ATOMA Awards Scholarships to Students



ATOMA President Kathy Brown with the recipients of ATOMA scholarships

Dr. Mark & Rita Baker Host Student Advocate Association Christmas Party

Dr. and Mrs. Mark Baker opened their beautifully decorated home for the annual SAA Christmas Party. The party was a huge success as 60 students, their spouses/significant others, and TOMA/ATOMA members joined together for a time of celebration. Students enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Dr. Baker and Dr. Jim and B.J. Czewski. The members enjoyed a Christmas Exchange game where Mrs. Rita Baker was the "thief" of many gifts!

Also during the evening, ATOMA awarded ten \$100 scholarships. The student recipients were:

Kikie Carrizales Travis Miller
Bobbie Christiansen Luis Ozuna
Charles Cole Amy Ryder
Brent Eaton Joseph Smathers
Gabe Hanson Jared Thompson

Congratulations to SAA President, Lauren Griffin, and her Executive Board for creating a wonderful night of fun and laughter!



Advocate Spotlight Lucy Gibbs

Gibbs. TOMA's **Associate** Executive Director, will be retiring at the end of December after working with TOMA for 15 years. She has been an integral part in helping ATOMA work with TOMA to accomplish our goals of supporting the Osteopathic Physician. Lucy supported has ATOMA in many areas, such has assisting with our membership drives, keeping TOMA members updated about ATOMA news and events, making arrangements for board and district meetings, helping plan for conventions, and much, much more. Upon retirement, Lucy and her husband of 45 years, Gary, plan to manage a ranch in Washington County and work with at-risk kids. We are told that they are excited as they look forward to spending lots of quality time with their two daughters and their three grandchildren!

Lucy, from all of us with ATOMA, we congratulate you on your retirement and we <u>THANK YOU</u> for all you have done for us. Words cannot express how much we appreciate you and are going to miss you!

Congratulations, Lucy!





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ATOMA Membership Drive 2013

It's that time! Please join ATOMA today for 2013! You may complete the form found on page 5, or make a secure online payment by visiting our website at www.atomatexas.org. Please note that ATOMA payments are now separate from TOMA payments. You can make a significant contribution to our efforts with just a small amount of time! Each year ATOMA awards \$4,500 in TCOM medical student scholarships and donates white coats to incoming medical students at TCOM in collaboration with TOMA. We also facilitate support of medical student spouses through the Student Advocate Association (SAA). ATOMA is a non-profit organization so your contributions may be tax deductible. Below are the membership levels:

Membership	Description
Regular Membership - \$30	Select this membership for spouses, family, and friends of physicians.
Life Membership - \$0	Select this membership for Past ATOMA Presidents. No payment needed.
Physician Memberhsip - \$30	Select this membership for current or retired physicians.
Student Advocate Membership - \$15	Select this membership for Student Advocate Association members.

Join online today at www.atomatexas.org! Easy and simple! No need to create a log in account!



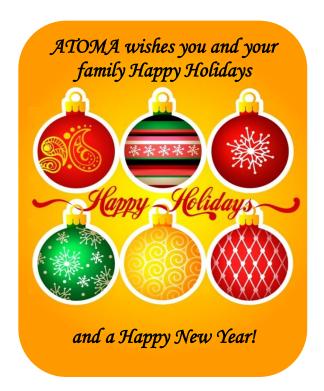


Calendar of **Events**

FEBRUARY 7-10 **TOMA MidWinter Conference** Westin Park Central Hotel, Dallas

FEBRUARY 27 DOME Day, TOMA Building, Austin 7:00AM - 3:00PM

JUNE 13-16 TOMA/TXACOFP Joint Annual Convention, Embassy Suites Frisco



Speaker Training

Linda's Way Colorectal Cancer Prevention Program

TOMA MidWinter Conference Saturday, February 9, 2013 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Presenters: Monte Troutman, D.O. George Cole, D.O. Kathy Brown, ATOMA President

> Visit Linda's Way at www.lindasway.org!



Welcome to Linda's Way!

The goal of Linda's Way is to raise awareness about colorectal cancer and to educate the public on preventing this disease through regular screenings. Colon cancer is often beatable when caught early, yet it is still the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. Despite its high incidence, colorectal cancer is one of the most detectable and, if found early enough, most treatable forms of cancer.

Linda's Way was formed in memory of Linda M. Cole who lost her battle with colon cancer in March 2012. Physicians, nurses, and other health professionals are uniting together to launch a public education campaign about preventing colorectal cancer through screening and early detection. Through this project we urge people to get out and get everyone talking about this disease!





Healthy Living...Education...Prevention

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ATOMA MEMBERSHIP FORM 2013

Complete the form below and return it to the TOMA office at the address below. Note: Payments are now separate from TOMA payments, so please make your checks out to <u>ATOMA</u> if paying by check. Thanks!

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