

# LINDA LISTENS & GETS THINGS DONE



**Linda J. Edgar**  
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**2022 CANDIDATE FOR  
ADA PRESIDENT-ELECT**

**ADVOCACY FOR  
ALL MEMBERS.**

**Together we can achieve  
optimal health for all.**



## YOUR NEXT ADA PRESIDENT-ELECT

Linda is a forward-thinking leader who is committed to listening to all members, finding effective solutions and working hard to make them a reality. Linda owned and operated a 10-chair general dentistry private practice for 30 years. She served as National President and Secretary for Academy of General Dentistry, President of Seattle King County Dental Society, and is the current ADA Trustee for District XI.

As a leader, advocate, mentor, parent, former educator, athlete and running coach, Linda understands the power of hard work and perseverance, collaboration and inclusion.

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# EXTENSIVE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

## AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

2018-2022: ADA Trustee for District XI  
(Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington)  
Budget and Finance Committee  
Business Innovation Committee  
Board representative and delegate to FDI  
Board liaison to ASDA  
Board liaison to Membership Council  
Board liaison to CODA  
Board liaison to Specialty Recognition Commission  
Council on Dental Practice  
2005-2018: Delegate to ADA House of Delegates  
1999-2004: ADA Alternate Delegate  
ADPAC Lifetime and Double Diamond Contributor

## UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON DENTAL SCHOOL

2002-2008: Chair, University of Washington Dental School's \$22 million campaign  
2005: Co-founder, Endowment for Microscopic Implant and High Technologies in Dentistry Clinic  
2004: Co-founder, Endowment for Digital Photography Imaging  
2002-2004: Dean's Advisory Board President  
1997-2008: Dean's Advisory Board  
1993: Dental Student Mentor Program  
2008: Affiliate Faculty  
2010: **Dean's Lifetime Service Award**



*Linda with Bill Gates Sr., discussing the UW Dental School 22 million dollar campaign.*

## SEATTLE-KING COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY

2010-2011: President  
2008-2016: Executive Council  
2007-2016: Access to Care Committee  
2009-2011: SKCDS Foundation Board of Directors



*Union Gospel Dentist Volunteers | Oral Surgery and CE Day*

## WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION

2016-2019: Board of Directors  
2004-2018: Delegate to WSDA House of Delegates  
2001-2005: Pacific Northwest Dental Conference Committee (Chair 2005)  
2018: Legislative Committee  
2002-2004: Task Force on Insurance

## ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY

2011-2015: AGD National President (VP, PE, P and IP)  
2007-2011: AGD National Secretary (two terms)  
2017-2018: AGD Foundation President  
2016-2018: AGD Foundation  
2015-2018: Oral Cancer Survivor and Spokesperson  
2007: Lifelong Learning and Service Award  
2002: AGD Mastership Award

## FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

ICD, ACD, ADI and Pierre Fauchard



## PERSONAL HISTORY

I was born in San Diego, California and grew up in a military family. The opportunity to live all over the world taught me how to get along and **collaborate with a diverse group of people**. My dad's career as a United States Coast Guard rescue pilot instilled in me a deep desire to protect people. In 1973 I married Bryan Edgar, DDS and in 1977 we adopted our wonderful son David. Today David is a pilot for Alaska Airlines and he and our daughter-in-law Judy have two beautiful daughters. Bryan and I are now married nearly 50 years—practicing together for 30 years. We live just south of Seattle, Washington with our golden retrievers.



Bryan and Linda her senior year in high school.



Linda and Bryan with their son David.



Linda's two wonderful granddaughters.



Cody, Casey and Charlie playing in the yard.

## COACH & WORLD CLASS RUNNER

As an athlete, I know that when things get tough you can't stop. I learned the only way to accomplish my goals was to keep trying no matter what, and I also learned not to waste time on things that don't work. **When you find yourself in a hole, stop digging!**

- 1978-1988: Completed in 45 marathons, several in under 2:50
- 1981: Set a new course record in the Seattle marathon (2:43)
- 1982: Set a new world record in the 50k (3:21)
- 1984: Qualified for first woman's Olympic Marathon Trials (2:47)
- 1994-1995: Completed 2 Ironman races (12:30, 12:36)

## MY PHILOSOPHY

Stay positive, show respect and keep it simple.



My resilience and resolve have taught me: Don't quit! Anything is possible if you work hard enough.

# A HISTORY OF DRIVE AND DETERMINATION...

## A DESIRE TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT OTHERS MIGHT SAY IS IMPOSSIBLE.



Linda with Dr. Somerman, former Dean of UW and Director of NIDCR, and Dr. Schwendhelm, Associate Dean for Clinics.



PRIVATE PRACTICE DENTISTRY FOR 30 YEARS: Linda with Dee Isakson, MD DDS and Valorie Bartoli during a general anesthesia restorative case.

### ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Whether as a high school teacher, owner of a 10-chair dental private practice, world class marathon runner or ADA advocate, Linda gives it her all—believing that with enough determination and drive, anything is possible. A few of Linda's proudest accomplishments include:

- Leading an effort to raise private funding to put computers in every classroom and lab of the high school where she taught math, science, and honors chemistry.
- Working with the UW School of Dentistry to endow digital photography as part of the curriculum and create an advanced technology clinic.
- Helping to develop the Washington Global Educational Center (WAGD) Global six-chair teaching center in Washington state.
- Helping start the first hospital dental residency clinic at Swedish Hospital in Seattle for emergency department diversions.
- Creating a surplus budget and outlining debt reduction goals while on the ADA Board, and promoting programs with good ROI for members like the FIIST SPA program to advocate for Insurance Legislation.
- As a member of WSDA's Board of Directors, participated in the early stages of WSDA's litigation against Delta Dental of Washington that resulted in historic governance reforms that are improving patient care.
- Providing money on an annual basis to purchase equipment for and provide ongoing scholarships to women in dental school who have children at home.



Students at the Washington Global Education Center.

Linda will  
**GET IT DONE!**

### MY VISION

To work with others to create a future of continued innovation, collaboration, advocacy, and education. To help build an organization that is **exceptional**—one that members will want to tell others about.

Thank you to my District, and to all of you who have encouraged me to run for ADA PE. To find out more please **watch this short video**, or contact me at **(206) 940-6112**, or **drlinda@edgardds.com**.