

Getting to know Dolly Wallace

Dolly Wallace has been an AMTA member for over 30 years. A native of Muskegon, she worked in collaboration with her husband at Wallace Chiropractic Center. Together they build a very successful business. They sold it in 2018 and moved to California.

Dolly has always been an advocate of continuing education, fair regulation and volunteering. She believes that education is key to succeeding in our profession. "Continuing education is vital. It is especially relevant if we choose to practice in the health field." She always says no matter if you have a private practice, practice at a spa, work for a franchise or practice in the health field, "The more tools you have in your toolbox, the more people you can serve and make a difference in their lives." She has particular interest in fair regulation of massage therapy, both nationally and in Michigan, and fought hard for regulation in Michigan.

She also believes that if able, each of us should volunteer in some capacity for the AMTA . In her own words:

My volunteer experiences have made me the person I am today. While I was national president of the AMTA, I did a live interview with Dr. Oz relating to expectations of professionalism that clients should have of their massage therapists. I was also published in the spring 2018 issue of *The Pain Practitioner*, the official publication of the Academy of Integrative Pain Medicine. I am a strong advocate for massage therapy as part of integrative care. I started volunteering for the AMTA as a student member and have remained involved ever since. You can make a difference by volunteering. I have been the proud recipient of AMTA's National Distinguished Service Award and the National Outstanding Volunteer Group Chair Award.

Dolly holds a special place in our hearts. She is an example of the highest standards in volunteering, commitment and responsibility. With that in mind, the Michigan Chapter board has chosen to honor her by naming a scholarship for Professional Members.