Greetings ANDA members and friends. In July 2014 the National Dental Association (NDA) hosted its 101st Annual Convention in New Orleans. What a great time we had connecting with everyone.

Highlights of the 2014 convention include:
- ANDA Community Service at Hagar’s House and the Dictionary Project.
- Breakfast with ANDA at Harrah’s New Orleans.
- Demonstration & Lunch at New Orleans School of Cooking
- ANDA booth in the NDA Exhibition Hall
- “New Orleans Highlights” City Tour
- ANDA’s Dental Health Educational Focus for Children & Youth
- and ANDA’s Executive Board and General Meetings

ANDA is happy to focus our energy and resources to assist those in need such as the women and children in New Orleans at Hagar’s House. Director Angela Davis expressed her gratitude on behalf of the Hagar’s House and the people they support for ANDA’s generous donation of $500, dictionaries (Dictionary Project) for the children and other gifts for the residents of the house that provides safe shelter. ANDA members contributed financially to support these projects.

“That Deep South Cuisine” Cooking Demonstration & Lunch at New Orleans School of Cooking. We had an excellent cooking and eating adventure with the Chef who taught us the difference between Creole and Cajun; how to make a proper dirty roux; prepare a delicious pot of Creole gumbo and Shrimp Creole; and the best bread pudding I’ve ever tasted.

“New Orleans Highlights” City Tour a well attended trip around town from the historic French Quarter past famous landmarks such as the Saint Louis Cathedral and Jackson Square to St. Charles Avenue following the country’s oldest streetcar line, we passed Tulane and Loyola Universities as well as beautifully restored mansions. All of the stories and facts left one with a real sense of New Orleans’ true spirit, its proud history and rich culture.

ANDA hosted it’s booth in the NDA Exhibition Hall to showcase ANDA’s activities, history, community service and our Dental Health Educational Focus for Children & Youth which encouraged children to enter in a Poster and Essay Competition on Dental Health.
ANDA business meetings brought forth new ideas and renewed commitment to continue to expand ANDA's reach through community service, education, scholarships for minority dental students and membership growth. Specifics include:

- Community Service that supports established organizations in the cities where the convention is held.
- Educational Outreach will expand through the Dental Health competitions hosted by ANDA will be open to students in local schools and social organizations.
- Dental student scholarships have historically been a primary area of support by ANDA. Applications to receive them has declined over the last few years, this year there were none. Information was displayed on the Exhibit Hall, a number of students signed up to receive more information. An intentional effort will be made this year to reach students via SNDA, school of dentistry minority recruiting directors, as well as the traditional methods of admission and financial aid offices in the schools.
- ANDA membership growth efforts will continue through communications via social and electronic media prior to conventions; and through activities at the conventions.

Looking ahead, it's time to put the 2015 NDA/ANDA convention on your calendar. The tentative schedule is listed below. ANDA activities are still being confirmed. However, the children and youth program information is available now. One of our greatest struggles in recent years has been having enough participants to offer a program for our children. This year we have made plans but can only offer them if enough people commit to supporting the program by bringing their children and signing up in ADVANCE.

### NDA 102nd Annual Convention ANDA 2015

#### Schedule of Events

**Friday, July 24, 2015**

- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  | Spouse, Children and Guest Registration
- 9:00 am - 11:00 am  | Community Service Project
- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  | ANDA Executive Board Meeting
- 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  | Happy Hour with ANDA (ANDA members only)

**Saturday, July 25, 2015**

- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  | Spouse, Children and Guest Registration
- 11:00 am - 4:00 pm  | Auxiliary Exhibit Hall
Auxiliary Dental Health Educational Focus
Children & Youth Dental Health Poster & Essay Competition

Sunday, July 26, 2015
9:00 am - 11:00 am ANDA General Business Meeting
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm ANDA Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Event

Monday, July 27, 2015
9:00 am - 10:30 am ANDA Executive Board Meeting
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm Chicago Highlights & Navy Pier

Camp ANDA Schedule - Children and Youth ages 5 - 17 years old
This year’s children and youth program is being offered based on participation. Please register with your deposit early (no later than March 30, 2015) to secure the program.

Friday, July 24, 2015
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Orientation and Registration – No Childcare Activity Center

Saturday, July 25, 2015
9:00 am - 11:00 am Activity Center
11:00 am - 6:00 pm Tour: Willis Tower & Navy Pier
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm Tour: Dave & Buster's

Sunday, July 26, 2015
9:00 am - 11:00 am Activity Center
10:00 am - 5:00 pm Tour: Shedd Aquarium & Field Museum

Children & Youth ANDA Camp cost is $390 per child. Deposits of $100 per child to secure the program are required, no later than March 30, 2015. Insufficient response to program will result in a cancellation of the program.

Convention pre-registration forms are available on request from the Financial Secretary, Yolanda Williams at ycwill@live.com; or on ANDA’s website www.ANDAnow.com

ANDA Leadership & Focus Goals

- **Communication/Educational Outreach** - Marketing to attract new members with emphasis on spouses married to female dentists, Dental Care/Educational Awareness
- **Partnerships/Relationships** - Leveraging Partners’ Resources, Community Service Activities, public/private organizations
- **ANDA Branding** - Visibility, Value Proposition in support of NDA

**ANDA Scholarship Recipients** ANDA functions as a support group for the spouses of dental professionals. Embracing the NDA's mission of service to the community, ANDA awards scholarships each year to deserving dental students. Contributions to the scholarship fund are welcome year round. Students interested in applying for ANDA scholarships for 2015 may obtain an application on our website www.ANDAnow.com or by email from Scholarship Committee member Rose B. Adams radams5361@aol.com.

July 24 – 28, 2015
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JULY 24-28, 2015
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Let’s Stay in Touch and Warm Regards,

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