

# AOOA BULLETIN

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*Winter 2012*

## President's Report

*by Mary Schreck, AOOA President*

The year is passing quickly. I thought it was winter but my daffodils and crocus are acting like it is spring. The weather has been mild. I keep waiting for something to happen. A winter like this usually ends in snow in April. I will enjoy this weather while we have it.

The AOOA is having another great year. In October I was honored to lead the AOOA delegation at the AOA Convention in Orlando. The weather was wonderful. Joining me as delegates were (*bottom photo, l-r*): **Sheila Vonder Embse, Merry Beth Vargo, Terry Martin, and Dee Angel.** We all enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones. There were 85 delegates present from 16 states.

Sherri Martin was installed as president on Monday. Dr. Scott Cyrus provided a lecture on *Childhood Obesity*. Other activities included a Halloween Costume Breakfast, a pool party, and a visitor from Gatorland who brought six different Florida animal species. This included a scorpion, tarantula, alligators of different sizes and a six-foot-long python. Merry Beth Vargo and I let them put the python around our shoulders! I'm not sure if it was bravery or a lack of common sense. The next convention will be held in San Diego starting October 7. If you will be going, please let me know.

In other AOOA news, the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program is going well; **Amy Stiltner** is taking orders for our Children's Safety Activity books; and **Barb Wills** is working hard on planning our General Meeting and activities for the Ohio Osteopathic Symposium, April 19-22 in Columbus.

Information about the Symposium is included in this *Bulletin*. I hope to see you there. We will be honoring new Life Members and having a Memorial Service for our deceased members. If you know of any Advocates in your area who have died this year please let me know. Also, if you know of members who have paid dues for 30 years to the AOOA let me know. You can e-mail me at [schreck@ohio.edu](mailto:schreck@ohio.edu) or call me at 740-541-1384.

We need you to become involved with the AOOA. If you would like to be an officer or serve on a committee or just come to a meeting to see what we do, let me know. Our next board meeting is March 21 at the Wedgewood Country Club in Powell, a suburb of Columbus.

Please save these dates: March 21 for the Spring Board Meeting; April 19-22 for the Ohio Osteopathic Symposium; and October 19 for the AOA Convention. Hope to see everyone this year. •



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**Dear AOOA Members:**

As we look forward to spring, although it seems to have arrived early and more than once this year, we have started to think about the **2012 Ohio Osteopathic Symposium**. As in the past few years, it is being held at the Hilton Columbus at Easton. We hope to see you there, Thursday April 19th through Sunday April 22nd.

As you know the Ohio Advocates have endowed a scholarship for an OU-HCOM student. We also remain a strong supporter of the Advocates for the American Osteopathic Association's Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program.

To continue supporting these programs along with others like the *Family Health* radio program and the AOOA Children's Safety Activity books, we will once again offer you the opportunity to walk away with an item from our raffle. You will find the page of raffle tickets opposite this one. In order to offer some different things this year, we have decided to offer three entirely different items in the raffle. The first item is a gray patent Coach purse valued at \$370 - just right for spring through fall. The second item is a luxurious five strands of beautiful, black pearls along with some glitz. This has coordinating earrings. It can be worn with that little black dress or with jeans! You can find it on the website [www.peace-love-bling.com](http://www.peace-love-bling.com). It retails for \$299.99. And to round out our offering this year, an Arbonne Swiss Skin Care Anti-Aging system to help soften your skin and smooth those lines and wrinkles or keep them at bay. Retail price for this system is \$323.

These items will be out for display at the Symposium. Tickets are once again \$5 each or 6 for \$25. What a bargain! The drawing will take place on Sunday, April 22nd during the Symposium Farewell Brunch. You do not need to be present to win but wouldn't it be nice to travel home with pearls on or a new Coach purse over your arm?!

**Simply complete each ticket with your name and phone number. Return the sheet (copy it if you want more than six tickets) along with your check made payable to the AOOA to: Stacy Pot, 16710 Victoria Drive, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023.**

Just FYI - the AOOA Board meetings will be Thursday April 19th from 2-4 and Saturday April 21st from 9-11. The Breakfast and General Meeting will take place Friday April 20th from 9-12. **You are welcome to attend any and all of these meetings.** The exhibits are open Thursday April 19th from 8-5 and again Friday April 20th from 8-12:15.

Easton is a great area. From upscale stores to restaurants to entertainment venues to a nearby winery! We hope you enjoy this time and we look forward to seeing you and renewing acquaintances.

Sincerely,  
AOOA Board

P.S. For further information about the Symposium - schedules, hotel, registration, etc. go to [www.ooanet.org/cme](http://www.ooanet.org/cme).

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Stacy Pot, AOOA Treasurer  
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## OOA Forms New Insurance Agency

The OOA is pleased to announce the formation of the Ohio Osteopathic Association Insurance Agency (OOAIA), a wholly owned subsidiary, offering quality insurance products and services to OOA members, their families, and staff.

The OOAIA can assist with all insurance needs, ranging from medical professional liability insurance to individual and group health policies.

We represent a variety of professional liability insurance companies that have been carefully chosen for their financial stability and reputation for superior service, including aggressive claim handling and risk management assistance. We offer the same competitive discounts that other physician organizations offer, but we can obtain quotes with less time and hassle. By signing one authorization and release, the OOAIA can shop your medical professional liability coverage to standard market carriers, all of which are highly rated by AM Best and have a high commitment to business in Ohio.

For more information, call Shelley Callahan at 440-542-5012. •

## Officers

<b>President</b>	Mary Schreck
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<b>Spirit Award</b>	Jane Routh
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<b>Ohio Osteopathic Association</b>	800-234-4848
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