



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AMWA

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Get Ready for 1988 Meetings

One of the best rewards of membership in a professional association like AMWA is the chance to come together once or twice a year with peers from all specialties and all parts of the country. AMWA's national meetings offer opportunities for networking, education, stimulating conversation, and relaxation that just aren't available in any other setting. And for women in such male-dominated fields as medicine, the meetings of an organization like AMWA can become real life-savers—"the best preventive medicine you can get," according to Program Chair Leah Dickstein, MD.

AMWA's 1988 meetings—Interim June 17 to 19 in Nashville and Annual November 2 to 6 in Chicago—are already coming together. Plans made so far will convince you that there are two super meetings ahead. The Interim Meeting is traditionally a business meeting. AMWA committees, task forces, and the Executive Board will all have full agendas before them in their meetings on Friday and Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon, participants will have a choice of four workshops, all of them with *practical* themes: climbing the academic ladder, increasing visibility for AMWA, involving more women in national medical societies, and developing an effective regional board.

Saturday evening, AMWA members will tour Nashville and relax over dinner on a riverboat. The meeting will close with a Sunday morning CME session on a difficult, but timely topic: women, children and AIDS.

The Annual Meeting offers the best opportunity for members to experience *all* that AMWA has to offer. And in 1988, the Program Committee has made a special effort to create a schedule that keeps busy physicians and medical students in mind and minimizes time away from home, office and school. "If you can spare a three-day weekend," said Dr. Dickstein, "you can attend workshops, the House of Delegates, luncheons and dinners, and a major CME program. And, in the process, have an experience you'll never forget."

Workshops scheduled for Friday and Saturday include sessions on job opportunities, how to motivate and recruit new members, and program planning, among others. The Osteoporosis Task Force will have its debut with a morning-long session and both the Leadership and Anti-Smoking Task Forces will sponsor workshops. On Sunday morning, speakers at the CME plenary will take up women and AIDS.

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Strategic Plan Updated

In 1984 AMWA undertook the arduous but exhilarating process of strategic planning. At the end of that two-year-long effort, with mission statement in hand, a strategic plan was drafted that has guided and focused AMWA's activities for the past two years. In August 1987, the Strategic Planning Committee met to review existing programs and to consider proposals for new projects and directions. A newly updated plan was presented to the Executive Board and House of Delegates at the 1987 Annual Meeting.

AMWA's Antismoking Agenda

The Anti-Smoking Task Force has worked hard and been remarkably successful. In order to expand on accomplishments made so far, the Task Force has created five working subgroups or sections, and increased its womanpower substantially.

Mary Ann Cromer, MD, who has headed the Task Force for the past two years, will team up with new Co-Chair Sally Faith Dorfman, MD. Three of the five sections will focus on the Task Force's original concerns; the prevention section will be chaired by Nancy Church, a past regional student coordinator; the cessation section by Karen Kolba, MD, an internist from Santa Maria, California; and a section on legislation (smoke-free policies) by Dr. Cromer.

To handle the extensive media attention the Task Force has generated, a section chaired by Dr. Dorfman has been drafted to work with the existing Publicity and Public Relations Committee. Finally, under the direction of Nancy Beecher, MD, a Minnesota family practitioner, the fifth section will compile a multi-faceted, action oriented book on women and smoking. Each Task Force member will be asked to specialize in one section.

The Orlando Annual Meeting was the scene of the "Dumb, Dirty, Deadly" publicity campaign launching. The royal blue T-shirts proclaiming "Smoking is dumb, dirty, deadly" on the front and detailing just how dangerous on the back, was an instant hit—with AMWA members *and* the dozens of other hotel guests who purchased all the extras. (To order your T-shirt, see details on page 7.)

Leadership Task Force Expands

The Leadership Task Force also has new co-chairs. Leadership efforts will be coordinated in 1988 by AMWA's President-

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1988 Meetings, *continued*

AMWA members are not afraid to work hard, but they also know the importance of time for relaxation. Mentor breakfasts, luncheons in the exhibit hall, the welcome reception and president's banquet all provide time for informal conversation, catching up with distant friends, and meeting new people. These social gatherings offer unique opportunities for networking and making new contacts and are, in a sense, the real heart of any AMWA meeting.

Speaker confirmations and workshop titles are still being firmed up for both meetings, but that's no reason not to mark your calendars now. "Just try it once," said Dr. Dickstein. "Your time and expenses for the meeting will repay you immediately and throughout your career."

Strategic Plan, *continued*

Elect Lila Wallis, MD, and Laila Alidina, MD, Florida's state director. Clair Callan, MD, and Linda Brzustowicz, MD, remain as co-chairs of section I on multispecialty organizations. Anne Bernstein, MD, of section II on academia, has been joined by Co-Chair Glenda Donoghue, MD, of the State University of New York at Buffalo, and Antoinette Eaton, MD, will co-chair the specialty society section (III) with Marylou Buyse, MD.

Two new sections have been added to the original three. Section IV, devoted to training in skills required for leadership in AMWA, will be co-chaired by Suzanne Widrow, MD, Membership Committee chair, and Ruth Weeks, MD, governor of Region III. Section V was created to encompass the Leadership Forum and integrate its work with that of the Task Force. The Forum is co-chaired by Immediate Past President Mary Jane England, MD; Carol Nadelson, MD; and Eugenia Marcus, MD.

Task Force members met on December 16, 1987, to make plans for future projects. A number of leadership workshops will be offered at the 1988 Interim and Annual Meetings. AMWA members who would like to get involved with the Task Force or any of its subsections should call or write Patricia Milman at the national office.

Future Directions

As part of its August 1987 deliberations, the Strategic Planning Committee decided it was time to add another priority to AMWA's women's health agenda. A new Osteoporosis Task Force will get off the ground in 1988 under the direction of Co-Chairs Ruth Ann Fitzpatrick, MD, and Rosalind Shorestein, MD.

Two other areas of major importance to AMWA are still on the drawing board. An Ad Hoc Committee on Dependent Care has been formed with Roselyn Epps, MD, as chair. The Committee's charge is to research the issue and develop an action agenda for Executive Board consideration. The Ad Hoc Committee to Develop a Legislative Internship in Washington, DC is chaired by Eugenia Marcus, MD. The Committee will explore options for AMWA members, probably students, to intern in Congressional offices.

Orlando Meeting a Success

AMWA is coming into its own. And that was never more evident than at the 1987 Annual Meeting. A clear sign of AMWA's growing stature can be found in the number of women leaders of national standing who joined us in Orlando. National Public Radio political commentators Cokie Roberts and Linda Wertheimer, who shared the keynote spot at the opening session, had good news and bad news: women legislators are making a big difference, but there aren't enough of them. Theirs was only the first of several pleas for political action on the part of AMWA members.

Past national president of NOW Eleanor Smeal made a special trip to Orlando to engage AMWA members in her new campaign: electing a precedent-setting number of women to political office in 1988. Representative Patricia Schroeder, (D-CO), our most distinguished guest, spoke to AMWA members twice about the prospects for legislation affecting women and children. She reminded her audience of the respect and influence they have as physicians and urged them to make their voices heard via lobbying and voting. Representative Schroeder also recommended a more direct approach. "A lot of you ought to run for office," she said.

Another highlight of the Orlando meeting was Saturday's plenary session on AMWA's antismoking agenda. Participants were treated to rabble-raising speeches by antitobacco activists Alan Blum, MD, of DOC (Doctors Ought to Care) and John Banzhaf of ASH (Action on Smoking and Health). Dr. Blum concentrated on the insidiousness of cigarette ads and the value of counteradvertising while Mr. Banzhaf, an attorney, described legal efforts to keep cigarette smoke out of public places.

Committee members, delegates, and the Executive Board all put in long hours on AMWA business in Orlando. Big items on the agenda of President Doris G. Bartuska, MD, and her committees will include relocating the national office and hiring a new executive director as well as moving ahead on membership drives, leadership training, and women's health issues. For a full report on all meeting events, see the January/February 1988 *JAMWA*.



AMWA members pose in the Dumb, Dirty, Deadly T-shirt.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

Compromise Reached on FMLA

After several months of negotiating, members of the House Education and Labor Committee have reached a significant bipartisan compromise on the Family and Medical Leave Act (HR 925). As originally introduced by Representatives Patricia Schroeder (D-CO) and Bill Clay (D-MO), the FMLA would have covered all employers with 15 or more employees. The new bill will affect only those employers with 50 or more workers for the first three years and thereafter will cover businesses with 35 or more workers.

The second compromise made is in the amount of leave guaranteed. The original allowances of 18 weeks over a two-year period for family leave and 26 weeks for medical leave have been reduced to 10 and 15 weeks respectively. Family leave may be taken for the birth or adoption of a child and the serious illness of a child or parent, and all leave is unpaid. Employees qualify for the leave only if they work more than 20 hours a week and have been on the job for a year.

AMWA supports the compromise. Members should write their representatives *now*, since a House vote is expected in March (U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515). According to Representative Schroeder's office, there may be trouble in the Senate in the form of a bill with even weaker guarantees. AMWA members should write members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources (U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510) urging them to support the House version. The Committee members are: Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Claiborne Pell (D-RI), Howard Metzenbaum (D-OH), Spark Matsunaga (D-HI), Christopher Dodd (D-CT), Paul Simon (D-IL), Tom Harkin (D-IA), Brock Adams (D-WA), and Barbara Mikulski (D-MD); Orrin Hatch (R-UT), Robert Stafford (R-VT), Dan Quayle (R-IN), Strom Thurmond (R-SC), Lowell Weicker

(R-CT), Thad Cochran (R-MS), and Gordon Humphrey (R-NH).

Title X Regulations Opposed

As we went to press on this issue, the Department of Health and Human Services announced its intention to implement new restrictive regulations for distribution of funds under Title X of the Public Health Service Act—over the objections of AMWA, the AMA, ACOG, and dozens of other organizations.

Current rules prohibit using the funds for abortions, but new proposals are even more restrictive. They will prevent clinics receiving Title X funds from providing abortion counseling or referrals and will force clinics that offer abortion related services to keep those services "entirely distinct and separate, financially and physically" from federally funded programs.

The ACLU, APHA, and Planned Parenthood of New York filed suit on February 2, arguing that the regulations violate the intent of Congress and unconstitutionally restrict the rights of patients and physicians. AMWA supports the suit.

AMWA Joins Amicus Brief

AMWA has joined 32 other medical, religious, civil rights, and women's organizations in an amicus curiae brief petitioning the District of Columbia Court of Appeals to rehear in full court a precedent-setting case. The case involved a terminally ill pregnant woman who was forced by hospital administrators to have a cesarean section against her own wishes and those of her family and doctors. When the lower court refused to stay the procedure, the Court of Appeals held a hasty, emergency hearing. It also refused to grant the stay.

The ruling, the brief argues, contradicts existing law in a number of areas. First, the appellant's right to refuse medical care is well established, and limited under the law neither by her pregnancy nor by her terminal illness. Second, the panel "thought it was balancing two *equal* interests—that of the living mother and of her fetus." Numerous Supreme Court decisions have established that a fetus is not a person under the law and that when interests conflict, the pregnant woman's are paramount.

AMWA members have personal interests in this case both as physicians and as women. As the brief argues, "the precedent laid down by the panel . . . will improperly elevate to ultimate decision-making authority those not best equipped to make such decisions and will subordinate in the decision making those most knowledgeable, i.e., the physicians, and most directly affected, i.e., the individual patient."

Boycott the Smoky Skies of American

On January 1, 1988, a California law banning cigarette smoking on all intrastate flights went into effect. American Airlines has refused to comply. Arguing that federal law supercedes state regulations, American executives say they will wait for the April 22 effective date of a federal law prohibiting smoking on all flights of two hours or less.

In the meantime, California fliers, antismoking activists, and AMWA members have gone into action. A sharply worded letter from AMWA's California leadership was sent to American president Robert Crandall. In addition to boycotting American's California flights, *all* AMWA members are urged to avoid American Airlines for travel *anywhere*. We must send a clear message that nonsmokers will not tolerate this flagrant disregard for our health (not to mention the law).

If you'd like to add your own protest to the "official" one from AMWA, you can write Mr. Crandall at American Airlines, PO Box 619616, 4-D26, Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport, Dallas, TX 75261-9616.

STUDENT SENATE

Regional Notes

Mary Bongiovi (Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons)

Region I, Jennifer McCullen (617-387-5456)—In an effort to maintain branch continuity, Jennifer is working with the students at U Mass to get a permanent faculty sponsor. Schools in the Boston area are working on a two-day conference on stress reduction strategies. Jennifer is planning a regional conference for the spring.

Region II, Margie Divish (212-824-5996)—Margie is contemplating having a two-day regional conference in New York City. She will be surveying the branch presidents to see if they like the idea and if so will ask for suggestions for a good time to have it.

Region III, Ilene Katz (215-574-9119)—A "Take a Student to Lunch" program was initiated at Hahnemann. Ilene is planning a regional conference in the Philadelphia area in the early spring.

Region IV, Maureen Boehm (216-678-5486)—Maureen has targeted Case Western Reserve and the University of Louisville for reactivation. If anyone there would like to help restart a branch please contact Maureen. Plans for a summer regional conference in Louisville, Kentucky are underway. This will be the first conference for this region, so let's try to

make it a successful one!

Region V, Pam Farmer (919-758-4043)—Pam is in the process of reactivating branches at Duke, Chapel Hill, and the Medical College of Georgia. She has contacts only at the latter, so if you would like to help her with this endeavor, please call her.

Region VI, Veena Nath (313-769-1698)—A networking brunch was held at the U of Michigan for their students and those from Michigan State and Wayne State. Eugenia Marcus, MD, was the keynote speaker.

Region VII, Karen Shepherd (501-227-0863)—Karen ran a regional conference in November at which Jocelyn Elders, MD, the first black woman health director, spoke on how women can strengthen their roles in the medical profession. She implored the students to be "bold"—the secret of her success. Karen is focusing on reactivating a branch at Vanderbilt. We look forward to meeting the members of the Vanderbilt and Meharry branches at the Interim Meeting in Nashville.

Region VIII, Kathy Richmond (515-279-2699)—Kathy sent a newsletter to all branch presidents in her region. She is planning a regional conference on "AIDS and the Health Care Worker" in Kansas City in September. Come join her at the home city of our Director of Students Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD.

Region IX, Susan Cauley (713-726-1648)—Susan is contacting all the branch presidents in Region IX and would like input on strategies to increase communication among schools. She is concerned that all you AMWA members in Lubbock feel isolated. Give her a call with your suggestions.

Region X, Anita Wyatt (503-248-2932)—Judith Lorber, PhD, will speak in Portland on "Women's Place in Medicine." Anita is planning a regional conference in the spring in Portland and encourages AMWA members from Seattle to attend. Anita hopes that all the WAMIs feel welcome at their new branches as they move about in their clinical years. If you have any comments or suggestions on how this transition can be made more easily, don't hesitate to touch base with her.

Region XI, Stephanie Dyer (702-348-7616)—Stephanie is targeting branches at the Universities of New Mexico and Colorado for reactivation. She lacks a contact at the former so please call her if you are interested in participating.

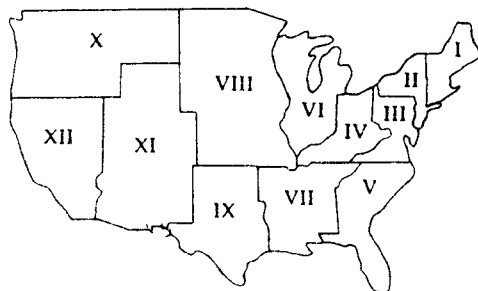
Region XII, Barbara Robinson (415-325-8672)—Barbara has targeted UC—Davis and UCSF for reactivation. If anyone at either school has interest in this revitalization effort please get in touch with Barbara. A regional conference at UCLA is in the planning stages.

Consortium Offers Opportunities

Tien-Bao Chao (Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons)

The Consortium of Medical Student Organizations, to which AMWA belongs, is composed of leaders from the major national medical student organizations. The purpose of the Consortium is to speak for medical students in a unified voice on matters of importance to us. Some issues we are currently addressing include a proposal to put the National Boards Part I on a pass/fail basis and an assessment of the prevalence of discriminatory questions asked during residency interviews.

The Consortium also provides an opportunity to exchange information



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II NJ, NY III DE, DC, MD, PA, VA

IV KY, OH, WV

V FL, GA, NC, SC, PR

VI IL, IN, MI, WI

VII AL, AR, LA, MS, TN

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XII CA, HI

Message from the Director of Students



As the new AMWA director of students, I consider this position a most vital key to the future of this organization. As more women students gain acceptance to medical schools, AMWA, the only organization committed to women in all phases of their medical careers, must attract and be responsible to them. This is a very exciting challenge. Working with energetic and creative students will make my term as student director a productive partnership.

Student branch development must continue. Student delegate participation at the national level is a responsibility that must be taken seriously. The student vote is student power—use it wisely. Networking, mentoring, and training are necessary to the development of future leaders—in AMWA, in academia, in organized medicine, and in places of work.

The newly elected national student coordinators, Mary Bongiovi and Tien-Bao Chao, will work together to achieve the goals we have set for this year. Student regional coordinators were also elected at the Orlando meeting; they are our best representatives to the 12 regions and will serve us well. The student reporters, who are now a press corps of four, will ensure broad coverage of student activities in *JAMWA*.

I will use this column as a forum to communicate events, creative ideas, and developments that concern women medical students.

—Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, MD

on programs offered by the different organizations. The Association of Native American Medical Students (ANAMS) reports that students are always welcome members of the team in the Indian Health Service clerkships. Students are given substantial responsibility and may also receive room and board as well as a stipend. Clerkships in family practice, medicine, and ob/gyn are available in such places as Alaska and Arizona. For more information contact Hazel Black at 301-443-4242.

AMSA has an International Health Fellowship program that places students in Nigeria and Ghana for one-year fellowships carrying a \$5,000 to \$6,000 stipend. For information, call Dorothy Culjat at 703-620-6600. AMSA also offers a Health Promotion, Disease Prevention Project through which students work in community and migrant health centers in medically underserved inner cities or rural areas for six to eight weeks. Students receive \$175 per week to develop and complete a health project, such as teenage pregnancy or diabetes education. Interested students may call the HPDP Project at 703-620-6600.

Student Award Winners

Winners of several AMWA student awards have been chosen. The Medical Opportunities and Practice Committee bestowed the 1987 Janet M. Glasgow Award on Colleen Keleher. The Southern Illinois University School of Medicine sophomore received a \$1,000 grant to "assist in completing your medical education."

There were two recipients of 1987 AWHs Travel Grants. Patricia Ruze, a second-year student at Dartmouth Medical School, received support for her trip to South Africa, where she worked in a hospital in one of the black homelands. Ms. Ruze wants to practice in a developing country someday and has received a valuable education in third world medical problems. The other recipient was a member-in-training, Allison Batchelor, MD. Dr. Batchelor studied geriatrics at Oxford University.

The winner of the 1987 Carroll Birch Award, given by AMWA's Branch 2 for the best scientific research paper, is Lisa A. Strano. A student at the State University of New York at Buffalo, Lisa's winning paper is entitled

"Pathophysiology of Beta Thalassemia in Mice with Emphasis on Iron Deposition." Congratulations!

Annual Meeting Brings Change

Decisions, decisions, decisions. Hundreds of them are made at every Annual Meeting and at the 1987 gathering in Orlando, they brought some meaningful changes for students, starting with dues. The student life membership was raised from \$35 to \$40, but the *JAMWA* subscription that comes with it was increased from one year to four. All current life members will be "grandmothered in" and will have their *JAMWA* subscriptions extended automatically. The \$10 year-by-year membership will be phased out.

Another change, one that students have proposed before, will aid student branch development. An "academic associate membership" category was created for PhD medical school faculty members who want to sponsor student branches. This will be a real boon for those students who can't find a regular physician member to be the on campus sponsor.

The Student Loans, Fellowships and Grants Committee announced that it plans to change AMWA's loan guidelines. The Committee wants to increase the amount loaned to \$2,000 and limit borrowing to \$4,000 per student. Given the cost of medical education today, the larger loan will be much more helpful. The change will not be fully implemented until 1989.

Ironically, student members had their strongest showing in a resolution before the House of Delegates that *didn't* pass. The motion to admit men into AMWA, long sought by students, lost in a tie vote. It was a suspenseful moment as those last "nays" were counted, and it showed graphically how much student influence has grown.

For a full report on all aspects of the Annual Meeting, see the January/February *JAMWA*.

Membership Efforts Continue

A targeted membership drive has just gone out to women physicians across the country. Because we can't cross check the AMA mailing list with our own, AMWA members will also receive the letter from President Doris G. Bartuska, MD. *Don't toss it out*—save the brochure and use it to approach your nonmember colleagues. Returns from the first drive (September) are encouraging, with more than 500 new members so far. But we still have a long way to go to meet 1988 targets, so let's all make a New Year's resolution to recruit at least two new members.

AMWA members in New Jersey, the Chicago, San Francisco, and Washington, DC areas have a double motivation: women physicians in those areas received a second letter in their mailings. Presidents of those branches sent personal notes urging women to become part of the local branch as well as of the national organization.

Student members should also be ready to follow up on a mailing that went to all first-year women medical students. They need to know that participation in AMWA will make their student years more meaningful and that they are needed to help build the only national organization representing women in medicine—AMWA!

New Insurance Plan Offered

The special enrollment period for AMWA's Group Term Life Insurance Plan has begun and will run through March 1, 1988. During this time, all members and their spouses under age 60 who are actively working at least 30 hours a week are eligible to apply. Coverage from \$10,000 to \$250,000 is available in increments of \$10,000. The plan is renewable to age 80, at which time it can be converted to a whole-life policy.

Two cost-cutting measures have been established for this plan: A substantial discount for those selecting \$100,000

of coverage or more and an additional reduction for nonsmokers. Actual savings will depend on the amount of coverage and the age of the applicant, but discounts can be as high as 45%.

A waiver of premium during disability is also part of this coverage. Insureds who become totally disabled for at least six consecutive months before age 60 will not be required to pay any further premiums for as long as the disability continues.

All eligible members will receive complete information on the Group Term Life Insurance Plan. Applications should be returned by March 1, 1988. For further details contact Albert H. Wohlers, Administrator, AMWA Group Insurance Plans, 1500 Higgins Rd, Park Ridge, IL 60068-5750 or call toll free 800-323-2106; in Illinois 312-698-2221.

AWHS Raises Funds

In December, you received a holiday appeal from AWHS. No doubt you received many other requests at the same time. But this one is special. The AWHS represents women physicians working together to support sorely needed health care services for indigent women and children around the coun-

Election Results: State Directors

Alabama: Ann Ferguson, MD
Alaska: Lydia Eastburn, MD
Arizona: Sheila J. Gately, MD
Arkansas: Debra H. Fiser, MD
California: Jenny Batongmalaque, MD
Colorado: Angeline D. Heaton, MD
Florida: Laila W. Alidina, MD
Illinois: Mary-Jane Jensen, MD
Indiana: Michelle Cloud, MD
Iowa: Lila Z. Furman, MD
Kansas: Maxine T. Brillhart, MD
Massachusetts: Susan Strahosky, MD
Michigan: Janet Rose Osuch, MD
Minnesota: Nancy B. Beecher, MD
Mississippi: Nina B. Goss-Moffitt, MD
Montana: Georgia B. Nolph, MD
Nebraska: Kay M. Schilling, MD

try and the world. If you were too busy during the holidays to stop and make a gift, send a check now—it's never too late.

Another way for you to help is through the quilt raffle, organized each year by AWHs Chair Anne L. Barlow, MD. To help with the 1988 Annual Meeting in Chicago, call or write Dr. Barlow at 856 Grove Ave, Flourtown, PA 19031; 215-233-4069.

Late News: Relocation

At a meeting on January 16, 1988, AMWA's Executive Board heard the report of a relocation consultant and accepted the recommendation of its own committee to move the national office to Alexandria, Virginia, just outside the nation's capitol. After investigating options for AMWA in New York, Washington, and Chicago, the committee recommended the move to the DC area. They felt, and the Executive Board agreed, that the move will put AMWA in closer association with other national medical and women's organizations and improve implementation of the strategic plan. Watch future issues of the newsletter and *JAMWA* for details.

Nevada: Joan D. Brookhyser, MD
New Jersey: Rita R. Newman, MD
New Mexico: Laura K. Shapiro, MD
New York: Emma K. Harrod, MD
North Carolina: Lesly Tamarin Mega, MD
North Dakota: Jane Dietz, MD
Oklahoma: Loretta G. Engles, MD
Oregon: Marion L. Krippaehne, MD
South Dakota: Rose F. Faithe, MD
Tennessee: Julia Sawyers, MD
Texas: Susan Kay Sparkman, MD
Washington: Michelle Asmuth, MD
West Virginia: Josefina Q. Marcelo, MD
Wisconsin: Kathryn C. Bemmman, MD
Wyoming: Kathi Clement, MD

Bulletin Board

Dumb, Dirty, Deadly

Want to make a fashion statement that really says something? Order your "Dumb, Dirty, Deadly" T-shirt today. The front of the royal blue shirt (extra large only) announces "Smoking is Dumb, Dirty, Deadly" and a list on the back identifies a plethora of hazards. Shirts ordered singly or in small quantities (fewer than ten) are \$10 each; branches can bulk order them as a fund raiser for \$7 each. Send your order to AMWA T-shirt, 465 Grand St, New York, NY 10002.



Calling All Editors

Do you edit your AMWA branch newsletter? Would you like to communicate with other newsletter editors, share ideas, pass on or pick up tips? If so, join the branch newsletter network being formed by Publications Committee Chair Jean Fourcroy, MD. To participate, just send your name and address to Dr. Fourcroy and add her name to your newsletter mailing list. Her address: Jean Fourcroy, MD, 6310 Swords Way, Bethesda, MD 20817.

Bed and Breakfast

The administration of AMWA's Bed and Breakfast program has changed, but the service is still dedicated to offering members free—and homey—accommodations. Enormous thanks are due to volunteer coordinator Fredrica Sprayregen, who really got the program off the ground. Because Ms. Sprayregen can no longer handle the volume of calls, operations have been transferred to the national office. To find a home away from home for your next trip, call 212-533-5104; try to give national office staff at least four weeks notice. And bon voyage!

CME for Branch Programs

AMWA branches are encouraged to

submit applications for CME accreditation of their programs. The process has been made as simple as possible to encourage participation and to insure eligibility for credit. Call Patricia Milman at the national office (212-477-3788) to request the necessary forms and instructions.

Heard Any Good Jokes?

Wanted: items of medical humor that include women physicians for collection to be made into slide show or display. These items may be cartoons, quips, or other items. Please send to: Eugenia Marcus, MD, 2000 Washington St, Newton, MA 02162.

AMWA Co-Sponsors Events

In line with its new focus on osteoporosis, AMWA has joined nearly 50 other organizations in co-sponsoring National Osteoporosis Prevention Week. Slated to begin on Mother's Day, the event will run from May 8 to 14, 1988, under the direction of the National Osteoporosis Foundation.

Educational kits have been prepared with materials geared for three age groups: young and teenage women, adults, and seniors. Materials may be copied as necessary for distribution and adapted for different communities and patient populations.

To order your kit send \$5 to National Osteoporosis Prevention Week, National Osteoporosis Foundation, 1625 Eye St NW, Suite 822, Washington DC 20006.

AMWA has also lent its support to the National Council on Women in Medicine's third Women's Health Day. Scheduled for April 16, 1988, the one-day educational program will address a very timely topic: "Sexuality Today: Joys and Dilemmas for Today's Woman," and will be held at New York University Medical School. For registration information, contact the National Council on Women in Medicine, Room D 115, Cornell University Medical College, 1300 York Ave, New York, NY 10021; or call 212-517-6128.

Kudos for Baby Togs

If you're a regular reader of the Sunday *New York Times Magazine*, you couldn't have missed it. "Four out of five doctors recommend Baby Togs for their children" read the headline. And every one of the physicians pictured was a woman. AMWA's Executive Board was so pleased with the positive image of women physicians portrayed in the ad, it voted to recognize Baby Togs in the first of a planned series of such commendations. Congratulations!

Run for AMWA Office

Ready to throw your hat into the ring? The Nominating Committee is on the lookout for qualified, motivated, and willing candidates. Offices open in 1988 include president-elect, vice-president, secretary, councilor of organization, director of members-in-training, and the member-in-training member of the Executive Board. Send a copy of your CV and a letter stating which office you'd like to run for and why to: Nominating Committee, AMWA, 465 Grand St, New York, NY 10002.

MAIL TO: AMERICAN MEDICAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
465 GRAND ST., NEW YORK, NY 10002

SPECIALTY BOARD CERTIFICATION(S) _____

LICENSE(S) _____

SPECIALTY(S) _____

MEDICAL SCHOOL _____ YEAR _____

PHONE (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

ADDRESS _____

NAME _____

AMWA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Local Dues

Exp. Date _____

(\$40 minimum charge)

VISA/MC # _____

Check Enclosed

four years \$35 (includes one year's subscription to *Journal*)

one year \$10 (does not include *Journal*)

Student Member

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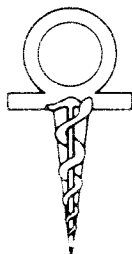
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