

**2009
DISTRICT VI**

**Julianne H. Thomas, MD, FAAP
District Vice Chairperson Candidate**

Dr. Julianne Thomas has represented District VI as Vice Chair for the last 3 years and is seeking reelection. She has seen the depth of the Academy in strong chapter efforts, the breadth in pediatricians serving on committees, councils and sections, and the energy of residents and young physicians all working together for the future of pediatrics.

Born in South Dakota, she left for college at The George Washington University, but returned for medical school at the University of Nebraska and pediatric residency at the University of Iowa. She has been in private pediatric group practice in Cedar Rapids since 1974 with a special interest in diabetes and founded a Diabetes Camp in 1987. After the June 2008 flooding of Cedar Rapids, she has an interest in disaster preparedness and response.

Interest in advocacy led to involvement in the Iowa Chapter serving as president from 1994-97. She represented the AAP-IA on the State Child Health Insurance Task Force that resulted in the hawk-i program (Iowa's SCHIP) and has chaired the Clinical Advisory Committee. On the AAP Committee on Federal Government Affairs (1997-2003) and the Access subcommittee she worked to expand access to all children through Medikids.

After lobbying for years, she took a year leave from practice to run for Congress in 2002. Despite a close loss, she won working relationships with members of Congress. She continues to enjoy politics, has testified for the AAP, and is committed to the health of children and the pediatricians who care for them.



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