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AMWA's Donor Members include contributors who believe in AMWA's mission and goals through advocacy and our charitable programs. Donation categories are variable and affordable. To Donate Now, **Click HERE**. For those interested in Voting Membership categories, annual dues are as follows: Member, \$225; Discounted & Non-Physician Member, \$150; Resident Member, \$100; Medical Students, \$75 (one time fee); and Undergraduate Students, \$25 (one time fee).

Donate to AWHS

Help AMWA maintain and expand vital programs by supporting the American Women's Hospitals Service. AWHS supports medical clinics for the underserved and international travel grants for young women physicians and medical students. Your gift to AWHS is fully tax deductible, and you will have the comfort of knowing that each AWHS-supported clinic's service and quality of care is monitored by AMWA physicians. You can see the

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AMWA's 2010 Annual Meeting March 26 - March 28 with Advocacy Day March 25, celebrating AMWA's 95th Anniversary!

AMWA will again team up with the Institute for Women's Health for the 2010 meeting, held at The Crystal Gateway Marriott in Crystal City, VA.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN- REGISTER TODAY! Please visit the Meeting & Events page on our website, www.amwa-doc.org, for registration information.

Call for Abstracts- Submission Deadline Extended Until December 18th.

Who Should Submit:

We invite researchers to submit abstracts on current and emerging issues in women's health, in any domain of women's health, including basic science, clinical, translational, behavioral, epidemiologic, disparities, and health services.

Submission:

Submit your 250-word abstract [here](#).

Review Process:

Abstracts will be reviewed by the Abstract Review Committee. Acceptance and rejection notifications will be sent no later than January 1, 2010. **All poster presenters must register for the meeting and attend the poster session in which their poster is presented.**

For questions about abstract submissions, contact **Danielle Terrell** at whabstracts@gmail.com

For all other inquiries, contact nrivera@bioconferences.com.

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stories of our clinics and read stories told by students who have received our travel grants posted on our website, www.amwa-doc.org. To order AWHS logo note cards, [click here](#) for an AWHS Note card Order Form

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Make your voices heard in health reform and other legislative matters! Join us **Thursday, March 25, 2010** for Advocacy Day immediately before the Women's Health Congress/ 95th Anniversary AMWA Meeting. There will be a panel discussion in the morning and we will meet with our Legislators and/or their Health Legislative Assistants in the afternoon. If you are interested please RSVP to Laurels Waters at lwatersmd@yahoo.com.

2010 Award Nominations

Nominations for the 2010 AMWA Awards are now being accepted. Nominations will be accepted through January 15, 2010. Visit the awards section of our website [here](#) to learn more and make a submission. Self nominations are welcomed and encouraged!

Consider AMWA's Legacy Fund for Year End Donations

Construction on AMWA's permanent lobby exhibit at the Archives & Special Collections on Women in Medicine--the largest collection of material pertaining to the history of women in medicine in the US, is almost complete! Located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Archives will be part of Drexel University's new building for the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership. To secure this permanent exhibit space in the new building, AMWA will need to raise \$100,000 over the next year. Please consider a contribution to this worthy cause. Any amount will help us reach the goal. Donations of \$2,500 and above will be individually recognized in the lobby's The Wall of Fame display.

[Click here to donate now!](#)

AMWA News

AWHS Update

AWHS has been approached by the Kokolopori-Falls Church Sister City Partnership (KFCSCP) for donations of medical supplies for the clinic they support in Kokolopori, a remote rainforest community in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in Central Africa.

The people of Kokolopori are materially very poor and the DRC government provides no social services in this remote area. International organizations have been slow to return after the end of the war in 2003.

While the Kokolopori clinic's infrastructure is primitive, it is staffed by one highly qualified doctor/surgeon and several nurses. The clinic is perpetually short of medicines, supplies and medical equipment. It is the only clinic for a community of 8000 people, and draws people from a much larger area due to the presence of a surgeon. For more information, see www.kokolopori-partnership.org/projects.html.

Clinic staff welcome donations of non-electric medical instruments, non-expired medications (prescription and over the counter), first aid supplies, unused instruments from disposable suture kits, and even used instruments which have been appropriately washed and cleaned (with Cidex). All donations are hand-carried to Kokolopori.

We will collect donations during AMWA's Annual Meeting, but in the meantime, donations may be shipped to Dr. Sarah John, 2857 Pine Spring Road, Falls Church, VA 22042.

Program Committee Update

The Program Committee has been busy planning AMWA's Annual Meeting which will be held in conjunction with the 18th Annual Women's Health Congress. The conference takes place at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, conveniently located near Reagan National Airport and the Washington DC metro.

Advocacy Day starts on **Thursday, March 25** with a White House tour for the first to sign up. We will proceed to the Hill for advocacy training, discussion of important active bills, and meetings with Legislators.

The 18th Annual Women's Health Congress has an outstanding group of speakers packed with 3 days of CME, plenary speakers, exhibits, and poster sessions. There will be an entire day of student programming on Saturday, culminating in the ever popular mentoring reception.

On Saturday evening, AMWA will hold a special Gala to commemorate its 95th Anniversary. We will honor past leaders, present the AMWA awards, view historic AMWA photos, and unveil the AMWA Woven Word Healthcare Quilt. Special keynote speakers have been invited so check the website for updates on who's coming.

We look forward to seeing all of you in Washington DC!
AMWA Program Co-Chairs, Laurel Waters, MD and Eliza Chin, MD, MPH.

AMWA Student News

Calling all AMWA members!

The student division is requesting your help! Your experiences, successes and stories have helped pave the road for women in the medical field. We are asking you to share these stories with us in order to be incorporated into our Medical School Guide. This guide will be designed in the spirit of the AMWA motto embracing the voice and vision of women in medicine. To take part in this endeavor, please email Risa Siegel at risa.siegel@student.touro.edu or call 908-400-1468 to have a survey mailed to you.

AMWA Student Handbook Update

Dear AMWA Student Members,

The 2009 AMWA Chapter Programs Handbooks are available! We encourage all student members to be involved in developing and implementing programming, so this book is for you!

Our hope is that this handbook will help you to organize successful programs and share their ideas with other chapters.

The handbook includes:

- *Guidelines for a successful project: planning, fundraising, and logistics ideas and tips*
- *A calendar to help you select themes for programs throughout the year. Tie your outreach efforts to national events!*
- *Detailed abstracts of chapter programs--a great "cookbook" for putting on an event!*
- *Still more program ideas in list form*

Feel free to select and modify ideas from this handbook to best fit your needs!

[Click here to download the AMWA Chapter Program Handbooks.](#)

Introducing the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment and Scholarship Program

[Click here to learn more!](#)

Call for Physicians Interested in Global Health and Leadership

Engeye Health Clinic, Uganda Seeks Resident Medical Director

Passionate about providing healthcare abroad? Interested in applying your medical degree where it will make a difference? The **Engeye Health Clinic** in Ddegeya Village, Uganda is seeking a Resident Medical Director to partner with Ugandan clinic staff in operating the clinic and directing healthcare policy in the Ddegeya catchment area.

We are interested in bringing a seasoned physician onto our team who will be able to:

1. Review and update our current healthcare diagnosis and treatment protocols
2. Collaborate with Ugandan clinic staff in management of daily operations

3. Maintain a list of medical action items to be addressed and effectively communicate needs to the U.S. team
4. Practice medicine in Ddegeya Village for a minimum of 9 months

Previous international experience preferred.

If you are interested in this amazing opportunity, please contact misty.richards@engeye.org. Additionally, for more information on Engeye's current operations and past achievements, please visit www.engeye.org.

Engeye's mission is to improve living conditions and reduce unnecessary suffering in rural Africa through education and compassionate health care. Implicit in every project that we undertake is the understanding that it will ultimately be sustainable with little or no outside assistance. The Engeye Health Clinic is a non-profit organization built from the ground up in 2006 to provide healthcare for a village in desperate need. Since the first medical mission in 2007, over 15,000 patients have been treated. The clinic functions due to equal partnership between Ugandans and Americans who share a common goal of making the world a better place through practicing compassionate medicine.

The Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine announces its Alma Dea Morani, M.D. Renaissance Woman Award

The Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine is currently accepting nominations for the **2010 Alma Dea Morani, M.D. Renaissance Woman Award**. This Award will honor an outstanding woman physician or scientist in North America who has advanced the practice and understanding of medicine in our lifetime and made significant contributions outside of medicine, for example, in the humanities, arts or social sciences, whose determination and spirit have carried her beyond traditional pathways in medicine and science; and who challenges the status quo with a passion for learning. Deadline for submission of nominations is **April 1, 2010**. More information including guidelines, nomination forms, and past recipient information can be found on our website at www.fhwim.org or through the office at 610-970-9143.

[Click to download the Alma Dea Morani Nomination Packet](#)

Policy, Legislation & Oversight

Remarks by the First Lady on Health Insurance Reform and Older Women

MRS. OBAMA: Thank you, everybody. Thank you so much. First of all, forgive me -- I've got children, and now I have a cold. It goes along with the territory.

Let me begin by first thanking Tina Tchen, who's doing an outstanding job as Director of the Office of Public Engagement by opening up this White House to the American people and organizing events like this one today. She's just been a terrific asset and a dear friend -- and let's give her a round of applause.

And I also want to commend Nancy-Ann for her extraordinary leadership on health care -- health insurance reform. I know my husband, who is traveling abroad right now, would agree with me when I say that without her, we wouldn't have come this far, and because of her, we're going to get the job done. So we are grateful to you, Nancy-Ann.

And of course, I want to thank all the women who are here today. This is a wonderful, lively group -- I heard you all giggling earlier today.

Read the rest of the story **[here](#)**.

Ladies First--Women's Health Amendment Vote Coming Soon

You know what they say — ladies first.

The Senate has finally begun debating the historic health care reform bill. The first amendment offered is the Women's Health Amendment — which will help make sure that key women's preventive health is covered and affordable in the Senate health care reform bill.

Tell your Senators to vote YES on the Women's Health Amendment — and help ensure that women's preventive health needs are met in the Senate health care reform bill.

The amendment guarantees access to critical preventive screenings for women by ensuring that they are covered and affordable. **We need you to tell your Senators to vote YES on the Women's Health Amendment** and help us get one step closer to health care reform that works for women.

This is the first amendment, but it surely won't be the last. We'll keep updating you as the debate moves forward. Thank you for continuing to fight with us — with your help, we are getting closer to affordable, accessible, and comprehensive health care for all.

Sincerely,

Judy Waxman
Vice President for Health and Reproductive Rights
National Women's Law Center

Kaiser Issue Brief Examines Access to Abortion Coverage and Health Reform

A new issue brief, www.kff.org/healthreform/8021.cfm, from the Kaiser Family Foundation examines health reform and access to coverage for abortion services, a subject that has become one of the most discussed elements of the reform debate. The paper explains current law regarding abortion coverage, discusses the treatment of coverage for abortion services under the major health reform bills under consideration in Congress, and explores the possible impact of the House-passed legislation on public and private coverage for abortion services.

Under the House bill, 94% of the 12.4 million uninsured women of reproductive age have incomes that would likely qualify them for federal assistance in obtaining health coverage through Medicaid or the new health insurance exchange, and thus would likely be affected by the abortion coverage provisions. The brief breaks down these estimates state-by-state, and also provides background on abortion in the U.S. and coverage of abortion services under current law and practice.

More resources on health reform topics are available on the Foundation's health reform gateway page, healthreform.kff.org/, which features the Foundation's research, analysis and polling on health reform issues; an interactive calculator which helps to illustrate what assistance people would get with their insurance premiums if they purchase coverage on their own through an exchange or gateway; columns by Kaiser President and CEO Drew Altman; and news summaries from Kaiser Health News, an editorially independent news service established by the Foundation.

For more information, please contact Chris Lee at (202) 347-5270 or clee@kff.org.

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