History of the Southern Medical Association Alliance

1924-2010

Southern Medical Association Alliance

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Mrs. Ramsay H. Moore, Dallas, Texas, Co-Chairman
Mrs. W. Nash Thompson, President, 1973-1974
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Martha Hughes (Mrs. William D.), Alabama
Winyss Shepard (Mrs. Richard B.), Alabama
Carol Thomas (Mrs. E. Lamar), Alabama
Jeanny Kalaycioglu (Mrs. M.V.), West Virginia, SMAA President 1998-1999
Merrell Rogers (Mrs. Lee H.), Mississippi, SMAA President 1999-2000

85th Anniversary Committee
Donna DeRosa (Mrs. Richard), Arizona, Co-Chairman
Sancy McCool (Mrs. Edward), Louisiana, Co-Chairman
Gwen Pappas (Mrs. Deno), Arkansas, Co-Chairman
Kathy Carmichael (Mrs. Ben), Mississippi
Donna Gosney (Mrs. Michael), Alabama
Nancy Lindstrom (Mrs. Eric), Mississippi
Jane Preston (Mrs. William), Mississippi
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The Southern Medical Association Alliance members thank the Southern Medical Association and the Headquarters Staff for their support and assistance, which has been so graciously given in the past.

The Alliance looks forward to continued close relationships with the Association and the Staff as we head to an even brighter future for this outstanding organization.

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Advocacy, Leadership, Quality and Professional Identity
Forward 1974

The first history of the Woman’s Auxiliary to the Southern Medical Association was compiled by Mrs. Arthur Thomas McCormack, fourth President of the Auxiliary, from Louisville, Kentucky. Her history recorded the growth of the Auxiliary from the organization in 1924 through the year 1952. In the words of Mrs. George D. Feldner, 29th President, from New Orleans, Louisiana: “It is the story about doctors’ wives sharing a mutual interest, bound together by a common tie, working side by side throughout the years, to attain a desired goal. To the future we leave this heritage, rich in understanding, friendship, and love — with the hope that many more golden pages of achievements, of which we can be justly proud, will be added between the covers of our book of History of the Southern Medical Association’s Auxiliary.”

It is our purpose now in 1974 to review this history, to compile in brief form the most important information and events from this history, and to record the continuation of the Auxiliary, the efforts and the accomplishments by doctors’ wives from 1924 to 1974.

Forward 2010

The first pages of this history booklet cover the first fifty years of the Southern Medical Association Auxiliary. The history was gathered in commemoration of the Golden Anniversary of the Auxiliary, and the original booklet is reproduced in its entirety.

The history of the Southern Medical Association Auxiliary during the years 1974-1989, printed in celebration of 65 years accomplishments of the members of the Southern Medical Association Auxiliary, is also herein contained.

The years 1990-1999 have been added to these previous years to compromise this 75th Anniversary booklet.

The years 1999-2010 have been added to the previous years to comprise the 85th Anniversary booklet.

Another decade has passed as the 85th Anniversary was celebrated. The history of the last 10 years has been compiled and the goals and accomplishments of its members are herein contained for future generations.
During the Southern Medical Association’s Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, November 1923, Mrs. Seale Harris of Birmingham, Alabama, was chosen to organize an Auxiliary for this group.

The proposed Auxiliary was organized in the Gold Room of the Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, 10:00 AM, Tuesday, November 25, 1924, by Mrs. Seale Harris.

Mrs. E. H. Cary, Dallas, Texas, was elected to serve as the first President with the following officers:

- Mrs. D.J. Williams, Gulfport, Mississippi, Vice-President;
- Mrs. A.I. Folsom, Dallas, Texas, Corresponding Secretary;
- Mrs. A.T. McCormack, Louisville, Kentucky, Recording Secretary;
- Mrs. W.W. Crawford, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, was appointed by the President to serve as Parliamentarian.

There were 88 charter members from the 16 states and the District of Columbia. The states were Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, North Carolina, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia.
The story of Jane Todd Crawford, pioneer heroine of surgery, was first told and the suggestions of a memorial made in the President’s address to the Southern Medical Association Auxiliary by Mrs. Arthur T. McCormack, November 1928, in Asheville, North Carolina.

“Through recall, coming down from one of the Crawford sons and often retold by a daughter of the son, is the story of Jane Todd Crawford – pioneer, housewife, and brave, courageous patient of Dr. Ephraim McDowell of Danville Kentucky. The story of the first experimental removal of a diseased, enlarged ovary is a story of pain and courage on the part of the patient, and courage and faith of the doctor in his own ability and trust in God’s help.”

“Mrs. Crawford rode over 60 miles on horseback with a great tumor, from which she was suffering, resting on the horn of the saddle. (Women, at that time, rode horseback side-saddle with both feet on the same side, usually the left side of the horse.)”

The above article can be found on pg 69, History of W A SMA, 1924-1952.

This successful operation was done on Sunday morning, Christmas Day, 1809, without benefit of any anesthesia or even morphine. The Woman’s Auxiliary to the Southern Medical Association is proud to honor these two people. The Auxiliary Room in the Southern Medical Association Headquarters Building in Birmingham, Alabama, was furnished and dedicated to the Memory of Jane Todd Crawford.

The original marble tombstone of Jane Todd Crawford was restored and permanently placed at the grave site in Johnson’s Cemetery in Graysville, Indiana, in 1971. This installation represents the joint efforts of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sparkman, Dallas, Texas, and the Woman’s Auxiliary to the Southern Medical Association. This historical contribution was made in honor of Mrs. Ramsay H. Moore, Dallas, Texas, President, 1971. In 1972, Dr. & Mrs. Sparkman and the Southern Medical Association placed a marker at the entrance of the cemetery, designating the grave of Jane Todd Crawford.

In 1974 Dr. & Mrs. Sparkman gave $100.00 to the Auxiliary to be sent to the Johnson’s Cemetery Maintenance Fund. They also gave $250.00 to be used toward the historical marker to designate the birth site of Jane Todd Crawford in Rockbridge County, Virginia. These gifts were made under the name of the Woman’s Auxiliary to the Southern Medical Association. They have given much more of their resources in time and funds to this project. Woman’s Auxiliary to Southern Medical Association is deeply grateful to this family, Dr. & Mrs. Sparkman,
their sisters, Mrs. Ramsay H. Moore and Miss Hattie Bassett, for their continuing interest in this project, as well as all facets of our organization.

In 1974 a historical highway marker was erected in Rockbridge county across Whistle Creek, Todd’s Mill, Lexington, Virginia, the birthplace of Jane Todd Crawford, by Dr. & Mrs. Sparkman. This was a propitious time to erect this Virginia marker since both Presidents live in Virginia – Dr. George J. Carroll, Suffolk, Virginia, President of the Southern Medical Association, and Mrs. W. Nash Thompson, Stuart, Virginia, President of Woman’s Auxiliary, Southern Medical Association. Mrs. Arthur W. McCormack was responsible for marking the 60 mile Jane Todd Crawford Trail from Greensburg, Kentucky to Danville, Kentucky. This was officially named by the Kentucky Highway Department on January 12, 1932. Later, both sides of the 60 mile trail were planted with hardwood maple trees, iris, and day lilies, through the efforts of Woman’s Auxiliary to the Southern Medical Association.

In 1935, the Kentucky State Medical Association erected a monument to Jane Todd Crawford, “the first monument ever erected to a patient by an organized group of medical men.” It is located about 50 feet from the monument erected in honor of her surgeon, Dr. Ephraim McDowell. Dr. McDowell's monument was erected in 1897 by the same group. Both monuments are in McDowell Park, Danville, Kentucky.

The Jane Todd Crawford Memorial Fund was a project growing out of efforts to memorialize this pioneer woman. It had great possibilities, but again distance and lack of better communication caused this project to be discontinued.

The Woman’s Auxiliary to the Southern Medical Association voted in 1938 to purchase furnishings in the amount of $1000 for the home of Dr. Ephraim McDowell. A Hepplewhite dining room table was purchased May 3, 1948.

(Note: Many of the above incidents were taken from our 25 Year History. Anyone interested in learning more of the facts concerning this project will be allowed to see this book at the Headquarters Building in Birmingham. It is interesting and informative. It is 250 typewritten pages, indexed and cross-indexed).

More about the Jane Todd Crawford Memorial Student Loan Fund will be found later.
The Research and Romance of Medicine Project was started in November 1930 at the suggestion of the President, Mrs. S.A. Collom, Texarkana, Texas, in her acceptance speech. “It has occurred to me that you might like to gather the medical romances of our Southland and publish them in a form presentable to our school children.” This was a tiny seed that sprouted and grew and grew.

The purpose of the Project was “the collection of material pertaining to outstanding contributions to medicine by Southern physicians, both as individuals and as groups, this material to be placed in a permanent file located in the Auxiliary Room at the Southern Medical Association Headquarters, Birmingham, Alabama.”

The red, heart shaped anthurium flower was voted the official flower for Research and Romance of Medicine. It symbolizes the office red and gold colors of the Southern Medical Association. Awards and certificates are presented annually for the most outstanding exhibits displayed at the Annual meeting. The “Dr. and Mrs. Milford O. Rouse” silver trophy is awarded to the most outstanding exhibit, either state or county.

Doctors’ Day

Doctors’ Day was first observed in Georgia and reported in the Georgia report at the Annual Meeting of Woman’s Auxiliary to the Southern Medical Association at the 1934 Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Charles B. Almond of Winder, Georgia, was the originator of the idea of Doctors’ Day on March 30, in commemoration of the first use of ether anesthesia on March 30, 1842, by Dr. Crawford W. Long of Georgia. Mrs. Almond introduced the project through Mrs. E.R. Harris, President of Barrow County Auxiliary of Georgia, in 1933.

It was introduced to the Woman’s Auxiliary at its 29th Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, November 19-22, 1935, by the President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. J. Bonar White, Georgia, when she presented the idea in her Presidential Report. Since then Doctors’ Day has become an integral part of the Auxiliary program.

The red carnation is the symbol of Doctors’ Day and was adopted by the Auxiliary as the official flower in 1949. It is used wherever plans call for flowers in paying tribute to the medical profession on this day.

Monetary awards and Honorable Mention Certificates are given by the Woman’s Auxiliary to the Southern Medical Association at its Annual Meeting for the most original, outstanding, and unique observance of Doctors’ Day by the auxiliaries within the Association’s territory.
The George D. Feldner Trophy, a bronze loving cup, is the “sweepstakes” award, presented to the county auxiliary submitting the best overall Doctors’ Day observance, regardless of the size of membership.

The Guy Smith Kirby Trophy, awarded for the first time in 1961, is presented to the county auxiliary submitting the second best overall observance regardless of membership.

“\textit{The Formative Years}”

The following excerpts and the title are taken from the “\textit{History of the Woman’s Auxiliary to the Southern Medical Association, 1924-1952},” compiled by Mrs. Arthur Thomas McCormack, Louisville, Kentucky, fourth President of the Auxiliary.

We are deeply indebted to Mrs. McCormack and “stalwart souls” who, at great expense to themselves and their husbands, gave us the fine organization which exists today. In Mrs. McCormack’s words, “The medical profession, traditionally conservative, as a whole did not greet the Auxiliary movement with open arms; in fact, not even with toleration in some areas. Consequently, greater honor should be accorded these stalwart souls for their generous aid and kindly wisdom as they guided this entirely new woman’s organization in its early advance through the skeptical years of hesitancy, doubt, and discouragement into the present, happy period of esteem.” (Written in 1952, in “Acknowledgements” in The History…)

With five of the Annual Meetings of the Woman’s Auxiliary to the Southern Medical Association already held, the women in the families of Southern physicians now had an organization of their own, with officers and committees of their choosing. They were no longer hesitant about greeting each other without a formal introduction at their conferences. They chose the place and time of their planned scheduled meetings, while their husbands busied themselves with their official and scientific sessions during the Annual meeting of the Southern Medical Association.

The Southern Woman’s Auxiliary, then had:
1. a Constitution and Bylaws, which the members are still learning to amend;
2. a Treasury (at that time) developing through payment of small dues which, padded by the contributions of liberal Officers and Committee Chairmen, paid for their organization needs;
3. an Objective, something of their own for which to work – The Jane Todd Crawford Memorial;
4. an Advisory Committee, from the Southern Medical Association, a contact medium which the Auxiliary had requested, to keep its members in ready communication with Parent Body and to prevent them from overstepping the bounds-of-range for a supporting organization, which is what a subsidiary
5. a gavel, a symbol of authority, with which to keep order, a gift of Mrs. S. A. Collum, Texarkana, Texas, seventh President (“A beautiful walnut gavel was cut from a walnut tree which grew near the doorway of the home of Dr. and Mrs. Collum. Its roots spread into two states, Arkansas and Texas. A fitting emblem of authority; this seemed, for the Southern Medical Auxiliary, an organization of wide neighbors.”);

6. a Bulletin, containing the Proceedings of the Annual Meeting, the names and addresses of the Officers and Committee Chairmen, and the Constitution and Bylaws;

7. published as a separate pamphlet, the Address of the President.

From the Organization Meeting to the present, the American Medical Auxiliary has always shown interest in the Southern Medical Auxiliary. The President and usually the President-Elect of the American Medical Auxiliary attend the Annual Meetings of the Southern Auxiliary. If not possible to attend in person, a representative is sent by the President. Other officers of the American Medical Auxiliary and of the American Medical Association frequently attend even though they live in other sections of the country.

Member states were represented, at first, by whoever happened to be present at the Southern Meeting. - later, by the State President or an appointed Delegate. For a comprehensive understanding of State and Southern Auxiliary procedure, consecutive attendance at the Annual Meetings is necessary, but unfortunately in very few instances did a woman represent her state more than one year, - that is, take the State Report to the Southern Meeting and bring back the Southern Report to her own State Auxiliary. This condition prevailed for 12 years, until the Council system was adopted, in 1936.

Mrs. McCormack goes on to relate the reorganization of the Auxiliary at the Parent Body's request. It was at this time that Councilors were named. Later in the year 1969, Mrs. Virgil Ray Forester, President, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, named Vice-Councilors. These were later included in the Constitution and Bylaws in 1972.

The first programs and badges were given at the Third Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. “Proudly wearing their first silk badges, the members eagerly examined their first printed programs, bound in pale blue.”

The first scrapbook, “the Official Scrapbook,” was presented at this meeting also.

At the Fourth Annual Meeting, 1927, in Memphis, Tennessee, “Consternation enveloped the group of three officers, two past presidents and several committee
chairmen. Bewilderment overwhelmed the members arriving in increasing numbers as the news spread “that the President will not be here.” Coincidentally, neither would the two Vice-Presidents. “Acute illness,” read the telegram from the President, Mrs. Stewart R. Roberts, Atlanta. She suggested that, in her place, the President-Elect should assume the duties of the Presiding Officer. But prevalent protocol kept the President-Elect strictly in the background. It developed that a similar situation had occurred in Kentucky at a recent meeting. With this in mind, Dr. Arthur T. McCormack, Secretary of the Kentucky State Medical Association, cited Robert’s Rules of Order. So Mrs. Oscar M. Marchman, the Recording Secretary, called the meeting to order. She announced the absence of the President and two Vice-Presidents. An election of a President pro tem to officiate at the meeting was held; a motion from the floor elected Mrs. Marchman. The election was unanimous. Now all sighed with relief. They were ready for business (after electing a Recording Secretary also.)

An interesting report by Mrs. S.A. Collom, Texas, was given at the 1934 meeting. It was entitled “The Origin and Practice of Medical Ethics and Etiquette” and reads as follows: “We, the doctors’ wives, have been drilled on ethical problems by our husbands...to revere the medical code of ethics...but have we sought the origin and read the history of the great men of medicine who have upheld the standards through the ages?”

“In a recent conversation between two of the leaders of medicine, it was brought out that there was a lack of great philosophers today such as the thinkers who lived around 1800, and the reason ascribed for the change was the coming of eyeglasses and false teeth. In 1800, when a man was the age of 34 or 40 years, most of his eyesight was gone, his teeth were bad, and he could not do any active work or get around in the community. So – he sat down with a brain that was still active and began to think for the benefit of mankind.

In these modern times, due to false teeth, eyeglasses, and constructive surgery, it is possible for a man to continue in active work until he is 65, 70, or even 80 years of age. Then when he sits down to think, we get the effects of a tired, worn out brain – instead of the (lively) active brain.”

Mrs. Collom, Chairman of the Research Committee, also traced the development of medical education in the United States, beginning with physicians in the early colonies. These were usually clergymen for whom medicine was a companion profession, taught in England as part of the preparation for service in the church.

The First Doctors’ Day Luncheon of the Southern Medical Auxiliary was held in the Biscayne Room of the Columbus Hotel in Miami, Florida, November 13, 1952. Mrs. V.E. Holcombe, President, “as the originator of the idea of the Luncheon during the Convention,” was thanked in a few meaningful words
by Mrs. Olin S. Cofer, President, 1948, of Georgia, with agreement from the audience expressed by enthusiastic applause.

The President’s Pin became a reality in 1951, in time for Ms. L.S. Thompson, President, Texas, to wear it on her Presidential visits to the states.

At the 1951 Convention in Dallas, the past 15 Presidents who were in attendance were presented Past Presidents Pins, gracious gifts of Southern Medical Association. It is assumed that those not present received their pins by mail.

“Policies”

There shall be an Official Seal adopted for the use of the Auxiliary to the Southern Medical Association and may be used only in connection with the Southern Auxiliary activities. The Seal shall consist of a reproduction of the official President’s Pin, minus the lettering, encircled with the Woman’s Auxiliary to the Southern Medical Association, and the month, day, and year the Auxiliary was founded, November 25, 1924.

The First Fifty Years

1923-1924
Mrs. Seale Harris, Birmingham, Alabama, The Founder and Organizer. (See Prologue.) Annual Meeting held in New Orleans, Louisiana, November 24-27, 1924.

1924-1925
Mrs. Edward H. Cary, Dallas, Texas, First President, Second Annual Meeting, November 9-12, 1925, Dallas, Texas.

First Constitution and Bylaws adopted. Mrs. Seale Harris headed this Committee. At this meeting also, “Each state Auxiliary shall pay to the Auxiliary one dollar ($1.00) dues at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting.” Later this was changed to one dollar for each county Auxiliary in the member states.

1925-1926
Mrs. D.J. Williams, Gulfport, Mississippi, Second President, Third Annual Meeting, November 15-18, 1926, Atlanta, Georgia.

The Auxiliary’s first project was Hygeia Magazine. This was accepted as an “excellent avenue to provide funds for the Treasury,” since American Medical Association gave a commission to the auxiliaries according to the number of magazines placed in offices and public places. At that time, this was the only magazine for the general public about medicine.
1926-1927
Mrs. Oscar M. Marchman, Dallas, Texas, Third President, Fourth Annual Meeting, November 14-17, 1927, Memphis, Tennessee.

Mrs. Stewart R. Roberts, Atlanta, Georgia, was elected President, but on account of illness, could not attend. A President pro tem was elected at this meeting, as mentioned earlier. An Executive Board was set up at this meeting, composed of the officers, together with the President or her appointee from each of the State Auxiliaries, and the last three Past Presidents acting as an Advisory Committee. “Tennessee State Auxiliary formed at this meeting.” First time the Proceedings of a Meeting were published.

1927-1928

“In 1928, the Southern Medical Auxiliary was still in the kindergarten stage,” writes Mrs. McCormack. Lack on continuity in attendance, distance and time between meetings, but perseverance and courage kept Mrs. McCormack, and others as enthusiastic as she, moving in the right direction.

The Officers began meeting at the AMA Annual Meeting in June of each year for a mid-year planning session. A Resolution was adopted to ask Southern Medical Association to appoint a Committee of three of its members to act in an advisory capacity to the Woman’s Auxiliary. The first Advisory Committee named by Dr. William R. Bathurst, President, SMA, 1928, was Dr. E.H. Cary, Dallas, Texas; Dr. Seale Harris, Birmingham, Alabama; and Dr. Southgate Leigh, Norfolk, Virginia. These gentlemen served continuously through 1935.

The first Scrapbook Exhibit took place at this meeting. A prize given for the best Scrapbook was won by Kentucky, a clock watch, kept by Mrs. McCormack “with pride.” First Bulletin sent to each officer of the Auxiliary and to each officer of the state auxiliaries. This consisted of proceedings of the meetings, together with the Constitution and Bylaws, a Directory of the officers of this organization, the officers of the American Medical Auxiliary, and of the state auxiliaries. Four hundred fifty people were present at this meeting.

1928-1929
Mrs. C.W. Garrison, Little Rock, Arkansas, Fifth President, Sixth Annual Meeting, November 19-22, 1929, Miami, Florida.

The pamphlet, entitled “Mrs. Jane Todd Crawford – Pioneer Heroine of Surgery” (copy of the Asheville Address), was distributed to Board Members at this meeting.
Copies also were sent to each state auxiliary president. Because of this expenditure, no Bulletin giving the proceedings of the Ashville meeting was published.

1929-1930
Mrs. James N. Brawner, Atlanta, Georgia, Sixth President, Seventh Annual Meeting, November 11-14, 1930, Louisville, Kentucky.

Mrs. Brawner was named “Representative of the Southern Medical Auxiliary on the Jane Todd Crawford Committee,” then a Kentucky project. This Committee had developed a plan for educational work as so few people had ever heard of Jane Todd Crawford. Up until that time, identification of Dr. McDowell’s famous patient had not been disclosed. Her full name was first brought to the public by Dr. August Schachner in 1921, in his book entitled, *Ephraim McDowell, Father of Ovariotomy – With An Appendix on Jane Todd Crawford*, published by J.B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Social Hygiene Luncheon, Mrs. J. N. Brawner, President, presiding. The speaker Dr. Gordon Bates, Toronto, Canada, General Secretary, Canadian Social Hygiene Association. More than 500 people attended when this hush-hush subject first openly discussed by polite society in the South! Crowning efforts of Auxiliary Members collecting medical historical data in the publication of Mrs. S.C. Red’s “gossipy history of medicine in our state,” *The Medicine Man of Texas*.

November 17, 1930. Just two days later, the Great Depression enveloped the country, including the South. Bank failures became almost a stampede. No time, no thought or energy for historical memorials. Immediate physician needs were paramount. Bread lines and soup kitchens to feed the hungry, clothing for the needy, hot lunches for school children, and a multiplicity of charitable and welfare activities occupied Auxiliary members, along with other women.

1930-1931
Mrs. S.A. Collom, Sr., Texarkana, Texas, Seventh President, Eighth Annual Meeting, November 18-20, 1931, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The first Research and Romance of Medicine project actually was begun in 1931, when Mrs. Charles C. Oates, Little Rock, Arkansas, presented her report entitled “Romance of the Men We Honor in Our States.” This was a carefully prepared brief sketch of 26 physicians from 11 states. It was started the year before in 1930 by Mrs. S.A. Collom, Sr., President, at her Postconvention Board Meeting, when she appointed Mrs. Oates as Chairman of a new committee, “The Special Committee on Historical Collection.” First orchid given President at this meeting.
1931-1932

In spite of the Depression, the Auxiliary resolved at this meeting to “carry the Jane Todd Crawford Memorial Project to all women’s organizations in their states.” During the state reports, Kentucky reported “The Jane Todd Crawford Trail, over which she traveled from her home to the home of Dr. McDowell, 60 miles, has been defined. Auxiliary members hope to have this road beautified and properly marked.” Georgia State Report included “The State President of the Auxiliary has helped the Colored Auxiliary in Savannah plan a Health Program Tea to which the head of the Colored Women’s Organizations were invited and at which health literature was distributed.” Shreveport Auxiliary reported editing one issue of the *Tri-State Medical Journal*, affording great pride, much fun and a depleted treasury.

1932-1933
Mrs. A.A. Herold, Shreveport, Louisiana, Ninth President, Tenth Annual Meeting, November 14-17, 1933, Richmond Virginia.

In her report, Mrs. Herold said, in part: “…The year 1932-1933 has seen our two projects, around which we rally as an organization, go forward steadily and constantly. I refer to the collecting of data for the Romance of the Medical Men of the South, and the Jane Todd Crawford Memorial. If we continue to work, I know it will not be long before our manuscript shall be published in book form and placed on the shelf of every school and public library and our Jane Todd Crawford Memorial shall cease to be a dream but shall be helping in some way to lighten the burden carried by some unfortunate human beings.”

After offering this project to Woman’s Auxiliary to AMA, the following resolution was made at this meeting, in part: “Whereas, The Woman’s Auxiliary to the AMA has not seen their way clear to take upon themselves this obligation. Now therefore, Be It Resolved, That we, the Woman’s Auxiliary to the SMA, do now, again, accept the establishment of this Memorial as a definite project…”

1933-1934
Mrs. Southgate Leigh, Norfolk, Virginia, Tenth President, 11th Annual Meeting, November 13-16, 1934, San Antonio, Texas.

Her report emphasized the fact that the economic situation had prevented the development of many plans, but that several states reported active Jane Todd Crawford Committees; also that the Jane Todd Crawford story had been published in several state medical journals.
Southern Breakfast at Annual Meeting, American Medical Auxiliary, Cleveland, June 12, 1934, Mrs. Leigh presiding. Planned for about 35, arrangements were enlarged upon request of Mrs. James Blake, President W A AMA. More than 125 attended and expressed hope that the Southern Breakfast would become an annual occasion. This was continued through 1939 when dropped by request.

1934-1935
Mrs. J. Bonar White, Atlanta, Georgia, 11th President, 12th Annual Meeting, November 19-22, 1935, St. Louis, Missouri.

“May 30, 1935, McDowell Park, Danville, Kentucky, Jane Todd Crawford Monument unveiled. Southern Auxiliary was represented by Mrs. C.W. Garrison, Little Rock, Arkansas, Chairman of the Jane Todd Crawford Committee, who placed a wreath at the base of the Monument and joined the Kentucky Auxiliary members in scattering roses around the monument, at the close of the ceremony. The entire program was broadcast, the first medical association broadcast of an outdoor program in Kentucky.”

It was at this meeting that the Advisory Committee requested the Auxiliary “to bring its procedure into harmony with that of the Southern Medical Association, which is social, inspirational and informative.” The Southern Auxiliary had been patterned after the American Medical Auxiliary.

Reorganization and readjustment! Just as the organization was beginning to feel itself established. Both projects, being inspirational and informative, could be continued on a voluntary basis. And – there be no dues, individual or organizational…the Southern Medical Association, from its active fund, appropriating an amount sufficient to print the Minutes of the Auxiliary meeting, and to provide a small amount sufficient, as a contingent fund, for the expense of its Officers.

1935-1936
Mrs. Oliver W. Hill, Sr., Knoxville, Tennessee, 12th President, 13th Annual Meeting, November 17-20, 1936 Baltimore, Maryland.

The first official mid-year Executive Board Meeting was held May 12, 1936 in Kansas City, Missouri, during the Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association. Mrs. Hill explained that membership work only will be done in conjunction with the National Auxiliary, which has so many projects, while Southern sponsors but two projects – Jane Todd Crawford Memorial and Research and Romance of Medicine. AMA projects not reportable at Southern Medical Meetings as hitherto. Proposed budget of $200.00 was accepted with misgivings as the expenditures had totaled $252.81 the previous year.
December 13 was named Jane Todd Crawford Day, for on that day in 1809, Mrs. Crawford accepted the suggestion for the experimental operation performed on December 25, 1809.

1936-1937
Mrs. Frank N. Haggard, San Antonio, Texas, 13th President, 14th Annual Meeting, November 30-December 3, 1937, New Orleans, Louisiana.

It was at this meeting in New Orleans that the name of the Committee was changed to read “Research and Romance of Medicine Committee.”

South Carolina distributed attractive copies of a brief sketch of Jane Todd Crawford, 1763 to 1842; included were suggestions for aid in furthering the Memorial. At the Annual Luncheon, attended by over 500, Dr. Seale Harris commended the Jane Todd Crawford Memorial Project and urged its continuation.

At this meeting, “Mrs. Oliver W. Hill moved that the name of Mrs. Seale Harris, Birmingham, Alabama, as Founder of the Auxiliary to the Southern Medical Association, be put on all publications of the Auxiliary. Motion seconded and carried.” (Bulletin, SMA Auxiliary 1937, p.9)

Councilors were reporting on Doctors’ Day in their states since 1934, but no action was taken by Southern Auxiliary except to recognize the reports.

(Note: No action was taken to appoint a chairman until 1942.)

1937-1938
Mrs. Luther Bach, Florence, Kentucky, 14th President, 15th Annual Meeting, November 15-18, 1938, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

At this meeting Kentucky presented a check for $1,050.00 from the Kentucky State Auxiliary for the proposed joint Memorial to Mrs. Jane Todd Crawford. This fund had been accumulated in small amounts, mostly, having been started with $1.00 contributions. Names were published in the Bulletin with the idea that women, “many women, each contributing one dollar, would soon amass a magnificent sum.” Many projects or uses for the fund were suggested, but a “Special Survey Committee was appointed to continue for another year.”

Doctors’ Day observed in nine states, but still no chairman appointed.
1938-1939
Mrs. W. Kelly West, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 15th President, 16th Annual Meeting, November 21-24, 1939, Memphis, Tennessee.

Special Survey Committee unable to report on account of “the majority of the states have not yet submitted reports.” The President stated that the Memorial was off to a fine start under Kentucky’s capable leadership.

1939-1940
Mrs. Charles P. Corn, Walhalla, South Carolina, 16th President, 17th Annual Meeting, November 10-13, 1940, Louisville, Kentucky.

In her Report stated: “…All states observed Doctors’ Day in various ways…. Councilors from 11 states reported Doctors’ Day observances.”

“A Pageant of Pioneer Kentucky,” a panoramic view in seven episodes of the lives of early settlers, written by Mrs. Joseph E. Wier, provided entertainment. Approximately 60 people participated. Of course Dr. Ephraim McDowell and his famous patient, Mrs. Jane Todd Crawford, were one of the seven early settlers. The Budget was increased to $250.00 at this meeting.

1940-1941
Mrs. M. Pinson Neal, Columbia, Missouri, 17th President, 18th Annual Meeting, November 10-13, 1941, St. Louis, Missouri.

Jane Todd Crawford Memorial Fund at $1,395.40. It was suggested that this money be put in savings or buy Defense Bonds, until such time as a project could be used for the purpose it was intended (as a Memorial.) Mrs. Luther Bach reported that 2,000 copies of her booklet, Jane Todd Crawford, Pioneer Heroine of Surgery, had been printed and were to be distributed by SMA, as requested throughout the member states.

Old medical instruments were collected…but instead of being placed in a museum, were cleaned and shipped to England for present use in this world emergency.
1941-1942
Mrs. J. Ullman Reaves, Mobile, Alabama, 18th President, 19th Annual Meeting, November 10-12, 1942, Richmond, Virginia.

A War Meeting. Little else considered. (November 7-8, date of first British and American landing near Oran and Algiers, Africa.) “Two new Standing Committees were appointed: Doctors’ Day, Mrs. Leonard Rush Massengale, Lumpkin, Georgia; and Wartime Service, Mrs. James N. Brawner, Atlanta, Georgia. This is the first Doctors’ Day Chairman appointed found, to date.” (June 7, 1954, Mrs. McCormack, History of WA SMA, 1924-1952.)

1942-1943

Feverish war activities still possessed the people. Conventions were cancelled by many organizations, United States was at War. December 7, 1941 in a surprise attack, Japanese airplanes bombed Pearl Harbor. Congress declared war on Japan the next day. Germany and Italy, Axis partner of Japan, declared war on the United States, December 11. Congress retaliated at once. Physicians went in to serve wherever American troops were stationed. Women devoted their time and energy to Red Cross, local hospitals, clinics, - every type of service, even enlisting in the armed services as WAC’s, Waves, etc.

1943-1944
Mrs. John Pierpont Helmick, Fairmont, West Virginia, 20th President.

The Auxiliary meeting was not held at the request of the Advisory Committee “since its activities are largely for entertainment and are of a semi-social nature.” All officers served for two years.

1944-1945
Mrs. John Pierpont Helmick, presiding, 21st Annual Meeting, November 12-15, 1945, Cincinnati, Ohio (Kentucky Meeting).

This meeting will long be remembered because it was soon after VJ Day, August 14, 1945, the day Japan surrendered. Limitations on travel were gradually lifted and conventions could be held again.

The Jane Todd Crawford Fund now stood at $1,800.00, much of it in Defense Bonds. No other committee reports were given.
1945-1946
Mrs. W.W. Potter, Knoxville, Tennessee, 21st President, 22nd Annual Meeting, November 4-7, 1946, Miami, Florida.

It was at this meeting that plans were made for a “Jane Todd Crawford Memorial Student Loan Fund.” A Committee had been set up the year before to make these plans. Mrs. J. Ullman Reaves (President 1941-1942) was made Secretary to the Committee and conducted the necessary correspondence for a Student Loan.

The Advisory Committee reported that the Auxiliary should streamline their activities: program, social and otherwise. It was at this meeting that “The Council of the Southern Medical Association has designated its Executive Committee to be the Advisory Committee to the Women’s Auxiliary.”

1946-1947
Mrs. Wiley R. Buffington, New Orleans, Louisiana, 22nd President, 23rd Annual Meeting, November 24-26, 1947, Baltimore, Maryland.

The first Jane Todd Crawford Memorial Student Loan was made to Dr. Robert Walker Withers, postgraduate medical student at Duke University Hospital, Durham, North Carolina. Doctors’ Day Committees and Research and Romance of Medicine Committees continue to thrive and much interest spread over the member states.

1947-1948

Misunderstandings about the Advisory Committee continued, and about the Jane Todd Crawford Loan Fund. These misunderstandings continued until Council advised that the Auxiliary not undertake any project to raise money and that the money from this Fund be used for a Memorial to Jane Todd Crawford in the Ephraim McDowell Home in Danville, Kentucky. Three Student Loans were made before this happened; $1,000.00 sent to Kentucky to furnish a room, subject to a committee from the Auxiliary. But, the Jane Todd Crawford student Loan Fund remained in existence, managed by the Auxiliary alone for several years.
1948-1949
Mrs. Joseph W. Kelso, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 24th President, 25th Annual Meeting, November 14-17, 1949, Kentucky Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Total value of JTCMF was $3,231.52. “Metal file purchased to hold papers at Headquarters Building; a secretary was employed for the complete reorganization of the files. Booklet was compiled listing all the material on Research and Romance in Medicine.”

This was the year that a Committee was named to “investigate the possibility of securing a President’s Pin.” Mrs. George D. Feldner was appointed Chairman of the Committee.

1949-1950

It was at this meeting, after much correspondence between McDowell Memorial Committee, Kentucky State Medical Association, and the Auxiliary, that the dining table and chairs which were already in the original Dr. Ephraim McDowell Home was purchased by the Auxiliary. This was done and suitable markers attached to the table and chairs.

“Research is popular with the members,” and many requests made for material. Doctors’ Day observances in 15 states.

1950-1951
Mrs. L.S. Thompson, Dallas, Texas, 26th President, 27th Annual Meeting, November 5-8, 1951, Dallas, Texas.

“Jane Todd Crawford Memorial Scholarship Fund continues to be active for $602.50 collected this year, but with the expenditures for three loans outstanding, $1,000.00 sent to Kentucky, as above, some of the bonds had to be used.”

One Revision to the Constitution was made at this meeting: Article II, Section 5. (Add) To secure voluntary gifts to the Jane Todd Crawford Memorial Scholarship Fund. At the Postconvention Board Meeting, Dr. R. L. Sanders, Chairman of the Advisory Committee of Council, suggested “….that we let the Deans of Medical Schools know about the Jane Todd Crawford Memorial Student Loan Fund, so that more young doctors would be aware that such funds are available to them for postgraduate study in gynecology.”
1951-1952
Mrs. V. Eugene Holcombe, Charleston, West Virginia, 27th President, 28th Annual Meeting, November 10-13, 1952, Miami, Florida.

The Chairman of Research and Romance of Medicine, Mrs. Charles P. Corn, reported that she had the steel file weighing 400 pounds with R&R material inside. (This was still being passed from one chairman to another.) Many requests for material; 240 booklets sent to 17 State Councilors.

The first Doctors’ Day Luncheon held during this meeting. Doctors’ Day prizes were being awarded by this time. Dr. Robert J. Wilkinson, Huntington, West Virginia, gave an interesting talk on the subject of “Thinking Together” at this Luncheon…. “What can Doctors’ wives do to improve public relations… Proceed with efforts to establish a Doctors’ Day to dignify the position of the profession before the public and to pay tribute to the profession…. You should take great pride in your accomplishments and my wish is that you may rise to even greater heights.”

1952-1953
Mrs. Richard F. Stover, Miami, Florida, 28th President, 29th Annual Meeting, October 26-29, 1953, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. Stover stated in her Report: “It is my hope to try to make our organization more cohesive than it has been in the past and better understood by all members of the State Auxiliaries; promoting our projects and showing that rather than being in competition with the Woman’s Auxiliary to the American Medical Association, we complement the work of that organization as it complements the work of our organization.”

A study was made of scholarship and loan funds in general, to better obtain results with the JTCSLF.

This year the Auxiliary first benefited from the Handbook authorized by Mrs. V. Eugene Holcombe and prepared under the chairmanship of the present President, Mrs. Stover. Mrs. Stover printed the first Newsletter, which has become a custom with all presidents through the years.

1953-1954
Mrs. George D. Feldner, New Orleans, Louisiana, 29th President, 30th Annual Meeting, November 8-11, 1954, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. Feldner attended all 16 State Conventions and visited the District of Columbia Auxiliary, the first time this was ever done, and may be the only
time, due to conflicts in meetings. She designed and supervised the making of
the plaque used in celebrating the “Golden Jubilee of SMA.” Funds solicited
by Mrs. W.W. Potter from Past President’s and others. First year “Certificates
of Awards” were given for Doctors’ Day observances. The Feldner Trophy
was given by Dr. and Mrs. Feldner this year as the highest award. The History
of the Woman’s Auxiliary to the Southern Medical Association compiled by Mrs. Arthur
Thomas McCormack, Chairman, Special History Committee, was presented to
the Auxiliary at November meeting, 1954. It was the intention of this Committee
and Mrs. Feldner that “this excellent compilation of our auxiliary history can
reach the hands of every doctor’s wife in the South.” This was not to be however,
as only one copy is in the files and the others (3) appear to have been lost over the
years. Her expense was $106.25.

1954-1955
Mrs. Louis K. Hundley, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, 30th President, 31st Annual Meeting,
November 14-17, 1955, Houston, Texas.

First President to be asked to address the SMA Council, Mrs. Hundley felt she
had the complete support of this group with Dr. Milford O. Rouse as Chairman
of the Advisory Board. They requested the Auxiliary to stop solicitation of funds
for “any reason.” Asked that a one-day Business Session be held and other time
spent in entertaining all of the women at the conventions. This has been the order
of meetings since that time. Budget increased to $3,000.00, and Mrs. Hundley’s
extra traveling expenses were paid. There was a good growth in membership. She
visited every state except Kentucky and District of Columbia. She was an expert
in “public relations” and was of great benefit to the image of the “Auxiliary.”

1955-1956
Mrs. John L. O’Connell, St. Louis, Missouri, 31st President, 32nd Annual Meeting,
November 12-15, 1956, Washington, DC.

During this year, the Jane Todd Crawford Scholarship Memorial Fund was used
for furthering membership of Southern Medical Association by using funds for
yearly subscriptions to Southern Medical Journal and letting recipients know that the
Auxiliary was the donor.

1956-1957
Mrs. Oscar W. Robinson, Paris, Texas, 32nd President, 33rd Annual Meeting, November
11-14, 1957, Miami Beach, Florida.

Mrs. J.U. Reaves, Chairman of JTCMF, proposed that “the money remaining in
the Fund be used in the Auxiliary Room of the new building being finished in
Birmingham, including a large bronze plaque, a painting of Jane Todd Crawford, and the remainder of the Fund used in furnishing the room.” Mrs. W.G. Thuss was named Chairman of this Committee. Mrs. Robinson wrote a very fine history of Southern Medical Auxiliary in the years following her year as President. She served in many capacities, as did most of the aforementioned Presidents.

1957-1958
Mrs. Walker L. Curtis, College Park, Georgia, 33rd President, 34th Annual Meeting, November 3-6, 1958, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Auxiliary Room in the headquarters Building of Southern Medical Association was dedicated this year. Mrs. Curtis edited the first President’s page in Southern Medical Journal. “Doctors’ Day has now reached its goal of national recognition. The Subcommittee on Health and Science of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the House of Representatives of the United States passed a Resolution expressing ‘Appreciation to the medical profession for its efforts and accomplishments in mankind’s continuing war against disease,’ recognizing specifically the membership of the Southern Medical Association,” according to Mrs. Curtis in her President’s Report. Budget now $3,600.00.

1958-1959
Mrs. George W. Owen, Jackson, Mississippi, 34th President, 35th Annual Meeting, November 16-19, 1959, Atlanta, Georgia.

$1,000.00 was given from the Jane Todd Crawford Fund (apparently accumulated since the Room was furnished), as ordered by the Executive Committee, 1958, to Southern Medical Association Building Fund. This was given as a Doctors’ Day Tribute to Southern Doctors.

Mrs. Owen visited all except two states and felt the growth of 915 members to SMA was partly the “work of the Auxiliary.” At the Doctors’ Day Luncheon, the theme was “King Doctor for a Day,” and King Doctor was chosen by lot from a “crown” box containing the names of all the doctors present at the luncheon. The happy choice was Dr. Gilbert Douglas of Birmingham, Alabama, who enjoyed every minute of his reign.

1959-1960
Mrs. John M. Chenault, Decatur, Alabama, 35th President, 36th Annual Meeting, October 31-November 3, 1960, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. John M. Chenault served as President of the Woman’s Auxiliary to American Medical Association. During this year she visited 12 state meetings, edited five Newsletters and attended the W A AMA Meeting as representative of W A SMA.
She recommended this meeting as a “must” for Presidents, since she was able to contact more women there than any other meeting, was able to have an Executive Committee Meeting, confer with Headquarters staff, and many of her Councilors at midyear. She recommended every President visit the Headquarters Office and have a thorough knowledge of the “files” in the Auxiliary Room. During this year, she and Mrs. Thuss, Chairman of the Filing Committee, rearranged and indexed the files in Birmingham.

1960-1961

Mrs. Kalford W. Howard, Portsmouth, Virginia, 36th President, 37th Annual Meeting, November 6-9, 1961, Dallas, Texas.

The Handbook was revised this year, with Mrs. John M. Chenault as Chairman. The Doctors’ Day Brochure was rewritten by Mrs. Oscar W. Robinson during this year, also. A filing committee was named for the first time, as all records were now in the Auxiliary Room in Birmingham. Mrs. Howard visited 16 states. The Budget was reduced to $2,000.00 during this year, and the President requested “to not visit the state meetings.” To reevaluate the good accomplished by this and to use all of the money for “entertainment at conventions.”

1961-1962


Mrs. Douglas visited nine states at the request and invitation of the state auxiliaries. She and others following her for some time used their own funds to accomplish this, because “to not visit” negated the usefulness of this office and urgent request from the states were hard to deny. Two hundred copies of Medical Care for Adolescents brochures were distributed to state chairmen with Newsletters. During this year, Mr. C.P. Loranz, Advisor and Professional Relations Councilor for the Southern Medical Association, was given a gift on his retirement. Five Newsletters were sent.

1962-1963

Mrs. Elias Margo, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 38th President, 39th Annual Meeting, November 18-21, 1963, New Orleans, Louisiana.

“Sing Along with Southern.” May have been the first time a theme was used by a President. One hundred percent participation in Doctors’ Day by member states, and many states outside of Southern area requested material about Doctors’ Day. Every state had an increase in membership. Mailed two Newsletters, visited seven states, and sent telegrams to all others when she could not attend their meetings.
1963-1964

Mrs. Gray visited seven state meetings, issued three Newsletters, and sent a representative to each state that she did not visit. The Budget continued at $2,000.00, which was adequate since no funds were provided for presidential visitations. Mrs. Gray noted for future references that the District of Columbia has its own SMA Auxiliary, which is a completely different group from the AMA component auxiliary. All other SMA groups work through the state auxiliaries.

Mrs. Gray has accomplished a great deal with her choral group from the college where she is employed in the Department of Music. Her choral group gave a concert at the Annual Doctors’ Day Luncheon, and they have toured all over the world.

1964-1965

During her year she encouraged the states to contribute histories to the Research and Romance of Medicine project, the honoring of doctors on Doctors’ Day and membership in the Southern Medical Association. She visited ten states, edited four Newsletters, and carried on an active correspondence in those states which she did not visit in promoting membership. Mrs. Kelling may best be remembered for her beautiful recitation of “The Doctors’ Wife,” which she composed and delighted those present, at the Annual Doctor’s Day Luncheon in Houston, 1965.

1965-1966
Mrs. William G. Thuss, Birmingham, Alabama, 41st President, 42nd Annual Meeting, November 14-17, 1966, Washington, DC.

In her President’s Report, Mrs. Thuss writes: “It is doubtful, with the Space Age so newly begun, that a President of the Woman’s Auxiliary to the Southern Medical Association has ever ‘blasted off’ from Houston, Texas on an eventful year, and ended her flight in Washington, D.C., our nation’s capitol.” So recently President of Woman’s Auxiliary to the American Medical Association, 1962-1963, Mrs. Thuss brought to WA SMA valuable “know how” and enthusiasm.

Mrs. Thuss received the first President’s Plaque, in appreciation from Southern Medical Association. This was presented by Dr. J. Garber Galbraith, a member of the Advisory Council, at that time. Since that time, every President has received a “Certificate of Appreciation.” Her Report was very comprehensive.
and enlightened many and especially the Advisory Committee concerning the finances of the Auxiliary. This was a beginning, and this President’s keen interest and understanding laid the groundwork for later budget increases. “Louise’s Ledger” kept us informed.

1966-1967

“Ursula To U” Newsletters became Mrs. Wilkinson’s “trademark” during her year. Always a good correspondence, she delighted her Board Members with accurate information, news of others, her witticisms and her poetry. She became the first President of the Auxiliary to serve from North Carolina. She visited 12 states and set a fast pace for those who followed her. She stressed membership in SMA, “Speak Up for Southern,” and “Physicals for Physicians” were the “banners” for her year. She asked for greater understanding and participation in the two projects of the Woman’s Auxiliary, namely, Doctors’ Day and Research and Romance of Medicine. Her “Pina Colata” party for her Board Members was “another first” – unusual and enjoyed by all.

1967-1968
Mrs. Louie H. Griffin, Sr., Claxton, Georgia, 43rd President, 44th Annual Meeting, November 18-22, 1968, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The President wrote, “To preserve the history and romantic stories of the heroes and heroines of medicine, to record and exhibit them at the Annual Meeting in 1968; these are our traditional and time-honored objects and purposes. In Southern we promote friendship between the families of physicians and assist in entertaining at the Annual Meetings. This year we chose to enlarge and encourage these cherished traditions, to add no new ones, but continue to strengthen and expand these objects, and to continue to stress ‘Physicals for Physicians.’”

Eight states were visited, some seven communiqués, many letters written, especially to the Advisory Council, in a further effort to better communications between the Auxiliary and Council. This year the Budget was raised to $2,500.00. The Dr. and Mrs. Milford O. Rouse Trophy was given for the first time this year for the most outstanding exhibit in Research and Romance in Medicine.
1968-1969
Mrs. Virgil Ray Forester, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 44th President, 45th Annual Meeting, November 10-13, 1969, Atlanta, Georgia.

“On Deck to Serve Southern” was the theme Mrs. Forester used to launch her year. For the first time, she appointed Vice-Councilors to help further membership in SMA. She attended 12 state meetings, made Mrs. Milford O. Rouse Honorary Chairman of Research and Romance of Medicine, and wrote numerous Newsletters during her year. Her “Christmas in Atlanta” convention theme was outstanding, as was the Doctors’ Day Luncheon. Mrs. Forester’s talent as a poetess has given the Auxiliary many fine poems over the years. Probably the most outstanding being “I’m Glad I’m a Doctors’ Wife.”

1969-1970

This year was launched “In Orbit to Serve Southern.” Mrs. Peck made ten state visits, published several Newsletters, continued the project in promoting Doctors’ Day, Research and Romance in Medicine, and Membership in SMA. She invited SMA Councilors and their wives to the Doctors’ Day Luncheon and recognized those State Councilors who had an increase in membership in their states. The budget was increased this year to $3,000.00. Mrs. Peck had continued to improve communications with the SMA Council.

1970-1971
Mrs. Ramsay H. Moore, Dallas, Texas, 46th President, 47th Annual Meeting, November 1-3, 1971, Miami Beach, Florida.

Mrs. Moore appointed as her Special Advisor, Dr. Milford O. Rouse, as Liaison between the Auxiliary and Southern Medical Association. Visits were made to 12 state conventions to promote Southern membership. She also visited the Headquarters Office in Birmingham, as most every president did, early in her year. Membership, public relations, Doctors’ Day and Research and Romance of Medicine were emphasized during the year. Four Newsletters were sent during the year.

During her year, her sister and brother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sparkman, knowing of her special interest in Research and Romance of Medicine, arranged for, restored and permanently placed the original marble tombstone of Jane Todd Crawford at the gravesite in Johnson Cemetery in Graysville, Indiana, in 1971.
In Mrs. Moore’s Annual Report she stated: “After giving it much thought, I discussed it with my advisors, and it was decided that a 50-year History of the Auxiliary be compiled to commemorate this half-century occasion. It will take that long to obtain the information and have it completed for the 50th Anniversary meeting.” The theme for her Convention was “Butterflies and Rainbows” and those attending found the “Pot of Gold.”

1971-1972
Mrs. Raymond E. Jones, Louisville, Kentucky, 47th President, 48th Annual Meeting, November 13-16, 1972, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mrs. Jones was the third President installed from Kentucky. She was also the first and only President ever to be installed as President without first serving as President-Elect. She was a nominee for the office of President-Elect, but the President-Elect Mrs. Abbott Y. Wilcox, Jr., St. Petersburg, Florida, had to resign two months before the Annual Meeting on account of illness in her family. Mrs. Jones was installed as President instead. She visited 14 state meetings and messages were sent to the other states which she was unable to visit because of conflicts in schedules. She also sent numerous Newsletters and promoted all projects to the Auxiliary. It was this year that Vice-Councilors were added to the Constitution and Bylaws.

1972-1973

From the President’s Report: “A major transaction at the 1972 Annual Meeting was authorization to appoint a committee to research and compile a brochure relative to the gathering and exhibiting of Research and Romance of Medicine material.” This brochure will be printed for distribution when completed. The SMA Council, at the January meeting, agreed that the Auxiliary President could visit those states to which she was invited and use her budgeted allotment to help defray travel expenses. Thirteen states were visited, and two had television interviews relative to Southern activities.

The Budget was approved as submitted for $5,000.00. Because of a special IRS classification for SMA, it was determined by the Council that checks for Auxiliary expenditures be issued from the SMA office. The Auxiliary will continue to submit a budget and vouchers are checked against the budgeted items by the Auxiliary Treasurer, and then sent to SMA office for payment. The $500.00 formerly known as the Jane Todd Crawford Fund is so noted and will be held by SMA until some proper disposition is determined by the Auxiliary.
Mrs. W. Nash Thompson, Stuart, Virginia, 49th President, 50th Annual Meeting, November 17-20, 1974, Atlanta, Georgia.

From Mrs. Thompson’s March 1974 Newsletter: “I am very pleased to report the Virginia Historic Landmarks commission has approved the site of birth for the historical marker for Jane Todd Crawford in Rockbridge County, Virginia. Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sparkman, Dallas, Texas, have already mailed a check for $250.00 to be used for this marker. At a meeting of the Mid Winter Executive Committee of the Southern Medical Association on March 3 in Birmingham, they approved her request for an additional amount for installation to be paid from our Jane Todd Crawford Memorial Fund. Salem Industries, Inc., of Salem, Virginia, is manufacturing the marker.”

Twelve state meetings have been attended, four Newsletters have been sent. A visit to Headquarters Office in Birmingham in August to assist in beginning the writing of the 50th Year History, and many letters and telephone calls have been the chronicle of her year’s activities. All states that could not be visited have had representation by either councilors or officers of the Auxiliary.

65 Years

Mrs. James H. Manning (Pellie), Marietta, Georgia, 50th President, 51st Annual Meeting, November 16-19, 1975, Miami Beach, Florida.

The President’s theme for the year was “Count Your Blessings.” During the year, several visits were made to the Southern Headquarters in Birmingham to update files and to improve the archives records kept in the Auxiliary room there.

Twelve states were visited and one national auxiliary meeting was attended. 1975 was the first year that the SMA Auxiliary President was invited by many of the state medical societies to address the doctors’ general session meeting in addition to the auxiliary meeting. The President was a guest speaker at four of these sessions. The handbook and bylaws were updated and presented at the annual meeting. “Friends made through the Southern Medical Auxiliary are my cherished blessings every day.”
1975-1976
Mrs. J. Gordon Dees (Opal), Jackson, Mississippi, 51st President, 52nd Annual Meeting, November 7-10, 1976, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The theme for the year was “Speak Up for Southern, Now is the Time.” Dr. Thomas Dameron, Chairman of the SMA Advisory Council, presented the Auxiliary with an assignment…that each state auxiliary be responsible for distribution of material acquainting physicians with the availability of a new offered SMA benefit, namely the Dial Access Program.

A special event was the display of the Mississippi quilt, designed, pieced and quilted by Mississippi Auxiliary members. Money was budgeted to allow the Auxiliary President-Elect to represent the President at those meetings which the President was unable to attend. “Now is the Time – to proclaim that all SMA Auxilians are special.”

1976-1977
Mrs. Linus W. Hewit (Jane), Tampa, Florida, 52nd President, 53rd Annual Meeting, November 6-9, 1977, Dallas, Texas.

Thirteen states were visited by the President, eight in just one month. During the year the coveted Feldner Trophy was retired, and a new one was presented to the Auxiliary by Dr. and Mrs. George D. Feldner. The President selected the trophy. “My memories are rich, and I was filled with pride as I viewed the accomplishments of our Southern Members.”

1977-1978
Mrs. M. Bruce Martin (Eileen), Huntington, West Virginia, 53rd President, 54th Annual Meeting, November 11-14, 1978, Atlanta, Georgia.

At the “String of Pearls” breakfast – Postconvention Board Meeting, the SMA President and the SMAA President announced that the Council and the Auxiliary would be working on plans to incorporate some courses for the Auxiliary – a time of learning – into the convention schedule. During the year this was implemented and the courses were well attended. The first Reports Chairman was appointed by the President. A resolution was passed honoring Dr. Milford O. Rouse for his friendship, loyal support and sound advice to the Auxiliary through the years.
1978-1979
Mrs. Braxter S. Troutman (Bec), Lenoir, North Carolina, 54th President, 55th Annual Meeting, November 4-7, 1979, Las Vegas, Nevada.

North Carolina was proud of the fact that both the Southern Medical Association President and the Auxiliary President were from North Carolina. Dr. Thomas Dameron, Jr. of Raleigh led the Association this year. An exciting convention was held out-of-district in Las Vegas, and was well attended. Registration for the Auxiliary members was about 700, which was the largest spouse registration to date. “With all the wonderful help and encouragement from SMA Headquarters, from North Carolina Auxiliary, and from every southern state auxiliary, this was a successful year and convention.”

1979-1980
Mrs. Raymond M. Yow (Margaret), Salisbury, Maryland, 55th President, 56th Annual Meeting, November 16-19, 1980, San Antonio, Texas.

“Unity,” the theme for this year, was introduced at the Post convention Board Breakfast in Las Vegas. The name of the Auxiliary was changed from “Woman’s Auxiliary to the Southern Medical Association” to “Southern Medical Association Auxiliary.” This was decided upon in order to make the Auxiliary acceptable to the spouses of all physician members. “I have been given the opportunity to visit and meet Auxilians in every Southern state, and will regard this association as a special highlight to my life.”

1980-1981

The newsletter was named Southern Connection and three editions were sent out during this year. The newsletter served as a connecting link between the members of the Southern Family in each of our member states, the District of Columbia, and those who live out of district. The Auxiliary President and President-Elect were asked to speak to the SMA Council, which privilege had not been extended to an Auxiliary President since 1955. The Auxiliary President and President-Elect were pictured in the SMA yearbook for the first time. “Even though our birth dates were published, we still felt honored.”
1981-1982
Mrs. William Wise (Ruthanne Jones), Warrensburg, Missouri, 57th President, 58th Annual Meeting, October 30-November 2, 1982, Atlanta, Georgia.

The theme for this year was “Take Stock in SMA,” during which a new Team Membership Award was created. This award is presented at this Annual Meeting to the SMA Councilor and SMAA Councilor from the state having the largest net increase in SMA membership. The first spouse program at the SMA’s regional postgraduate meetings was held in New Orleans. A long range planning task force was appointed and held its first meeting at the annual conference in Atlanta in November.

1982-1983
Mrs. William D. Hughes (Martha), Montgomery, Alabama, 58th President, 59th Annual Meeting, November 6-9, 1983, Baltimore, Maryland.

Election day, the new Auxiliary President’s birthday, hearts and balloons combined to introduce this year, the theme of which was “Auxiliary – The Heart of Southern.” A cookbook, “Southern Hospitality,” was published, which contained recipes submitted by Auxiliary members. The first Leadership Retreat was held in February at the Headquarters building. Invited were Auxiliary Officers and Councilors, and this workshop afforded an excellent opportunity for binding the Auxiliary together. “There is a very special feeling to be found in the Auxiliary – The Heart of Southern.”

1983-1984
Mrs. William J. Reardon (Kay), McLean, Virginia, 59th President, 60th Annual Meeting, November 4-7, 1984, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Bylaws, the Handbook and Procedure Guidelines were revised and updated. The second Leadership Meeting was held in Birmingham, which did much to foster closeness among the officers and councilors. Original Doctors’ Day scripts were collected and filed in the archives. The President was invited to present Doctors’ Day workshops at the fall board meetings in Oklahoma and California. “It is wonderful to feel the warmth and genuine hospitality in each state. The joy of making new friends and renewing old friendships is a memorable experience.”
1984-1985
Mrs. J. Edward Hill (Jean), Hollendale, Mississippi, 60th President, 61st Annual Meeting, November 17-20, 1985, Orlando, Florida.

1985 marked the 50th Anniversary of Doctors’ Day for the Southern Medical Association Auxiliary. The Auxiliary President met with Vice President George Bush, and presented him with a check from the Auxiliary for the Living Bank. This contribution was made in honor of all physicians for Doctors’ Day. An award was presented to Pontotoc – Johnson County, Oklahoma for the most outstanding community service project honoring physicians on Doctors’ Day. “This was to be our way of letting others know that physicians and their families do care about the health and welfare of those in our communities.”

1985-1986
Mrs. Frank E. Morgan (Margaret Ann), North Little Rock, Arkansas, 61st President, 62nd Annual Meeting, November 8-11, 1986, Atlanta, Georgia.

“Southern Hospitality and Friendship,” symbolized by the use of pineapples, was the theme for this year. Emphasis was placed on friendliness and good fellowship between physician and the families of physicians. Doctors’ Day and Medical Heritage (Research and Romance of Medicine) booklets were completely revised, including several changes in emphasis and judging procedures. The Auxiliary President was invited to attend the Southern Medical Association long range planning retreat, which did much to foster closer relationships between the Association and the Auxiliary. “Friendship and Southern Hospitality were present in abundance all during the year.”

1986-1987
Mrs. John M. Hopper (Virginia), Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 62nd President, 63rd Annual Meeting, November 1-4, 1987, San Antonio, Texas.

On Doctors’ Day the President went to Washington, D.C. to present red carnations to the only physician member of Congress, Dr. Rowland from Georgia; to the Surgeon General; and to the head of the Department of Health and Human Resources. The President gave a Doctors’ Day Workshop in Mississippi and Louisiana, and spoke on Doctors’ Day and Medical Heritage at several county and parish auxiliary meetings. An out-of-district Councilor was appointed for the first time, and was asked to contact the many out-of-district members about the auxiliary programs. Toys were collected at the Annual Meeting and given to “Elf Louise,” an organization in San Antonio which distributes new toys to needy children at Christmas time. “The Southern Medical Association Auxiliary members are a cooperative, enthusiastic and friendly group of intelligent and capable women. It has been a pleasure to get to know each one.”
1987-1988
Mrs. Graham B. Milburn (Joan), San Antonio, Texas, 63rd President, 64th Annual Meeting, November 6-9, 1988, New Orleans, Louisiana.

A new membership brochure for physicians’ spouses was developed, to be used with the welcome letter sent to each new member. The mailing list for Southern Connection was updated and computerized, allowing the newsletter to reach more auxiliaries than had been possible previously. A new cabinet was placed in the auxiliary room at the Headquarters Office to store the Medical Heritage collection. Tray cards were printed and made available to local auxiliaries, to be used in hospitals on Doctors’ Day. “This year unfolded with all sorts of Serendipitous discoveries.”

1988-1989
Mrs. David C. Thibodeaux (Barbara), Marietta, Georgia, 64th President, 65th Annual Meeting, November 5-8, 1989, Washington, DC.

This President was pleased to announce the dedication of a bronze marker on August 1, 1989 at the courthouse in Winder, Georgia, recognizing Mrs. Charles B. Almond (Eudora Brown) as founder of Doctors’ Day. The history of the Auxiliary was updated by Mrs. John M. Hopper for the 65th Anniversary Celebration. All of the state visits were made, and special correspondence from the President, as well as official publications were sent. “This year was truly one of ‘Southern Harmony’.”

75 Years

1989-1990
Mrs. A.J. Campbell (Janet), Sedalia, Missouri, 65th President, 66th Annual Meeting, October 14-17, 1990, Nashville, Tennessee.

Janet Campbell (Mrs. A.J.) led us in “Catching the SMAA Spirit ’90.” This spirit led us to the national forefront when President George Bush singed the proclamation that established March 30 as “National Doctors’ Day.” This was a culmination of the efforts of Auxiliaries across the country, led by SMAA President Janet Campbell and President-Elect Roberta Barnett.

1990-1991
Mrs. Jim C. Barnett (Roberta), Brookhaven, Mississippi, 66th President, 67th Annual Meeting, November 16-19, 1991, Atlanta, Georgia.

Auxiliaries were part of the “Leading Edge” as the dynamic duo, Dr. Jim C. Barnett and his leading lady, Roberta, presided over both the SMA and SMAA
conventions held at the Atlanta Hilton Hotel and Tower in Atlanta, Georgia, November 16-19, 1991. This was history in the making as husband and wife were Presidents of their respective organizations the same year.

This was also the year of national military history when Operation Desert Storm was instigated. To show our support, Mrs. Barnett introduced the SMAA Patriotic Postcard in honor of physicians serving in Operation Desert Storm. Over two thousand cards were mailed to those who made the sacrifices for their country. SMAA was on the leading edge of this effort.

1991-1992

On November 12-15, 1992, Emily Shelton (Mrs. William B. Jr.) invited us to “Share the Vision” at the Marriott River Center Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. One of the visions shared at this convention was the introduction of Breast Cancer Awareness as the Auxiliary’s first educational project. Members were encouraged to use materials, bill boards and posters prepared by SMAA and the American Cancer Society. Of interest that year was speaker, Liz Carpenter, a veteran Washington insider and former White House Press Secretary.

1992-1993

Ebba Dunn (Mrs. Julius E. Jr.) planted “Seeds of Change” when she presided over the SMAA Convention held October 28-31, 1993 at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. Bylaws were amended to change the name of Councilors to specify their particular function. Additional guidelines for committees were included. Ebba also initiated a new membership program, the International Spouse Program, which helped to strengthen membership numbers in both SMA and SMAA.

1993-1994
Mrs. Charles E. Taylor (Mildred), Columbia, Maryland, 69th President, 70th Annual Meeting, November 3-6, 1994, Orlando, Florida.

Mrs. Charles E. Taylor (Mildred), presided over the convention held at the Clarion Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida, November 3-6, 1994. The President chose as her theme, “Together for Tomorrow” with a logo of a circle of southern flowers. The pamphlet, “Medical Heritage Travel Guide” was introduced, and a presentation made to the American Cancer Society. Work was completed on the proposed
commemorative postal stamp in honor of Dr. Crawford Long, and the office of the Vice President for Health Education was officially included as a board position.

1994-1995

Jo-Ann Daus (Mrs. Arthur T., Jr.) presided over the “Southern Tradition” convention in Kansas City, Missouri held at the Westin Crowne Center, November 15-19, 1995. During her year the Board voted to change from the strategic plan which included Breast Cancer and Prevention to a single program dedicated to Breast Cancer for a 5 year period. Dr. Philip Strax was guest speaker on Breast Cancer and Mammography.

1995-1996
Mrs. Jerry L. Meyer (Jan), Concordia, Missouri, 71st President, 72nd Annual Meeting, November 20-24, 1996, Baltimore, Maryland.

Jan Meyer (Mrs. Jerry), President, partnered with SMA in adopting our theme of the year, “Yesterday’s Caring with Today’s Technology.” The convention was held at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore on the Inner Harbor in Baltimore, Maryland, November 20-24, 1996. This year the SMA Physician Membership Recruitment Program was developed at the request of the SMAA.

1996-1997
Mrs. E. Edward McCool (Sancy), Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 72nd President, 73rd Annual Meeting, November 5-9, 1997, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Sancy McCool (Mrs. E. Edward) encouraged Auxiliaries to “Reach New Heights” when the SMAA convened in Charlotte, North Carolina at the Adams Mark Hotel, November 5-9, 1997. Membership recruitment was stressed. Of special interest this year was the appointment of the committee to plan for the 75th Anniversary Celebration in 1999. Guest speakers that year were R. Michael Smith, M.D. and wife, Susan Hidalgo-Smith, breast cancer survivor, who spoke on “One Woman’s Journey.”

1997-1998
Mrs. Deno Pappas (Gwen), Hot Springs, Arkansas, 73rd President, 74th Annual Meeting, November 8-12, 1998, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Gwen Pappas (Mrs. Deno) further strengthened our membership emphasis with the theme, “Unity in Diversity.” The convention was held at the Sheraton New
Orleans Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. The first Health Education Award of Excellence was given to an organization outside the SMAA. The award was presented to Nancy Brinker and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for outstanding efforts in the fight against Breast Cancer. The membership voted to continue Breast Cancer Awareness as the health focus until the year 2004.

1998-1999

Mr. M.V. Kalaycioglu (Jeanny), Shinnston, West Virginia, 74th President, 75th Annual Meeting, November 10-14, 1999, Dallas, Texas.

Jeanny Kalaycioglu (Mrs. M.V.) presided over the 75th SMAA Convention in Dallas, Texas, November 10-14, 1999. She served as the Auxiliary’s Seventy Fourth President. A native of Turkey, Jeanny became the first foreign born President of this historic organization. “Progress Through Education” was the main emphasis of her Presidency. Breast Cancer Awareness and related programs, Medical Heritage, Doctors’ Day and membership activities have afforded all Auxiliaries the opportunity to spread the word about the worthwhile education aspects of Southern Medical Association and its partner, SMAA.

75 Years

1999-2000

Mrs. Lee H. Rogers (Merrell), Tupelo, Mississippi, 75th President, 76th Annual Meeting, November 1-5, 2000, Orlando, Florida.

The Auxiliary and the Association shared a theme this year: Taking the Millennium By Storm. Alliance members voted to try and generate some of our own funding by publishing a cook-book, Southern Hospitality. This was the second cook-book to be published by the Auxiliary, the first also bearing the same name. Linda Elliott ably chaired the committee for a very successful project. Funds made helped us continue our Breast Cancer Awareness, Doctors’ Day and Medical Heritage projects. A proposal at convention to change our name from Auxiliary to Alliance missed by one vote.

2000-2001


On November 3, 2000 Mrs. M. Wyatt Haisten (Betty), Beaumont, Texas was installed as the 76th President of SMAA, and the first President of the new millennium, at the Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Florida.
The SMA and SMAA theme for the 94th Annual Meeting was “The Journey Begins.” The SMAA Health Education focus continued to be Breast Cancer Awareness. In honor of the Awareness project additions to the “Southern Hospitality” cookbook reprint was printed on pink paper. Doctors’ Day and Medical Heritage Councilors recognized Doctors 100 years or older in honor of Doctors’ Day.

Our journey concluded at convention in Nashville, Tennessee November 7-11, 2001. During the convention the auxiliary played host for a silent auction that benefited the Research and Education Endowment fund. Special guest speaker was Dr. Robert L. Baldwin. His presentation entitled “A Silent Tragedy- A Joyful Noise” addressed newborn hearing loss.

2001-2002
Mrs. Thomas C. Sparkman (Carol), Cape Girardeau, Missouri, 77th President, 78th Annual Meeting, November 13-16, 2002, Washington, DC.

Carol was installed at the 2001 Annual Scientific Assembly in Nashville, Tennessee. Her Theme for the year was “Anticipating Your Needs – Exceeding Your Expectations.”

Carol served with SMA President, Dr. Jean Holt where they jointly co-sponsored the first educational/social event “Talk of the Town” at the Gay Adams Hotel with featured speaker, Dr. Diane Owen, Professor of Communications, Georgetown University.

The Program was entitled: “The Effect of Mass Media on the Public Psyche in the Aftermath of September 11.”

The speaker for the Alliance General Session was Mrs. Susan Allen, Former First Lady of Virginia and Spouse of Sen. George Allen of Virginia spoke on “Breast Cancer Awareness.”

2002-2003
Mrs. Richard P. DeRosa (Donna), Arlington, Virginia, 78th President, 79th Annual Meeting, Atlanta Georgia, November 6-8, 2003

Donna DeRosa was the first representative from Washington, DC to be installed as President of Southern Medical Auxiliary during the annual meeting in Washington, DC. Dr. Richard P DeRosa and R. Paul DeRosa hosted a reception for the newly installed President at the French Embassy.
The main effort of the Southern Medical Auxiliary during President DeRosa’s tenure was to evaluate the structure of the organization. The committee made every effort to propose recommendations that would build on the strength of the organization, to preserve the traditions of SMAA, to make SMAA a pertinent, workable and valuable organization for its members. The committee proposed recommendation to the voting body at the convention that were accepted and initiated. These proposals enabled SMAA to function more efficiently, and fostered growth and true partnership between SMA and the SMAA.

A few of the year’s accomplishments: The Long Range Planning Committee examined future directives for the Health Education Project, under consideration were osteoporosis and heart disease in women.

The Research and Education Committee held an Auction, Golf Tournament, and an Auxiliary Holiday Boutique with a portion of all the proceeds benefiting the Research and Education Foundation.

Doctors Day committee continued with the traditional tributes for our physicians but also designed a exceptionally poignant post card which recognized our military physicians serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and around the world. This effort brought recognition from the White House, with President George Bush congratulating us on our exceptional efforts.

Dr. Michael Mackey, President of SMA worked closely with the auxiliary to make this a very successful year. The leadership of the 2002 – 2003 auxiliary truly seized the day. Carpe diem!

2003-2004

Nancy Lindstrom was installed as president of the SMA Auxiliary on November 7, 2003, during the annual meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia. She introduced her theme for the year, which was “Opportunities to Excel.” She thanked auxiliary members for making a difference, but encouraged everyone to do a little bit more, to explore new avenues, and to change our outlook to see our concerns not as “problems to solve” but as opportunities – opportunities to excel.

The Installation Luncheon speaker was Ron Clark, Disney’s American Teacher of the Year 2000, whose presentation was based on his book, “The 55 Essentials.” He challenged everyone to never let anything stand in the way of your goal or dreams. Entertainment was provided by “The Doctors’ Four Quartet” from Nancy’s home church in Laurel, and all present were given a bookmark,
handmade by Jones County Mississippi Medical Auxiliary members.

- Expanded the Health Education focus on Breast Cancer Awareness to also include Osteoporosis and Heart Disease in Women.
- Sponsored the first 7 a.m. Health Walk/Fun Run to promote health and raise funds for the Endowment at the Annual Meeting in New Orleans.
- Designed a pin – Red dress (heart), white lace (osteoporosis), and pink ribbon (breast cancer) for members, and distributed to each attendee in New Orleans.
- Established a New Physician Travel Benefit Program by the Young Physician Committee.

Dr. Rudy Howell, president of SMA, had encouraged the move toward a true partnership for the SMA Auxiliary with the SMA. This year ended on the right track as we not only took advantage of opportunities but we became true partners to work together for a successful future.

2004-2005

Mrs. Hugh Bob Currie (Sandy), Canyon, Texas, 80th President, 81st Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas.

Sandy Currie’s theme was “Communicate, Motivate, Participate,” and I’m proud to say we made progress in all three areas. We communicated more, our leader’s motivated state and county leaders to participate, and the result was positive for all of us.

We officially changed the name of our organization to the Southern Medical Association Alliance, creating a stronger, more focused image that will serve us--and SMA--well in the future. This was made possible by a proposal approved at the convention in November 2004.

Our primary goal this year was to work more closely—and more effectively—with SMA. We are a companion organization, and support of medicine and attention to SMA’s needs are logical avenues for us to pursue. Toward that end, we joined SMA in the following endeavors:

- A joint event between SMA/SMAA---a first in history. The Presidents’ Symposium on Sunday morning featured Mort Kondracke as the speaker.
- The SMA Summer Council Meeting in California and the Winter Council meeting in Birmingham, both attended by Donna Gosney, President-Elect, Sandy Currie
- Increased emphasis on, and attention to, the Young Physicians Committee, with more services to these important future members
- Added enhancements to the New Physicians Travel Benefit Program
At the request of Dr. Bo Farmer, the SMA Alliance President was asked to serve on 4 SMA Committees.

Sadly, the wrath and destruction of Hurricane Katrina in August 2005 affected our sister states. Our thoughts and prayers went out to our friends and colleges in those devastated areas. Every one of us pledged to help in our own way. Whether it was through the donation of goods, money, time, talents, prayers—whatever…. we used the power of our organization to hopefully help in a small way to improve their situations.

2005-2006
Mrs. Michael C. Gosney (Donna), Muscle Shoals, Alabama, 81st President, 82nd Annual Meeting, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Donna Gosney was installed as President of the SMA Alliance in San Antonio, Texas, November 11, 2005. The location of the Annual Meeting was very significant as Donna and her husband, Mike, is both native Texans and it was wonderful to celebrate the occasion with family and friends in attendance.

The theme of her year in office was “Communicate, Motivate and Participate.” As she visited member states, her goal was to communicate the Southern Medical story and motivate those she met to join and then to participate in the programs of the SMA Alliance.

As Donna looked back over her year as President of the SMA Alliance the greatest gift was meeting people from the different states. She will never forget line-dancing in the hills of West Virginia; attending a baseball game in Houston; visiting Churchill Downs in Kentucky and the historical districts of Maryland. The friendships you form with this organization are deep and long lasting. As she stated in her inaugural speech, “Southern is not a geographical location, it is a way of life. In the Southern family, we are there to celebrate the joys of life, to comfort in the sadness and to lift up our friends in all walks of life."

2006-2007
Mrs. Gary Delaney (Gail), Orangeburg, South Carolina, 82nd President, 83rd Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.

On Friday, October 13, 2006 Gail Delaney (Mrs. Gary A.) of Orangeburg, SC was installed as President at The Westin in Charlotte, North Carolina by Sancy McCool (1996-96) and Gwen Pappas (1997-98). Charlotte was where Gail first attended a SMAA meeting when Sancy was President and Gwen was President-Elect! This was the 100th year celebration for the SMA!
The SMA Alliance continued to hold breast cancer awareness, heart disease in women and osteoporosis as health focuses along with our Doctors’ Day, and Medical Heritage, hence, Gail’s theme for the year “Passion Lives Here.” Jane Sanders, a powerful speaker on relationships, captivated those in attendance with her talk “GenderSmart – Improving Communication Between Men & Women.” Our own Karen Morris of Mississippi mesmerized us with her gifted voice.

**2007-2008**
Mrs. Benjamin C. Carmichael (Kathy), Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 83rd President, 84th Annual Meeting, August 7-9, 2008, Nashville, Tennessee.

On November 16, 2007, Kathy Carmichael invited us to “Commit to Our Future” at the Windsor Court Ballroom in New Orleans, Louisiana. President’s Luncheon speaker was Robert St. John, a chef and restaurant owner from Hattiesburg who has authored seven cookbooks. He gave an entertaining talk about Faith, Family, Friends, Food and Fun.

Our Vice Presidents “Committed to Our Future” through our health projects which were Breast Cancer, Heart Disease in Women, and Osteoporosis. The Alliance continues to promote Doctors’ Day through the sale of our Doctors’ Day items and projects and Medical Heritage, maintaining a history of medicine. Shirley Meiere, our Vice President for Membership was asked to serve on the SMA Membership Committee, the first time ever.

“Kathy’s year ended up being only nine months, as our convention was moved from November to August. She was privileged to serve with Dr. Paula Pell from St. Petersburg Florida. They formed a “sisterhood” through the year working and promoting SMA. The state visits were the highlights-meeting new friends and renewing old friendships, and being able to promote The Southern Medical Association and the Alliance. The nine months were a wonderful journey and full of so many memories. She truly felt we as a group, ‘Committed to Our Future’, the future of the Southern Medical Association.”

**2008-2009**
Mrs. Jeffrey R. Brant (Nancy), Kingston, Georgia, 84th President, 85th Annual Meeting, December 3-5, 2009, Grapevine, Texas.

During her installation speech Nancy Brant (Mrs. Jeffrey R.) focused on One Vision—working in unity alongside our physician counterparts as equal partners in the future of the Southern Medical Association and the Alliance. The highlights of the year, according to Mrs. Brant, were visiting the state Alliances to share the
mission of SMAA; and working hand-in-glove with Dr. Jan Basile to establish “One Vision” for the SMA and the Alliance by placing Alliance members on SMA committees and actively participating in joint activities. In addition, with the help of SMA staff the Alliance website was up and running, giving SMAA a presence on the internet. Mrs. Brant’s vision also included new ways to reach out to potential members, increase membership, and boost the visibility and name-recognition of the Alliance in all of the Southern states.

2009-2010
Mrs. Mason P. Jett (Barbara), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 85th President, 86th Annual Meeting, November 4-6, 2010, Orlando, Florida.

Celebrating 85 Years! has been our theme this year. We have learned from the wisdom of our past leaders and have begun to build on the strength of our future. Members will be evaluating the health focus areas at this year’s annual meeting in Florida and considering a larger focus area such as Healthy Lifestyles or Healthy Living. Medical Heritage and Doctors’ Day projects will still be a focus area for SMAA members. SMA reorganized their structure and has been promoting the health of patients through advocacy, leadership, quality and professional identity — and SMA Alliance members were appointed to each area. The website and communication continues to improve and judging rules and project submission is being reviewed this year. Alliance members paid dues of $25.00 this year to help support alliance projects in the southern states.
There were so many interesting and informative facts in the complete and apparently very accurate record of the first 25 years of the Auxiliary. It was beautifully written and the author, Mrs. Arthur Thomas McCormack, was an authority on her subject.

She has kept intact many letters and lists which are pertinent today. This book is kept in a locked file in the Auxiliary room in the Headquarters building of SMA in Birmingham, Alabama. Incidentally, she recorded at the end of her history that four copies were made, one “to be of service to the President, and to the President-Elect in preparation for her office as President.” Presumably she kept the fourth copy. The copies to be used by the President and President-Elect have been misplaced over the years. Lost – two copies of the Twenty-Five Year History. Any information…

It appears the greatest barriers for these noble women who charted the course of this great organization were distance, lack of communication, and funds to carry on their work. Today we have the funds, distance is lessened by modern air transportation, but we still have the lack of communication. However, Presidents are able to travel and visit the member states. This greatly aids communication, membership, and projects carried on – such as Doctors’ Day and Research and Romance of Medicine projects. The President’s travels are invaluable by keeping in touch with the member states, appearing at state and national meetings, actually conferring with officers, committee chairmen and councilors.

Information in this brief history was intentionally placed in chronological order to give a better understanding of the progress through the years.

Although the President’s are recognized as titular heads of this organization, no history would be complete without mention of the many fine doctors’ wives who have given years of their time as councilors, officers, and chairmen. Many of them have had the opportunity to be President, but for personal reasons have not chosen to do so. It would be impossible to name them all, but there are some who would have a place in this history.

Mrs. Stanley A. Hill, Mississippi, who was President-Elect in 1953, but because of illness, could not serve as President. Mrs. George D. Feldner, New Orleans, was installed without having first served as President-Elect. (Note: Mrs. Raymond E. Jones was President-Elect and President in the same year also); Mrs. Ross
Preston Daniel, West Virginia; Mrs. Shelley C. Davis, Georgia; Mrs. C. Grenes Cole, Louisiana; Mrs. C.T. Shepherd, Missouri; Mrs. Perry D. Melvin, Florida; Mrs. Edwin R. Guidry, Louisiana; Mrs. George H. Harrison, Oklahoma; Mrs. E.L. Posey, Jr., Mississippi; Mrs. William P. Noble, Alabama; Mrs. Stephen W. Brown, Georgia; Mrs. John W. Brewer, South Carolina; Mrs. William A. Garrott, Tennessee; Mrs. Frederick L. Patry, Florida; Mrs. Henson S. Coon, Louisiana; Mrs. Abbot Y. Wilcox (who was President-Elect in 1971, but had to resign); Mrs. Vernon L. Dyer, West Virginia; Mrs. C.C. Long, Arkansas; Mrs. T.A. Baines, Mississippi; Mrs. Martin Stroebel, Maryland; Mrs. Gilder Wideman, Alabama; Mrs. Keith D. Jones, Missouri; Mrs. Charles E. Bickman, Mrs. J.G. Davis and Mrs. James E. Wissler, Washington, DC; Mr. H Quillan Jones, Florida; Mrs. Gordon Dees, Mississippi; Mrs. Archie Cohen, Maryland; and Mrs. Cliff Moore, Georgia.

These are by no means all of the fine and faithful women who have worked in Auxiliary. The many Chairman, Councilors, Convention Chairmen, and workers too numerous to name, are to be commended and it is with deep appreciation to all women who have worked in Auxiliary that this “chronicle of events” is dedicated.

Mrs. Louie H. Griffin
Claxton, Georgia

Epilogue 1989

As part of the observance of the 65th Anniversary of the Southern Medical Association Auxiliary, the President, Mrs. David Thibodeaux, conceived the idea of updating our history. She asked Mrs. John Hopper to compile this History Book. With the cooperation of many Past Presidents of the Auxiliary and the Headquarters staff, this booklet as assembled and edited. Any error or omission is regretted but not intended.

Virginia Hopper
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Seventy-Five years have now passed since the founding of the Southern Medical Association Auxiliary in 1924. We have come full circle, from a first Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas, in November 1924, to a 75th Anniversary celebration in Dallas on November 12, 1999.

Our Organization is still composed of the original 16 states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia and the District of Columbia. In addition, we have added Out-of-Region members from across the country, and have increased our active membership from 88 charter members to more than 15,000. We have increased our participation from each of our states by creating Councilors for Doctors’ Day, Medical Heritage, and Health Education, and our Board is comprised of a Vice-President for each of these areas as well as Membership.

In 1990-91, after recruiting physicians’ spouses from all states to assist our efforts, we were successful in having Congress pass, and President Bush sign, a bill proclaiming March 30 as National Doctors’ Day. What a momentous occasion! We had gone from simply having a Doctors’ Day Committee appointed, in 1942, to national recognition of our physician spouses.

After adopting Breast Cancer Awareness as our first and solo Health Education project in 1992, we have honored four of our members, Janet Campbell, Barbara Thibodeaux, Emily Shelton, and Peggy Crawford with awards for their leadership efforts. In 1998 President Gwen Pappas presented the first award to an organization outside of SMAA to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Outstanding leaders and dedicated members have continued to direct our efforts in our chosen areas of interest: Doctors’ Day, Medical Heritage, and Health Education. We recognize outstanding membership recruitment at each Annual Meeting.

The 75th Anniversary Committee, appointed by then President Jo-Ann Daus, has diligently pursued and compiled the history of our illustrious organization from its inception to the present. Martha Hughes, Belle Chenaught, Nancy Prater, Pellie Manning, Winys Shepard, Carol Thomas, and co-chairman, Gwen Pappas, have helped us remember our past, as a pathway to our future.

Sancy McCool
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
75th Anniversary Chairman
Our rich history of camaraderie, volunteerism and philanthropy has prevailed over 85 years. With the changing times the Southern Medical Association Auxiliary grew into opportunities and demands of society that forced us to be visionaries, so we would remain a successful pertinent organization.

Our Auxiliary still consists of the 16 original states and the District of Columbia.

An evaluation of our organization took place during this decade and because of this, many changes were considered. Our presidents and many dedicated members worked diligently to lead Southern Medical Association Auxiliary into the future. The Auxiliary felt a need to align themselves more closely with the Southern Medical Association. Our members wanted to be in partnership with the physician association. We were a companion organization and support of medicine and attention to SMA needs were logical avenues for us to pursue. Therefore a name change was supported by the SMA Board of Directors and was presented to the Auxiliary membership. A vote was taken and the motion was passed. The Auxiliary would now be known as the Southern Medical Association Alliance.

With this new partnership the Alliance members worked more closely with the Association in many areas including, attending committee meetings, recruiting members, raising money for the Research and Education Foundation and working with the Young Physicians Committee.

Our health care focus on breast cancer awareness was expanded to include osteoporosis and heart disease in women.

Our members have continued to collect and preserve the History of Medicine, The Medical Romances of the Southland or as we know it today Medical Heritage.

This committee developed many ways of preserving and promoting Medical Heritage. One example was to encourage members to explore the history of medicine by providing a list of historical and current books dedicated to health and medicine, namely, a Medical Heritage Book Club.

Doctor’s Day has always remained an important directive for Southern Medical Association Alliance. In 1991 our organization was successful in having congress pass a bill proclaiming March 30th as National Doctors’ Day. In 2003 our Doctor’s Day committee designed an exceptionally poignant post card depicting a young boy saluting the American flag to honor our military physicians serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and around the world. This effort brought recognition
from the White House, with President George W. Bush congratulating SMAA on our exceptional efforts.

As the Alliance has progressed through the 21st century the education of our members at the annual meeting has also grown. Our SMAA Presidents have provided interesting and educational speakers. The presentations included a Silent Tragedy-A Joyful Noise, (addressing newborn hearing loss,) Gender Smart, (improving communication between men and women), Choices For Better Bone Health, and the Crisis Of Obesity.

Communication continues to change and improve with the assistance of modern technology. We now have an Alliance website which gives the Alliance a presence on the internet which promotes visibility and name recognition in all our southern states. 2000 -2010 years can be considered as a decade of evaluation, transformation and accomplishment, where outstanding leaders and dedicated members committed their abilities to render SMAA an organization with increased relevancy, a heightened sense of commitment to the health and well-being of our communities, and a keen vision for a future of an efficient and effective organization.

With the cooperation of the members of the 85th Anniversary Committee, Kathy Carmichael, Donna Gosney, Nancy Lindstrom, Jane Preston and co chairs Gwen Pappas, Sancy McCool and Donna DeRosa we submit this history of the past decade to be preserved in the 85th Anniversary Booklet and would complete this summary with a quote from John Kennedy, 35th President of the United States “Change is the law of life, and those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future.”

May the legacy of the last 85 years inspire other Alliance members to treasure past traditions and look to be visionaries for Southern Medical Association Alliance for generations to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. DeRosa
Scottsdale, Arizona
85th Anniversary Co-chairman
Sixty-Five Years at a Glance

• Southern Medical Association Auxiliary was organized by Mrs. Seale Harris in New Orleans in November, 1924.

• The first Constitution and Bylaws were adopted in 1925, at which time each state paid dues of $1.00.

• The first scrapbooks were exhibited in 1928, at the Annual Meeting held in Asheville, North Carolina.

• In 1931 the first Research and Romance of Medicine project was begun and was a biography of 26 physicians from eleven states.

• The Jane Todd Crawford monument was unveiled in Danville, Kentucky in 1935 and, also in the year, the Southern Medical Association voted to appropriate funds for the operation of the Auxiliary.

• Doctors’ Day was first observed in Barrow County, Georgia in 1933. By 1940 all states were observing Doctors’ Day in some way.

• Old medical instruments were collected for shipment to England to be used during World War II. The Auxiliary meeting was not held in 1944 due to the war.

• One thousand dollars was sent to Kentucky to be used for a memorial to Jane Todd Crawford. In 1948 the dining room table and chairs in the Ephraim McDowell Home in Danville, Kentucky were purchased by the Auxiliary and markers were placed stating this fact.

• The first Doctors’ Day luncheon was held during the meeting in Miami, Florida in 1952.

• The Auxiliary room in the new Headquarters Building was furnished in 1957 and dedicated in 1958.

• The Milford O. Rouse trophy for the best Research and Romance of Medicine exhibit was first presented in 1968.

• The position of Vice-Councilor from each state was added in 1972.

• The Feldner Trophy, which has been presented by Dr. and Mrs. George D. Feldner in 1954, was retired and a new one presented by them in 1977. This trophy is given each year to the county auxiliary having the best overall observance of Doctors’ Day.
• The Southern Medical Association and Auxiliary met in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1979.

• The newsletter, named Southern Connection, was started in 1980. The first Leadership meeting for Officers and Councilors was held in Birmingham, Alabama in 1983.

• The Southern Medical Association Headquarters office moved into a new building on Lakeshore Drive in Birmingham, Alabama in February, 1985.

• The Doctors’ Day and Research and Romance of Medicine informational booklets were revised in 1986. At this time there was a name change to “Medical Heritage (Research and Romance of Medicine.)”

• The position of Out-of-District Councilor was created and was added to the Auxiliary Board in 1986-1987.

• In 1989 a bronze marker was erected at the courthouse in Winder, Georgia, commemorating the founding of Doctors’ Day by Mrs. Charles B. Almond.

    May the next sixty-five years be as illustrious.
    Virginia Hopper
Southern Medical Association Auxiliary

Our First 75 Years at a Glance

1924 Organization of the Woman’s Auxiliary to the Southern Medical Association by Mrs. Seale Harris in the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans on November 25th. There were 88 charter members from 16 states and the District of Columbia. Mrs. E.H. Cary elected first President.

1925 First Constitution and Bylaws adopted. Each state paid dues of $1.00.

1928 First Advisory Committee appointed: first scrapbook Exhibit; first Bulletin published. It contained meeting proceedings and a Directory. Jane Todd Crawford Memorial is proposed.

1929 Jane Todd Crawford pamphlet published, and Memorial adopted as “a project of our own.”

1930 Research on “Medical Romances of our Southland” proposed.

1931 First Medical Research Projects: biographies of 26 physicians from 11 states.

1934 Auxiliary hears report of first observance of Doctors’ Day, March 30, 1933, in Barrow County, Winder, Georgia. Other states begin to follow.

1936 Reorganization, at request of SMA Advisory Committee. All dues are dropped and Council agrees to pay Auxiliary printing costs and a “small amount” for expenses of officers. First Auxiliary Councilors from each state appointed. Jane Todd Crawford Monument unveiled, McDowell Park, Danville, Kentucky. First radio broadcast of an outdoor program in Kentucky.” Research Committee named “Research and Romance of Medicine” committee. With red anthurium as the “official flower.”

1940 Councilors from 11 states report on Doctors’ Day observances. Used medical instruments collected, cleaned and shipped to England, now at war.

1942 First Doctors’ Day Committee Chairman appointed. All service efforts devoted to the war.

1944 No meeting, due to World War II.

1946 Auxiliary voted to use the $1800.00 in Jane Todd Crawford Funds, which had been collected thought individual solicitations since 1930, for Student loans.

1948 Advisory Committee asks Auxiliary to stop all fund-raising, and to send Remaining Jane Todd Crawford funds to McDowell Home in Danville, KY. Auxiliary continues to administer the three student loans already made, and voluntary contributions still come in.

1949 A metal file is purchased to hold Auxiliary papers at SMA headquarters building, and a secretary employed to reorganize them. Booklet compiled listing all Research and Romance of Medicine material.

1950 $1000.00 from Jane Todd Crawford Memorial Fund used to purchase dining table and chairs in original McDowell Home; suitable markers attached.
1952 First Doctors’ Day Luncheon at an Annual Meeting; prizes awarded. Research and Romance reports 400 lb. steel file of materials being shipped from chairman to chairman and 240 booklets sent to 17 State Councilors.
1953 First President’s Newsletter (Newsletters are sent at Presidents’ expense for next 15 months until budget is finally increased to cover them.) First Handbook.
1954 Mrs. George Feldner logs over 17,000 miles on train visits to all 16 state conventions and the District of Columbia. Mrs. A.T. McCormack compiles and presents The History of the Woman’s Auxiliary to the Southern Medical Association. Feldner Trophy first presented as highest Doctors’ Day Award, and Awards Certificates first given for Doctors’ Day projects.
1955 Auxiliary ceases fund-raising for any reason; SMA increases Auxiliary budget which now covers president’s travel expenses. Mrs. Louis Hundley is first President to address SMA Council.
-58 Remaining Jane Todd Crawford Scholarship funds used to further SMA membership and to furnish an Auxiliary Room at the new Headquarters building. U.S. House of Representatives recognizes Doctors’ Day through a Resolution of appreciation for the medical profession.
1960 Auxiliary files rearranged and indexed in new Headquarters room.
1961 Handbook and Doctors’ Day brochure revised. Council reduces Auxiliary budget, asks President “not to visit the state meetings.” (But states continue to invite, and Presidents visit states at their own expense until travel funds are restored a decade later.) First presentation of Guy Smith Kirby trophy for second best over-all Doctors’ Day project.
1962 Brochure “Medical Care for Adolescents” distributed to state chairmen.
1963 First recorded use of Presidential theme, “Sing Along with Southern.”
1966 First “President’s Plaque” received from SMA.
1967 First Dr. & Mrs. Milford O. Rouse Trophy given for best Research and Romance of Medicine exhibit.
1972 Position of Vice Councilor from each state added.
1973 First “Research and Romance” brochure written and published. Marker placed at Jane Crawford birthplace in Virginia.
-75 50th Anniversary celebrated at Doctors’ Day Luncheon.
-80 Name change from “Woman’s Auxiliary to the Southern Medical Association” to “Southern Medical Association Auxiliary.”
-81 The Southern Connection is first published. Auxiliary president and president-elect first pictured in SMA yearbook.
1983 First February leadership retreat held in Birmingham.
1985 Auxiliary given attractive room at new SMA Headquarters building.
1986 “Research and Romance of Medicine” changed to “Medical Heritage” (Research and Romance of Medicine); Doctors’ Day and Medical Heritage (R&R) booklets revised.
1987 Position of out-of-district Councilor created.
1988 Bronze marker erected by SMAA in Winder, Georgia, commemorating

1991 Congress passes, President Bush signs, bill proclaiming March 30th National Doctors’ Day. Handbook revised to include this. Doctors’ Day Postal plate used.

1992 Breast Cancer Awareness Committee created; First Breast Cancer Symposium.

1993 Bylaws revisions adopted creating Councilors for Doctors’ Day, Medical Heritage and Health Education from each state with a Vice President for each area as well as for Membership.


1996 Allotments for each program area increase to $300.00 per state. Medical Heritage booklet completely revised. Health Education Project guidelines adopted.

1997 Series on museums based on Auxiliary’s “Medical Travel in the South” Booklet begins in the Southern Medical Journal.

1998 Presentation of Health Education Award of Excellence to Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation (first to an organization outside SMAA)

1999 Celebration of Auxiliary’s 75th Anniversary.

Winyss Shepard
75th Anniversary Committee