

**OOTA Representative to AOTA
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If you didn't attend our most recent state conference, you really missed out. We had both the current AOTA Vice President, Florence Clark and the previous AOTA Vice President, Chuck Christiansen as our speakers. We explored the future of Occupational Therapy practice implementing the Vision of 2017 that AOTA has developed. We raised \$1604.00 through the silent and live auctions which will be utilized to implement the AOTA Vision for our 100th Anniversary.

Oklahoma is really on the cutting edge of Occupational Therapy Practice with the development of Telepractice and Teleconferencing. I was quite excited to hear that so many of our practitioners felt that AOTA is going the way they feel it should to help us promote a true understanding of Occupational Therapy by the public, the healthcare industry, and our legislators. It is time for all of us to unite and be members of our professional organizations to make this happen. It was truly exciting to hear that we are ahead of most of the other states in shaping our future to drive it where we want it and need it to be.

In the next few weeks, Susan and I will be preparing to participate in the Fall Representative Assembly Meeting. You can review the items that will be considered in the Governance Section of the AOTA website and can get online to participate in the discussions that occur on the RA List Serve. I will be able to vote during this meeting and would appreciate your emails and or phone calls to let me know how you feel about the topics that will be addressed. I hope to hear from many of you.

If you didn't learn anything else at the conference, I hope you learned that it really doesn't take much for your voices to be heard on a national level. You really made an impression on Florence Clark and Chuck Christiansen and they will be watching you. We are so proud to represent you all.

Suena Olson and Susan Tucker, Your AOTA Representatives.