insurance Plans from Great West Life

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Patsy Dumas, AADA President Elect  
260-433-3637 or <[patsydumas@aol.com](mailto:patsydumas@aol.com)>

### NOMINEE REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- ▶ Tripartite member or member-at-large of the Alliance of the American Dental association
- ▶ An Alliance member for 10 or fewer years
- ▶ Made significant contributions in the areas of dental health education, legislative advocacy, and the well-being of the dental family on a local, state, or national level.

### Legislative notes

### Connie Karlowicz, ADPAC Representative

## Why grass roots organizing is critical



*Congress will make decisions that affect you and your spouse's practice. You can sit on the sidelines or get involved and help shape the outcome in your favor.*

**That is grassroots**—it all starts with you. By being active in ADPAC's Grassroots Program, you and your family have a direct role in fighting for dentistry in Washington.

Grassroots activism consists of a group of like-minded people—such as dentists and their spouses—coming

together to help influence public policy for a cause in which they believe.



The goal of ADPAC's Grassroots Program is to mobilize members

of the dental community to advance dentistry's agenda, creating a groundswell of support for or opposition to a particular issue or position.

**You are grassroots.** Without your involvement, dentistry cannot take a proactive approach to the legislative process. You are a constituent of three members of Congress—two Senators and a Representative—as well as their counterparts in your

state legislature. These are the lawmakers whom you, as an individual, are most likely to influence as you develop a relationship with them.

Your input to legislators provides ADA's lobbyists with the political support they need to be persuasive and the political rationale they need to be persuaded. An extensive grassroots network is critical for effective government relations work.

When our dental spouses' profession becomes the subject of legislation, we either win or lose. How much we win or lose depends, in part, on effective grassroots political participation—ours.

In our competitive system, every citizen falls into one of two categories: either a **player**—someone who not only votes, but actively competes in the political and policy-making arena—or a **victim**. We must decide to which group we belong. There is no third group of observers.

## Holiday tips



May your holidays be merry and bright. And unrushed, picture perfect and serene. This may be easy to say, but it is not always easy to manifest. The frenzy of our normally busy lives squeezed into a few weeks of holiday gatherings can be enough to send the stress levels higher than the tallest Christmas tree. It's important to remember that what is really important is being with those you love – all the rest of the glitter is icing on the cake of life. Here is a handful of ideas that are meant to support your well-being.

**1 Meal Idea:** Our time gets short and our days get long, but we still want to eat. The old crockpot is a friend worth remembering. The aroma that greets you as you open the front door after a busy day out will bring a smile to your face.

### THAI CHICKEN IN THE CROCK POT

Put this recipe together either the night before or in the morning. It does not take long to plop everything into the pot. You can make enough for two with leftovers or make a larger batch for extra people at home. You can also freeze leftovers.

- 2 pounds chicken
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 3/4 cup hot salsa
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon fresh ginger

I like to add 2 cups (more or less) of broccoli or cauliflower pieces an hour or so before I want to eat. Goes well with rice.

**2 Something Special:** Schedule one favorite activity and when the date arrives, be fully present for it.

Maybe it's going to see *The Nutcracker* or having an egg nog latte under the tree lights. Make a date in your calendar. Fully enjoy.

**3 The Family:** If you have college-aged or other adult children coming home keep in mind that they are adults with lives and ideas of their own. Yes, you are older and wiser, but

they are younger and capable. Look at them with fresh eyes. Love them as they are. They may be your babies, but they are not babies. If you have children with children, understand that they might be creating holiday traditions of their own. Encourage them to make time for their own family and be open to new activities – some may include you, some may not.

**4 The Spirit of the Season:** Whatever your religion or creed, the holiday season is a time to remember those who may have fewer resources. Every community has abundant programs for donations of time, talent or treasures. Which one speaks to you? You might have time to shop for a gift for one of the Community Needs Trees; you could also send a check to the food bank.

**5 Smile:** Sing Christmas songs in the shower, paint your toes red, be nice to your neighbor, donate to your favorite charity, call a friend, floss and remember to breathe. It's fun to have fun.

**happy holidays. be well!**



## Encouraging Student Spouses



It was an honor to be installed as the Student Spouse Trustee for the Alliance of the American Dental Association at Convention in Las Vegas this past October. Student Spouse Membership provides opportunities to interact with others who share common concerns and interests, as well as opportunities to participate in conferences, workshops, and community programs that relate to dentistry and oral health, legislative advocacy, and the well-being of the dental family.

Student Spouse members support and promote their spouse's profession even though they may have their own occupations and interests. It is positive and fun to interact with other dental-school couples and families during the dental-school years. Knowing that you belong to a special group of people and can directly help others while at the same time supporting a worthwhile organization gives the Alliance special meaning.

We have Dental Student Spouse groups in various dental schools around the country. At present, Case School of Dental Medicine (CADA) and the Georgia Health Sciences University College of Dental Medicine have very active, enthusiastic groups. Marquette University School of Dentistry student spouses are starting a group (MUSoD), as are the spouses at Roseman School of Dentistry, the new dental school in Utah.

If you have friends at other dental schools, please encourage them to join the Alliance and start a group at their school. I would love to answer any questions and help them get started.

AADA has First Time Attendee Grants for Student Spouses. This grant is to attend Conference 2012, April 10-14 in Stone Mountain, GA, at the Evergreen Conference Resort. This grant was established to encourage student spouses to attend Conference so they can learn skills and gain insight into AADA, thus preparing them for further involvement in dental health education, as well as legislative and leadership positions. There are also Student Spouse Scholarships provided by ADA Insurance Plans, for Student Spouses who have attended a previous conference and whose spouses are American Student Dental Association (ASDA) or Student Contributing members. **DEADLINE FOR GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSIONS IS JANUARY 16, 2012.** Please submit an application.

I was a student spouse member at the University of Washington many years ago and have been a member of the Alliance for 35 years. My husband has a dental practice in the Seattle area and is on the part-time faculty of the University of Washington Dental School. I have daughters (ages 27, 31, and 36) and their families. Besides being AADA Student Spouse Trustee, I am currently President of the Alliance of the Washington State Dental Association. I was also AADA Student Spouse Trustee from 2005-2007.

I will be mentoring **Erin Knowles** to be the future Student Spouse Trustee. Erin has been a member of the Alliance for six years. She is currently serving as President of the Tulsa, OK, County Alliance. Her husband, Trevor Knowles, graduated from Temple University in Philadelphia. Erin and Trevor have an eight-year-old son and a five-year-old daughter. Erin helps in her spouse's dental office at the front and also at her children's school. She has a degree in Math Education but is a stay-at-home mom.



Erin Knowles

Looking forward to hearing from you.

If you have any questions at all, please contact me at

<[ruhlmansiek@msn.com](mailto:ruhlmansiek@msn.com)>.

## Another busy year for Georgia's Student Spouses



Drs. Dick Drisko and his wife, Dean Connie Drisko, are integral parts of the Georgia Health Sciences University College of Dental Medicine Student Spouse Alliance. At the beginning of every school year, the Driskos host a dinner at their home, inviting all current and new members to a themed meal in a relaxed atmosphere.

This year's theme was "A Southern Affair," with all food featuring flavors of the south. This is a great opportunity for entering freshman spouses to meet other spouses, get connected, and become members of the DSSA. Georgia alliance members from all over the state organize and attend the dinner as well.

The student alliance also supports dental students and attends Georgia alliance events whenever possible. This Fall, the student alliance helped with family day at the new dental school, provided breakfast for seniors taking their manikin boards, and packed legislative dental kits at the Georgia Dental Association office in Atlanta.

We have many more events planned in coming months, and look forward to seeing everyone at Conference.

*Korey Anderson is president of the dental student spouse alliance at Georgia Health Sciences University in Augusta, GA. His wife, Lindsey Anderson, is a junior dental student.*



**Korey Anderson** (far right) with Georgia State Alliance members

### FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE GRANT, STUDENT SPOUSE SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR CONFERENCE 2012

Grant and scholarship programs encourage Alliance members to attend Conference, learn skills, and gain insight into AADA, preparing them for further involvement in dental health education, legislative activities, and leadership positions.

The **First-Time Attendee Grant** is available to any member who never has attended an AADA Conference. This grant includes complimentary registration and non-transferable tickets to several events, and reimburses the recipient for up to \$600 of travel and lodging expenses.

Student Spouse members and Student Contributing members who have attended Conference before may apply for the **Student Spouse Scholarship**. Provided by the ADA Insurance Plans underwritten by Great-West Life, it covers up to \$600 for travel and lodging costs, and includes complimentary registration and non-transferable tickets to several events.

**DEADLINE:** All applications are due **January 16, 2012**. Both applications can be found on the Alliance website at <[www.allianceADA.org](http://www.allianceADA.org)> or by calling Central Office at **312-440-2865**.

## Apply today for election to 2012-2013 AADA Board of Directors

Ready for an AADA leadership role? Apply for an open elected office: President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, or Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, or 10 Trustees. Applications must be postmarked or received by fax or e-mail no later than **January 16, 2012**. The Elected Office 2012-2013 Board of Directors Application and AADA Election Policy are available on the AADA website at <[www.allianceADA.org](http://www.allianceADA.org)>.



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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **January 16, 2012**

Applications due for First-time Grant, Student Spouse Scholarship, Spencer Award, and Elected Offices

### **March 19, 2012**

Evergreen Hotel deadline

### **March 23, 2012**

Conference 2012 registration deadline

**Merry Christmas to all  
our Alliance members!  
May your new year be  
full of joy and wonderful  
Alliance friendships!**