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## CENTRAL DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Here's your dose of "Mental Floss"

Dr. Amy Lee - Editor

Dr. Lindsay Holliday - Assistant Editor

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### FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

6:00 ~ SOCIAL • 7:00 ~ DINNER • 8:00 ~ PROGRAM

**Thursday • September 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Healy Pointe Country Club  
293 River North Boulevard**



**ANNUAL GDA OFFICERS VISIT**  
**Jay Harrington, GDA President**  
**Martha Phillips, Executive Director**



PLEASE....RSVP for the meeting by **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Dinner meeting - \$20\*\*\*

...or Pay at the Door \$5 extra, or IOUs for \$10 extra!!

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#### \*\*\*NEW Payment Option

You may pre-pay for all 4 CDDS meetings for \$80  
This can save the \$, time and hassle of  
mailing 4 separate checks to Don.  
You would still need to RSVP via a phone call or fax  
to reserve a meal.



# WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kara Griffin Moore, D.D.S.

Dear Colleagues

I am very excited about being your president for the upcoming year. Dr. Alfred Peters has some great speakers lined up for all of us, but (as usual) the most important meeting of the year is the upcoming officer visit on September 9th. Our annual officer visit will be your chance to hear what will be affecting us for the upcoming year. If you aren't informed of what is going on, you won't be able to help! So, please try to attend this very important meeting. We, the Central District, are very fortunate to have one of our own as the GDA president during this very trying year. Dr. Jay Harrington has promised us that this year will be a great one so I hope you will assist him with all of his endeavors. One great way to show Jay that we all support him is by being at both the meetings and our district law day. Let's all show him how much we appreciate what he has volunteered to do by hearing his Presidents report at the Sept 9th meeting!

We have a lot of new people in leadership positions and serving on committees this year. I am excited to have so many new faces getting involved, but there is always room for more. If you would like to serve in any capacity please let me know. No experience needed!

Kara Griffin Moore

## EDITOR'S NOTE.....Dr. Amy Lee

Dear Colleagues,

As I have said before, I would like to include more items of personal interest from our members. Please email or call me!

Thank-you,

Amy Lee

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## CDDS OFFICERS FOR 2010 - 2011



President.....Kara Moore  
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Vice President..... Michael Wright  
Secretary/Treasurer..... Don Benton  
Editor.....Amy Lee  
Trustee GDA.....Mike Loden  
Delegate to ADA.....Kara Moore

### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Awards .....Deena Holliman Smith  
Constitution/Bylaws .....John Kuo  
Dental Education Foundation ..... Paul Fraysure  
Dental Health.....Shirley Fisher  
Finance.....Kendrick Mathews  
Forensics.....Cameron Garvin  
GADPAC ..... Paul Fraysure  
Legislative..... Amber Lawson  
Recruitment and Retention.....Ched Smaha  
Oral Health in Institutional Settings .....Kara Moore  
Peer Review.....Greg Burns  
Public Relations .....Lindsay Holiday  
Workforce ..... Pinkney Gilchrist  
Information Technology .....Vin Bhasin

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. Immediate Past President - Roy Lehrman
2. Chairman of the CDDS Delegation - Kendrick Mathews
3. The Senior ADA Delegate - Kara Moore
4. Two members at large from the CDDS. - Vin Bhasin and Ty Ivey

### GDA DELEGATES

Kendrick Mathews (Chairman)  
Paul Fraysure (rolls off Feb 2014)  
Craig McCroba (rolls off Feb 2013)  
Shirley Fisher (rolls off Feb 2012)  
Roy Lehrman (rolls off Feb 2011)

### ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Don Spillers (2020)  
Amy Loden (2019)  
Lindsay Holliday (2018)  
Mike Loden (2016)  
Deena Smith (2015)

*Chair Kendrick Mathews is serving his last term as chairman.  
The Executive Council will elect a new chair in February 2011*

tell them that the ADA may rescind policy that will prevent non-dentists from performing irreversible (surgical and cutting) procedures at this years House of Delegates in Orlando in October. Tell them that they need to let their ADA delegates know if this is a concern to them. Once again, if you have questions on the project call Jay, Kara, your officers or me. We are very close to allowing non-dentist to drill teeth if that says it better. And by the way, to you specialists, if you wonder what will happen when non-dentists can drill teeth, I will tell you. We lowly generalists will separate more files in our root canals, and break off more teeth during extractions than we have in the past, because we are going to do more of them. We will also do more perio and we will all take Invisalign courses. So, it might be a good idea for the specialists to make some calls too.

In the end they killed ole Dietrich for speaking out. Fortunately, this will not happen here to you personally. But if you don't speak out now, they WILL KILL THE DENTAL PROFESSION. Play or Pass??

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Find an electronic copy of the GDA White Paper here:  
<http://www.hollidaydental.com/cdds/newsletters.htm>

## Calendar of Events

Sept 9	CDDS meeting GDA Officers Visit Healy Pointe Country Club
Nov. 11	Membership Meeting/ Healy Pointe Country Club
Nov. 30	Legislative Reception/Brickyard Country Club
<b>2011</b>	
Feb 10	Membership Meeting/at Robins AFB
Mar. 9	Law Day
May. 12	Membership Meeting



*Looking forward to seeing everyone at our meetings!!!*

## ADA Delegation - Kara G. Moore

As we are edging closer to another ADA house of delegates the campaigning has begun. There are 4 candidates running for ADA President elect. At the July annual meeting, we were able to hear all of them speak on their respective platforms and about issues facing the ADA. One candidate in particular blatantly stated that they thought the ADA should support **every** state's individual initiative, no matter what that might be. In other words, if a state wants to welcome Mid-level providers then the ADA should support them in that effort. All of our delegation disagreed with that whole heartedly. That is exactly the mindset that we as your ADA 5th district delegation are fighting against. There are currently 22 states that have some type of mid-level provider activity currently being talked about in their state. The ADA needs to have a firm stance and if a state chooses to go against that, they can but not with the ADA's support.

I know I've said this before but please call all of your schoolmates, friends and colleagues from other states and encourage them to talk with their delegates. The ADA needs to have a strong position on who should deliver care to our patients. Only then can we stop the Pew foundation from pushing failed dental models that have no data to support their successfulness all in the name of access to care. Georgia will be taking our voice and our white paper with us to Orlando to tell other states that it is okay to "just say no" to mid-level providers.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**Lindsay Holliday's office**

**360 Spring St., Macon**

All Committee Chairpersons, Delegates, and Officers are members of the Executive Committee and are required to attend. Other interested district members are welcome to attend.

**Don't delay...  
send in your reservation card today!!!**

## Governmental Affairs Committee

### ★REPORT★

By the time you get this newsletter, the runoffs will be over, and we will know who the Republican and Democratic candidates are in the November general election. Your state GADPAC committee has been hard at work making contributions to our friends of dentistry under the Gold Dome in Atlanta. What we need now is for each and everyone of you to be active in a political camp for whomever you feel led to support, whether it be for governor, secretary of state, insurance commissioner, or another public official. The more political contacts we can make in Atlanta and across the state, win or lose, the stronger our voice for dentistry will be. What helps dentistry to be heard is the respect that we garnish through our contact dentist program. For the sake of the citizens of Georgia and the profession of dentistry, it is imperative that we actively participate in the electoral process by helping with someone's campaign and most of all by voting. Just by having someone in the right place at the right time, may be the contact that we need to educate a state legislator or public official on a very crucial piece of legislation. Be a grass roots dentist, participate in the American dream, and most of all, VOTE!



Paul W. Fraysure, Jr.



### ★Legislative Reception★

#### Mark your calendar!

November 2nd is quickly approaching and I encourage each of you to take an active part in this very important election year. Do your research, talk to fellow dentists and get out there and vote. There is going to be a large legislative turnover this year so YOUR legislative contacts will be more important than ever. You all have the opportunity to meet our new legislators at the Central District Legislative Reception on Tuesday, November 30th at The Brickyard Golf Club from 7-9.

See you there!  
Amber P. Lawson



. This resolution called for the President to appoint a Task Force to study ways to protect the patients of Georgia from undereducated dental personal who would perform procedures considered by the Georgia Dental Practice Act as practicing dentistry.

The result is the White Paper on Georgia's Oral Health Status, Access to and Utilization of Oral Health Care Services. So, what does this mean to you?

1 - It gives you and your Association a tool to use to work with parties in Georgia who are interested in Oral Health.

2 - It proves that the mid-level provider model is failing around the world, and thus it is not the answer to Access to Care problems in our country.

3 - It points out that Medicine has not solved Access to Care problems with mid-level providers, why will dentistry?

4 - It makes the case that the current dental model is the most efficient tool to deliver dentistry in the world.

So how does this help you? Well if you and the GDA don't do anything with this White Paper, it will do nothing. What YOU need to do is get an electronic copy of the White Paper from me or the GDA and send it to your friends around the country. You think that because I tell you about all of this stuff that your friends also understand the perils facing the profession today. They do not have a clue. They need to know that if the ADA relaxes policy concerning who can cut and perform surgery at this year's House of Delegates in Orlando, their future and the future of their patients will be seriously changed. They need to contact their ADA delegates and let them know how they feel. If you need to know more, call me or any of your officers and delegates. There is not enough space for me to write all that I would like to write. However, I am going to tell you a story that will help you understand how important your calls and e-mails will be.

Last week, a patient was reading a book on Dietrich Bonhoeffer. I asked her why in the world she was reading this book when there were so many less weighty choices out there. She exclaimed it was fascinating. She went on to say that in Germany after WWI, Dietrich Bonhoeffer predicted what was going to happen as Hitler began building his power base. He was very outspoken. My friend went on to explain that what happened was that "good men were too polite to speak up." This caused me to recall the words of one of our founding fathers who warned what happened when "good men did nothing."

Therefore, here is the "ask". I would like for each of you to call a friend in another state (not Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi) and

# TREASURER'S REPORT August 2010



**Balance Brought Forward ..... 14,184.27**

## Withdrawals

Government Affairs Conf. A. Lawson .....458.08  
May Newsletter Macon Letter Service .....589.37  
IHCC Meeting and Meal .....2,082.39  
Dr. Rockman, Hotel Expenses ..... 173.59  
Planning Session Meal..... 163.32

## Deposits

May Receipts for Meeting ..... 1,260.00

**Balance ..... 11,977.52**

**Money Market Account..... 4,920.57**

**Total Assets of CDDS..... 16,898.09**

Respectfully Submitted, Don Benton

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## The Ty Report.. "This is MY opinion"

When I was asked to write an Op Ed piece for the CDDS Newsletter, things were hot on the mid-level provider topic and I was happy to share some information with you guys. The nice thing about an Op Ed piece is that once you explain that this is only my opinion and not that of the CDDS Dental Society, the GDA, the ADA or anyone considered sane, you can say almost anything that you want, because if people disagree with you, you are considered insane and no one cares. Well, this is my opinion.

I thought that it would be hard to come up with topics, but the truth is that the real problem is picking which topics to cover. Today, we are still talking about mid-level providers. Only, the topic is not hot anymore. It is sizzling.

Thanks to a band of members who went to the GDA Board of Trustees meeting in January, the Georgia Dental Association passed a resolution and sent it to the GDA House of Delegates for ratification

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

### Minutes - May 11, 2010

Office of Lindsay Holliday

● **Meeting:** Called to Order at 7:06pm by Kara in Roy's absence {Roy had suffered an injury while at a meeting and has been under the weather}

● **Attending:** K. Moore, A. Lee, D. Holliman-Smith, A. Loden, M. Loden, P. Fraysure, C. Smaha, D. Benton, A. Peters, L. Holliday, K. Mathews, A. Lawson

● **Minutes** approved as written in newsletter. Treasury Report approved as printed.

● **Dental Health:** Shirley Fisher needs submissions to GDA office. The CDDS needs a contact person for the Special Smiles Bowling event in Warner Robins on Aug.21,2010. Margaret Moore is working with this project to make it a success. M.Loden will let the GDA office know our contact person.

● **Recruitment and Retention:** Ched Smaha suggested that GDA membership plaques be presented to the new District Members at the September meeting as part of the meeting itinerary. This would promote attendance of the new members and allow a nicer introduction into the Dental Community.

D. Benton will coordinate with Pam at the GDA office to be certain they are received in time. New Dentist Liaison will be Katy Garvin, Vote unanimously to approve funds for a new dentist reception in the Fall, Suggestion that Greg Earls of Patterson Dental to help offset the expenses with in-kind donations etc.

● **Legislative:** A. Lawson noted that Legislative Reception will be held at the Brickyard on Nov.30,2010. Spouses will be invited as well again this year!

● **GADPAC:** P. Fraysure noted conference call due in a few weeks as well as primary races that will be decided in July for the general Election in November. Paul emphasized getting involved in races of candidates that we know and don't know because there are going to be many critical issues and a lot of new faces at the Golden Dome. BOT Report M. Loden, See Report ADA Delegation: See Kara's Report.

CONTINUED...

- **Bylaws:** L. Holliday noted that we have been working on the Bylaws change to get our District in consistency with other Districts regarding Delegate roll-ups and roll-off. We will need a vote at the membership meeting on Thursday night to approve changes.

Motion made, seconded, and approved for Kara to preside at Thursday meeting in Roy's absence.

Kara noted that her planning session would be July 16, prior to the GDA annual session at Amelia Island. Deena H-S needs nominations for Community Service award and Honorable Fellow Please review criteria in GDA Sourcebook to discuss at Planning session in July.

K. Mathews term is expiring as our representative to the Finance Committee We will need to select a new representative for next year at Sept.EC Mtg.

No other business before the EC Kara thanked all for attending, adjourned by acclamation at 8:40pm.

Two days later, at the May 13 meeting, the proposed changes to the Bylaws were voted on and passed.

## Calling all New Dentists!

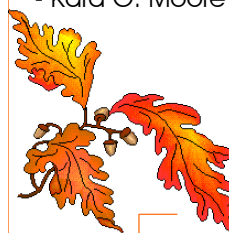
*If you have been in practice for 10 years or less, please plan to attend the New Dentist Party Thursday, October 14th at 6:30 pm at the home of Drs. Katie and Cameron Garvin Invitation to come!*



## Highlights from the Board of Trustees

- Consider attending ADA's annual session in Orlando
- GDA hopes to help re-introduce legislation concerning single administrator for S-CHIP program and for Prompt Pay for Insurance since Gov. Perdue vetoed both items that were successfully passed by house and senate
- PDRS is doing well. If you are not using them for your collections, please consider doing so. It will be an easy transition. -BOT approved the Patient protection task forces' "white paper on Georgia's oral health status, access to care and utilization of oral health care services" Please take the time to read this paper if you would like a copy emailed to you please contact one of your officers or the GDA.
- If you are a contact dentist for ANY state elected official please let your legislative representative know (Amber Lawson) -The GDA's Mission of Mercy project is in full swing. The board approved placing an optional \$25 check off on the next dues statements. Please consider donating to the cause and/or becoming a volunteer.

- Kara G. Moore



Every tooth in a man's head is more valuable than a diamond.

~Miguel de Cervantes, *Don Quixote*, 1605