

The Women's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association

(Name changed in 1975 to the American Medical Association Auxiliary)

The 1970's

There were lots of changes in the 1970s. The Auxiliary gained its first male member and projects started that still continue today. Look at the jewelry from the 50th Anniversary; the cost of gold sure was less.

- 1970: Health Careers becomes Health Manpower Committee
- 1971: On-site service established to send national representatives to states for help in particular areas of concern.
- 1972: Fiftieth Anniversary—Right Side of Caduceus records activities from the Auxiliary's founding through 1972; Auxiliary sponsors national Health Education Conference; Big Cities Clinic held.
- 1973: Bylaws revision includes provision for making spouses members; Margaret Wolf, first executive secretary, retires after 31 years; Hazel Lewis becomes executive director; two special mailings sent to every member.
- 1974: Project Bank instituted; Auxiliary takes on administration of AMA-ERF fundraising; Direct Line newsletter sent to county chairs.
- 1975: Name changes from Woman's Auxiliary of AMA to AMA Auxiliary; dues go from \$4 to \$7; first Leadership Confluence held; first regional meetings held; National News developed for national and state leaders; auxiliary to Student AMA dissolves; and AMA Auxiliary opens membership to resident physician/medical student spouses.
- 1976: New seal adopted by House of Delegates; Project Bank and Long-range Planning become standing committees; life membership given to national past presidents; AMA-ERF merchandising terminated at national level.
- 1977: MD's Wife becomes FACETS; Project Bank trademarked.
- 1978: Task Force on Young Physicians' Spouses formed; Horizons newsletter begins; FACETS took on new format; Immunization Awareness campaign continues; discount on Hertz rental cars offered as membership benefit; Auxiliary sponsors seminar at AMA Rural Health Conference.
- 1979: Seminar offers continuing education credits to nurses/physicians; dues increase approved: \$11 as of July 1, 1980; \$15 as of July 1, 1982; convention workshops offered; Shape Up for Life becomes nationwide campaign.

*Jewelry Created Exclusively
for the
WAAMA's 50th Celebration 1972*

*Official 50th
Anniversary Jewelry*
Created especially for the Women's Auxiliary to the AMA by Bulfinch.



10 karat gold charm with a gold-filled bracelet—\$25

10 karat gold charm \$15.00

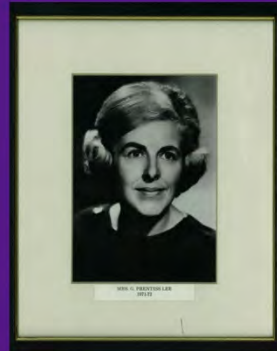
10 karat gold charm with a gold-filled neck chain—\$25.00

These items are for sale by your local county medical society Auxiliary. Contact your AMA-ERF Chairman.

Past National Presidents The 1970's



1970-71
Mrs. R.C.L.
Robertson



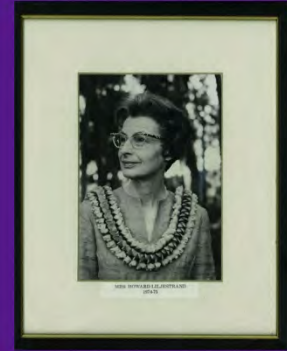
1971-72
Mrs. G. Prentiss
Lee



1972-73
Mrs. Robert F.
Beckley



1973-74
Mrs. Williard C.
Scrivner



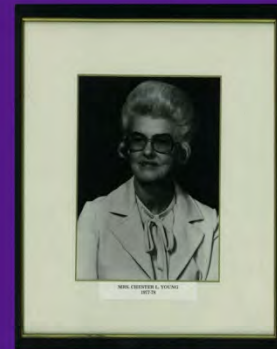
1974-75
Mrs. Howard
Liljestand



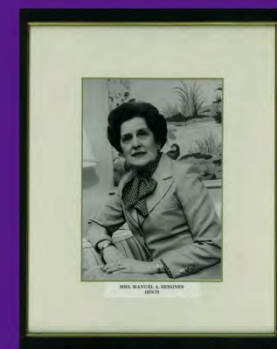
1975-76
Mrs. Erie E.
Wilkinson



1976-77
Mrs. Norman H.
Gardner



1977-78
Mrs. Chester L.
Young



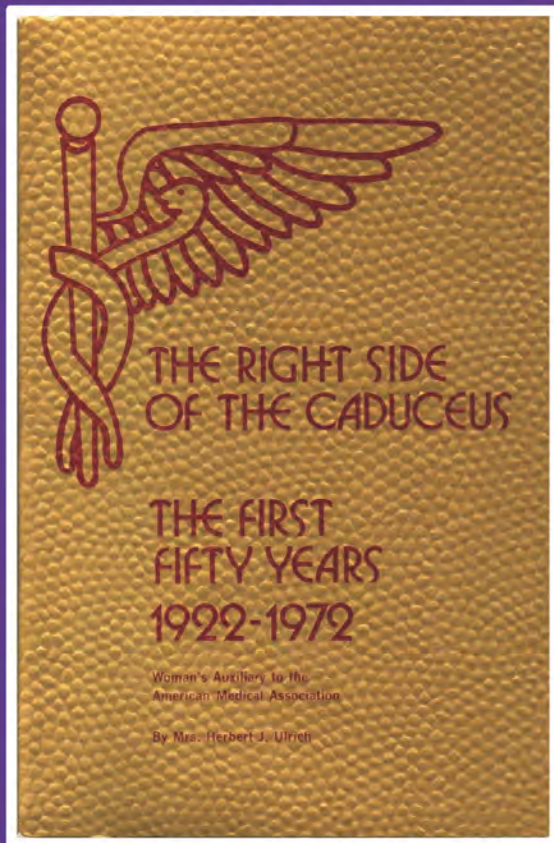
1978-79
Mrs. Murial A.
Bergnes



1979-80
Mrs. Ben
Johnson Jr.

The 1970's 50th Celebration 1972

"The Right Side of the Caduceus"



"It was explained that the caduceus is only worn after a medical man has completed his years of preparation and of course could not be worn by the wives of these men. However, it was decided to take the central torch and the right side as the token of 'the better half on the right side.' A pin was designed, hand wrought and set in nine diamonds to be worn by the president through her year in office and passed on to each succeeding presiding officer."

--from the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, June 12, 1928. *Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association*



President's Pin

First Male Member

1973

Membership Opened to Male Spouses

President, Mrs. John M. Chennault, presents Fred Gloeckner of Pennsylvania with a special membership certificate. In 1973, an official Bylaws revision was made to include a provision for male spouses to be members of the WAAMA.



1969-70 Woman's Auxiliary to the AMA President Mrs. John M. Chennault awards Fred Gloeckner of Pennsylvania with a special membership certificate.