

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

➤ *Ann Hanson, Jefferson City* ◀

Your membership matters to the Alliance of the Missouri Dental Association. Thank you to everyone who said YES to the Alliance of the MDA in 2007. Yes by paying your dues. Yes by donating your time and energy to the statewide alliance projects. And, yes to sponsoring projects in your own communities.

Please check out the Alliance page on the all-new MDA website, just launched January 2008 ([www.modental.org](http://www.modental.org)). Thanks to the MDA Board and staff for making this and other Alliance projects possible.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or suggestions you might have. Remember, this is your Alliance. There is always a new way to look at things. I would encourage everyone to get involved. The Alliance needs you!

## ALLIANCE CALENDAR

➤ *Make Plans to Attend* ◀

**January 18, 2008** | AMDA Display at the MDA Winter Session in Columbia

**February 19, 2008** | AMDA Legislative Day at the MDA Office/Capitol in Jefferson City

**April 16-19, 2008** | AADA Conference at the Westin St. Louis Hotel in St. Louis

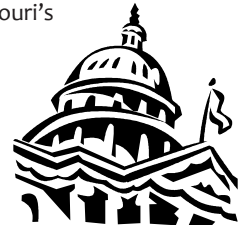
**June 26-28, 2008** | Missouri/Kansas Heart of America Dental Symposium at the Chateau on the Lake Resort in Branson

**October 15-16, 2008** | AADA Convention (ADA Annual Session) in San Antonio, Texas

**November 7 or 8, 2008** | AMDA Annual Meeting (MDA House of Delegates) in Jefferson City

## AMDA LEGISLATIVE DAY: FEBRUARY 19

Join us as the AMDA shares the MDA legislative message with Missouri's General Assembly. We will meet at the MDA office at 9 a.m. Aaron Washburn, legislative director, will go over key talking points. We'll then head to the Capitol to hand out dental health kits and deliver our message. When finished, we'll return the MDA office to share lunch and our experiences. We need everyone's help, so please plan to attend. RSVP to Ann Hanson if you'll be joining us.



## AADA CONFERENCE: APRIL 16 – 19

Join the Alliance of the American Dental Association at the AADA Conference 2008 "Meet Me In St. Louis – The Gateway to Great Alliance Adventures." Wonderful educational programs, social events and optional activities have been planned for your enjoyment and enrichment. We have many exceptional plans for you—from the opening welcome event on Wednesday evening to the grand finale President's Gala on Saturday night. The Conference is open to all Alliance members.



The program content encompasses volunteer leadership training, membership recruitment and retention, dental health education programs, an informative well-being luncheon, legislative education and advocacy as well as workshops on a variety of interesting topics, round table discussions and a sharing of member projects. We have changed the format a little to allow more opportunities for learning and networking. A unique Community Service Project also is being planned.

For your dentist spouse, we have two continuing education opportunities. Dr. Rand Mattson will present a day-and-a-half of workshops with CE credit provided to attendees. But remember, Conference 2008 has some special things to offer. Every day is full of great speakers and workshops. Bring your comfortable shoes and be prepared to enjoy yourself.

Pre-registration deadline is April 2, 2008. Pre-registration is recommended and required for most events, regardless of fee. Tours are limited and are expected to sell out quickly. The host hotel is the Westin St. Louis; remember to make your hotel reservation by March 24. The AADA rate is \$169 single/double, plus tax. Call the Westin at 314-621-2000 and identify yourself as an AADA conference attendee to receive our conference rate.

For questions, contact AADA Central Office at 312-440-2865 or [aada@allianceada.org](mailto:aada@allianceada.org). Download the registration brochure online at [AllianceADA.org](http://AllianceADA.org) or [MODENTAL.org](http://MODENTAL.org).

## AMDA HONORED BY ADA ALLIANCE

### *Carol Cooke receives Thelma J. Neff Distinguished Service Award*

Carol Cooke, AMDA treasurer, received the 2007 Distinguished Service Award. Thelma Neff was the organizing President of what is now known as the AADA. She founded the organization in 1956, and continued to serve as an active member until her death in 1988.

This award was established in 1984, in recognition of her significant and tireless contributions to the AADA. It honors members who exemplify outstanding leadership and volunteer spirit through excellence in service and commitment to their Alliance on the component or constituent level.

In addition to Carol, other Neff winners from Missouri are Joanne Parrott 1986, Betty Landgraf 1991, Marilyn Woerner 1998, Helen Parrott 2001 and Anna Lippert 2002.

Congratulations to all these outstanding AMDA members.



### *AMDA receives "Creative" Award for Legislator Welcome Kits*

In 2007, the AMDA also was recognized by the AADA with the "Most Creative Legislative Activity" Award, for our legislator welcome kits given to new members of Missouri's General Assembly. These kits contain emergency items that new legislators might not have. We targeted newly elected legislators. It was a quick visit to welcome them to office and introduce ourselves. Thanks to Anna Lippert for a great idea.

### ↻ A NOTE OF THANKS ↻

Thank you to the special person who was so thoughtful and generous to give an anonymous donation, in our name, to the Alliance of the MDA.

This worthy organization has been an important part of our lives for many years. This honor is much appreciated.

*Gratefully, Dixie Hummel, Marilyn Woerner & Joanne Parrott*

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Enjoy the delicious fun of a cooking demonstration while at the Heart of America Dental Symposium in Branson this summer. The event is being sponsored by the Alliance of the MDA on June 27, 2008 from 2 to 5 p.m. as we enjoy a culinary demonstration performed by an expertly trained chef from the Chateau on the Lake. It will be an Italian themed demonstration, including such delicacies as Homemade Ravioli and other Italian favorites. Also included is a recipe card for each guest, complimentary samples, and Pinot Grigio Wine. Look for more details to come online and in the meeting registration materials.

## DUES ARE DUE!

It's dues remittance time for MDA members, and this includes dues to be a member of the Alliance of the MDA. There is an area on the dentist's due statement for Alliance; however, if your spouse has already remitted MDA dues, but did not pay Alliance dues with it, you may call Lisa Patten at the MDA office to pay. Surviving spouses wishing to join may contact Carol Cooke.



### CHECK IT OUT!

ALLIANCE OF THE ADA ↻ [www.AllianceADA.org](http://www.AllianceADA.org)  
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Go to the Affiliates menu and click on Alliance of the MDA

### ATTENTION MEMBERS!

ALLIANCE OF THE MDA ↻ Needs a President-elect.  
If interested please contact Carol Cooke (see left).  
This position must be filled by the fall of 2008.

