

## HISTORY OF OUR COLLEGE

### The first organizations devoted to obstetrics and gynecology:

- Boston Obstetrical Society (1861)
- New York Obstetrical Society (1863)
- Obstetrical Society of Philadelphia (1868)
- Cincinnati Obstetrical Society (1876)
- Chicago Gynecological Society (1878)
- American Gynecological Society (1876)
- American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (1888)  
Abdominal Surgeons added in 1920



**AMA founded  
in 1848**

**First meeting  
of the Section  
on Obstetrics  
and Diseases  
of Women:**

**1903**



## Central Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Founded 1929

- CAOG advanced \$2500 to develop the American Congress in Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Congress met Sept 11-15, 1939
- 500 doctors attended
- Paid the Central Association back





# HISTORY OF OUR COLLEGE

## 6 Congress Meetings

- Central Association attempted to become “National” association in 1950

- Cleveland 1939
- St. Louis 1942
- St. Louis 1947
- New York 1950
  - Held jointly with “International Congress”
- Cincinnati 1952
  - Business meeting of the Executive Board of the American Academy of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- Chicago 1954
  - In conjunction with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clinical Meeting of the Academy



## National Federation of Obstetric and Gynecological Societies

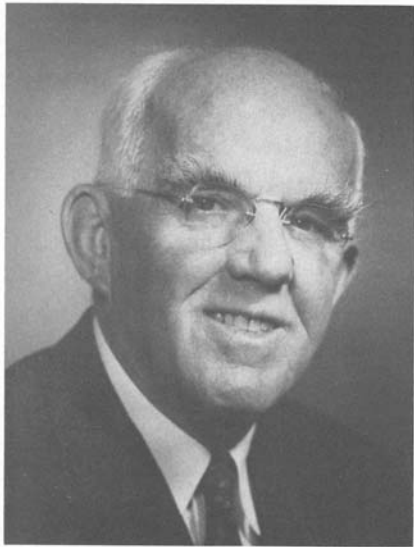
Founded 1945

- 6 year existence
- 6 Annual meetings
- May 16, 1950 Proposal to change name to the American Academy of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- November 15, 1950 Merger Committee formed

# HISTORY OF OUR COLLEGE

June 13,  
1951

- Philip F. Williams
- 2206 Locust St Philadelphia



*Philip Francis Williams*  
1884—1970

National  
Federation of  
Obstetric and  
Gynecologic  
Societies



American  
Committee on  
Maternal  
Welfare

Merger Committee



American Academy of Obstetrics  
and Gynecology



The first  
Board of  
Directors  
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ten in  
number:

## American Academy of Obstetrics and Gynecology

1. **W. D. Beacham, MD**
2. **Carl P. Huber, MD**
3. **Louis Douglass, MD**
4. **Ralph A. Reis, MD**
5. **Herbert Schmitz, MD**



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6. Philip F. Williams, MD
7. Robert Glenn Craig, MD
8. John Parks, MD
9. Samuel Kirkwood, MD
10. Charles B. Kimball, MD

# These are THE FOUNDERS of the College

These thirteen men met at The Homestead, Hot Springs, Virginia, September 5, 1951, became the original Fellows of the College, adopted the By-laws, and otherwise inaugurated our College.



Samuel B.  
Kirkwood, M.D.



Philip F. Williams, M.D.



Charles D.  
Kimball, M.D.



Woodard D.  
Beacham, M.D.



Carl P. Huber, M.D.



Louis H. Douglass, M.D.



William F.  
Mengert, M.D.



Bayard Carter, M.D.



C. Paul  
Hodgkinson, M.D.



Ralph A. Reis, M.D.



Herbert E.  
Schmitz, M.D.



John Parks, M.D.



Edward C.  
Hughes, M.D.

*To them we owe a deep debt  
of gratitude.*



# HISTORY OF OUR COLLEGE

## •Districts

—8 with  
equal #s of  
Fellows

## •By-Laws

## •Constitution

Similar to  
American  
Academy of  
Pediatrics



## Donald F. Richardson

8/30/13-2/14/79

- 0.5 FTE Executive Secretary American Committee for Maternal Welfare
- 0.5 FTE Executive Secretary Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists



Sept 1, 1951

- BS in Engineering from U IL Urbana
- Liked working with people more than things
- “Master Editor” at Northwestern’s Medill School of Journalism



# HISTORY OF OUR COLLEGE

## CONFLICT

### *Role of American Congress Meeting*

- Every three years
- Joint with Academy
- 6<sup>th</sup> Congress 1954 in Chicago with 3<sup>rd</sup> ACM of Academy

American  
Committee on  
Maternal  
Welfare

**VS**

American  
Academy of  
Obstetric and  
Gynecology

ACMW plans 7<sup>th</sup> Congress for  
1957

—Asks AAOG to appoint a  
representative...

—No one appointed!!

## “From Little Acorns”

**John Brewer, 1952 President of CAOG**

— **Role of the Academy**

- Organize
- Incorporate
- Members
- Meetings
- Promote

— **Need for College**

- ACS 1913
- ACP 1915
- Highest plane in the field of surgery and medicine



## AAOG

▪ **Executive Board → Little Acorns Committee**

▪ **Academy v College**

▪ **12/1953 Vote to initiate an amendment**



# HISTORY OF OUR COLLEGE

## Straw Ballot

- Ballot--April 1955
- 2449 Fellows = 70% return
  - 1677 Yea 68%
  - 712 Nay
- 60 Ballots not marked

**2330 Yea**

**914 Nay**

## Final Vote

**May 11, 1956→**

**The American College of  
Obstetricians and Gynecologists**

## Green Journal

- **Ralph Reis—Another journal besides AJOG**
- **AAOG approached AMA to do “Archives of Ob/Gyn”**
  - Declined
- **Bid process**





# HISTORY OF OUR COLLEGE

## Green Journal

- Paul B. Hoeber, Inc.
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- January 1953

JANUARY, 1953

*Volume 1, Number 1*

OBSTETRICS  
*and*  
GYNECOLOGY

*Paul B. Hoeber, Inc., Publishers*

*Medical Book Department of Harper & Brothers*



## Dr. Ralph Reis liked green ink

- 200 formats for cover

**“Ralph, you’ve got to pick this deep green cover, because it is the color of your ink.”**

Herbert Schmitz





# HISTORY OF OUR COLLEGE

## ACOG NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 1967

Volume 11, Number 10



SEEN AT THE  
DISTRICT V MEETING  
The opposite panel contains candid  
photos taken during the various  
activities at the District V Meeting in  
Indianapolis, September 20-23.  
A report on this meeting will appear  
in the December NEWSLETTER.

## Newsletter

- August 1967
- Director Newton → Monthly





# HISTORY OF OUR COLLEGE

## Junior Fellowship

Dec. 13, 1955

- Board approval

**ACOG was the *second* medical specialty organization to have a Junior Fellow category.**

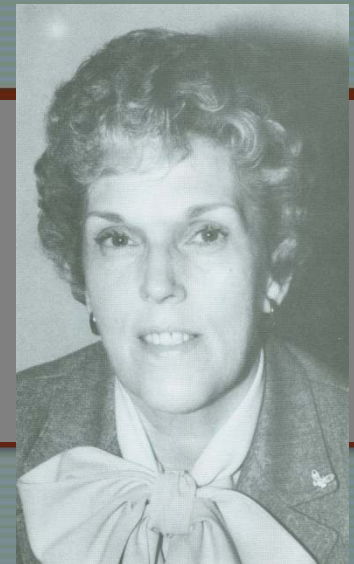


**ACOG was the *first* medical specialty organization to have physicians in the Junior Fellowship category vote.**



## Junior Fellows

- Initially District and Section only
- 1965 Lee Lippai hired as the administrator for the Department of Junior Fellows



Lee Lippai



# HISTORY OF OUR COLLEGE

## Junior Fellows

Sept 28, 1970

Birth of JFCAC

"President of District JF Divisions"



Ralph C. Benson, M.D., FACOG  
Junior Fellow Advisor, 1969



David N. Danforth, M.D., FACOG  
Junior Fellow Advisor, 1970



Elsie Reid Carrington, M.D., FACOG  
Junior Fellow Advisor, 1970-1971



# HISTORY OF OUR COLLEGE

## Junior Fellows

- Gavel made from wood from the Ephraim McDowell House, Danville, KY
- Gift from Board of Governors



May, 1972, Chicago, Illinois - Dr. Audrey J. McMaster, Dr. Van R. Jenkins and Dr. Glenn H. Weyhrich admiring the JFCAC gavel made from wood from the Ephraim McDowell House.



# Armed Forces District

1962





# NAACOG



1959

## District V

Participation of nurses  
in District meetings

COMMITTEE AND ADVISORS FOR OB-GYN NURSES CONFERENCE DISTRICT V



1960

## District I

Institute for Nurses  
April 21-23<sup>rd</sup> in Boston

First row: (left to right) Dr. Fred Hapke, Dr. Margot Harmann, Dr. Anthony J. Ruppertsberg, Jr., Chairman, and Dr. R. Frank Donley (Absent: Dr. William Merryman)

Second row: (left to right) Jane Rowland, R.N., Mrs. Carol Senty, R.N., Sister Mary Cecilia, R.N., Gerry Deck, R.N., and Mrs. Helen R. Coning, R.N.

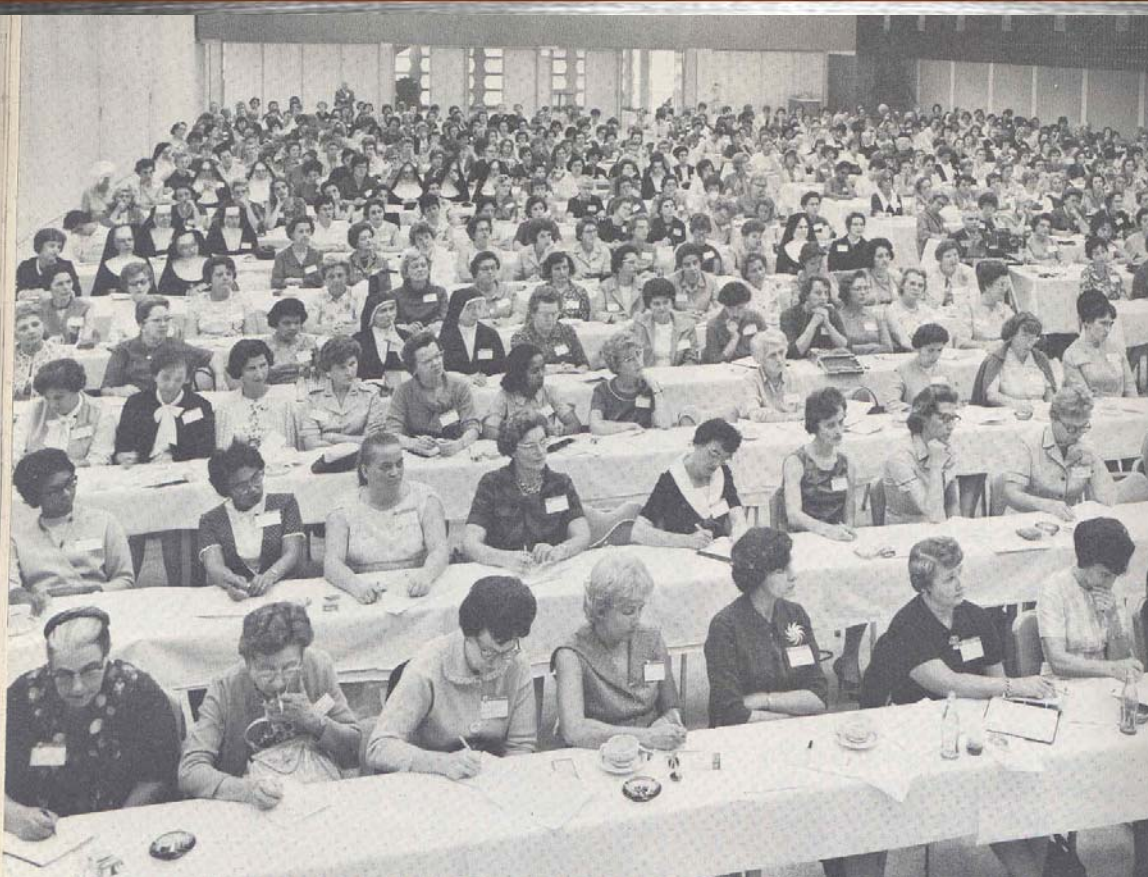


# NAACOG

October 1961

## District VI Mtg

- Obstetric & Gynecologic & Neonatal Nursing
- >700 attendees



## District III, IV, & V

- >2,000 nurses attend a series of meetings



# NAACOG

January 1967

- **Nurses Bulletins**
  - 4 times a year
  - 20,000 copies distributed





# ACOG NURSES BULLETIN

I  
Conn.  
-16

II  
N.Y.  
-30

III  
Pa.  
-26

IV  
D.C.  
-9



"All I said was, 'How would you like to go to the ACOG District Conference on Nursing?'"

DISTRI  
Detroit  
Oct.,

DISTRI  
Chicago  
Oct.,

DISTRI  
Oklahoi  
Sept.

DISTRI  
San Fr  
Oct.,

## January 1967

•ACOG Conference Ob,  
Gyn, Antenatal  
Nursing—1968



# NAACOG

- **Nurses' Association of the American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists**



**–Executive  
Board approval  
May 4, 1968**



# NAACOG

- **Closely related to ACOG by its by-laws**
- **Would be self-supporting**
- **National/Districts/Sections**
- **Rented space at ACOG**



# NAACOG

1993

- NAACOG “divorces” ACOG
- Becomes → AWHONN

- Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric & Neonatal Nurses

## AWHONN Celebrates Independence



(from left to right): AWHONN Executive Board Member Joanne Disha, RN, MSN; and Executive Committee Members Martha D. Grady, RN, MBA, treasurer; Mary H. “Cher” Stanton, RN, MN, president-elect; Maureen Heaman, RN, MN, secretary; Judith A. Lewis, RN, PhD, District I chairperson; Nancy P. Lindberg, RN, CNRN, MN, president; and Catherine H. Garner, RN, MSN, MN, immediate past president, at a reception celebrating AWHONN’s independence and new name. See page 3 for more details.



## **“Mr. American College”**

### **Donald F. Richardson**

**Director May 1951-August 1960**

**—Robert Kimbrough, MD**

- Medical Director, 8/1/60-66

**—Donald Richardson:**

- Associate Director, 1960-1978

**—Michael Newton, MD:**

- Medical Director, 8/1/66-  
1974





# HISTORY OF OUR COLLEGE



**Warren  
Pearse, MD**

**Medical Director  
1975-1993**



## HISTORY OF OUR COLLEGE

1993

Dr. Ralph Hale succeeded Dr. Pearse

1996

The title was changed  
from Executive Director  
to Executive Vice  
President

