AMWA Annual Report 2014

December 2014

Leadership

2014 has been an exciting year under the leadership of AMWA Presidents Dr. Eleni Tousimis (2013-14) and Dr. Farzanna Haffizulla (2014-15). Please enjoy this report highlighting AMWA's accomplishments over the past year.

Anti-Trafficking

AMWA's anti-trafficking committee, Physicians Against the Trafficking of Humans (PATH) published a Position Paper on the Sex Trafficking of Women and Girls and launched a web-based educational tool available to healthcare professionals at www.doc-path.org. PATH has formed 3 dedicated sub-committees on Advocacy, Education and Outreach and has held webinars to increase awareness and provide education. PATH is now hosting a nationwide clothing drive for survivors with donations to local shelters.

Gender Equity

The Gender Equity Task Force has conducted research on workplace bullying that has been presented at national meetings. Over $15K has been raised through the Dr. Linda Brodksy Memorial Fund to continue the work of the GETF's much revered former co-chair. AMWA will host and maintain the website created by Dr. Brodsky as a resource for women: www.womenmdresources.com.

99th Anniversary Meeting in DC

AMWA's 99th anniversary meeting in Washington DC at the elegant Ritz Carlton was filled with education, inspiration, and networking. The meeting opened with Advocacy Day on the Hill with visits to Congressional offices. The CME program included sessions with NIH directors, deans, executives, and nationally renowned experts in medicine. Dr. Bernice Sandler, godmother of Title IX, shared her insights on gender equality. The 99th Anniversary Gala at the Museum for Women in the Arts featured Arianna Huffington, founder of the Huffington Post, and museum founder Wilhelmina Holliday.

Top: Dr. Bernice Sandler

L: Arianna Huffington

R: AMWA Leaders

Preventive Medicine

The Preventive Medicine Task Force has created a mobile-based phone app that will provide a central hub for on-line health resources. Together with Mission Critical Health, the task force is also planning a series of public service television messages on disease prevention and healthy living to promote the Surgeon General's National Prevention Strategy (NPS). Other accomplishments have included health symposiums, educational pamphlets, a position paper on cardiovascular risk factor screening in adults, and partnerships with professional societies and national coalitions.

Diversity & Inclusion

AMWA's Diversity and Inclusion Committee was founded under the leadership of Dr. Neelum Aggarwal, Chief Diversity Officer to foster the leadership of women and minorities. The committee has collected recipes for an ethnic cookbook celebrating diversity in AMWA, participated in local events to support the disadvantaged, and hosted a webinar highlighting career paths of military women in medicine. More work is planned for 2015 to highlight diversity in medicine.

AMWA's Centennial Meeting

April 23-26, 2015 The Palmer House Hilton Chicago, IL

Bertha Van Hoosen Home Tour Career Development Pre-course

Special Guests Olympian Katie Hoff & Best-Selling Authors Nicholas Kristof & Sheryl WuDunn

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American Women's Hospitals

AMWA's charitable arm, the American Women's Hospitals Service (AWHS) supports 7 medical facilities worldwide for the underserved - Hopital Bon Samaritain (Haiti), Clinic Nepal (Nepal), Engeye Clinic (Uganda), Day Spring Family Health Center (Kentucky/Tennessee), Marian Clinic (Kansas), Samaritan Clinic (Georgia), and Sacred Valley (Peru). Travel grants have allowed students and residents to serve in India, Ecuador, Kenya, Zambia, Haiti, Uganda, and Sierra Leone. Community Project grants also encourage member advocacy and community empowerment. The AWHS newsletter "Postcards" was founded to share our students' work and experiences around the world.

AMWA Residency Division

The Residency Division continues to grow under the leadership of Dr. Tara Lynch. Expanded leadership positions have created a stronger support network and will help establish local branches. Work has continued on the PATH initiative with a clothing drive to help victims of trafficking. Another focus has been fitness and nutrition – with the first annual resident fitness challenge and a fitness / nutrition manual. Publication opportunities include the AMWA Resident Quarterly (ARQ) and the newly launched Dr. Susan Love Essay Contest.

AMWA Residency Division

The AMWA Student Division, under the leadership of Jackie Wong, continued to expand with a 13% increase in membership. The Premedical Student Division was also created to recognize the efforts of hardworking premedical students nationwide. This year further heralded the publication of the first annual Linda Brodsky Essay competition through MSPress, increased leadership through student co-chairs on each nationwide committee, and the revitalization of our mentorship platform. A monthly Student Newsletter keeps members informed about these monthly programs and opportunities. The Student Division also promoted Domestic Violence Awareness Month across its branches nationwide and created a CrowdFunding Campaign to continue to increase funding and support for its members.

Other 2014 Highlights

- Affiliate Membership Program launched with the American College of Physicians.
- Breast Cancer Task Force co-authors position paper on endocrine dysfunction and breast cancer risk.
- Advocacy work to support women's health, patient safety, and healthcare reform
- Branch Development with recruitment of regional governors, IRS group exemption application so that branches can attain non-profit status, and no-fee bank accounts for AMWA Branches through Wells Fargo.
- Over 100 AMWA leaders attended the Interim Meeting which revitalized the organization's strategic plans and goals.
- Meehan and Xpu Foundation Grants support the American Women's Hospitals Service and AMWA's Anti-Trafficking Initiative.
- AMWA works in the following coalitions: Coalition to Protect the Provider-Patient Relationship, Commission to End Healthcare Disparities (CEHCD) and the Patient, Consumer, and Public Health Coalition
- AMWA helps encourage healthcare enrollment as a Champion for Coverage. AMWA meets with officials at the HHS, including Secretary Sylvia Burwell and Acting Surgeon General Boris Lushniak.
- AMWA helps lead planning for a Sex and Gender Medical Education Summit in 2015. AMWA students participate in a national survey on sex and gender specific medicine.
- New Mentoring Program on-line platform
- New website and member database platform
- AMWA Fellowship Program founded.
- Diversity and Inclusion Initiative established.
- AMWA's Corporate Advisory Board expanded to include expertise in finance, fine arts, legal, ethics, and technology/web
- Task Force to establish exhibition honoring Women Physicians in World War I
- Underage Drinking Initiative
- Linda Brodsky Memorial Journal founded.

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Plans for 2015

Journal of the American Medical Women's Association (JAMWA) in digital format

AMWA Centennial Book

AMWA Traveling Exhibit

AMWA Co-Sponsored Sex and Gender Medical Education Summit

Establishing a network for student branch faculty advisors

Expansion of *Faces of AMWA*, AMWA's on-line exhibition

Women in Crisis Initiative

Increased Member Benefits

Centennial Interim Meeting – September 2015 – Washington DC

Advocacy Day 2015

Pre-Med Division Expansion – Election of the 1st Pre-Med President

Education initiative on environment toxins and their health effects

Read AMWA Connections

Read AMWA Newsflash

Visit the *Faces of AMWA* Exhibition

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