Human Trafficking Initiative

AMWA and Mt. Sinai Global Health co-hosted a 2-day training by Girl’s Educational & Mentoring Services (GEMS) on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC). AMWA has also partnered with filmmaker Stuart Culpepper to produce a nationwide media campaign to educate healthcare professionals about this issue. View Dr. Kanani Titchen’s compelling message here.

Gender Equity

AMWA’s Gender Equity Task Force (GETF) continues to advocate for gender equity for women in medicine. Outcomes from their study, “Defining the Work Habits, Attitudes and Experiences of Women in Medicine” were presented at various meetings and summarized in a white paper. Focus group interviews are planned to study this area in more depth. The committee is also developing a Women in Crisis resource site and planning Advocacy Day 2014.

American Women’s Hospitals Service

AMWA’s charitable arm, the American Women’s Hospitals Service (AWHS) supports 10 medical facilities for the underserved. Recent work in 2013 includes:

- Helping to staff medical clinic boats that provide vital medical care to over 100,000 people a year along the Amazon River.
- Working to provide ongoing HIV, TB, diabetes, and inpatient care in Haiti through Hopital Bon Samaritain
- Supporting women’s health and primary care programs of the Sisters of Charity in Topeka, Kansas at the Marian Clinic
- Providing improved clinic services, clean water supply, and remote health outreach to the people of Nepal
- Providing critical laboratory services in Ddegeya, Uganda
- Providing travel grants to students and residents serving in areas of need – Le Paz, Bolivia, Galle, Sri Lanka, Santa Cruz La Laguna, Guatemala, Kigali, Rwanda, & Choma Zambia
- Emergency relief funds to the Philippines

AMWA’s 98th Anniversary Meeting

AMWA’s 98th anniversary meeting in New York City was an unparalleled success! The speaker roster featured America’s most accomplished physicians, all of whom were leaders within their field. We were sold out at this packed event which featured top quality CME sessions, mentoring programs, and 50 poster presentations. Dr. Nancy Andrews, Dean of Duke University School of Medicine, delivered the plenary address. Dr. Michelle Bachelet, the newly-elected president of Chile, was our keynote speaker at the Annual Awards Luncheon along with best-selling author, Calvin Trillin. Other highlights included a gala cruise around Manhattan on the Yacht Infinity for AMWA’s 98th Anniversary Gala. Read more

AMWA 99th Anniversary Meeting

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AMWA Residency Division
The AMWA Residency Division, under the leadership of Resident President Dr. Kanani Titchen continues to gain new ground. Membership is rapidly growing. The division focused on raising awareness about human sex trafficking through a book club event with author Rachel Lloyd, a training conference in NYC, and a planned media campaign in 2014. Global health opportunities are being promoted, and the AMWA Residents Quarterly (ARQ) provides a forum for sharing ideas, research, and other scholarly work. Read past issues here

AMWA Student Division
The AMWA Student Division under the leadership of Student President Marissa Orenstein continues to grow and expand. Several new branches have re-organized and membership numbers are increasing. Incentive programs, grants, and scholarships provide resources to students both locally and nationally. Students have been excelling in national leadership positions and have gained invaluable experiences working with physician mentors. A monthly Student Newsletter keeps members informed about programs and opportunities. Read past issues here

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Other 2013 Highlights
- Membership numbers increase by 45%
- Newly formed AMWA Breast Cancer Task Force authors position paper and receives grant for breast cancer education
- New Pre-med Division launched
- Advocacy work in women’s health, patient safety, healthcare coverage and gun control
- Dr. Eleni Tousimis attends the 2nd Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Reception, hosted by Vice-President Joe Biden & Dr. Jill Biden
- AMWA Branch Initiative
- AMWA Delegates participate in the 28th Congress of the Medical Women’s International Association (MWIA)
- AMWA Interim Meeting revitalizes the organization’s strategic plans and goals
- Meehan Foundation Grants support the American Women’s Hospitals Service and AMWA’s Human Sex Trafficking Initiative
- The Sex and Gender Women’s Health Collaborative (SGWHC), co-founded by AMWA announces new launch
- AMWA extends partnership with HealthyWomen, the leading non-profit women’s health resource
- AMWA Joins the Coalition to Protect the Provider-Patient Relationship and continues work with the Commission to End Healthcare Disparities (CEHCD) and the Patient, Consumer, and Public Health Coalition
- AMWA becomes a Champion for Coverage to inform members of healthcare reform updates
- AMWA Partners with 4Medapproved to provide an on-line IT Health curriculum
- Dr. Mary Guinan (Past President) is keynote speaker for the Broomfield Center for Leadership at the Van Hoosen Farm
- AMWA Teleseminar Series Launches
- Bed & Breakfast Program on-line platform
- AMWA attends the American Physician Scientists Association conference & Women’s Healthcare Innovation & Leadership Showcase
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**Plans for 2014**

- *Journal of the American Medical Women’s Association (JAMWA)* in digital format
- AMWA Centennial Book
- AMWA Traveling Exhibit
- Establishing a network for student branch faculty advisors
- On-line resource database linking public health programs by state
- New and improved AMWA website
- Expansion of *Faces of AMWA*, AMWA’s on-line exhibition
- Mentoring program on-line platform
- Appointment of Regional Governors to support local branch and membership recruitment efforts
- Diversity and Inclusion Initiative
- Women in Crisis Initiative
- AMWA Fellowship Program
- AMWA Speaker’s Bureau
- Increased AMWA Member Benefits

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