

ATOMA NEWS

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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

Lucy 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 has supported ATOMA in many areas, such as 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 THANK YOU for all you have done for us. Words cannot express how much we appreciate you and are going to miss you!

Congratulations, Lucy!





SAA Christmas Party!



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 Membership - \$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!



The screenshot shows the ATOMA website interface. At the top left is the ATOMA logo, a circular emblem with a map of Texas. To its right is the text "Advocates for the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association". Below this is a red navigation bar with links: Home, About Us, Events, News, Contact Us, Donate, and Join ATOMA. The main content area has a dark blue background. It starts with the heading "Two ways to join ATOMA:" followed by two numbered steps: "1. Pay online below." and "2. Print [membership form](#) and mail in payment. Click [here](#) for form." Below this is the section "Secured Online Payment:" with the instruction "Select one of the four memberships below and pay with your credit or debit card." There are four membership options, each with a red "Buy Now" button: "Regular Membership - \$30" (for spouses, family, and friends of physicians), "Life Membership - \$0" (for Past ATOMA Presidents), "Physician Membership - \$30" (for current or retired physicians), and "Student Advocate Membership - \$15" (for Student Advocate Association members). On the right side of the page, there is a white box with the text: "Not sure if you have already paid your 2013 dues? Click the button below and we will email you your membership status." Below this text is a red "Contact Us" button.



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/TXACOFJ Joint Annual
Convention, Embassy Suites
Frisco

*ATOMA wishes you and your
family Happy Holidays*



and a Happy New Year!

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!



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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!



Linda Marie Cole



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 ATOMA if paying by check. Thanks!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE (HOME) _____ (CELL) _____

You can make a significant contribution to our efforts with just a small amount of time!

Please check your area of interest in any of the following ATOMA Committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Conventions: Annual/Mid-Winter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health/Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Associate Advisor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Tournament |

Please check one of the following membership categories:

- Regular A.T.O.M.A. Member (\$30)
- Physician A.T.O.M.A. Member (\$30)
- Student Advocate Association Member (\$15)

I would like to support the ATOMA with a donation to the following:

- Osteopathic student scholarship
- Student Advocates Association
- Linda's Way Colorectal Cancer Prevention Project
- Other

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

- Enclosed check payable to **ATOMA**
- I wish to charge this to my credit card (VISA, MC, AMEX). Please bill the following:

Name on the card	Card Number	Security Code	Exp. Date
_____	_____	_____	_____

Signature: _____

ATOMA is a non-profit organization. Your contributions may be tax deductible.

Please make your checks out to ATOMA and MAIL to:
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