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The 75th Anniversary of the AMA Alliance

The following highlights of events in AMA Alliance history have been compiled to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the AMA Alliance in June 1997.

1922

The AMA House of Delegates approves the organization of a woman's auxiliary; 24 women from 11 states attend the organizational meeting, at which Mrs. Samuel Clark Red, Texas, becomes the first president, and Mrs. Southgate Leigh, of Virginia, is elected vice president.

1923

Sixty women from 17 states attend annual meeting; dues set at \$5 per state.

1924

Sixty dollars in treasury; committees are constitution, nominations, policies, education, finance, legislation, and entertainment.

1927

First *Bulletin* printed; membership is 6,000; first AMA Liaison Committee appointed; first presidential address to AMA House of Delegates.

1930

AMA prints auxiliary minutes and reports; 37 states organized.

1932

Annual meeting has registration from all states; state exhibits set up.

1933

Quarterly newsletter begins; Corrine Keen Freeman Fund established in memory of Mrs. Walter Freeman who died during her presidency.

1935

Two new Study Program Envelopes issued: "Milk" and "Prevention of Blindness;" Public Relations Committee urges cooperation with PTA units in health programs.

1937

Recommendation read at annual meeting that paid secretary be employed by auxiliary; president indicates dues increase necessary to cover costs; awards given for greatest increase in *Hygeia* subscriptions; archives stored at AMA Headquarters in auxiliary owned cabinet.

1939

Newsletter is replaced by *Bulletin*, Vol. 1, No. 1; more discussion of staff and revisions, but neither is approved; group social affairs continue to be popular.

1940

Recommendation offered that Mrs. Samuel Clark Red, first president, become first honorary member (approved in 1941); president suggests that states be allowed to elect delegates and alternates to Annual Convention; membership 23,033 with organizations in 38 states.

1941

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Auxiliary has central office and secretary (Margaret N. Wolfe) in Chicago; in spite of gas and tire rations, Convention registration is 1,326; president-elect nominated and elected from house floor, instead of candidate offered by Nominating Committee.

1943

Small annual meeting due to war conditions, registration 196; board and committees meet to effect change of officers; official pledge written by Mrs. James P. Simonds, of Chicago, Ill., is adopted; membership identification card issued; \$1,000 War Savings Bond purchased.

1946

First joint meeting held of AMA Board of Trustees with AMA Auxiliary Board of Directors; membership 35,000; only five states not organized; physical fitness is a target program.

1948

Dues increased from 25 cents to \$1; membership increases to 43,357; primary program is dissemination of information on voluntary vs. compulsory health insurance plans.

1949

Budget is \$34,493; 49,550 members; emphasis is on AMA's 12-point program for the advancement of medicine and public health; president offers to visit states, on request, to help with programs.

1950

Membership is more than 50,000; 48 states, District of Columbia, and Hawaii are organized. *Hygeia* becomes *Today's Health* and continues to be promoted; auxiliary asked to support AMEF (American Medical Education Foundation) which provides funds for medical schools and student loans; legislative and civil defense activities promoted.

1951

"Assist in entertainment at all AMA conventions" is eliminated from purposes; auxiliary contributes \$10,000 to AMEF; one staff member added to assist with *Bulletin*; 57,000 members; AMA sets first dues for members, auxiliary Bylaws include provision that regular members be wives of AMA members.

1952

Hazel J. Lewis joins headquarters staff; president reports to AMA House of Delegates and addresses seven state medical societies; membership: 60,187

1954

Ten percent of budget given to AMEF; president travels to Europe to inspect facilities of Radio Free Europe; GEMS (Good Emergency Mother Substitutes) course started.

1957

Health careers added as committee; Student American Medical Association votes to organize auxiliary; approval given for signing of Articles of Incorporation; membership files go on IBM system.

1958

Public Relations Committee becomes community service; American Medical Research Foundation established; president asks for tally of members' volunteer hours: total is 3,108,314 hours given in one year.

1961

Forty-year history authorized; Homemaker Service Manual prepared; Ronald Reagan narrates "Operation Coffee Cup" record for auxiliary to use to promote King-Anderson Bill on Federal Health Care of Aged.

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AMA Education and Research Foundations combined to become
AMA-ERF; international health becomes a committee to focus
efforts on needed goods and international hospitality; 40th
Anniversary celebrated at Convention.

1963

"Operation Hometown" is priority legislative program to reach
the public; auxiliary provides funds for Today's health to be placed
in schools.

1965

Block Mother Plan for children's safety is instituted; AMA-
sponsored Eldercare program is promoted; Bulletin becomes MD's
Wife; Direct Line newsletter begun for leaders; regional workshops
held for auxiliary leaders, financed by AMA.

1967

Meals service, home-centered health care, and volunteer friendly
visitor programs become committees; member orientation manual
prepared; AMA continues to assist with regional workshop
expenses.

1968

AMA-ERF contributions reach well over 3 million in 17 years; TV
violence program emphasized; health manpower study committee
appointed; Drug Abuse, Smoking, Alcohol, and Sex Education
Package Programs prepared.

1969

Mrs. C.C. Long of Arkansas dies in office, Mrs. John M. Chenault
assumes presidency; AMA prepares "One Dozen Days" public
affairs kit for auxiliary use; 50th anniversary committee appointed;
Physical Fitness Package Program prepared; Explo 70s becomes
first joint project of the auxiliary and WA-SAMA to promote

health careers; member orientation manual becomes Leaders Handbook.

1970

Health Careers becomes Health Manpower Committee; *Today's Health* promotion is again a priority.

1971

On-site service established to send national representatives to states for help in particular areas of concern.

1972

Fiftieth Anniversary; Right Side of Caduceus records activities; auxiliary sponsors national Health Education Conference; Big Cities Clinic held.

1973

Bylaws revision includes provision for male spouses to be members; Margaret Wolfe, first executive secretary, retires after 31 years; Hazel J. Lewis becomes executive director; two special mailings sent to every member.

1974

Project Bank instituted; auxiliary takes on administration of AMA-ERF fund-raising; Direct Line Newsletter sent to county chairmen.

1975

Name change from Woman's Auxiliary of AMA to AMA Auxiliary; dues increased from \$4 to \$7; first Leadership Confluence held; first Regional Meetings held; National News developed for national and state leaders; auxiliary to Student American Medical Association dissolves, and AMA Auxiliary opens membership to resident physician/medical student spouses.

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1976

New seal adopted by House of Delegates; Project Bank and Long Range Planning become standing committees, life membership given to national past presidents; AMA-ERF merchandising terminated at national level.

1977

Fifty-fifth anniversary celebrated at Convention; *MD's Wife* becomes FACETS; Project Bank trademarked.

1978

Task Force on Young Physicians' Spouses formed; *Horizons* newsletter begins; FACETS takes on new format; Immunization Awareness Campaign continues; discount on Hertz rental cars offered as membership benefit; auxiliary sponsors seminar at AMA Rural Health Conference.

1979

Seminar offering continuing education credits to nurses/physicians; dues increase approved: \$11 as of July 1, 1980, \$15 as of July 1, 1982; Convention workshops offered; Shape Up for Life becomes nationwide campaign.

1980

Auxiliary sponsors seminar at AMA Leadership Conference; several changes made in Convention-Reference Committees, Opening Sunday evening, first male delegates; first annual report printed; special committee appointed to recruit resident physician/medical student spouses; Regional Meetings become one Regional Cluster Meeting.

1981

House of Delegates calls for Bylaws revision; Shape Up for Life program focuses on nutrition, physical fitness, stress management; AMA-ERF contribution reach \$1.7 million; *FACETS Newsletter*

instituted; *Nationaline* newsletter sent to county presidents and presidents-elect; national headquarters moves to new quarters in AMA headquarters building.

1982

President and executive director attend White House briefing with Nancy Reagan on Drug Use and The Family; Professional Skills Development (PSD) program begun; check presented to AMA-ERF for \$1,742,913.68.

1983

AMA Auxiliary targets child abuse and drunk driving; President attends White House briefings on the 1983 budget and on the modernization of strategic arms; year-end statistics showed a total of 6,313 health projects in 761 counties and 49 states. Shape Up for Life continues to be popular; National leaders meet with Ronald Reagan in Chicago.

1984

Mini-Confluences held in Las Vegas and Atlanta; health focus on pre- and post-natal care with a new Shape Up for Life brochure; first AMA National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect; first AMPAC workshop at Leadership Confluence.

1985

Raised more than \$1.9 million for AMA-ERF; support groups established for families of impaired physicians and families facing malpractice litigation; Executive director Hazel J. Lewis appointed to vice presidential level of the American Medical Association.

1986

AMA Auxiliary is asked by the AMA to promote a new anti-smoking public service campaign; 39 states held legislative Days at the Capitol and Phone Banks were set up and utilized in Congressional districts throughout the country.

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The first Leadership Confluence II is held; AMA Auxiliary celebrates 65th Anniversary.

1988

AMA Auxiliary participates in AMA Adolescent Health Initiative; President joined leaders of 17 national organizations at White House at special meeting with Ronald Reagan. The auxiliary was honored for its efforts to prevent drug abuse; House of Delegates approves dues increase to \$25 to occur in two increments: a \$5 increase effective July 1, 1989, and a \$5 increase effective July 1, 1992.

1989

The annual Health Awareness Promotion (HAP) Awards are begun to honor county organizations for their health and awareness efforts; leaders meet with former First Lady Betty Ford.

1990

President speaks to AMA House about working together on legislation, HIV education, and other matters of mutual concern; "Message from the President" video made available for state and county use; AMA and AMA Auxiliary Headquarters move from 535 North Dearborn to new building at 515 North State Street.

1991

AMA Auxiliary joins the AMA Campaign Against Family Violence; Adopt-A-County program gets underway; All leaders' newsletters rolled into *Newsline*, a bi-monthly 8-page tabloid.

1992

House of Delegates approves name change from AMA Auxiliary to AMA Alliance; Ten field directors replace four Regional Directors in order to offer more direct assistance to states and counties; House adopts policy of gender-neutral language.

1993

New seal adopted by House of Delegates. All states and hundreds of counties change to Alliance; Every Member Get A Member Campaign launched; Strategic Planning Task Force appointed for two-year study; AMA Alliance develops second in series of children's workbooks, "I Can Choose," a conflict resolution exercise which sells more than one million copies.

1994

House of Delegates calls for a Bylaws Revision to begin in 1995; three Alliance members are chosen to serve on the AMA Consortium to Study the Federation; March is declared first annual Medical Alliance Month; the executive director, president, and president-elect meet with First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

1995

AMA Alliance calls on grassroots to urge U.S. House to pass liability reform, and the high response earns an editorial in *AMNews*; AMA Alliance launches the nationwide SAVE Program to Stop America's Violence Everywhere, its first single focus. First "SAVE Today" held on October 11, 1995. More than 600 SAVE Programs in states and counties are organized; *Horizons* is rolled into *Newsline* and sent to all spouses of physicians-in-training.

1996

AMA Alliance partners with the AMA to launch SAVE-A-Shelter on second annual "SAVE Today," October 9, 1996. State and county Alliances team up with medical societies to adopt shelters, rape crisis centers, and transitional homes; FACETS becomes *AMA Alliance Today*; Health promotion committee develops "Hands Are Not for Hitting," a second conflict resolution activity distributed by Alliances to more than one million children; first annual Future Planning Survey sent to state leaders.

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AMA Alliance celebrates 75th Anniversary; first membership
training session held at Confluence for membership chairs;
president attends the Presidents' Summit for America's Future;
Executive Director Hazel J. Lewis celebrates 45th anniversary.

National Past Presidents

- *Mrs. Samuel Clark Red, Texas, 1922-25
- *Mrs. Seale Harris, Alabama, 1925-26
- *Mrs. Franklin C. Gengenbach, Colorado, 1926-27
- *Mrs. John O. McReynolds, Texas, 1927-28
- *Mrs. Allen H. Bunce, Georgia, 1928-29
- *Mrs. George H. Hoxie, Missouri, 1929-30
- *Mrs. J. Newton Hunsberger, Pennsylvania, 1930-31
- *Mrs. Arthur B. McGlothlan, Missouri, 1931-32
- *Mrs. Walter Jackson Freeman, Pennsylvania, 1932
- *Mrs. James F. Percy, California, 1932-33
- *Mrs. James Blake, Minnesota, 1933-34
- *Mrs. Robert W. Tomlinson, Delaware, 1934-35
- *Mrs. Rogers N. Herbert, Tennessee, 1935-36
- *Mrs. Robert E. Fitzgerald, Wisconsin, 1936-37
- *Mrs. Augustus S. Kech, Pennsylvania, 1937-38
- *Mrs. Charles C. Tomlinson, Nebraska, 1938-39
- *Mrs. Rollo K. Packard, Illinois, 1939-40
- *Mrs. V. Eugene Holcombe, West Virginia, 1940-41
- *Mrs. Roscoe E. Mosiman, Washington, 1941-42
- *Mrs. Frank N. Haggard, Texas, 1942-43
- *Mrs. Eben J. Carey, Wisconsin, 1943-44
- *Mrs. David W. Thomas, Pennsylvania, 1944-46
- Mrs. Roy N. Gesme, (Mrs. Jesse D. Hamer), Arizona, 1946-47
- *Mrs. Eusacte A. Allen, Georgia, 1947-48
- *Mrs. Luther H. Kice, New York, 1948-49
- *Mrs. David B. Allman, New Jersey, 1949-50
- *Mrs. Arthur A. Herold, Louisiana, 1950-51

*Mrs. Harold F. Wahlquist, Minnesota, 1951-52
*Mrs. Ralph B. Eusden, California, 1952-53
*Mrs. Leo J. Schaefer, Kansas, 1953-54
*Mrs. George Turner, Texas, 1954-55
*Mrs. Mason G. Lawson, Arkansas, 1955-56
Mrs. Robert Flanders, New Hampshire, 1956-57
*Mrs. Paul C. Craig, Pennsylvania, 1957-58
Mrs. E. Arthur Underwood, Washington, 1958-59
*Mrs. Frank Gastineau, Indiana, 1959-60
*Mrs. William Mackersie, Michigan, 1960-61
Mrs. Harlan English, Illinois, 1961-62
*Mrs. William G. Thuss, Alabama, 1962-63
Mrs. C. Rodney Stoltz, South Dakota, 1963-64
*Mrs. William H. Evans, Ohio, 1964-65
Mrs. Richard A. Sutter, Missouri, 1965-66
*Mrs. Asher Yaguda, New Jersey, 1966-67
*Mrs. Karl F. Ritter, Ohio, 1967-68
*Mrs. C.C. Long, Jr., Arkansas, 1968-69
Mrs. John M. Chenault, Alabama, 1969-70
Mrs. R.C.L. Robertson, Texas, 1970-71
Mrs. G. Prentiss Lee, Oregon, 1971-72
Mrs. Robert F. Beckley, Pennsylvania, 1972-73
Mrs. Willard C. Scrivner, Illinois, 1973-74
*Mrs. Howard Liljestrand, Hawaii, 1974-75
Mrs. Erle E. Wilkinson, Tennessee, 1975-76
Mrs. Norman H. Gardner, Connecticut, 1976-77
Mrs. Chester L. Young, Kansas, 1977-78
Mrs. Manuel A. Bergnes, Pennsylvania 1978-79
Mrs. Ben Johnson, Jr., Alabama, 1979-80
Mrs. John F. Vaughan, Washington, 1980-81
Isobel Dvorsky, California, 1981-82
Betty Payne, New York, 1982-83
Glenda W. Bates, Georgia, 1983-84
Billie Brady, South Carolina, 1984-85
Mary Kay McPhee, Missouri, 1985-86

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Pat Durham, Texas, 1986-87
Betty Szewczyk, Illinois, 1987-88
Mary Strauss, Maryland, 1988-89
Jean Hill, Mississippi, 1989-90
Norma Skoglund, Oregon, 1990-91
Sherry S. Strebel, Oklahoma, 1991-92
Priscilla Gerber, Florida, 1992-93
Mary Hanson, Colorado, 1993-94
Barbara Tippins, Georgia, 1994-95
Sharon Scott, Oregon, 1995-96
Sandra G. Mitchell, Missouri, 1996-97
Johnnie Amonette, Tennessee, 1997-98

*Deceased