Cherished members, leaders and supporters of AMWA,

Wishing you and your families a very happy & healthy holiday season. I am thankful for each of you this season and I call upon you at this venerable time in AMWA's history to continue to stay involved and supportive of AMWA in avenues that align with your passion! We have made great strides as an organization and have broadened the depth, breath and scope of our outreach.

We have successfully launched an affiliate program and welcomed the American College of Physicians as the inaugural organization. We have been working with the Surgeon General’s Office to support the National Prevention Strategy (NPS). One of my goals this year was to promote synergy among health care organizations and professionals nationwide while using technology to optimize interaction and education. Our much awaited PMTF mobile based app accomplishes this with great ease. We continue to work with government officials to improve access to healthcare for all and to advocate for a quality based approach that echoes support of disease prevention and continuity of care with balanced use of technology to improve healthcare delivery. There are so many examples within AMWA of inspiring actions that have brought great positive change for AMWA.

I urge you to “lean in” as we forge forward as an organization. AMWA exists today and has grown in strength and fortitude because of all of our combined efforts! I am looking forward to seeing each of you at our auspicious centennial meeting April 23-26th 2015 at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago. In the words of Mohandas K. Gandhi, “a small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history.” Join me as we propel AMWA to even greater heights and continue to inspire global positive strides for all women.

With deepest sincerity,

Farzanna S. Haffizulla, MD, FACP
AMWA President

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AMWA Fellowship Program
AMWA’s new fellowship program recognizes distinguished members of AMWA who have accomplished outstanding achievements in science, medicine or academia. Apply now to be one of AMWA’s inaugural fellows that will be inducted at the Centennial meeting.

http://www.amwa-doc.org/fellowship-program/

Elections Results are in!

President-elect: Dr. Kim Templeton
Secretary: Dr. Laura McCann
Board Members at Large: Dr. Nancy Church Dr. Roberta Gebhard Dr. Connie Newman

Journal of the American Medical Women’s Association
AMWA is planning to bring back the Journal of the American Medical Women’s Association (JAMWA) in 2015 as a digital journal. Members who are interested in being on an editorial board to help review prospective JAMWA articles as well as position papers and other AMWA publications should apply here.

AMWA Webinars
AWMA has hosted a series of educational webinars on a range of topics relevant to women physicians and our patients. We encourage your participation in future seminars. Recent webinars topics have included:

- Mentoring
- On the Front Lines: The Role of Healthcare Professionals in Addressing Sex Trafficking
- Human Trafficking – Legal and Public Policy Issues
- No Limits: Navigating Career Paths in U.S. Army Medicine (To listen to the webinar click here)

If you are interested in additional information about careers in the US Army, please access this link.
Hello AMWA members,

I could not be more proud to reflect back on the AMWA Student Division over the past months. Leading up to the Centennial Meeting in Chicago this year, our team has continued to tirelessly work to propel AMWA into the next century, and I am pleased to have the chance to recognize some of these outstanding initiatives.

First of all, the Student Division will shortly be releasing a Centennial Crowdfunding Campaign. The Centennial Meeting represents the culminating opportunity for our students to access mentorship resources, learn from renowned speakers, and present their own research on a national platform. We are thrilled for the chance to bring our AMWA supporters together to fundraise to allow our students access to these foundational resources.

Our work as student advocates is also intensifying. This year, we launched our first annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month initiative, in which e-toolkits geared towards domestic violence education were disbursed to over two thousand AMWA students nationwide. Our national team is continuing to work to improve women’s healthcare by embarking on such projects as reproductive healthcare education for adolescents and increased healthcare enrollment for women across the nation.

Our national leadership will also be considerably expanding this upcoming year to include an array of new positions for the Premedical Student Division. The creation of this comprehensive premedical student leadership reflects the exponential growth of our premedical student branches nationwide and the outstanding efforts of our current leaders. This expansion will also allow our medical students to step into new roles as mentors, and to gain a new invaluable skill set.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to become involved in any of our projects or are interested in stepping up as a national leader. This is an incredible time to be a part of AMWA and I hope for the chance to see many of you at our Centennial Conference in April 2015.

Jackie Wong
AMWA Student Division – President
jwong@amwa-student.org

AMWA Residency Division

As the year 2015 approaches, the AMWA residency division would like to wish you a happy and healthy New Year. Your residency division representatives have been working hard on this year’s initiative to promote health and wellness.

We have created a Nutrition and Fitness Manual, conducted the first Resident Fitness Challenge and have been working to incorporate more opportunities to promote wellness in the upcoming Centennial Meeting in Chicago. We have also begun creation on a regional chapter toolkit, so that you can become a leader in AMWA at the local level. This holiday we have also been working on a clothing drive to support victims of human trafficking, through the PATH initiative, a program spearheaded by last year’s AMWA president!

We have been busy! But never too busy to hear from you about how we can enhance the residency division to better serve your unique needs. Please let us know if there are any ideas that you have on how to expand our division or other projects that we can become involved with.

We look forward to hearing from you and hopefully meeting you at the Annual Meeting!

Tara Lynch, MD
AMWA Resident Division – President
Albany Medical Center, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

AMWA Centennial Meeting

Register now for early bird rates for the women in medicine networking event of the century!

Visit the home of AMWA Founder Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen and see her home-based medical office. Attend a Career Development Workshop. Hear from special guest speakers – Dr. Mae Jemison (first colored woman in space); Pulitzer Prize winners and best-selling authors Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn; Triple Olympic Medalist Katie Hoff; NIH Director Dr. Janine Clayton; President of Planned Parenthood Cecil Richards; a NBC News Correspondent; women physician deans; a former White House Doctor, a TEDMED stage curator; past presidents of the American College of Physicians, the American College of Surgeons, and the American Bar Association; and many more. Enjoy mentoring sessions, award ceremonies, networking opportunities, and a live theater production on the life of Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen. The meeting will be held at the elegant Palmer House Hilton in Chicago. Poster deadline is February 1, 2015.

For more information, please visit www.amwa-doc.org/centennial. Register now for early bird pricing. Early bird rates end January 10, 2015.
AMWA Updates

AMWA Interim Meeting Celebrates Women in Medicine Month of Directors

The 2014 AMWA Interim Meeting held this past September in Fort Lauderdale, FL was a resounding success. Nearly 100 members came from all over the country and enjoyed a weekend of collaboration to further AMWA’s mission and vision. The reception celebrating women in medicine month was held at the elegant Alpine Jaguar Showroom. Featured speakers were the following Outstanding Leadership Award Recipients:

**Ana Viamonte Ros, MD, MPH**
Florida Past Surgeon General; Associate Dean for Women in Medicine & Science, FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine
Director of Medical Staff Development, Baptist Health South Florida

**Humayun J. Chaudhry, DO, MS, MACP, FACOI, FAODME**
President and CEO, Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)

**Michelle L. Rossi, MD, FACP**
President & Governor, Florida Chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACP)

**Eliza Lo Chin, MD, MPH**
Executive Director, American Medical Women’s Association

In addition, many AMWA Leaders including the Board of Directors received Commitment to Excellence Awards:

Dr. Neelum Aggarwal  
Dr. Heather Brown  
Dr. Elinor Christiansen  
Dr. Nancy Church  
Dr. Bea Desper  
Fatima Fahs  
Dr. Shahnaz Fatteh  
Dr. Diana Galindo  
Dr. Roberta Gebhard  
Dr. Suzanne Harrison  
Dr. Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber  
Dr. Dyani Loo  
Dr. Laura McCann  
Dr. Connie Newman  
Dr. Tara Renna  
Dr. Omegah Logán Silva  
Victoria Silverman  
Dr. Chemen Tate  
Dr. Eleni Tousimis  
Dr. Norma Jo Waxman  
Jacqueline Wong

The evening was filled with camaraderie, goodwill and fun for the many attendees who enjoyed driving the showroom cars. Please enjoy the photos below and to the right, courtesy of Mary Ellen Morrow Photography.

"We think...it is desirable for every woman physician to put herself on record as willing to serve her country at this time."
-- AMWA War Service Committee, Oct. 6, 1917.

Historic photos from AMWA’s upcoming on-line exhibition – Women Physicians in World War I – were presented by Dr. Eliza Chin and Zayn Holt. This exhibition is being prepared in recognition of the Centennial of the First World War.
AMWA Updates

AMWA President Attends Special AAMC Reception

On Wednesday Dec. 10, 2014, AMWA President, Dr. Farzanna Haffizulla attended a special reception hosted by Dr. Darrell Kirch, President and CEO of the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC). The AAMC expressed strong support of AMWA’s initiatives and programs and both organizations are looking forward to future collaborative efforts.

L to R: Dr. Darrell Kirch, Dr. Farzanna Haffizulla, Dr. Deborah Kirch.

AMWA Affiliate Membership Program with the American College of Physicians (ACP)

In September 2014, AMWA and the American College of Physicians (ACP) announced an affiliate membership agreement, a new program of AMWA to extend support and outreach to ACP members. “I am delighted to announce that the American College of Physicians is the first organization in this inaugural program. Building a network for women physicians and health care professionals will promote and support the advancement of our careers with a multitude of opportunities in education, mentoring, leadership and much more,” said Dr. Farzanna Haffizulla, AMWA President. “ACP is pleased to be the first organization to offer our members AMWA Affiliate Member status,” said Dr. David Fleming, ACP President. “This inaugural AMWA program will help to create a network of women physician leaders.”

Book Review – A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity

Following their #1 New York Times Bestseller, Half the Sky, Authors Nickolas Kristo and Sheryl WuDunn have again published an illuminating account that will enlighten and inspire readers to engage in problems that face our world today. In A Path Appears, we are reminded again that it doesn’t require millions of dollars or long distance travel to make an impact on society. This is a book that will empower all of us to make a difference both in our own communities and beyond. Be sure to put it on your holiday reading list.

Nickolas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn will be special guests at the AMWA Centennial meeting, where they will speak about A Path Appears and hold a book signing.

Open Enrollment

In November 2014, AMWA leaders participated in a call with President Obama who encouraged health care providers to help support enrollment for healthcare plans in December and January. AMWA is working with the Department of Health and Human Services and Enroll America to help increase the number of insured Americans in 2015. To help in this effort email executivedirector@amwa.org

AMWA On-Line Art Exhibition

AMWA will be launching an on-line art exhibition in 2015 to celebrate the multi-faceted talents of our members.

AMWA is working with Capital Media Group to help produce a documentary on women in medicine. The project has been endorsed by over 25 national organizations, including the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, the American College of Surgeons, the American Association of University Women, and the National Association of Professional Women.

L to R: Dr. Eliza Chin, Diana Duran Robles (AMWA Pre-Med Member), Dr. Karen Poirier-Brode

AMWA Members Dr. Eliza Chin (Executive Director) and Dr. Karen Poirier-Brode represent AMWA at the 12th Annual UC Davis Pre-Medical & Pre-Health Professions National Conference.
In October 2014, AMWA President Dr. Farzanna Haffizulla and Executive Director Dr. Eliza Chin met with Acting Surgeon General Dr. Boris Lushniak and Chief of Staff Dr. Robert DeMartino to discuss ways in which AMWA could help promote the Surgeon General’s initiatives on smoking cessation, preventive health, and fitness.

Dr. Haffizulla, Dr. Chin, and AMWA’s Past President Dr. Eleni Tousimis attended a Women’s Coalition meeting with Health and Human Services (HHS) Officials to discuss strategies encouraging more uninsured Americans to sign up for health coverage under the Affordable Care Act during the upcoming open enrollment period.

Later in the month, AMWA President, Dr. Farzanna Haffizulla met again with acting Surgeon General Dr. Boris Lushniak and Chief of Staff Dr. Robert DeMartino to discuss AMWA’s support of the National Prevention Strategy. Drs. Lushniak and DeMartino praised the work of AMWA’s Preventive Medicine Task Force and AMWA’s support of health and wellness priorities. Dr. Haffizulla is formulating a new national fitness incentive program geared toward both patients and physicians that will empower all to incorporate positive lifestyle changes. “Promotion of a prevention based health care model reduces health care cost and is a wise investment in our nation’s future. Education and implementation require the collective efforts of all health care professionals passionate about disease prevention” says Dr. Haffizulla. For more information about the National Prevention Strategy, see here.

Dr. Haffizulla also met with Dr. Nancy Lee, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Women’s Health) and the Director of the Office on Women’s Health (OWH) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Drs. Haffizulla and Lee connected on the many overlapping goals held within the mission and vision of both AMWA and the Office on Women’s Health. “Dr. Lee and her team have made impressive strides in support of women and children and we are thrilled to pool our resources for the collective good,” said Dr. Haffizulla. Dr. Lee welcomed information sharing as well as future collaborative efforts with AMWA. For more information on women’s health by topic, please visit www.womenshealth.gov.

Dr. Haffizulla also joined other women national leaders in a special meeting with Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Burwell to discuss strategies for enhancing enrollment and education about the Affordable Care Act. Dr. Haffizulla reported on behalf of AMWA and discussed how AMWA leaders can support the Clinical Practice Transformation initiative and help bridge any gaps in its implementation. For information on the Affordable Care Act, visit www.healthcare.gov.

Marlene Cutitar, MD recently addressed the Rhode Island Medical Women’s Association (RIMWA) as part of the 10th annual Elise Coletta, MD Memorial Educational lecture on Oct. 29, 2014. Dr. Coletta was a beloved past RIMWA President who died of retroperitoneal sarcoma at age 48. Dr. Cutitar spoke to an audience of over 50 RIMWA members/colleagues about AMWA – its mission, the centennial, the special offer for new members, etc. and provided AMWA literature. RIMWA will discuss reinstitution as an AMWA branch at their upcoming board meeting. Thank your Dr. Cutitar for your dedication and enthusiasm.

AMWA members are encouraged to set up local women in medicine networking opportunities through the establishment of an AMWA branch. All information to start a branch is available here. Branch kits and resources will be distributed at the annual meeting. Branches may apply for grants to help fund their local meetings.
AMWA Committee News

Physicians Against the Trafficking of Humans (PATH)

Thanks to the generous support of AMWA members and supporters, AMWA has launched a media campaign to educate physicians and students about human sex trafficking. The interactive website and videos were designed and produced by Dr. Kanani Titchen (AMWA past Resident Division President) and film-maker Stuart Culpepper and feature interviews by experts in the field. Continued work to educate the healthcare community using these tools is being spearheaded by AMWA's PATH co-chairs Dr. Suzanne Harrison, Dr. Holly Atkinson, and Dr. Kanani Titchen and student leaders, Yaowaree Leavell, Komal Paladugu, and Megan Reinders.

Please join the PATH on-line community to learn more about what you can do to stop human sex trafficking in your community. www.doc-path.org

AMWA’s Global Health Committee supplies analgesics to Grenada

AMWA’s Global Health Committee under the leadership of Dr. Padmini Murthy and Ambica Nakhadi launched a drive to collect NSAIDS that were shipped to Grenada, where the country was experiencing extreme shortages due to an epidemic of Chikungunya, a mosquito-borne disease that causes significant arthralgia.

Breast Cancer Task Force issues new position paper: Endocrine Disrupters and Breast Cancer Risk

The American Medical Women’s Association and the Breast Cancer Fund collaborated on a position paper that raised concerns about the increasing prevalence of endocrine disrupting compounds (EDCs) in consumer products and the environment. EDCs have been linked to health effects as far ranging as reproductive outcomes, breast cancer, obesity, thyroid disease, and neurodevelopmental and behavioral disorders. The paper explores the rapidly evolving science on EDCs, including concerns about low dose exposures and critical periods of development; approaches to reduce exposures to EDCs among patients and in health care settings; and tips for public education.

This and other AMWA position papers can be viewed here

Ethnic Recipe Cookbook

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee is working on publishing a cookbook celebrating healthy ethnic recipes. Please submit a recipe and be recognized in the cookbook!

More information available here.

Advocacy Report

In the past several months, AMWA has:

- Co-authored an Amicus brief to support the rights of terminally ill New Mexicans.
- Supported HJ Res 56 / Equal Rights Amendment
- Signed on to a letter to CMS regarding CME activities and how they are funded as required by the Sunshine Act.
- Signed on to various letters to the FDA regarding products and treatments under review.
- As a member of the coalition the Patient-Provider Relationship, signed onto a letter indicating disappointment in a Florida ruling which limited gun safety counseling.
- And much more – please visit the AMWA Website -> Advocacy -> Timeline

Diversity and Inclusion Committee: AMWA “Steps Up” in Support of A Safe Haven’s Inaugural Veteran STAND DOWN Event

On July 13, 2014, AMWA Diversity and Inclusion Committee Co-chairs Dr. Neelum Aggarwal and Dr. Vanessa al Rashida led a team of volunteers to help with screening and other services at the inaugural STAND DOWN event in Chicago. The event, sponsored by A Safe Haven Foundation in Chicago, focuses on helping homeless veterans and raising funds to ease the burdens of homelessness. A Safe Haven Foundation assists people who are homeless so that they can be rehabilitated and find resources in order to regain independence.

Many Illinois officials were in attendance along with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, which provided music for the event. It was estimated that about 300 homeless veterans were present. They received health screenings, legal and social services, assistance with IDs and state registrations, educational and employment resources, barber services, numerous personal products, supplies and food.

AMWA’s Corporate Sponsor, INQUARTA, provides Free on-line course and video assessments for pre-med AMWA members. The program, “What Are My Chances? For Medical School Admissions,” is valued at $47.

Click here for more information. (You must be signed in as an AMWA member to view)
AMWA President Dr. Farzanna Haffizulla met with the Prime Minister of her native country Trinidad & Tobago, the honorable Kamla Persad-Bissessar. The Prime Minister lauded Dr. Haffizulla’s book Lead With Your Heart stating “In short, you were able to express, in very relatable terms, the requisite balance to facilitate holistic progress and the innumerable strengths of a woman leader.” Click here to read the letter from Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar to Dr. Haffizulla. Read the letter here.

Honorable Kamla Persad-Bissessar is the first woman Prime Minister in Trinidad. She was also the first woman Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago and has also served as Minister of Legal Affairs and Minister of Education. Throughout her political career, she maintained her passion for women’s political participation, stating that women politicians should contribute to decisions that improve the lives of women and girls. Now, as Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Persad-Bissessar views her role as pivotal in building a society that respects diversity, redresses inequalities, and promotes good governance that tackles corruption and addresses human and citizen security.”

Dr. Julie Welch and Dr. Gayatri Devi were named 2014 winners of the Inspirational Physician Award by the AMA Women’s Physician Section. Dr. Welch is an Emergency Medicine faculty member at IU School of Medicine, is the co-faculty advisor of the student AMWA IU chapter, and the Director of the Women’s Advisory Council for the IU School of Medicine. She has served on the national board of directors for AMWA and has been active on the Gender Equity task force. Dr. Devi is a Neurologist on staff at NYU and an author of The Calm Brain. She has been a mentor to many and as a past president of AMWA, she implemented many changes and worked to be more inclusive of our student members.

AMWA President-Elect Dr. Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber was interviewed about art therapy in medicine. “Art therapy is the engagement with creative activities that can include many different forms. It can be painting, sculpture, drawing, molding, building, etc. It has the potential to contribute toward reducing stress and depression and can alleviate the burden of chronic disease.” Read more here.

She was also featured on blog discussing: Women, Medicine and Family http://www.physicianfamilymedia.org/

Dr. Mini Murthy spoke at the United Nations (UN) as a panelist on the J. Michael Adams Inaugural Series “Women, Science, and our Globalised World” with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon. Watch the panel discussion here.

AMWA President Dr. Haffizulla and Board member Dr. Chemen Tate published articles in the current issue of You and Your Family, a magazine for expectant parents. Read the issue here.

AMWA President, Dr. Haffizulla was featured in the American College of Physicians “My Kind of Medicine” series to young physicians and students. She was awarded the 2014 “volunteerism and community service award” from the Florida chapter of the American College of Physicians.

AMWA Board Member Dr. Chemen Tate was interviewed by Sound Medicine News on the topic of “How do Ob-Gyns decide which medications are OK for pregnancy?” Listen to the interview here.

AMWA member, Dr. Nassim Assefi directed TEDMED 2014, the most ethnically diverse speaker line-up in TEDMED history, with more women than men for the first time in TED history. Dr. Assefi will also be speaking at AMWA’s Centennial Meeting. Read more about it here.

Board Member Dr. Suzanne Leonard Harrison led a group of physicians and students to rural Nicaragua to provide medical care to underserved residents of Los Cedros and Reyes Norte. This is an ongoing medical mission sponsored by Students Interested in Global Health (SIGH) at the Florida State University College of Medicine. The group of three physicians, five medical students and three undergraduates set up clinics in a church in Los Cedros and on an empty road near pastures in the remote village of Reyes Norte. They also made home visits to those residents unable to travel. The group served over 400 patients during their time and helped implement a database for patient care that will serve as an “electronic health record” for future excursions. This medical mission trip was part of a larger project that serves the residents of Los Cedros and surrounding villages by offering medical care four times per year, thus providing an avenue for continuity of care. The medical team included AMWA medical students Kristen Noud, Donya Salmasinia, Caitlin Parks and Heather Cross and AMWA pre-medical students Ashley Kreher, Whitney Davis and Yasmine Humeda. Dr. Jen Packing-Ebuen, who was active in AMWA as a medical student, accompanied the group through a global health elective partnered with her Family Medicine Residency at Florida Hospital in Orlando, Florida.
In Memoriam

In Memoriam – Mr. James Heller

Mr. James Heller was the son of Dr. Anne C. Carter, long-time AMWA member. After his mother’s passing, Mr. Heller continued to honor his mother’s devotion in supporting the medical students of AMWA by generously giving to the student division every year and attending many AMWA meetings over the past few years. His support made possible the Anne C. Carter Global Health Fellowship program and the attendance of so many medical students at the Annual Meeting every year.

James A. Heller, 65, of Westerly and New York, NY, died early Monday morning, at his home, on 2 Bayberry Road. A beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother, he will be remembered for his modesty, kindness, generosity and steadfast devotion to friends and family.

At the time of his death, he was a director of the Moore Company in Westerly, where he had previously served as an executive for more than two decades. He was also a board member and chairman of the audit committee of Premium Power Corporation, an alternative energy company based in Reading, MA, and the owner of Greenville Plate Services of Greenville, TN, a manufacturer of laser plates used in engraving currency.

He was the treasurer and long-time board member of Doing Art Together, a New York City organization that provides studio art instruction to underserved school children.

Born and raised in Manhattan, he was the son of the late William B. and Anne C. Heller. He attended St. Bernard’s School, Middlesex School and Colorado College, where he distinguished himself as editor-in-chief of the student newspaper.

From 1971 to 1984, he worked on the editorial staff of The Reporter Dispatch in White Plains, NY, where he earned an Associated Press award for reporting and later, a second AP award for breaking news for his page one makeup of the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II in May, 1981.

It was during his newspaper stint that he met his future wife, the writer and artist Pamela Markham, who was a reporter at the time. They were married in 1975.

In addition to his wife, Jim is survived by a sister, Susan Klee Heller, of New York, a son, William Benjamin Heller, II, and his wife Rebecca of Brooklyn, NY, and a daughter, Susan H. Taylor and her husband Graham G. Taylor of Cambridge, MA, and grandchildren Madeleine Elizabeth Heller and James Gustavus Taylor.

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AMWA Susan Love Resident Writing Competition

The AMWA Resident Division has initiated a new writing competition for resident members named in honor of Dr. Susan Love, an accomplished physician and author who has had an enormous influence on women’s health.

Contest Rules:

1. Authors must be AMWA-RD members as of July 1, 2014
2. The topic of the piece should be about Women and Medicine.
3. Prose only, no illustrations.
4. The writing submitted must be unique and unpublished in any outlet, including personal blogs.
5. 1000 word limit.

All submissions must be sent to AMWA.RD.ARQ.Competition@gmail.com as a Word document before midnight February 1, 2015. Questions? Please contact Claire Roden, ARQ Chief Editorial Officer, at Claire.roden@gmail.com.

In Memory of a Pioneering Physician

Dr. Charlotte Edwards Maguire, for whom the AMWA Mentorship Registry was named, died in her home on Saturday, December 6, 2014. She was a pediatrician who advocated for children with disabilities and was a generous supporter of medical education. Dr. Maguire attended medical school as the only woman in her class, one of the pioneers who blazed the way for female medical students and physicians in the decades to follow. This amazing woman will be greatly missed but her legacy will continue. Read more here.
In Memoriam

In Memoriam – Dr. Roselyn Payne Epps, MD

Dr. Roselyn Payne Epps, M.D., was the first African American President of AMWA and one who dedicated her life and work to the organization. She will be greatly missed.

Dr. Epps was born in Little Rock, Arkansas. She majored in zoology and chemistry at Howard University, graduating cum laude in 1951, and continued her medical education there, graduating with honors in 1955. After her residency, Dr. Epps spent ten years (1961-1971) at the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health at the D.C. Department of Public Health, where she was medical officer in child health clinics, director of the comprehensive Clinic for Retarded Children, chief of the Infant and Preschool Division, director of the Children and Youth Project, chief of the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, director of Maternal and Child Health and Crippled Children's Services, and chief of the Bureau of Clinical Services. From 1971-1975, she was chief of the Bureau of Hospitals at the D.C. Department of Human Resources, then chief of the Bureau of Clinical Services and in 1980 became acting commissioner of public health.

In 1973, Dr. Epps earned her MPH from Johns Hopkins University. From 1995-1998, she was a scientific program administrator at the National Cancer Institute of the NIH, where she implemented strategies to distribute smoking prevention and cessation information to health professionals. She was also program officer for several research initiatives on cancer screening and diagnosis. Dr. Epps is a professor emerita of Pediatrics and Child Health at Howard University. From 1984-1989, she was chief of its Child Development Division and director of the Child Development Center. She was a senior program advisor to the Howard University Women's Health Institute.

Dr. Epps has authored more than ninety professional articles in peer reviewed publications, including sixteen chapters and books. She co-edited *The Women's Complete Healthbook* (selected by the NY Public Library as one of 1995's most outstanding reference books) and *Developing a Child Care Program*, a guide for hospital and corporate decision-makers, and has written health columns in regional and national newspapers. She has won numerous awards and distinctions.

Dr. Epps married her medical school classmate, Charles H. Epps, Jr., MD, an orthopedic surgeon who was dean of Howard University's College of Medicine and special assistant for health affairs to the president of Howard University. Three of their children earned the MD degree, and one holds an MBA. Dr. Epps is survived by her husband Charles H. Epps, Jr, MD, her daughter Roselyn E. Epps, MD, sons Kenneth C. Epps, MBA (Carrie) and Howard R. Epps, MD (Phyllis), and four grandchildren.

AMWA's Linda Brodsky Memorial Journal

The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) uses the services of the Medical Student Press to publish honorably mentioned submissions to the Linda Brodsky Essay Award.

Dr. Linda Brodsky was a pediatric otolaryngologist in Buffalo, NY and a lifetime member of AMWA. She had been a role model and mentor to many physicians throughout her career. In 2000, she became an activist for fair treatment of women physicians, after winning a lawsuit against her university and local hospital for pay discrimination. Through her business, WomenMDResources, she helped women physicians “get the jobs they want, the pay they deserve, and not become prisoners of their careers.” She was co-chair of the AMWA Gender Equity Task Force with Dr. Gebhard for many years, but passed away in February of 2014 after sustained a subdural hematoma from a fall.

This year’s essay prompt challenged writers to identify a female physician who has been a significant role model or mentor. The competition’s winner and honorably mentioned pieces are featured in AMWA's Linda Brodsky Memorial Journal here.

Volunteer with AMWA

Volunteer to help AMWA with various initiatives and gain valuable leadership experience. We need volunteers to research historical medical women, help our underage drinking campaign, participate in phone banks to increase healthcare plan enrollment, fight human sex trafficking, and promote women’s health and preventive medicine. Interested volunteers can sign up here.
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